

# Summer 2017

## He Ana Iki

### Where Is Carondelet?

Carondelet Center in Honolulu is located in the Aina Haina neighborhood on the southeast shore of the island of O`ahu. Aina Haina lies midway between the landmarks of Diamondhead and Hanauma Bay and stretches from the beach deep into Wailupe Gulch (The Valley).



Ancient Hawaiians called the area Kawai-ku`i, which means “united water.” It may have been named for the union of the ocean and the several fresh water springs that existed where the beach park is today.

For hundreds of years the area, known as Wailupe, was only inhabited by the residents of a small fishing village but in 1927 Robert Hind bought most of the acreage for the Hind-Clarke Dairy Farm. The name Aina Haina may have come from the Hawaiian word Haina meaning sacrifice since the Kawauoha Heiau, believed to be the site of human sacrifice, once existed deep in the valley. More commonly it is loosely translated as “Hind’s Land” for the dairy that was once there.

After the dairy closed and the Wailupe fishpond was filled in, the area was developed as a residential neighborhood. The Carondelet property was mistakenly purchased by Sr. Mary Fintan Lawlor and her council in 1968 after receiving a telegram from St. Louis: “PURCHASE NMH APPROVED LETTER ON WAY” which she interpreted to mean that the purchase of a “new mother house” was approved — not what Mother Seraphine Meaney intended! Sr. Mary Fintan’s final comment was, “The sisters do see the hand of Providence in this.”

The following year, the Vice-Provincial Office which had been established at St. Theresa Convent, was moved by the newly appointed Vice-Provincial, Sr. Carol Therese Johnson, into the lovely new house named Carondelet.



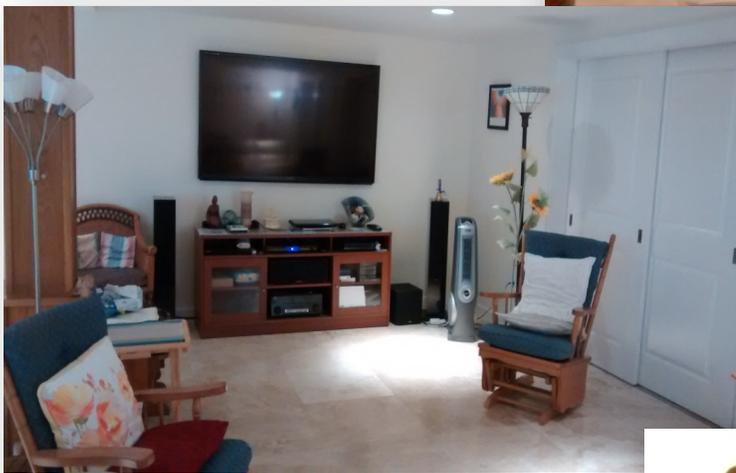
Carondelet before 2015 renovations

Today, Carondelet has been newly renovated and made appropriate for a local community of Sisters who are independent with some services provided. The Leadership Team Offices will be transformed into working space for the Hawaii Coordinator, the Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper/Property Manager and the Healthcare Coordinator.



The renovated, graceful exterior of the house also sports a new wall which encloses what was once the front yard.

The remodeled kitchen is great for “Chef” Claudia Wong. It’s even air conditioned!



The big screen TV in the great room is wonderful for the news, movies, UH ball games and Zoom meetings.

Patty Chang joined the Carondelet Community To celebrate Claudia Wong’s birthday!



## Laudato Si! and Mālama Honua

In June of 2015, Pope Francis published his encyclical *Laudato Si!* in which he calls on everyone to make changes in their lives in order to respect, protect and value our common home—planet earth. He examines the damage being done to the Earth by her human inhabitants and deals with many environmental issues—pollution, climate change, water and loss of biodiversity. In considering the effect of these issues particularly on the lives of the poor, he challenges us to work together to create a better world for future generations.

**“Together, we pledge our commitment to raising awareness about the stewardship of creation.”**

- Pope Francis

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The message of Pope Francis holds special meaning for the people of Hawaii who on June 17 celebrated the return of the traditional Polynesian Voyaging Canoe, Hōkūle`a, and her sister canoe,



Tens of thousands gathered on Magic Island to welcome Hōkūle`a home.

Hikianalia, from a three year voyage around the world to spread the message of Mālama Honua.

The Hawaiian language is beautiful and complex, so “Mālama Honua” means much more than its simple translation: to care for our Island Earth. Mālama Honua actually means to take care of and protect everything (land, oceans, living beings, communities) that make up our world. It means learning from the wisdom of our ancestors to take care of limited resources as though you were living on a canoe, or an island, in the middle of the sea. Just as on a canoe water, food, plants and other basic needs are in limited supply and are tended carefully, we, too, need to tend to our resources for all of Island Earth.



Hōkūle`a sails past the UN building on World Oceans Day, 2016. The crew collected Ocean Protection Pledges from countries and communities around the world and delivered them to the UN Secretary General.

The members of the 2013 Congregational Chapter recognized our responsibility to Creation, beginning the first Call to Action with the statement: “*We believe that Creation is a sacred trust given to the whole Earth Community*”, and followed it with a number of commitments which we see echoed in both the Encyclical and in Mālama Honua. As we continue to respond to the Calls to Action we find that we are not alone in our canoe but are joined by people from all parts of our Earth.

**“We believe in the interdependence of humanity and nature in the whole Earth Community....”**

# It's Official - The Amalgamation is Complete!



Sr. Miriam Ukeritis asked the members of the Extraordinary Chapter to affirm the amalgamation of the Hawai'i Vice Province with the Los Angeles Province.

“Weave one heart from the many strands,  
E haku I ka pu`u wai”



Congratulations!



Blessed by the Chapter



Combined Delegation!



# What's Been Happening in Hawai'i?



Sr. John Joseph Gilligan retired as Principal of St. Theresa School in Honolulu (our first Hawai'i mission). She will remain part time at the school as a Mentor and WASC (Accreditation) Coordinator. Sisters Giovanna Marcoccia and James Therese Joseph also served many years at St. Theresa

Sr. Roselani Enomoto is working with the Board of the newly formed Maui Coming Home - a group of volunteers working with Maui residents returning home from prison.



'Ohana member, Mary Hamilton, and her daughter Sheila, spearheaded this year's collection of backpacks and school supplies for children in the Family Promise Program on O'ahu. Contributions from Sisters and 'Ohana members have made it possible to distribute these supplies to the children when they come to Holy Trinity Parish for a week.

Many people gathered at Carondelet for Christmas in July - a great time to say Aloha to our caregiver Arlene (lower left), to send Carmen off to Holy Family Community, to wish Marian a speedier recovery in California (her broken thigh bone still has not healed), and to send Sara back to Maui (ah, retirement!).



In May three of the four `Ohana Jubilarians (Carole Mohan was ill) celebrated 25 years of Commitment as CSJ `Ohana members. The liturgy at Christ the King Church was followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. Pictured are Linda Martin, Fely Atay and Maile Nakamura.

Late summer afternoons are great for a picnic at Ala Moana Beach Park. Unfortunately, this pot luck picnic ended abruptly when it started to rain! Brenda Lau and Claudia Wong were smart and brought hats—protection from both the sun and the rain.





Patty Chang and Brenda Lau joined the members of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts for the celebration of Damien Day. This unusual, larger than life, statue of St. Damien stands outside the Hawai'i State Capital building.

You might wonder if being a Gemini was a prerequisite for being a member of the Hawai'i Vice Province because 12 Sisters and 3 'Ohana members are Geminis!  
So what do you do with so many Geminis?  
**CELEBRATE!**

