

Signpost

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St. Tekakwitha Opening prayer:

God of all nations and peoples. You have filled
Your Creation with

Your mighty presence. Through Your handiwork You speak to our heard words that satisfy our every desire.

You called Your servant the Mohawk maiden Saint Kateri Tekakwitha to embrace the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ to do Your will and to serve

others with the gifts You gave her.

May she who held tight to the cross of Your Son through her short life marred by sickness suffering and persecution, be our intercessor during our own trials. May her embrace of the Catholic faith and her openness to sharing Jesus with others inspire us

to be new evangelizers to all cultures and peoples.

Amen

Who do we need to bring in the circle?

Who do we need to pray for:

Family members who are sick. family members who have died. Struggles that we are facing.

Let us bring our joys and sufferings into this circle.

Direction:

Winter

North

Black

Sin/ Hopelessness- Despair



Fruits of the Holy Spirit / Joy/ Gentleness/ Redemptive suffering

Gifts of the Holy Spirit/ Fortitude/ Fear of the Lord

Topic:



Catholic Native Hawaiian Summit II



For two days, January 29 and 30th, 2024, there was a gathering of the leadership of Catholic Indigenous from the Hawaiian Islands at the St. Stephen Catholic Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. This



gathering of Catholic Hawaiian Indigenous leaders was a follow-up and a continuation of the Catholic Indigenous Summit we had in 2022 at St. Stephen Diocesan Center. This



Second Summit was developed to build specific steps in a pastoral plan for all of the issues raised in the first Summit. Because developing

strategic planning requires more in-depth discussion, it was decided that this Second Summit will be two days rather than one as the First Summit had been. As with the First Summit, the Second Summit was greatly benefited by Bishop Larry Silva by his direction and insight.

After the two days of intense discussion and work, the Catholic Native Hawaiian leaders came up with four specific areas that they needed to implement their vision of Catholic Indigenous



Hawaiian ministry. They started out by working to develop a structure and template that would make sure their strategic plans would work within the Native Hawaiian culture.



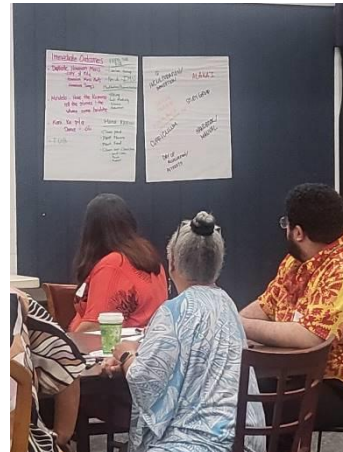
The first and most important aspect of the Hawaiian culture is the Hawaiian language or *Ōlelo Hawai‘i*. The Hawaiian language use in prayer and liturgy and other important inculturation aspects was the focus of the first break-out group. Their task was to find ways that the Hawaiian language can be used and disseminated in prayer and liturgy not only to the parishes that have a large Hawaiian Native population, but also to the wider Hawaiian Catholic Church, so that they may have a chance to appreciate the Hawaiian culture. Also, during the Summit, the leadership also worked out ways where appropriate Native Hawaiian cultural practices could be integrated in the liturgy.

The second area of concern was educating seminarians and priests on the richness and vitality of Native Hawaiian culture. The team worked out ways to help both, priests and seminarians, understand and appreciate the spirituality and history of the Native Hawaiian people.

The third area of concern was how the traditions, language and other cultural elements are taught by to the wider communities, especially through our Catholic schools. Many Catholic schools in Hawaii already teach the Hawaiian language and the Native Hawaiian culture. The participants worked on ways to expand this important aspect of Hawaiian Catholic education.

The last area of work from the Second Summit was how to keep all of these projects on track and a way to evaluate their success. The last group of Native Hawaiian leaders worked on a Catholic Native Hawaiian Pastoral Association. A group of elders and leaders from each of the Hawaiian Islands will meet periodically to discuss how the Catholic Native Hawaiian Pastoral Plan is going and what still needs to be done. They will also help elevate the concerns of Catholic Native Hawaiians within the Diocese.

The Second Summit was a great success because of the Catholic Native Hawaiian leadership and their passion not only for the Native Hawaiian culture but also for the Catholic faith.



Closing prayer:

From the Black and Indian Mission Office:

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May she who held tight to the cross of Your Son throughout her short life marked by sickness, suffering, and persecution, be our intercessor during our own trials. May her embrace of the Catholic faith and her openness to sharing Jesus with others inspire us to be new evangelizers to all cultures and peoples. May she who sought our Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament lead up to similar reverences for the Eucharist so that, like Saint Kateri, our last words may be, “Jesus, I love You.” Amen.

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