

Sacred Hearts Community



in Oceania

Our Story of Aloha Begins...

- 1824 King Liholiho, Queen Kamamalu, Governor Boki of Oahu and John Rives go to England with a young hawaiian boy called Kanui
- King and Queen die of measles
- Boki returns to the Islands

- John Rives goes to France with Kanui who is given a good education and eventually baptized taking the name Marie-Joseph.
- Kanui eventually goes to Maui and is instrumental in the conversion of Heleio, the great catechist of Maui.

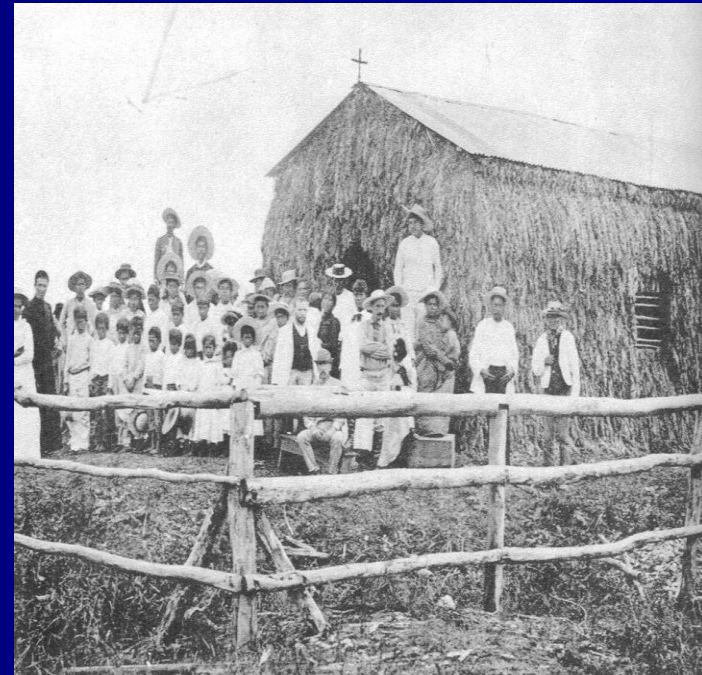
- Rives asks for Catholic missionaries to go to Hawaii
- Propagation of Faith hears of this.
- Pope Leo XII entrusts mission in Hawaii to the Congregation in 1825

- November 20, 1826—6 ss.cc.
missionaries leave France and arrive
July 7, 1827
- Fr. Alexis Bachelot, ss.cc.
- Fr. Patrick Short, ss.cc.
- Fr. Abraham Armand, ss.cc.
- Fr. Theodose Boissier, ss.cc.
- Br. Melchior Bondu, ss.cc.
- Br. Leonard Portal, ss.cc.
- They dedicate the mission to Our Lady of
Peace



- Only the Brothers were allowed to disembark. Priests were not allowed.
- Brothers could stay because they were considered laborers
- Priests are commanded to return to Europe
- Bachelot sends Melchior to purchase piece of property

- Melchior rents 40 square yards for \$8.00 a month
- Wooded area, overlooking the harbor, with 3 grass huts

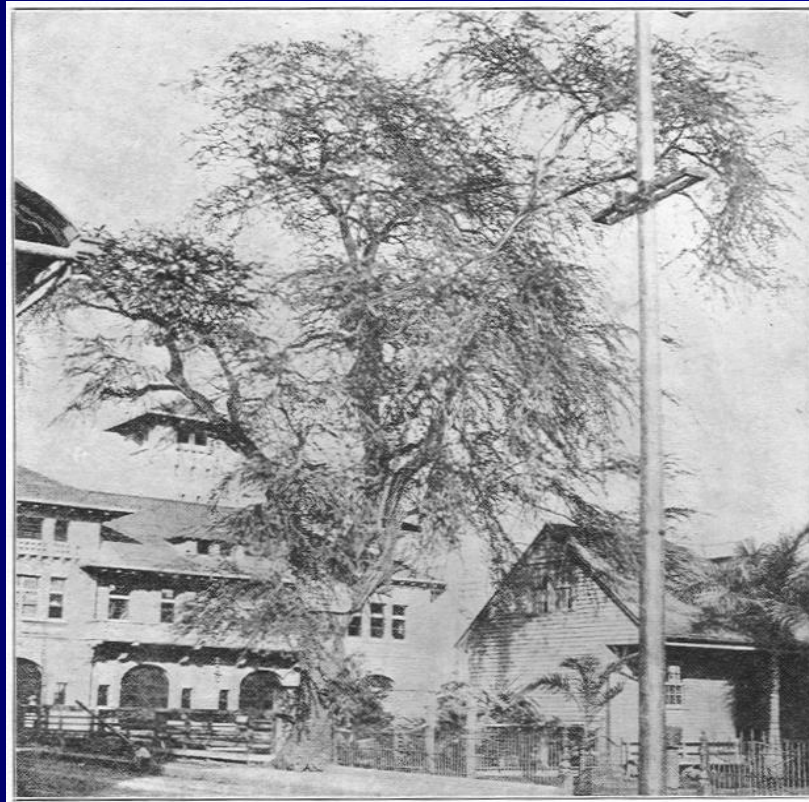


- July 13—Priests allowed to go on shore and stayed in the huts
- Queen Kaahumanu tries to find ships to take priests back, but captains refuse
- Brothers find jobs and plant a large garden
- Priests learn the language and write a Hawaiian/English grammar text

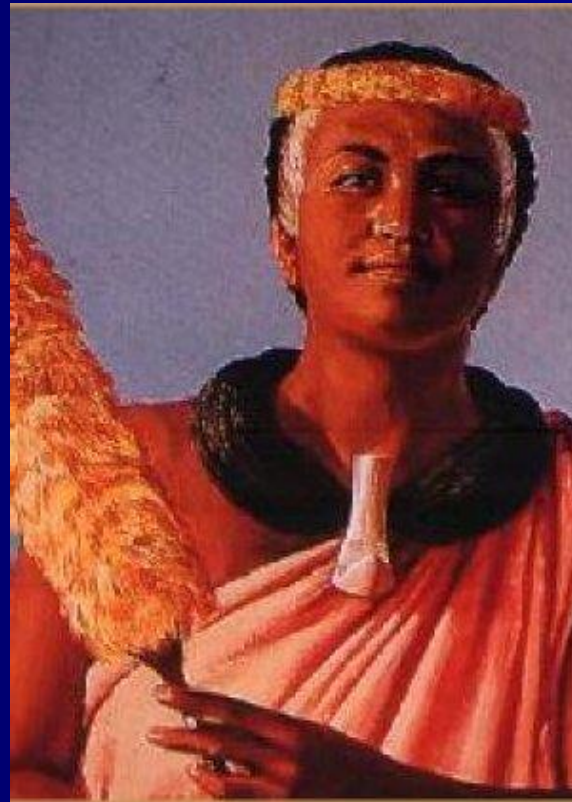
- King gives permanent site to Fathers in 1828. Site of present day Cathedral of our Lady of Peace



- Only one plant survived the climate and insects of Hawaii. The algaroba or kiawe tree.



- Chiefs forbid natives from joining Catholic Church or attending services under pain of exile or death.



Exiled

- 1831 Bachelot and Short are exiled from the Islands and go to California where they work in Mission San Gabriel, Los Angeles

Persecution of Catholics 1831 - 1850

- Catholics punished for attending Catholic services
- For being baptized in the Catholic Church
- For teaching catechism classes



Punishment

- Imprisonment in the Fort
- Seizing lands and declaring ocean and mountain *kapu*
- Cutting and carrying rocks—some had to build from 50 to 80 feet of wall in Waikiki every day
- Gathering filth and excrement and carrying it to the ocean

Outstanding Martyrs

- Luika—thrown in jail, then abandoned to the waves off of Oahu, rescued in Maui where she wandered for 9 months, settles in a small hut by the Fort, spiritual mother of first Catholic Hawaiians

Other witnesses

- Alokia, (1831) a 21 year old widow with a little baby, arrested, thrown into the Fort where hands and feet were put in irons, sentenced to hard labor, already weak she fell ill and died, her baby was adopted by a Catholic woman

Return and Continued Exile of Bachelot and Short

- 1833, Bishop Jerome Rouchouze, ss.cc. is named Vicar-Apostolic of Oriental Oceania (Marquesas, Tahiti, Cook, Hawaii)
- 1837, Bachelot and Short return to Hawaii but not allowed to stay
- Bishop Rouchouze sends Fr. Louis Maigret to Honolulu, arrives in time to get a ship to take Bachelot to Marquesas
- Short goes to Chile

Death of Bachelot

- Leaving the Mission premises, Fr. Bachelot looked at the algaroba tree he had planted and said these prophetic words: "As this tree has grown and spread, so will the Catholic religion grow and spread in these Islands.
- December, 1837, Fr. Bachelot dies on ship and is buried on the island of Na, near Ponape

Dawn of Liberty

- December, 1837, royal ordinance made Calvinist tenets the State religion and the Catholic faith was rejected and a fresh persecution ensued by order of Kinau
- In 1839, the French ship L'Artemise arrived and orders were sent to stop all persecutions and liberate all Catholic prisoners.

French Demands

- Catholic worship be allowed in all the Islands
- Catholics enjoy the same privileges granted to Protestants
- If French demands were not met, war would begin.

Free at Last

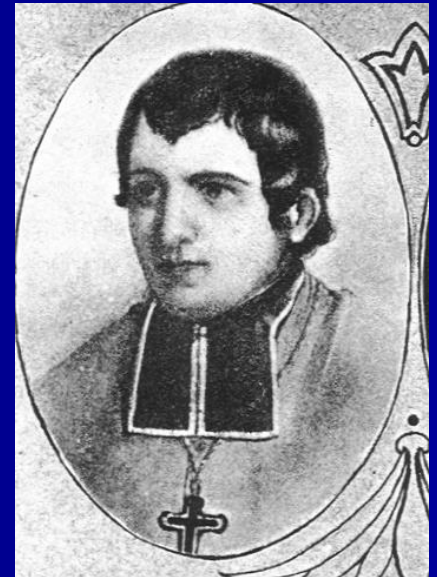
- Catholic Mission now freed to do its work, a small chapel was built called *Hale Palani*
- In 1840 Bishop Rouchouze comes to Hawaii to assess the needs of the Catholic Mission
- He lays the cornerstone of the present Cathedral



- Relationships between Catholic priests and Protestant ministers more friendly and, as a result relations with king and chiefs more cordial.
- 1841 Bishop goes to Paris to ask for more missionaries and supplies for Church in Oriental Oceania

1842--The Marie Joseph

- SS.CC. Congregation has a special ship built for personnel and supplies
- Bishop Rouchouze, 7 Priests, 7 Lay Brothers, 10 Sisters
- A young boy from Mangareva



- December, 1842—ship leaves St. Malo, France
- February, 1843—ship is off the coast of Brazil where a Sister and the young boy from Mangareva are buried on St. Catherine's Island
- March 13, 1843—French vessel is seen at the entrance to the Straits of Magellan, possibly the last sighting of the Marie-Joseph

Tributes to the Loss of the Marie-Joseph



**Mosaic located at Malia o ka
Malu**



**Mosaic located at Sacred Hearts
Academy**

We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us

- The loss of the Marie-Joseph was a great tragedy to the mission in Eastern Oceania.
- Bishop Maigret continues the work
- A new stone Cathedral was built and blessed on August 15, 1843—Present Cathedral of our Lady of Peace

The Schools

- First Catholic School was built at the Honolulu Catholic Mission in 1840 called Roma Nui
- 1841 there were 200 students.
- Teachers were Hawaiians who had some training and received a small stipend from the government.
- By 1850 Catholic schools numbered 102 scattered throughout the Islands.

- 1845-King Kamehameha III gave over 200 acres of land for Ahuimanu, which would become a preparatory school for teachers which opened in 1846.
Located on the windwardside of Oahu
- 1878—Ahuimanu closes
- September, 1883—Roma Nui moves to college walk and river street becomes known as St. Louis College under the Marianists.
- **Note: SLS sees itself as the successors to Ahuimanu.**

1859, the First Sisters Arrive

“To collaborate in the Catholic Mission”



- “After more than 8 months at sea on May 4th – It is 9 o’clock and after taking our lunch we went up on the deck where we can see the island of Honolulu on our right before us. You can easily imagine our joy.”

Diary of Mother Judith

To build up the Church through Eucharist and Education



- Proclaiming God's Love
- Educating youth
- Adoring in spirit and truth
- Reaching out to the poor

Fr. Damien de Veuster

- Requests to take his brother, Pamphile's place as a missionary to Oceania
- Arrives in Hawaii March 19, 1864
- Ordained subdeacon March 26, 1864
- Ordained priest May 21, 1864.



Servant of God...Servant of Humanity

- Missioned to Puna on the Big Island for 9 years
- Volunteers to serve in Kalawao as one of three rotating priests in 1873.
- Convinces Bishop it would be better to have a permanent pastor for the colony and he volunteers to stay.

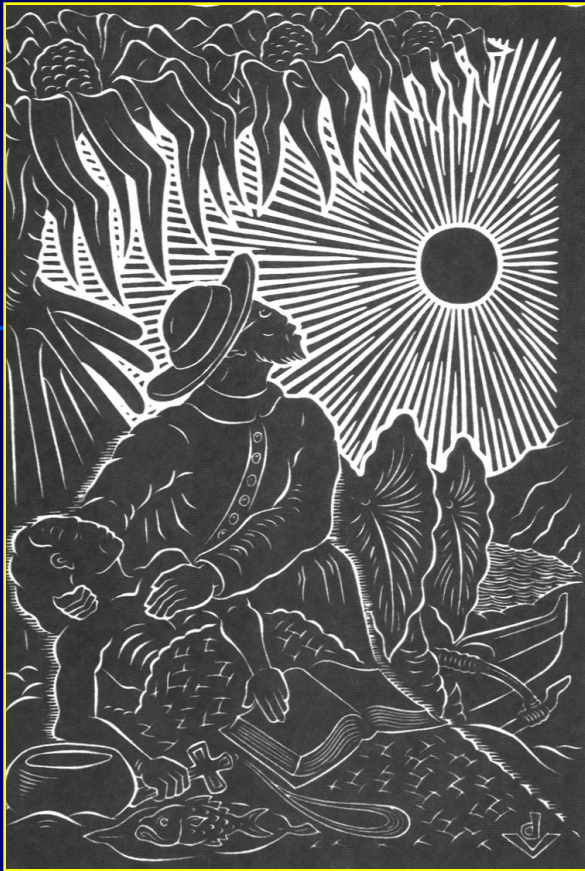
Pastor to the end

Every morning after my Mass, which is always followed by an instruction, I go to visit the sick. On entering each hut, I begin by offering to hear their confession.



- *Those who refuse this spiritual help, are not refused temporal assistance, which is given to all without distinction.*
- *As for me, I make myself a leper with the lepers, to gain all to Jesus Christ.*





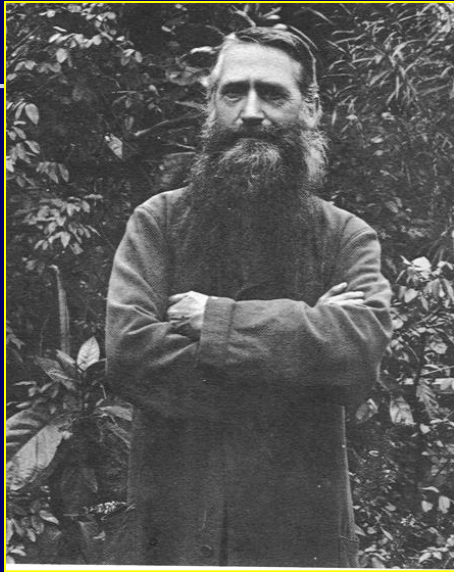
- 1884—Fr. Damien discovers that he has leprosy.
- 1886—Joseph Dutton joins Damien at Kalawao; works for 45 years without ever leaving the colony.
- 1888—Mother Marianne Cope arrives in Kalaupapa
- April 15, 1889—Fr. Damien dies at Kalawao

Saint in the Making

- 1936 Damien's body is exhumed and taken back to Belgium
- June 4, 1995—
Damien is declared Blessed
- Awaiting formal canonization

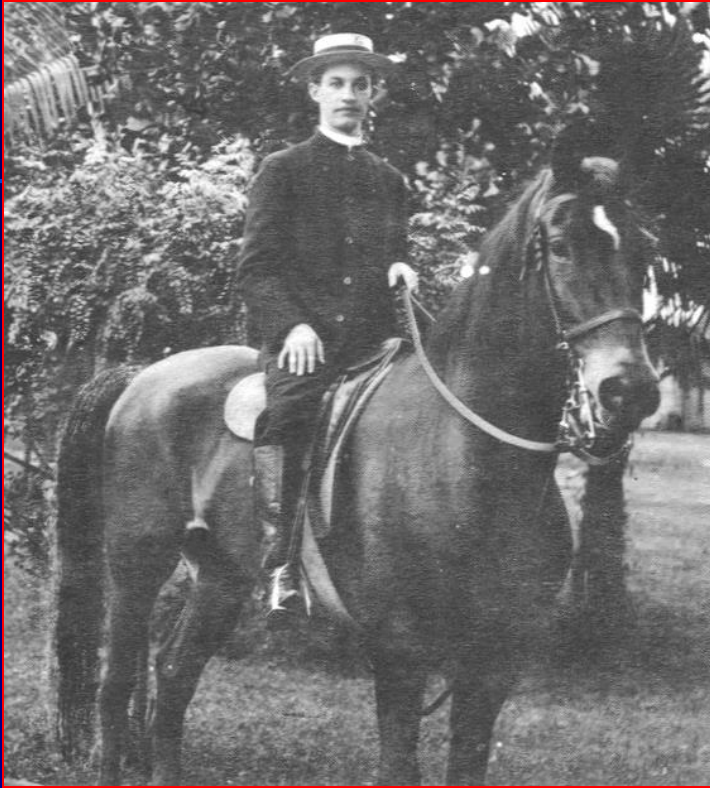


1909 Boeynaems, M. Lawrence and Alexandrine



- Lives given for the people and youth of Hawaii
 - Sacred Hearts Academy (September 12)
 - St. Anthony Home (September 29)

Stephen Alencastre, ss.cc.



First local Bishop
of Honolulu

Evangelizing work
amidst the influx of
immigrants...

Portuguese

Filipinos

Chinese

Japanese

1941...A Time of Strength



and of Letting Go



Honolulu is raised to a Diocese and the era of the Catholic Mission ends.

Sacred Hearts Legacy in Hawaii--Parishes and other Institutions founded by the Fathers

**(Sisters collaborated in those
marked **red**)**

Parishes

- Our Lady of Peace
- St. Ann, Kaneohe
- St. Michael, Waialua
- **St. Theresa, Palama**
- Blessed Sacrament
- Our Lady of the Mount
- St. Anthony, Kalihi
- St. John the Baptist
- St. Philomena
- St. Stephen

Most parishes
had a small
school
attached to
them.

- Holy Trinity
- Sacred Heart, Punahou
- St. Augustine
- **St. Patrick**
- Immaculate Conception, Ewa
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Our Lady of Sorrows

- Sacred Heart, Waianae
- St. Elizabeth
- St. Joseph Waipahu
- St. Rita
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- St. Anthony, Kailua
- St. George
- St. Roch

- St. Joachim
- Annunciation, Waimea
- Holy Rosary, Pahala
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Papaikou
- Malia Puka O Ka Lani
- Our Lady of Lourdes
- Sacred Heart, Hawi

- Sacred Heart, Naalehu
- Sacred Heart, Pahoa
- St. Anthony, Papaloa
- St. Benedict
- St. Joseph, Hilo
- St. Michael, Kailua
- St. Theresa, Mountain View
- Holy Cross

- Immaculate Conception, Lihue
- St. Catherine
- St. Raphael
- St. Theresa, Kekaha
- Christ the King
- Holy Rosary, Paia
- Maria Lanakila
- Our Lady Queen of Angels

- Holy Ghost
- St. Ann, Waihee
- St. Anthony, Wailuku
- St. Joseph, Makawao
- St. Mary, Hana
- St. Rita, Haiku
- St. Theresa, Kihei
- St. Francis, Kalaupapa

- St. Philomena, Kalawao
- St. Sophia
- Our Lady of Sorrows, Kaluaaha
- St. Vincent Ferrer
- St. Joseph, Kamalo
- Sacred Hearts, Lanai City

Schools— Outside of Parishes

- St Louis
- Sacred Hearts Convent
- Sacred Hearts Academy
- St. Anthony, Wailuku
- St. Francis, Manoa

HOMES

- **St. Anthony, Kalihi**
- St. Anthony, Wailuku
- St. Joseph Boys' Home, Hilo
- Boys' Home, Kalawao

Organizations

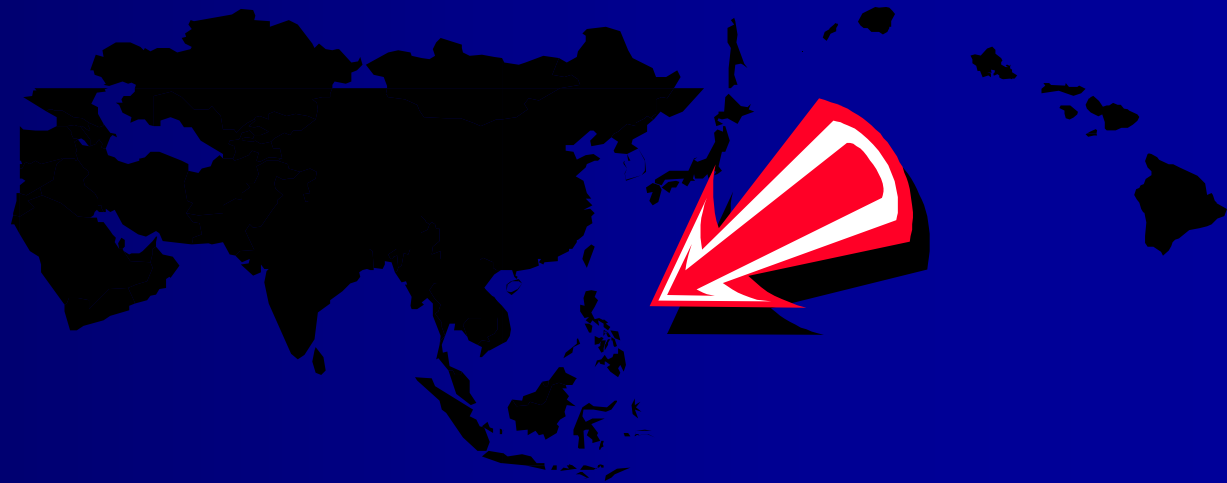
- Hawaii Catholic Herald
- Catholic Social Service (Catholic Charities)
- Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

Colleges and Seminaries

- Ahuimanu
- Sacred Hearts
- St. Stephen

1986--Missionary Thrust to the West

- Cook
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Philippines



Newest Foundations of the Congregation in the USA

- 2002—Artesia, New Mexico
- 2008--Molokai

As the Sisters

- As the Sisters prepare to celebrate 150 years in Hawaii, we praise God for our rich heritage and continue to be open to His calls...
- To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Honor and Glory!

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