



HUAKA'I HIGHLIGHTS

— FAITH IN ACTION —

SEASON 3: SERVING ACROSS HAWAII

MARCH-MAY HIGHLIGHTS



Season 3 confirmed that The Huaka'i Project is becoming more than a program. Across the Diocese of Honolulu, host-led small groups helped young adults build authentic Catholic friendships, pray together, and move from formation into concrete works of mercy.

"This group really inspired me to have an honest relationship with Jesus."

- PARTICIPANT REFLECTION

17

SMALL GROUPS

host-led groups launched across the islands

75

PARTICIPANTS

reported at season close, 1% up from 73 at start

28

PARISHES

engaged through participants and hosts

14

PARTNERS

service organizations and parish ministries

1,500+

INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED

through direct and indirect service

9.54/10

OVERALL EXPERIENCE

participant rating for Season 3

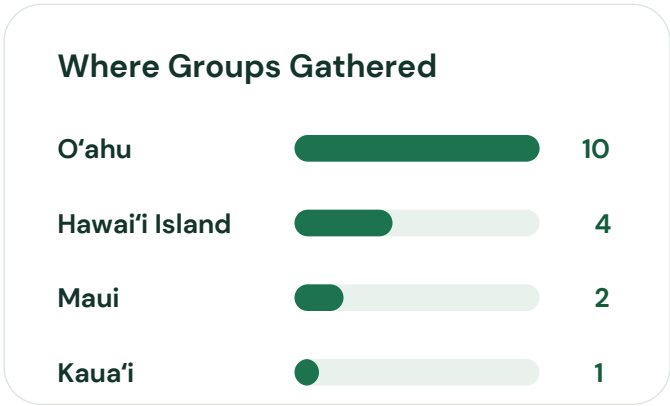
FOR PASTORS AND PARTNERS

A practical picture of young adult ministry when parish life, peer community, and service are intentionally connected.

Data, stories,
and next steps

STATEWIDE REACH: FOUR ISLANDS, ONE MISSION

Season 3 launched with 17 active groups across O'ahu, Hawai'i Island, Maui, and Kaua'i, and shows participation approximately with 28 parishes – a strong sign that the model is reaching beyond one local network and beginning to serve the wider Diocese.



Parish Footprint

Participants represented communities from Windward, Central, Leeward, East Honolulu, Maui, Hawai'i Island, and Kaua'i.

Not an Exclusive Event

Groups gathered weekly, shared meals, prayed together, discussed formation content, and served in the community.

Parish-Ready Model

Hosts are trained and supported; parishes can help by identifying leaders, offering space, and connecting service partners.



What Participants Noticed

"The conversations and open sharing... nothing was forced or rushed."

"Growing deeper in my Catholic faith surrounded by people who feel the same way."

- PARTICIPANT REFLECTIONS

SERVICE IN ACTION: MERCY BECAME TANGIBLE

Season 3 kept service at the center of the model. Every group completed service, and host feedback strongly affirmed that service helped young adults connect their Catholic faith with real community needs.



Feed the Hungry

Shelter meals, food pantry distribution, food kits, and healthy meal demonstrations.



Visit the Sick & Kupuna

Prayer services at Life Care Center and visits with kūpuna at Pearl City Nursing Home.



Bury the Dead

Cemetery maintenance and groundskeeping at King Street and Our Lady of Good Counsel.



Help the Poor & Vulnerable

Hygiene bags on Kaua'i and support for mothers at Mary Jane Home.



Care for God's Creation

Kapālama Kai cleanup, beach cleanup, Olowalu Taro Patch restoration, and seed collection.

"All service and works of mercy are forms of worship."

"Everyone felt motivated to continue serving the community after the small groups ended."

WHAT WE LEARNED - AND HOW PARISHES CAN JOIN

Season 3 produced strong satisfaction from both participants and hosts. More importantly, it revealed a practical invitation: **parish leaders do not need to build young adult small groups from scratch.** *They can partner with a supported, replicable model.*

Participant Experience



Host Experience



Hosts highlighted clear expectations, coaching, Community Leader support, and accessible team communication.

THREE TAKEAWAYS FOR PARISH LEADERS

- 1 Belonging grows through consistency**
Weekly small groups gave young adults a place to be known, heard, and prayed for.
- 2 Service makes faith visible**
Works of mercy helped move conversations about faith into concrete action.
- 3 Hosts need support - not isolation**
Training, coaching, and clear resources helped hosts lead with confidence.

A simple Next Step:

To involve your parish or young adult ministry in the next season, consider attending the **next Small Group Host Training:**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026



ST. STEPHEN DIOCESAN CENTER



8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



FREE EVENT | LUNCH INCLUDED

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Ask how your parish can host, send, or partner with The Huaka'i Project.

