

St. Joseph Youth Group



The St. Joseph Youth Ministry would like to recognize Makaylen Tadeo, who has exemplified what it means to be a Steward of Christ. She is the daughter of Ricardo Tadeo Jr & Bobbie-Jo Moniz Tadeo. And the granddaughter of Robert & Syliva Moniz and the late Ricardo Tadeo Sr. & Tomasita "Masing" Tadeo. Makaylen is currently a senior at King Kekaulike High School, and will be graduating on May 23, 2019. She will be attending UNLV at the start of the Fall 2019 semester, and will be pursuing an education in Criminal Justice.

She was chosen to be a part of the first group of youths from the Maui Vicariate to attend the Christian Leadership Institute of the Diocese of Honolulu for High School Students on O'ahu in the summer of 2016, it is an intense training in developing leadership skills, confidence, planning and organizing events for Catholics youth of the parish and Vicariate. From there she began her leadership journey. Makaylen has assisted in planning and organizing such events as the School Supply Drive & Baby Shower Drive for the parish and Vicariate events for the Middle School youth. She offers valuable and at times, exceedingly insightful comments, she is always prepared and on group projects she elevates the performance of those around her.

Makaylen is responsible, organized, articulate, exceedingly driven and personable. Other youth ministry members defer to her for spiritual support.

As an active youth leader, Makaylen said that it has changed her life by "giving her another outlet, and to have another family/ group of friends to help her when she's in need." She also says "It has helped me grow in my faith to become a better disciple of Christ." She became more extroverted and has gained confidence to spread and share her faith with other youth members. Though being a leader can have its challenges, such as being a leader to her peers or being a role model, Makaylen continues to grow in Christian maturity and setting an example to the youth of sharing her time, talent and treasures with the larger faith community.

