

Proclamation

When Maryknoll School opened its doors to 170 students in September 1927, the small facility was comprised of a one-story building and six teachers. Today, with close to 1,400 students and 150 faculty and staff members, the school occupies seven buildings spread across two campuses.

A co-ed Catholic school serving students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12, Maryknoll School provides the young people of Hawai'i with a well-rounded education based on Catholic principles, and has been promoting academic excellence and leadership in the community for more than 80 years. The school is Hawai'i's premiere member of the national Coalition of Essential Schools, and 99 percent of Maryknoll's students go on to pursue higher education.

A new era of Maryknoll School begins on September 4, 2009 when the new community center celebrates its grand opening. Located at the corner of Dole and Alexander Streets on Maryknoll's grade school campus, the community center will be a 35,000 square foot, two-story, multipurpose facility with underground parking for 85 vehicles.

The first major building constructed on the campus in more than 25 years, the community center provides a place for members of the Maryknoll 'ohana and the community at large to gather, and will serve as the school's gymnasium. For the first time, Spartan athletes and supporters will be able to experience a true home game and homecoming celebration. The gym will also house assemblies, liturgies and other activities, and when it is not in use by the school, the center will be available for the surrounding community to utilize.

The ground floor of the community center boasts an NBA regulation basketball court, convertible to two high school basketball courts or three regulation volleyball courts; two locker rooms with showers and restrooms; offices for coaches and physical education instructors; a food concession area; classrooms, including a "green room" for performing arts; and laundry facilities for athletic gear. The second floor includes a 1,800 square-foot fitness center; athletic training/rehab facilities; the athletic director's office, which overlooks the gym; an alumni hospitality room and hall of honor; and multipurpose rooms for both large and small groups.

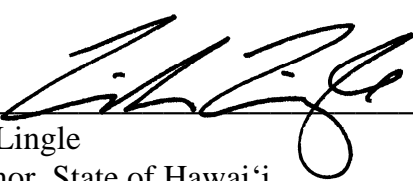
On September 4, 2009, the entire Maryknoll student body will meet under one roof for the first time. The grand opening celebration, which includes a special Mass and reception, stresses the importance of making the right decisions in the present to positively shape the years ahead through the theme, "The time is now. . .to secure the future." With an estimated 1,500 people expected to attend the Mass, and 100 people invited to the reception, this special event and the community center fosters pride and a sense of unity for all Maryknoll students, strengthens their relationship with the school, community and state, and contributes to their overall wellbeing, personal development and well-rounded education.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **September 4, 2009**, as

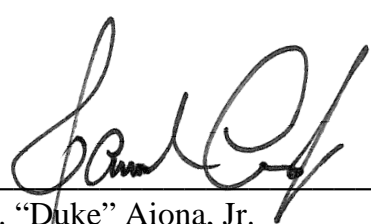
MARYKNOLL SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER DAY

in Hawai'i, in celebration of this important event and significant investment in the community.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of September 2009.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i