

## **Aloha Laola - RIP 15 January 2009**

On a cold winter day we learned of her death  
This daughter of Hawaii, an ordinary extraordinary convert to Christ;  
A valiant woman who internalized the spirit of Adele  
Her death was greeted with deep sadness and a laughing joy  
Laola Hironaka celebrated life and lived it intensely  
Her brilliant mind was scattered and eclectic and tireless in fighting the dark world  
With amnesty she struggled to make a better world possible,  
a voracious reader she was liberally educated and equally at home  
with a CEO or a homeless person.  
Blessed with a winning smile, a love of music and socially adapt,  
she was never shy and always willing to move and adapt to the times.  
Fighting for life issues, politically active,  
she lobbied in the halls of Congress; attracting and challenging the young  
to move and be involved.  
A tireless worker she had the ability to confront the domain of ignorance  
with the sword of Discrimination,  
and now she continues to dance with Elizabeth, Rosemarie and Grace -  
a cosmic dance touching lightly on the stars showering blessings of hope  
to this Marianist family that she loves so much.

Fully Alive  
Professional Woman  
Her Mother  
Novitiate in France  
One of the first Marianist Sisters in the U.S.  
Bechtel Corporation  
University of Hawaii  
Tokyo  
St. Louis High School, Honolulu  
St. Mary's, San Antonio  
Amnesty International  
Paris Match  
The Economist

### **An ordinary extraordinary woman**

Born in Hawaii  
Student body president of the University of Hawaii

Convert to Catholicism

Fr. George Miteznger

Novitiate in France, Elizabeth, Rose Marie, Llola

Principal of Marianist High School in Tokyo

Worked for her graduate Degree at U.C. Berkley

Head of Amnesty International in Berkeley

Had her own apartment and paid her way by working for Bill Bechtel,

CEO of the Bechtel Corporation as his executive secretary

Moved to Hawaii to care for her elderly mother

Taught at St. Louis High School in Honolulu

Taught at St. Mary's High School in San Antonio

Director of Amnesty International in South West Texas

Founding Member of Marianist Social Justice Collaborative

Chair of the War and Peace Issue Team

Animator and empowered of young people

Avid reader <Paris Match, The Economist, NY Times>

*Bro. Bill Farrell, S.M.*

*15 January 2009*