

About the Damien and Marianne Catholic Conference

Mission

The mission of the Damien and Marianne Catholic Conference (DMCC) is to educate, inspire and empower its Ohana. Our focus will be on the respect of human life and dignity, marriage, youth and family life, education, social justice and evangelism. [read more](#)

Leadership



Makana Aiona, President



Valerie Santiago, Vice President & Treasurer



S. Cheryl Wint, OSF, Secretary

Bios

Makana Aiona

Makana Aiona, President, is a mechanical engineer by training, a teacher at Damien Memorial which is a Edmund Rice Christian Brothers' school, and also, previously, the Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese.

Valerie Balthazar Santiago, B.S.N., M.B.A.

Valerie Balthazar Santiago was born in Hawai'i but traveled the world as the proud daughter of a U.S. Army veteran. She returned to the islands in her teens and graduated from St. Francis School in 1973. She later earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Hawaii (UH) and a Master of Business Administration degree at Chaminade University with "Delta Mu Delta" academic honors.

Valerie has worked in the healthcare industry for over 35 years and acquired extensive experience and expertise in many areas (i.e. skilled nursing at Kaiser Permanente, university lecturer, founder and president of a medical billing service, hospice administrator at St. Francis Healthcare Systems of Hawai'i, chief administrator at the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities home for retired nuns).

Valerie has also served as a religious community volunteer in many capacities at the St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church in Mililani, HI (i.e. parish council chair, finance committee member, a parish nurse, extraordinary minister of the holy Eucharistic).

Valerie and her husband Daniel reside in Mililani, HI. They have two wonderful daughters Katherine and Stephanie and two lovely grandchildren, Izabella and Maximilian, who are the joy of her life.

Valerie says, "I have been blessed by the many wonderful people God has placed in my life over the years. It is my honor now to be working with incredibly talented, dedicated and faith-filled people, to bring the Damien and Marianne Catholic Conference to the people of Hawai'i and beyond for the glory of God!"

Sister Cheryl Wint

Currently a Pastoral Associate at St. Augustine by-the-Sea Catholic Church and an assistant to the Vocation Director for the Sisters. She has extensive experience in religious education, coordination of volunteers and museum related activities for the Saints of Hawaii, working with those in need and related agencies, other parish ministries and religious vocation discernment. She is also active in a number of diocesan, youth and young adult parish groups and other Catholic communities and a board member of St. Francis Healthcare System and the Damien Marianne Catholic Conference.

Prior to joining the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, sister was a Vice President of Software Services at AMISYS a subsidiary of McKesson. There she gained extensive experience in customer and implementation services, account management, software and hardware installation and programing for over a third of the healthcare organizations in the United States.

Sister enjoys being a disciple of Christ, praying with others, swimming, movies, planning, conducting retreats and pilgrimages, being a spiritual mentor and faith companion. Sister was born in England, grew up in Jamaica and has lived in the United States since 1981, thus she enjoys being an itinerant Franciscan and gets lots of energy being with others.

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Sacha Etzel, Terry Wessels

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