



ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

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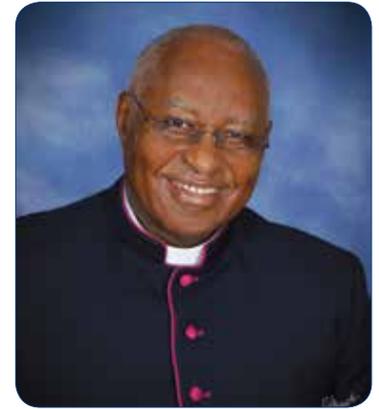
LETTER FROM MSGR. MBINDA



My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

For almost 50 years our St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church and Community has served Mililani and the surrounding areas. In my time as your pastor, almost six years now, I have grown to love you and to love this area. I am privileged to have been a part of the transformation of our parish into a stewardship parish. I look ahead with confidence in guiding the parish to a promising future.

I am deeply grateful to those individuals and families who found themselves at various crossroads in the past, and who established the foundation of what we enjoy today. They put their faith in action and responded to the needs of the parish.



We find ourselves at another crossroad in our parish journey of faith. After months of prayer, study, and consideration, we have decided to move ahead with the **One Community Center** project. As many of you are well aware, we have discussed this for many years, and now is the time to act. Standing at this crossroad, we can see how current and future generations may benefit from the work that we are now challenged to embark upon. Our **One Community Center** plan will help create more space on our campus to accommodate our current ministries' needs, giving the parish a facility that allows us to **Connect, Engage, Witness, and Evangelize**.

The information in this brochure addresses all aspects of this venture. We are launching an ambitious campaign to allow us to take a major step forward on our parish journey. I understand this campaign is a serious and important challenge to all of us and we must pray for its success, lend our many God-given talents to its completion, and make equal financial sacrifice on all our parts to make it happen. Working as one Body in Christ, we can build for tomorrow to assure a legacy for those who come after us.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to make St. John A & E's past so rich and blessed, and for your generosity in achieving our future goals. Together, we truly will **Connect, Engage, Witness and Evangelize** through a successful **One Community Center** campaign!

God bless you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. Mbinda

LETTER FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

Fellow Parishioners,

Our families are blessed to be members of St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Parish. Since our arrival here in Mililani, we have found the members of this wonderful faith community to be friendly, caring, and supportive to us in our efforts to be good Catholics, parents, and to be people rooted in the faith. Our faith lives and our parish involvement have been renewed in this parish in the past year.

Like all of you, we want the best future possible for our community, and especially for the children of our parish and for all those who will come after us. St. John has had a major impact on us and on our lives. That is why we are proud to serve as the co-chairs of the **One Community Center** campaign committee. We want to be visible leaders in the effort to raise the needed funds for the project described in this brochure. We truly believe this project will enable our parish to **Connect, Engage, Witness, and Evangelize**.

Growth is a natural extension of what is happening and what has happened here at St. John. We feel this campaign is a way to honor and support the faithful parishioners who have gone before us, many among you who are still a blessing to our parish.

In Msgr. Mbinda, we have a warm, caring, energetic, and enthusiastic shepherd. We know how incredibly blessed we are with those who have established the base on which all of us now experience parish life. We have personally seen the growth and the desire of many more to become involved, especially in faith formation and youth ministry. Our growth in recent years and our anticipated growth in the future are the driving forces in this effort to build and expand our current facilities.

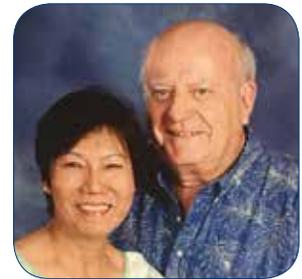
We are honored to serve as chairs for the **One Community Center** campaign. It is an opportunity for us to give something back to this loving community in an extraordinary way. That is one of the underpinnings of stewardship – recognizing you are gifted and blessed and making an effort to return some of those gifts to God to build His Kingdom. We invite you to join us in this necessary and essential endeavor.

Thank You and God bless you all,

Erik Westmoreland and James Walsh
Chairpersons



Erik Westmoreland and family



Jim and Anne Walsh

OUR RICH ALOHA HISTORY

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church was officially founded by Bishop John J. Scanlan in July 1969. This part of Central Oahu was rapidly growing at that time and the increasing Catholic population in this area necessitated a new parish. In May 1869, the Diocese of Honolulu had purchased the property on which we are located.

Since that time the community and the parish have continued to grow as we have continuously reached out to the community around us, and especially our own flock. Our property sits where once there were pineapple fields, which is appropriate. The pineapple has become the symbol of welcome in many parts of the world, as it represents those intangible assets of warmth, welcome, friendship, and hospitality.

We embrace that sense in the spirit of stewardship, and have for the best part of 50 years now greeted those who are here and those who visit with E komo mai – welcome, come in.

As this brochure indicates, we are taking a big step in our history, as well as a significant action in making us an even better and more hospitable parish.



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU, O LORD. IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE FOR
THE ENDURING FAITH OF ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CHURCH,
WE TURN TO YOU FOR GUIDANCE.

GRANT US THE WISDOM TO UNDERSTAND YOUR MISSION FOR US,
AND THE COURAGE TO JOYFULLY BRING IT TO COMPLETION.

TRANSFORM OUR MINDS BY YOUR TRUTH, OUR HEARTS BY YOUR
LOVE, AND OUR ACTIONS FOR YOUR SERVICE. ABOUNDING IN HOPE
THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, MAY WE CONTINUALLY
STRIVE TO BECOME A STEWARDSHIP, SPIRIT-LED PARISH IN
ACCORDANCE TO YOUR WILL. AMEN.



OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

THE ONE COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT FULFILLING THE DREAM



For more than 25 years we have dreamed of building a multipurpose facility, and the efforts in recent years have reached a greater level of intensity than ever before. Now is the time to fulfill the dream and bring it to reality.

An incredible amount of planning and preparation went into the formulation of our One Community Center. There are so many people to whom we owe gratitude for getting us to this point – the members of our LAC, our Capital Campaign committee, our building committee, and all those who attended the various town hall meetings we held, and most of all the good people of St. John Apostle and Evangelist.

The One Community Center itself will be a one-story multipurpose building with a capacity of 380 people, plus three meeting rooms, one office, a warming kitchen, bathrooms, and a janitor's closet.

Another important aspect of the project is the availability of the current Parish Hall. To accommodate that, the preschool will need to be relocated off campus, and the location search for that is already underway.

The first floor of the Parish Hall will be returned to multipurpose meeting rooms plus preserving two offices. The second floor will provide more meeting space and storage space. The availability of this space eliminates the need for a costly elevator. We have conducted studies to ensure there will be enough space to accommodate all our ministries. In addition, this will allow us to have a Tabernacle in the main church. The chapel will continue to be used for adoration and later dedicated to perpetual adoration.

Our project and the new One Community Center have been approved by the Diocese's Planning and Building Committee. We are completing everything that ensures parking, soil, surveys, water and sewage, and other items are in place and approved. The schematics of the structure can be found throughout this brochure.

THE VISION THAT IGNITES US

Connect, Engage, Witness, Evangelize

We developed a Pastoral Plan in 2015, and at that time our parish vision was stated as follows: “We strive to become a Spirit-led stewardship parish in central Oahu.” In keeping with that vision, we are implementing what we call the *One Community Center campaign*.



The fulfillment of the vision has been many years in the making, and it clearly inspires and captures our imaginations.

A vision states what it intends to accomplish. In our case, we are responding to an acute need for meeting space. We will do this in part by constructing a parish hall that we call our One Community Center.

However, it is more than that. The One Community Center will allow us to more effectively and comprehensively put into practice what we summarize by simply saying “*Connect, Engage, Witness, Evangelize.*” Each of these important features is explained in the following:

Connect

The One Community Center will be a multi-function facility — a place where we can connect with people. Just as every family needs a space in their home to come together to connect and share, our parish requires a place to form and deepen our faith together. Of course, we have our church, but that is intended for worship. This will be a place where we can host speakers and events and attract a larger audience both from within our parish and within the surrounding community. It will be our living room and our dining room — the place where do indeed connect.

Engage

As important as connecting is making people feel wanted, loved, and welcomed — to give parishioners and visitors a sense of belonging. Our One Community Center will offer us a space for sessions on faith formation, and assemblies where people can share their faith and engage one another as individuals and families. By holding these gatherings in our new facility, participants can have a greater appreciation for one another and fulfill what we are called to do as Church.

Witness

The One Community Center will be a space where we encourage, train, and equip our members to be outreach witnesses in the community, the family, and the workplace. This will be a vital part of our effort to form intentional disciples who are bold and creative in sharing their faith. Our faith community is fueled by the four core values of stewardship: prayer, formation, hospitality, and service. These four components are at the core of our parish mission statement.

Evangelize

In his book *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis reminded us “In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers.” He goes on to say, “I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style, and methods of evangelization in their respective communities.”

Not only will this structure be a natural place of evangelization by allowing us to invite not only others into our midst, but also for us to gather and experience that same sense of welcome. There is a banner on our campus that reads “St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church, a place to feel at home.” In our new One Community Center, we can fulfill our endeavor to be a place of Aloha and welcome. Only when one feels welcome is one then disposed to be evangelized and become an evangelizer.

HOW CAN I/WE SUPPORT THE ONE COMMUNITY CENTER CAMPAIGN?

Why a gift over time?

There are many ways for us to raise the money needed for this project, but no matter what method is utilized, we are reliant upon the generosity – the good stewardship – of you, the people of the parish. We strongly urge you to consider an ongoing gift over the three-year life of the campaign. There is no way we can achieve our goal with one-time gifts, although all gifts are very important. We are grateful for all sacrifices, regardless of the size and scope of the gift. Perhaps our most important goal is 100 percent participation. A pledge to a campaign like this is not legally binding; it is merely a statement of your faith and intentions.



What can I use to make a pledge?

Pledges can be made with cash, check, or a credit/debit card. Complete the commitment card, making sure to indicate both the method of payment as well as the time frame for the payment (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually). You will be sent payment reminders in accordance with the payment schedule you select. The commitment card is clear as to what to do and how to do it.

Do you accept gifts of property, life insurance, or annuities?

Yes, we can work with you on the ways to give using those resources. Contact the parish office for more information.

What about gifts of stock and securities?

Again, these are possible and in these cases you also need to contact the parish office for information and arrangements.

Please keep in mind the two facets of giving.

Offertory

Your weekly or regular contribution to the parish collection is just as important now as ever. Please do not deduct from that to make a gift to the campaign.

The One Community Center Campaign

Commitments and payments to the campaign are in addition to your regular offertory contributions. Gifts to the campaign are restricted to the goals and purposes of this particular campaign.

Our challenge is great! We understand that. Throughout our history the people of Saint John Apostle and Evangelist have demonstrated a generosity and willingness to sacrifice in order that the future generations can enjoy and benefit from all that is provided. Keeping that in mind we move ahead with conviction and foresight and faith to bring our vision to reality.

MISSION 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 BLOCKS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING, **TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST TO ALL THROUGH OUR WORDS, DEEDS AND LIVES.**



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