

What Does It ALL Mean?

The canoe represents the Church.

We are all pilgrims on a journey back to the Source, the Creator of All. We are a people of a loving God and when we realize that "...God is Love." (1Jn 4:8), we come to know that God loves each us and that we must love each other (cf 1Jn 4:11). When we love each other, then we are one in Spirit, the only way we make it across the sea to eternal life.

The full sails represents the driving force of the Church.

A canoe is propelled by the force of the wind that fills its sails. This canoe's sails are filled by the force of the **Holy Spirit**, the force that drives the Church and is channeled by its leadership to steer it in the right direction.

The sun represents the Son.

The sun warms everything on earth and makes life sustainable. The Son warms every heart on earth and makes life eternal.



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The 'O' represents the Eucharist.

The 'O' comes first in our name just as Jesus comes first in our lives. The Eucharist is the prominent part of our church, "... the summit and source of our faith" (St. Irenaeus). Jesus made the invisible God visible and continues to do so at every Mass celebrated today.

The waves represent the islands we minister to.

The canoe is ever present on the sea as we, the pilgrim church, try to be ever present amongst the people of Hawaii on the islands of (1)Kaua'i, (2)'Oahu, (3)Moloka'i, (4) Maui, (5)Lana'i, and (6)Hawai'i.

The Y's represent the youth & young adults of Hawai'i.

The only way we will be able to effectively minister to both is by working together within the parishes to bring all young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and active role in the life of the Church.