



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Peace be with you!

It can seem like the world is more divided than ever.

Wars continue to fracture nations and communities. Political discourse all too often ends in anger, shouting matches or worse. People would rather argue and point fingers instead of work together and help each other.

Yet this kind of collaboration is exactly what needs to happen, now more than ever. And that is the goal of Catholic Charities Hawai'i — one it has been striving to meet even before it was officially established more than 75 years ago.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i runs more than 40 programs across the state with the mission of its founders, the Maryknoll Sisters, in mind — to “make God’s love visible.”

The theme for this year’s Catholic Charities Sunday is “Love in Action,” which we see Jesus demonstrate throughout his life as he heals, blesses, forgives.

We also see “love in action” spelled out in Paul’s letter to the Romans, in which he exhorts them to “love one another with mutual affection” (Rom 12:10) and to “have the same regard for one another” (Rom 12:16).

At World Youth Day in Portugal last August, Pope Francis highlighted the importance of “Love in Action” during his third day in the country. He expressed that love expands our hearts and allows us to find meaning in life and emphasized that, “If we want to be truly happy, let us learn to transform everything into love. Offer your work and time to others, speak kindly words, and do good deeds.”

Catholic Charities Hawaii’s many programs address this head-on. From its foster parent programs, to counseling options for all ages, to initiatives that help veterans and people who lack housing, Catholic Charities Hawai'i aims to support those in need regardless of faith, with the goal of empowering them to change their lives for the better.

Please be generous this year in your support of Catholic Charities Hawai'i and its mission to accompany, advocate for and lift up those brothers and sisters among us who are most vulnerable. Your donations and prayers are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu

