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# CALENDAR

# DECEMBER

25 6-7 18-Jan 1 Guest Rooms closed for Christmas Holidays Christmas. Mass at 10 AM. BCC Adult Retreat-St. Anthony's retreat ctr. Pearl Harbor RCIA here for retreat

# JANUARY

<del>2</del> <del>2</del> <del>2</del> <del>2</del> supper. Novice class begins at 1 PM. Oblate Day at monastery 2-6 PM. Pot-luck at St. Michael Church, Waialua with reception Annual BCC all-membership retreat at the Our Lady of Sorrows parish staff at monastery monastery, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. 10am Funeral Mass for Fr. Tim Ottman, OSB

# **FEBRUARY**

21-23 15 9 N St. John Apostle & Evangelist parish ministers supper. Novice class begins at 1 PM. Oblate Day at monastery 2-6 PM. Pot-luck BCC Youth Retreat at St. Anthony Retreat Ctr. BCC youth team pre-retreat at monastery Our Lady of Sorrows Confirmation class here For info call Sr. Mary Jo at 285-0254.

# MARCH

5 supper. Novice class begins at 1 PM. monastery. Sacred Heart - Punahou RCIA retreat at the Oblate Day at monastery 2-6 PM. Pot-luck Ash Wednesday - Lent begins.

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# FROM THE DAILY LOG:

MS- Fr. Michael Sawyer DB- Fr. David Barfknecht TO- Fr. Tim Ottman

MJ- Sr. Mary Jo McEnany

AC- Sr. Ann Cic CC- Sr. Celeste Cabral GS- Sr. Geralyn Spaulding

a Mass attended by 175 friends and Oblates, followed by a meal and celebration.

Public Association of the Faithful of Diocesan Right at

Jul 11: Bishop Larry Silva installs community as a 

Aug 5: CC talks to youth at Our Lady of Sorrows on

BILAC (Big Island Liturgy & Arts Conf) at Chaminade Sep 27-28: MJ and GS given scholarship to attend the

Sep 29: CC, GS, DB and guests attend St. Michael's

Oct 6: Annual Oblate social at Haleiwa Beach Park 160th Anniversary, parish luau.

spend the day together at the Battleship Missouri and olulu harbor while on a round the world cruise. They Jerusalem study days (17 years ago) arrives in Hon-Oct 7: Charlotte, a good friend of GS from her CC, DB, GS, and MJ attend

Cathedral. Hawaiian Catholic Music Concert at St. Teresa Co-Oct 11: MJ, CC, DB attend 20th anniversary of the visiting Tropical Farms.

evening Mass with young adults from UH Newman Ctr Oct 19: BCC workday at monastery. DB Celebrates at 5-parish retreat on "Spirituality in Everyday Living." Oct 18-20: CC speaks at Maria Lanikila on Big Islanc

retreat for abortion and pregnancy loss healing. Oct 25-27: GS helping to give a Rachel's Vineyard on retreat at Camp Mokuleia.

Nov 22-24: CC on Kauai helping with confirmation religious appreciation dinner at Bl. Sacrament Ch. Nov 19: AC, GS and DB attend Serra Club annual

Year of Faith at Star of the Sea parish. Nov 23: MS and MJ attend closing ceremonies for the retreat for 65 youth at Holy Cross parish.

their parish Advent retreat. Attends dinner with all the priests of that island Dec 5-7: CC at St. Theresa Church on Kauai to give

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