



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic Sacrament of the Eucharist is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, truly present under the appearances of bread and wine. It is considered the "source and summit of the Christian life" because it is the most profound encounter with Christ.

The Real Presence

The Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of "Real Presence," which holds that the Eucharist is not a mere symbol but is Jesus Christ himself. During the Mass, through a process called transubstantiation, the substance of the bread and wine is miraculously changed into the substance of Christ's body and blood, while the physical appearance remains the same.

The sacrament was instituted by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper, the night before he died. As recorded in the Gospels, Jesus took bread and wine, gave thanks, and said to his disciples, "This is my body, which will be given up for you... This is my blood". He commanded them to "do this in memory of me".

The Eucharist as a sacrifice

Catholics believe the Eucharist makes present the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross, offered for the salvation of humanity.

- It is not a new sacrifice but a representation of Christ's eternal sacrifice. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, offers this sacrifice to God the Father in an unbloody manner during the Mass.
- The faithful join their own lives, prayers, and works to Christ's sacrifice, and it is also offered for the sins of the living and the dead.

Receiving the Eucharist, which is also called Holy Communion, has several spiritual benefits for a Catholic who is in a state of grace (free from mortal sin).

- Strengthens union with Christ: It deepens the recipient's intimate relationship with Jesus.
- Increases charity: It strengthens the bonds of love with God and others.
- Unites the Church: By receiving the one bread, all the faithful are joined together as one body in Christ.
- Forgives venial sins: It purifies the soul of lesser sins and helps to preserve the recipient from future mortal sins.
- Gives a pledge of future glory: It is a foretaste of eternal life that awaits the faithful in heaven.

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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
 95-370 Kuahelani Ave. Mililani, Hawaii 96789 | (808) 623-3332
www.stjohnmililani.org

MISSION / VISION STATEMENT: WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY—called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service* and other ***Spirit-led*** activities. We dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to install, in our parish community the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.***

PASTOR Fr. Anthony Rapozo
PAROCHIAL VICAR Fr. Cipriano “Jojo” Alnas
DEACONS Dcn. Romeo Ganibe
 Dcn. Mike Browning

*FULL Parish Clergy & Staff Directory
 available on our website.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 8AM Monday – Saturday
Sunday: 5PM (Anticipated Mass), 7AM,
 9AM, 11AM & 6PM

ADORATION TIMES:

Monday – Saturday 7AM – 8AM
 Friday after 8 AM Mass - 9:30 AM
 Wednesday 7 PM - 8 PM (Encounter Night)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30PM

PARISH RECTORY HOURS

Monday Closed
Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM – 12PM,
 1PM - 4PM
 Closed 12PM – 1PM
 for lunch
Closed Saturday, Sunday, Holidays

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	SEPT 20/21
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,215.25
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 542.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,469.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 998.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 50.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 452.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 370.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
St John Statue	\$ 100.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 155.00
Religious Ed	\$ 240.00
‘Ohana in Christ	\$ 12.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 18,748.25

Please call the office for all other inquiries:
 Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Funeral,
 Homebound Communion & Marriage.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Church teaches that Christ remains present in the consecrated bread and wine even after Mass. For this reason, consecrated hosts are reserved in a special and prominent place in the church called a tabernacle. Catholics offer adoration to Jesus' presence in the tabernacle, a practice encouraged by the Church.

Requirements for Receiving the Eucharist

- State of Grace: To receive the Eucharist, a person must be in a state of grace, meaning they are not aware of any unconfessed mortal sins.
- Eucharistic Fast: Catholics observe a fast of one hour before receiving Holy Communion, refraining from eating or drinking anything except water.
- Faith: A sincere belief in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is necessary.

Next week we will discuss the sacrament of Confirmation.

*Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,
Fr. Anthony Rapozo*

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And that failure to do so has eternal consequences.

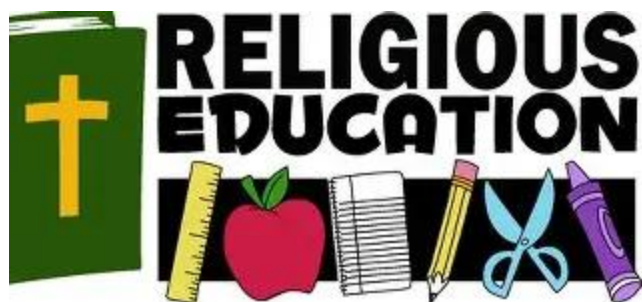
We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld, while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

~ LUKE 16:31



REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

VISIT [www.stjohnmililiani.org / faith-formation/grade-school-classes](http://www.stjohnmililiani.org/fait-information/grade-school-classes)

Class starts on Sunday, Oct 5 | 7:45 AM
Contact: Kelly Higa | khiga@rcchawaii.org

SJAE Senior Ministry
Invites ALL Seniors/Medicare Eligibles to

**Learn About Your
2026 Medicare Plan**

Benefit Changes

OCT 12 (SUN)
12~3

...inside OCC

FREE EVENT

• Snacks provided

 **Licensed Agents from...**

**Aloha Care • Devoted • Humana
UnitedHealthcare • WellCare**

...will be on-site

 **...IF INTERESTED... please contact**
Barbara Ursal at (808) 671-4750

**ST. JOHN IS PARTICIPATING IN GIVE ALOHA,
FOODLAND'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM.**

LAST WEEKEND! This ends on **Sept. 30**, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm checkout. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to: **St. John Apostle & Evangelist, 77455.**



Knights of Columbus Car Wash Fundraiser

**Location: St. John Apostle and Evangelist
Church parking lot**

Date: Saturday, October 11

Time: 9am – 1pm

Cost: \$20



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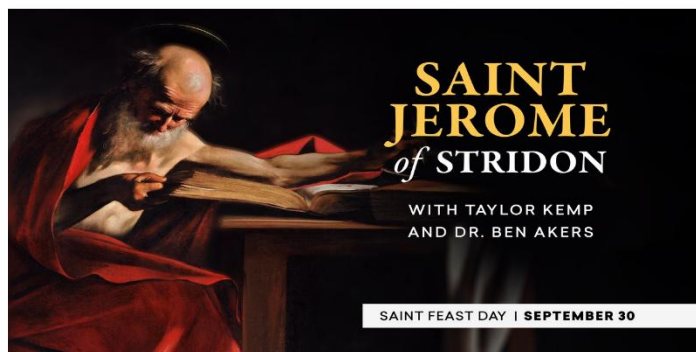
St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S GUILD 2025 PILGRIMAGE: Thursday, October 2nd from 9am – 3pm (arrival back to SJAE Church). We will be visiting Holy Trinity, Mary Star of the Sea and St. Patrick. Members and Guests are invited. The cost is \$10 to cover the cost of transportation, snacks and donations to the Host Church. Contact georgette.ane@gmail.com or abbie.99.06@gmail.com.

We invite you to a special adult faith formation series titled **"Vatican II: An Overview"** led by **Deacon Mike Browning**. This engaging and informative series will explore the history, politics, and key teachings of the Second Vatican Council—one of the most transformative events in modern Church history.

1 Schedule:

- **October 2 & 9** – *The Four Constitutions*
- **October 30 & November 6** – *Other Major Documents*

♀ Sessions will be held from 6:30-8pm in the One Community Center



Come deepen your understanding of the Church's journey through renewal and dialogue. All are welcome—bring a friend!

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend, **October 4/5**, for debt reduction. Your donation will help pay for the mortgage of the **One Community Center**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate on our parish website, give online. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Next weekend, **October 4/5**, **The PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** is sponsoring Free Blood Pressure screenings after all Masses on the church lanai.

Annual Pilgrimage Novena for the Two Hearts, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and Annual Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima will begin on **October 9-17, 2025**, at the chapel, St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church.

October 9, Thursday	9am
October 10, Friday	9:30am
October 11, Saturday	12noon Fatima Rosary Rally Along Kuahelani Avenue 1:30pm Two Hearts
October 12, Sunday	3pm
October 13, Monday	9am
October 14, Tuesday	9am
October 15, Wednesday	9am
October 16, Thursday	9 am
October 17, Friday	9:30am

All are welcome to join the rosary prayer. Please contact Connie Amigo (808) 292-2240 or Beth Fukuda @ (808) 781-6506 for further information, Much mahalo and God bless.

FALL IS HERE and if you need a good book to curl up with – your **SJAE LIBRARY TEAM** can help! Stop by the Library Tables **after all Masses on October 11-12**. Resources on the Blessed Mother, Saints, Catholicism, Prayers, Spirituality, and fiction are available in books, DVDs, and CDs. Also, if you have overdue books, please return them at the Library Table in October.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 | 9:30AM – 11AM

- Altar servers will assist the clergy during the celebration of the Mass.
- We welcome children and adults who have received their First Holy Communion to the Altar Server Ministry.

More info: Margaret Higa | mjloghiga808@gmail.com

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP: If you are seeking hope and encouragement in the midst of separation or divorce, you are not alone. Please join us for fellowship as we walk together in this journey. **October 11, 2025 | 0900-1000 | SJAE OCC Conference Room**. For more information, contact Elisa Hammer at elisa.hammer@me.com



IN ORDER TO ALLOW A GREATER PARTICIPATION IN THE ORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR IN THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU, BISHOP SILVA HAS COMMISSIONED A TRAVELING JUBILEE CROSS THAT WOULD BE HOSTED BY EVERY PARISH IN THE DIOCESE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church will house the traveling Jubilee Cross from **Friday, October 31 through Thursday, November 6**.

Jubilee indulgence may be obtained by visiting/venerating the Jubilee Cross when the ordinary conditions are met, namely, detachment from sin, sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, with one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

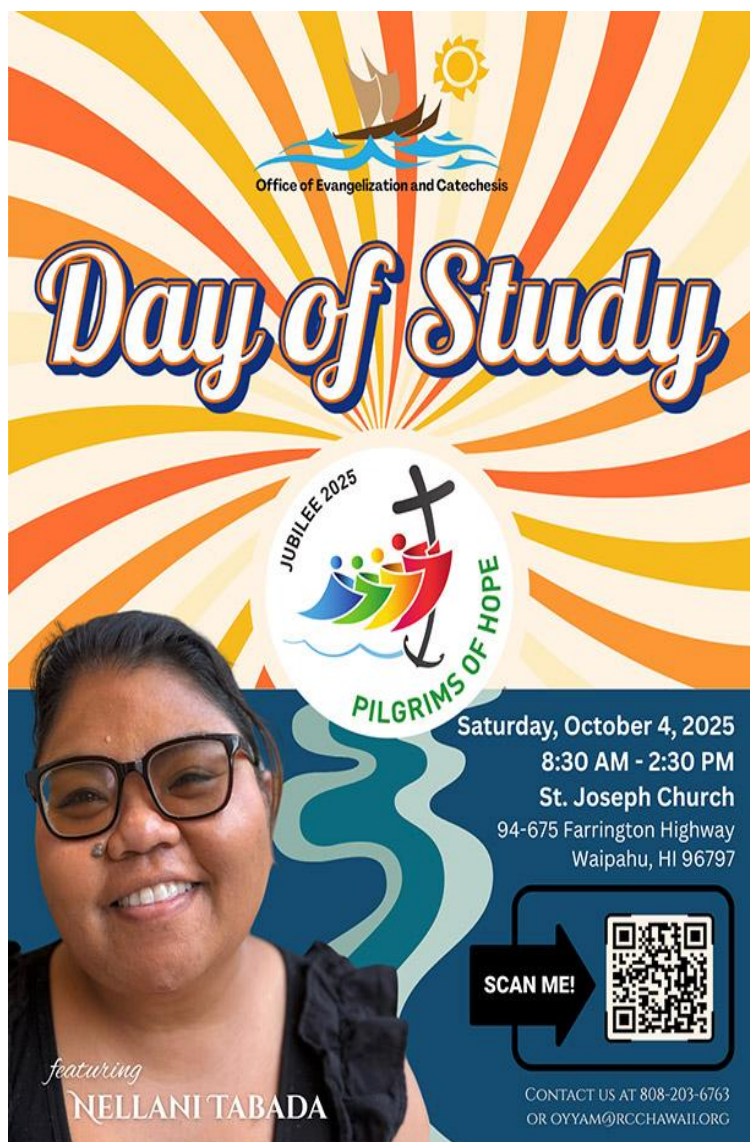
In the parable of the dishonest steward, Jesus calls us to be prudent in our use of earthly resources and faithful with our spiritual ones. This applies to marriage as well. We are called to be wise with our time and energy, investing them in what truly matters: our relationship with God and our spouse.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is November 14-16, 2025, at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, Oahu.

For more information, contact Ed and Betty Coda at (808) 258-6688 or email: codawwme@gmail.com.

Our website can be found at www.hawaiiwwme.org.

Space is limited. Get your spot reserved now.



Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

Day of Study

JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

featuring
NELLANI TABADA

Saturday, October 4, 2025
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
St. Joseph Church
94-675 Farrington Highway
Waipahu, HI 96797

SCAN ME!

CONTACT US AT 808-203-6763
OR OYYAM@RCCHAWAII.ORG

St Joseph Church
Saturday, October 5, 2025
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Church, Waipahu

You are invited to the Jubilee 2025 Day of Study on O'ahu – a special opportunity to reflect, learn, and grow alongside others seeking deeper understanding and renewed hope.

Why attend?

- Learn what the Jubilee Year is all about
- Deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith
- Be inspired to live as a Pilgrim of Hope
- Connect with others in our diocesan 'ohana

Whether you serve in a parish ministry or are simply hungry to grow in faith, this day is for you.

REGISTER TODAY and invite friends, family members, your ministry or youth group, or fellow parishioners to come with you!

Cost: \$20 for adults | \$10 for youth

Register Here:

<https://dayofstudyleeward.eventbrite.com>

ST. JOHN HOME MASS INVITATION



The Eucharist is what draws us together and bonds us as a Catholic Community of faith. This Fall, Fr. Anthony & Fr. JoJo invite the St. John community to experience the Eucharist in a unique and intimate way by hosting a Mass at your home. It is a beautiful way to come together to celebrate our faith and to build community in a very special way. It can be especially meaningful to celebrate a special occasion or milestone such as a birthday, anniversary, or family reunion. This is a special experience of the Eucharist.



- Mass can be arranged in advance for Monday – Friday during the week (no Saturday or Sunday please), between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Father will bring everything that is needed. All you need to provide is a table and an invitation to your family and friends to join you for Mass. Click on the QR code to register or call the office.

ST JOHN CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL – OPEN ENROLLMENT SY 2025-2026

for ages 2.8 years - 6 years old.

Year-round Montessori based teaching.

For more information, call (808) 744-9538 or

stjohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org

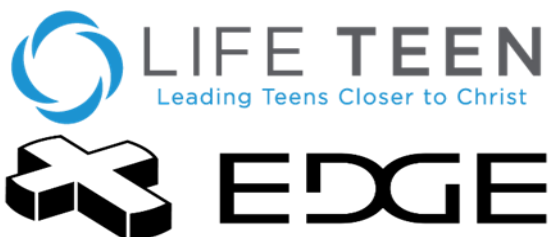


JOB OPENING:

St. John's Catholic Preschool is looking for a

Full-Time Head Teacher & Substitute Teacher Aides

APPLY TODAY: <https://www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers/>



DON'T MISS OUT!

Applications are still open – but seats are filling fast! Secure your spot today and be part of an unforgettable year of faith, fun, and fellowship.

Contact Meredith at SJAELifeteen@rcchawaii.org

Y.A.B.S: YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY (ages 18-39) in Room 4 on Tuesdays 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM ----

Let's discover our faith and grow friendships. This is an amazing opportunity to deepen our love for Jesus in this modern age. Any Questions? Feel free to email: sjaeyoungadult@rcchawaii.org.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

- ❖ Do you want to be baptized?
- ❖ Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a part of the Catholic Faith?
- ❖ Let us help you with your journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.
- ❖ Candidates will explore the elements of the Catholic faith in weekly meetings with Catechists in preparation to receive all the Sacraments of Initiation.

For more information, contact Deacon Romeo Ganibe at rganibe@rcchawaii.org.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10



ENCOUNTER NIGHTS | EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM |

REDISCOVER THE SENSE OF ADORATION IN SILENCE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 29, 2025

8 AM D.J Shockley (Birthday Blessing)
Alfred Jr./ Sr. & Felicitas Cordial (RIP)
Nanay, Tatay, & Noney (RIP)

Tuesday September 30, 2025

8 AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Carol Ann Esposito (RIP)
Reynaldo Santos (Birthday Memorial)
Lisa & Charles Padilla (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

8 AM Wayne, Lynn, Marilyn, & Lucas Rapozo
(Blessings)
Marcial Taglinao (Death Anniversary)
Jena Knight (Birthday Memorial)

Thursday, October 2, 2025

8 AM Mario M. Pichon (Birthday Memorial)
Beth Simon (RIP)
Jim Murphy (Healing)

Friday, October 3, 2025

8 AM Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Jolly Guerrero-Tano (Blessing/Thanksgiving)
Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday, October 4, 2025

8 AM All Soul's Day (RIP)
Dominick M. Esposito (RIP)
Mario M. Pichon (Death Anniversary)
5 PM Florencia Silva Solano (Birthday Memorial)

Sunday, October 5, 2025

7 AM Dorothy Isaac (Birthday Blessing)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Alvin Condura (RIP)
6 PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

Respect Life “The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Mt. 25:40).” *

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,

“Live the Gospel of Life” respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Barbara Ursal, Hildegard Borowitz, Roland Crisostomo, Margie Romasanta, Noemi Angeles, Julius Magio, Felicia Routon, Adam & Rosie Olivares, Dolly Lapinad, Violet Mayock, Jim Murphy, Priscilla Sy, Maria, Sam Aguirre Sr., Dolores Roccia, Oscar Gatdula & those mentioned in the Parish Book of Prayers.

DECEASED

Richard Asakura, Magda Lamm, Stephanie Rapozo, Richard Mendes, Veronica Mamuad, Edna Corniel, Clarita Martinez, Antonio J. Saguibo Sr., Bunny Estera, Beth Simon, Ben Topinio, John L. Williams, Geraldo “Gerry” Uytingco, Dolores Villanueva, Wayne Rapozo & Alice Secor.