



# Saint Damien Advocate

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[Saint Damien Advocate](#) (Hawaii articles circa 2012 below, also [KITV](#) Honolulu, Hawaii), having fought HR 1681, “Every Child Deserves a Family Act,” that would have closed all Catholic Charities foster care and adoption in the USA for not taking homosexuals (110 members of federal congress supported HR 1681; see Saint Damien Advocate (1-1/2 min.) political vids of then: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvscfsqjX8Y> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05Uxav9lOhw> ) calls for [August 22, 2024 protest of BIDEN-HARRIS April 29, 2024 HHS Foster Care rule](#) on foster parent support of gender transition in children which could shut all USA Catholic Charities Foster Care and Adoption, before the DNC United Center convention in Chicago, IL.

<https://www.hawaiireporter.com/on-second-anniversary-of-obamacare-passage-hawaii-residents-join-140-other-cities-across-the-nation-to-rally-against-healthcare-mandates-impacting-religious-freedom/>

<https://www.hawaiireporter.com/hawaii-voters-deserve-to-know-if-mazie-hirono-plans-to-continue-to-lead-national-democratic-support-of-h-r-1681-every-child-deserves-a-family-act/>

<https://www.hawaiireporter.com/saint-damien-advocates-targets-co-sponsors-hirono-other-co-sponsor-of-bill-that-could-close-us-catholic-charities-adoption-and-foster-care/>

<https://www.hawaiifreepress.com/Articles-Main/ID/7174/Hanabusa-Hirono-Co-Sponsor-Bill-Threatening-Closure-of-Catholic-Charities>

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### QUOTES:

“12 years makes a big difference; no law needed, just axe Catholic Charities foster care and adoption with a [Biden-Harris 4-29-2024 HHS Rule](#) requiring foster parent support of gender transition in children~ then we would be just like [what Tony Blair did in the UK, no more Catholic Charities.](#)” Roco continues: “Unfortunately for those that want to close and [disparage Charitable Christian works, such as St. Damien’s work with the Leper Colony on Molokai](#), there are those of us that defend, [just as Robert Louis Stevenson following Saint Damien’s death of leprosy devoting his life to the afflicted.](#)”

Roco continues, [“there are such good Christian inspired works, as so beautifully documented in a recent movie of trying to take in all those needy of foster care in a county.”](#) His discussion: “It is so fitting this all ‘hit me,’ when I was in California, where I myself, before a disabling car accident on the job on my way to a foster home in LA County, was assigned more difficult cases; in my career in mental health social work, two cases I dealt with, whether assigned to me or otherwise, ‘hit the news.’ In this profession, it takes much cognitively, spiritually, and organizationally to care for those in need. And to think that the Biden-Harris administration with their 4-29-2024 HHS Rule, will Axe all Catholic Charities Foster Care and Adoption in the USA, all Traditional Christian Foster Care and Adoption in the USA, stands as a testament to those, who regardless of the ones that ought be seen as examples (Father Damien’s Life [here](#)), are willing to ‘eliminate’ anyone not thinking in their same, ‘mindset.’ This ‘elimination of those incompatible with me mentality’ has same rooting~ in the recent assassination attempt, but instead of 8 bullets, an HHS rule is used to Axe what, ‘they don’t like.’”