

Hawai'i celebration for Bro. Brandon Alana

On Sunday, July 12, 2009, the Marianist Family in Hawai'i celebrated locally the first profession of vows of Brandon K. Alana with the Society of Mary, the Marianists. The celebration began with Eucharist in the Mystical Rose Oratory on the Kalaepohaku Campus of both Chaminade University of Honolulu and Saint Louis School.

Rev. Ken Templin, S.M. presided over the Eucharist with Bro. Jack Ventura, S.M. receiving the devotional renewal of Bro. Brandon's vows, which were proclaimed in both English and Hawaiian. At the start of the Eucharist, the oli kāhea was chanted by Bro. Brandon, asking permission to enter; Lay Marianist Pi'ikea Hardy-Kahaleoumi led the Marianist Family in an oli komo or entrance chant, granting Bro. Brandon permission to enter. The choir led the assembly with such beautiful music, including Brother's favorite hymn, God is Love to the tune of O Makalapua. At the conclusion of mass, Marianist Contact Norman Capinpin was called forth to receive a special blessing as he prepares to make his way to San Antonio for the start of the aspirancy program.

The Marianist Family hosted a festive potluck social in the Brothers residence, Hale Malia or Mary's House in Hawaiian. There were an assortment of local dishes from fried noodles, to Zippy's fried chicken, and to char sui pork. A live band played Hawaiian music throughout the celebration with spontaneous hula dancing. Members of Brother's family were also in attendance to share in the celebration.