

Faithful Citizenship

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The only comment (OK, maybe two) I would like to make concerning the DUI arrest of our Senator from Mililani is this: 1) I think it helps to be an attorney when this happens because he knew just when to stop cooperating with the alcohol tests; 2) And in my opinion most important, he had better be telling the truth, not so much for our benefit as his constituency, but because he had his young sons with him at the time. If every word he is saying is not the truth, the damage will continue long after any fine or loss of license time he may face. They know exactly what happened, too.

This is an election year. As we continue to grow in our faith we need to ask ourselves what is important in our elected officials. Does character count? Is it fair to expect more from them, or do we just want them to "bring home the bacon?" Can we/must we be Catholic voters?

Speaking of acting reasonably, there is a petition going around that would require the city to place the issue of mass-transit on the November ballot or hold a special election. The thought behind the initiative is that this is the largest, most expensive public works project ever undertaken by our fine city. The organizers simply want public input. The Mayor says we had our input when we elected the present council. I don't think we had enough information at the time to say we elected these people because of, or despite, their views on transit. Please go to:

www.stoprailnow.com to download a petition. I would be more in favor of this project if all elected officials who are convinced this is necessary, affordable and maintainable, would tie their city pensions to its success. Then when they say they take full responsibility, we could believe them!

Gotta go boot up my hard drive! Aloha - Mary B.