



# 'Ohana in Christ

## THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

September 2023

Aloha to All,

Peace be with you!

*May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,  
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.*

**Song of St. Patrick, Marty Haugen**

Each day, the Catholic Church in Hawaii shares the Spirit of Christ throughout our 'Ohana of parishes, schools, social agencies, and communities across the Islands. This is all possible thanks to your generous response to our Catholic mission and the call to Witness to Jesus.

Beyond the good works at each parish, the annual **'Ohana in Christ** appeal helps us respond to the material and spiritual needs of the greater church. As detailed in the list below, funds raised support many important services and ministries throughout the Diocese of Honolulu that no single faith community could meet alone.

I am deeply grateful for the ways you have contributed to this work in the past. Once again, I humbly ask for you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this important appeal. Please know that I pray for you and your loved ones each day - and will remember all donors in a special Mass.

In the Spirit of Christ - and together as **'Ohana in Christ** - we can and will respond to the Lord's call and continue to build His Kingdom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Larry Silva*

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu



P.S. For more information on how to live out the Church's mission, or to make a gift to help your parish reach its 'OIC goal, please visit **[catholichawaii.org](https://catholichawaii.org)**. MAHALO!

## Your donations are critical in helping to provide these ministries and services:

### Priests & Deacons

- Professional development
- Recruitment & assignment
- Permanent Deacon Formation
- Clergy health & wellness needs

### Parish Services

- Staffing & Training
- Finance & Insurance
- Savings & Loan
- Safe Environment
- Stewardship & IT
- Cemetery & Real Estate
- Emergency Preparedness

### People Programs

- Youth & Young Adult
- Catholic Schools
- Adult Faith Training
- Catholic Social Ministry
- Food & Shelter Assistance
- Evangelization & Respect Life
- Hospital & Prison Ministries

### And Much More

- Hawaii Catholic Herald & Diocesan eCommunications
- Cathedral Basilica, Chancery, & St. Stephen Diocesan Center
- Pope Francis & United States Conference of Catholic Bishops





# **‘Ohana in Christ FAQs**

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## **1. What is ‘Ohana in Christ (‘OIC)?**

‘OIC is the Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii. In fiscal year 2021/2022, it replaced the former Bishop’s Circle Appeal to help provide needed funding for diocesan ministries, programs, and services formerly funded by the With Grateful Hearts Capital Campaign - and other efforts that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own.

## **2. How is ‘Ohana in Christ different from the Bishop’s Circle Appeal?**

Along with an enhanced effort to raise awareness of the diocesan mission and financial needs - parishes are assigned a “target goal” based on their annual assessment. This year parishes are required to raise a minimum of 75% of their target goal. Parishes that fall short of the minimum will be responsible for the difference at the end of the fiscal year.

## **3. Parishes already pay a hefty annual assessment – isn’t that enough?**

Parish assessment fees provide significant funding for the diocesan mission - covering many expenses, but not all. The ‘OIC Appeal helps close the gap in the annual diocesan budget.

## **4. What are some specific examples of what my donation will help support?**

Along with the ministries, programs, and services listed on the front, your donations help support the diocesan offices and affiliated entities responsible for providing them to our faith communities and beyond.

## **5. Is there consideration for parishes facing significant financial challenges?**

Prior to the current fiscal year, parishes have the opportunity to appeal the minimum goal requirement by submitting a written request to Bishop Larry.

## **6. Where does my gift go and how is it managed?**

Donations given directly to ‘OIC are received, processed, and acknowledged by the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). Donations given at the parish level are forwarded to HCCF and credited accordingly. In turn, HCCF also oversees management of the funds and their allocations to the diocese in support of the diocesan mission.

## **7. Are donations to ‘Ohana in Christ tax deductible?**

Yes, to the extent allowable by law. For specific information, please consult your financial advisor. To make a gift today, please visit: **[CatholicHawaii.Org](https://CatholicHawaii.Org)** or mail your check to ‘Ohana in Christ, PO Box 380019, Honolulu, HI 96838-0019. For gifts by credit card or otherwise, call the HCCF Gifts Office at (808) 372-3472.



**MAHALO** for your Generous Support - All Gifts are Important and Appreciated