

He Ana Iki

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The following is from an email Patty Chang received on January 20, 2016 from Mary Saunders, Director of Family Promise Hawai'i. It is the nomination by a woman who was helped by the program and the major reason Family Promise received a large grant:

*Family Promise has been a life saver for myself, my husband, two children, and countless others before me. This program helps working homeless families get back on their feet and is very successful in helping the growing homeless population in Hawaii. Our family hit a rough patch and had no place to go after we lost our home due to unforeseen circumstances. My husband and I worked. We did not have enough money for 1st month's rent and deposit. We worried about the basic necessities. The program temporarily houses working homeless families at a day center. At night, we are hosted by a congregation at no cost. This makes it possible for participants to save money for a place of their own. A caseworker is assigned to help families in budgeting finances, career goals, and provide resources that can make life easier for participants. Daily needs such as food and household items are provided. Family Promise makes you feel like home. It takes many man hours for this program to be successful. **Congregation** volunteers take time out of their own schedules to help us. Hot meals are provided by the volunteers. It makes us forget our situation and eases our minds to know there are people out there doing*

extraordinary things to make us feel comfortable. We are one of many families of Family Promise who has prospered after being part of the program. We now have our own place. It wouldn't have been possible without them.

The “**Congregation**” mentioned above is the Sisters of St Joseph in Hawai'i and the CSJ `Ohana!



Above - Evie Char, CSJ `Ohana, with two of the children at Family Promise in the “Old” Sisters Convent at Holy Trinity – January 2016

Below – Vickie Bunye and Evie with the baby



The Sugar Museum



Last working sugar mill in Hawai'i
Pu'unene, Maui

In early January, HC&S announced that the last sugar plantation on Maui will close and the mill will be shut down. This ending of sugar growing in Hawai'i is bitter-sweet. Several hundred people will ultimately lose their jobs (95 next month) while many who live downwind of the fields are happy to see the end of "Maui Snow," the black ash from burning the fields of sugar cane. It also brings back some fond memories.



Sugar Museum at Pu'unene, Maui

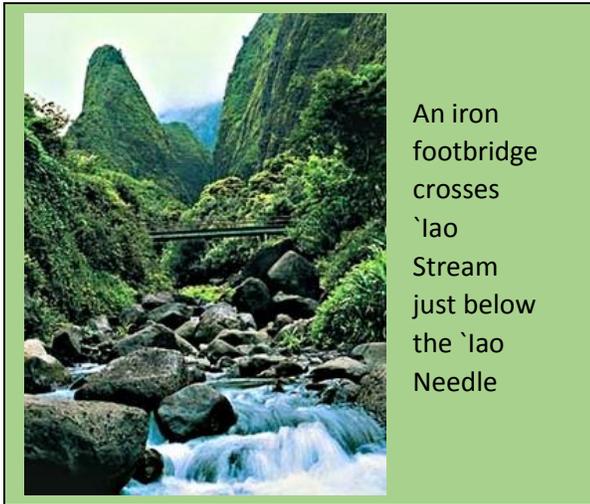
Sr. James Therese Joseph talks about childhood days when she visited her grandfather, William Helm, who lived in "Haole Camp," a plantation village near the Mill where many of the Caucasian supervisors had homes. His house on Hansen Road, across the street from the Mill, has been restored and transformed into a historical and cultural museum. Her grandfather built the bread oven which is still in the yard behind the house.



Ovens like this one are still found in many
places on Maui

Some similar bread ovens are still used to bake Portuguese Sweet Bread but today, bread used as fundraisers by churches, schools and other groups is usually baked in school or parish commercial ovens.

James' grandfather was also an ironworker. He was one of those who built the bridge over `Iao Stream but we are not sure if it is the footbridge in the park near the `Iao Needle or the highway bridge that crosses the stream at Kepaniwai Heritage Park.



An iron
footbridge
crosses
`lao
Stream
just below
the `lao
Needle

The Year of Mercy

“*The Name of God is Mercy*” is the title of a new book released in 86 countries on Tuesday (January 12, 2016), in which Pope Francis reveals his vision of God’s mercy in a series of interviews with Vatican reporter Andrea Tornielli.



Telling the story of his episcopal motto, Pope Francis returns to an experience of God’s mercy, which took place in his teenage years.

“I don’t have any particular memories of mercy as a young child. But I do as a young man. I think of Father Carlos Duarte Ibarra, the confessor I met in my parish church on September 21, 1953, the day the Church celebrated Saint Matthew, the apostle and evangelist. I was seventeen years old. On confessing myself to him, I felt welcomed by the mercy of God.”

“Ibarra was originally from Corrientes but was in Buenos Aires to receive treatment for leukaemia. He died the following year. I still remember how when I got home, after his funeral and burial, I felt as though I had been abandoned. And I cried a lot that night, really a lot, and hid in my room.”
“Why? Because I had lost a person who helped me feel the mercy of God, that *miserando atque eligendo*, an expression I didn’t know at the time but I eventually would choose as my episcopal motto. I learned about it later, in the homilies of the English monk, the Venerable Bede [672-735]. When describing the calling of Matthew, he writes: “Jesus saw the tax collector and by having mercy chose him as an apostle saying to him, ‘follow me’.”

“This is the translation commonly given for the words of Saint Bede [originally written in Latin]. I like to translate “*miserando*” with another gerund that doesn’t exist: *miseriando* or *mercying*. So, “mercying him and choosing him” describes the vision of Jesus who gives the gift of mercy and chooses, and takes with him.”

The above except is found on the website <http://en.radiovaticana.va/>

Living the CSJ Charism

We Commit Ourselves To:
...celebrate our lives as a gift for the Church and the world... (Calls to Action, pg 8)

On Saturday, February 6, many of the religious in the Diocese of Honolulu gathered at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa to celebrate, with our Bishop Larry Siva, the end of the Year of Consecrated Life.

At that time a marvelous book [A Pilgrimage Through Time](#), produced by Sr. Malia Dominica Wong, OP and Patrick Downes, was revealed. This commemorative book contains historical information about the Church in Hawai'i, the Parishes of the Diocese, and especially the Religious Congregations that serve the Church in Hawai'i.



Sr. Malia Dominica with some of the pictures in the book

Religious were asked to contribute a short story about what their parents said when they were told their children wanted to enter religious life.

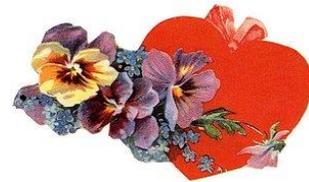
Brenda Lau related "Mom said, 'Whatever will make you happy, is all right with me.' Dad however, was a convert from Buddhism and did not understand. He said 'No.' Weeks passed

and my mom lovingly worked with dad until he agreed and signed the papers I needed to enter the convent."

Rose Damien Malabon tells this story: "My mother screamed and blamed Sr. Mary Faber, CSJ, the superior at Holy Rosary. My father, however, sighed and quietly asked, 'How much do you need?' Fr. Joseph Putman, SSCC took care of everything."

Marian Tung recounted "My parents were stunned. Later, my mom told me that if I tried it out and wanted to leave later, I could begin anew on the mainland. I had an aunt and uncle who lived in San Francisco."

Patty Chang's dad said " 'It's your life.' We didn't object to it, we accepted it. I am glad my wife got to see Patty enter and make her final vows before she passed away."



Love Him

On Valentine's Day, I'm reminded
that the love, affection and hopes
I have for you
are derived from the love I have for Him,
our Lord and Savior,
because he showed the ultimate love
for you, me, all of us.
I really want to uplift you, serve you,
enrich your life,
because I love Him,
and that's what He wants us to do.
On Valentine's Day,
I'm praying for you
that your every prayer is answered,
that your every holy wish comes true
because you love Him.

By Joanna Fuchs

Website for poem: <http://www.poemsource.com/Christian-valentine-poems.html>