



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

MCS Theatre Club Auditions for Tasi



(Top right): Show director Kalea Borja (right) runs auditions for the next production from the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club, *Tasi*, a musical inspired by Disney's *Moana*. (Top left photos): A record number of students audition for Mount Carmel School Theatre Club, *Tasi*, a musical inspired by Disney's *Moana*. So many students auditioned for *Tasi* that students had to be divided different sections.

Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club kicked off its 2018-2019 performance season with auditions for its next big musical, *Tasi*. Held this past week, the auditions brought in the largest group of aspiring dramatists ever in the school's history, with 129 students from grades 1 through 12 auditioning. The show will also be a part of the club's year-long focus on island stories, with a mission to "celebrate our island stories on stage and in film."

Inspired by Disney's *Moana*, *Tasi* is an original story written by club adviser and school president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero. The story follows *Tasi* as she struggles between family expectations, traditions, and her own aspirations. The production will also feature music from and about the islands.

Tasi will be directed by Kalea Borja, who was the assistant director for last year's hit production of Disney's *Mulan Jr.* When asked why she stepped up to direct *Tasi*, Borja said, "I believe that we need to promote our local culture and embrace it, and surely *Tasi* is the play that can do just that!"

Despite her enthusiasm, Borja was surprised by the record number of students who auditioned. "Never did I expect the number of students who were excited to audition for *Tasi*. There was so much talent in the room that I was overjoyed as well as overwhelmed." She added, "The auditions, all in all, went well and I am excited to see students wanting to be part of this local production."

The show's assistant director and club veteran, Brandee Hunter, is also very excited about the show. "So far, being an assistant director has been one of my favorite roles in a theatre production." Hunter has acted in numerous past productions and has also served on the crew.

Looking ahead, Hunter said, "I feel nervous and excited at the same time for this show." She added, "This play will be one of the best productions that the Theatre Club has ever done."

Tasi is scheduled for performances on November 30 and December 1. Details about times, venue, and ticket prices will be announced next month.

Catholic Social Teaching: Health Care

by the Social Justice Commission, Diocese of Chalan Kanoa and Mount Carmel School's Introduction to Media Communications students



Last month, Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez announced that Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa would publish articles that share Catholic social teachings on several issues that are of interest and concern to voters and candidates alike as the November 2018 elections approach. These articles are not meant to direct voters to vote for any particular candidate or platform. Rather, as Bishop Ryan wrote, these articles are intended to help the faithful "carefully discern the issues affecting our community and to use your conscience in examining these issues". What follows is the second of such articles.

In Brief:

- Jesus, Himself, was a spiritual and a physical healer who tended to the health care of those He encountered.
- Church teachings on health care affirm the life and dignity of every person, from conception to death.
- We are all called to take care of the sick and the marginalized.
- The Church supports adequate and affordable health care for all.

At Length:

In His earthly ministry, Jesus was not only a teacher. He was a spiritual and a physical healer, who cured leprosy (Matthew 8: 1-4), gave sight to the blind (Matthew 9: 27-31), and empowered the crippled to walk (Luke 5: 17-26). Illness was an opportunity for Him to demonstrate God's love, culminating in the ultimate healing of the resurrection. Embodying the healing power of God's love, Jesus proclaimed, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life" (John 11: 25-26).

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Announcements

Theatre Club Mini Film Festival

The MCS Theatre Club presents its first Mini Film Festival, featuring some classic club films and fan favorites. \$3.00 admission. Films start at 12:30 pm on Wednesdays in Room A-201 (Mr. G's classroom) according to the following schedule:
 9/12: 2nd & 3rd grades
 9/19: 4th & 5th grades
 10/3: 6th and up
 Questions? See Jaden Yamagata.

After School Program

Parents are welcome to enroll their children in our After School Program, which meets in Ms. Rebekah's classroom (B-101) everyday except Wednesdays. Please sign up at the Business Office. Enrollment is limited to 10 students on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the Future

Seniors Homecoming

TONIGHT, Maturana Building 2nd Floor
 6:00-8:30 for 7th & 8th grades
 6:00-10:00 for high school
 \$10 Admission

Senior Ice Cream Sales & Rice Krispy Gram

Monday, September 10

7th Grade Cotton Candy Stand

Freshman Brownie Gram

Tuesday, September 11

Chamorro Club Shave Ice

Sophomores Fried Oreo Stand

Wednesday, September 12

Seniors Milk Tea Stand

Thursday, September 13

Seniors Ice Cream Stand

Friday, September 14

Seniors Hot Lunch

Saturday, September 15

Sports Calendar

CCOPSSA JV Volleyball

Tuesday, September 11
 MCS v GCA1 @MCS at 3:30 pm

Thursday, September 13
 MCS v SIS @SIS at 3:30 pm

PSS Volleyball
 Tuesday, September 11
 MCS JV v MHS JV1 @MCS at 6:30 pm

ESLR of the Week

#5. Appreciate traditions, customs and beliefs of diverse world-wide community.

Health Care

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But caring for the sick was not only Jesus's ministry—it is our ministry as well. He reminds us to see His face in the faces of the suffering. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me...for whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25: 35-36, 40).

These encounters with Jesus serves as the foundation for the Catholic Church's social teachings on health care, teachings that insist that health care is a basic right flowing from the sanctity of human life and dignity of the human person. As Pope John XXIII wrote in his encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, each person "has the right to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, particularly food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and, finally, the necessary social services. In consequence, he has the right to be looked after in the event of ill health; disability stemming from his work; widowhood; old age; enforced unemployment; or whenever through no fault of his own he is deprived of the means of livelihood" (no. 11).

At the personal level and the societal level, this teaching challenges each and every one of us to care of the needy, the marginalized, and the sick. This was emphasized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in its March 8, 2017 letter to the U. S. Congress. The USCCB wrote, "Health care is not just another issue for the Church or for a healthy society. It is a fundamental issue of human life and dignity. Health care is a critical component of the Catholic Church's ministry."

In this regard, the Church has practiced what it preaches with a long history of work in health care, operating hospitals, providing health care services to the sick and the terminally ill, and even offering affordable health care insurance for the needy. Moreover, since 1981, the USCCB has consistently urged government leaders to provide adequate and affordable health care for all, writing numerous pastoral letters to elected officials and issuing several position statements on various health care issues. The USCCB has asserted that health care policy must protect human life and dignity from conception to natural death, not threaten them, especially for the voiceless and vulnerable.

In particular, the USCCB has offered the following guiding principles for health care policy discussions:

- Health care coverage should be universal and should not be denied to those in need because of their condition, age, where they come from, or when they arrive in a country.
- Health care should be truly affordable, especially for those living in poverty and those living above the poverty level but who are still working hard to make ends meet.
- Access provided in health care policy should be sufficient to maintain and promote good health as well as treat disease and disability.
- Health care policy and funding should not compel the Church or its service providers to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion.

In short, we are all called, as individuals and as a body politic, to affirm the life and dignity of every person. As Pope Francis wrote in his 2017 Message for the World Day of the Sick, "Jesus bestowed upon the Church his healing power...The Church's mission is a response to Jesus' gift, for she knows that she must bring to the sick the Lord's own gaze, full of tenderness and compassion."

MCS Theatre Club presents a

MINI FILM FESTIVAL

featuring
select Theatre Club films
classic fan favorites
and more!!!

9/5: K5 and 1st grade
9/12: 2nd & 3rd grades
9/19: 4th & 5th grades
10/3: 6th and up

\$3.00 per person
 All screenings start at 12:30 pm
 in Room A-201
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 See Jaden Yamagata.

MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

ARE YOU READY?

SEPTEMBER 18-25

My Captains
 PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS OF 2019 PRESENTS

MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL'S

HOMECOMING 2018

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018
 ADMISSIONS OPEN FOR 7-12 GRADES
 MIDDLE SCHOOL: 6:00PM-8:30PM
 HIGH SCHOOL: 8:00PM-10:00PM
 LOCATION: UPSTAIRS HALLWAY
 PRE-SALE \$10 ADMISSION FEE + FREE DRINK
 VALID UNTIL THURSDAY
\$10 ON SITE THAT DAY
TABLES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM CASHA HANVILLE
 DURING HOMECOMING/ ELECTIVE AT RM. B-206
 FRIGIDIS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CASHA HANVILLE
 CANTINE. GO TO WWW.HOMECOMING.INFO FOR MORE INFORMATION.