



FERNANDO V. ONA, MD'67

**Nominee for
Most Outstanding Alumnus
for Community Service**

**Gastroenterology
Oahu, Hawaii**

- 1981 – Established the Corpus Christi Neighborhood Health Center for inner city poor in Rochester, NY
- Volunteer physician for Medico Project in Kabul, Afghanistan to care for indigent patients and teach medical students, interns and residents of Kabul
- 1984 – Co-founder of Mount Carmel House, the first home for the dying who are indigent, and since then had 25 more home established independently by other groups. Mt Carmel House is still active in hospice care in Rochester, NY
- 1980's - Established Damien Health Center for the homeless in Soup Kitchen at St Peter and Paul Church, Rochester, NY
- 1996 – Founded the Health Clinic for the Barrios to provide health care for the poor residents of 10-15 barangays around Sta. Clara, Sto. Tomas, Batangas, Philippines and the Health Center has 4 Family Doctors, Dentist, Nurses and provide pharmacy services to the present. Most recent Medical Mission by Class 67 Golden Jubilee completed Jan 2017.
- Co-Director of the Peace and Social Justice Ministry at Mary, Star of the Sea Parish to serve the homeless community feeding programs and outreach for clean water filters to the various third world countries including Philippines, Indonesia, Uganda, Kenya etc.
- Organized several medical mission projects in Phil through Ohana Medical Mission of the Philippine Medical Association and Foundation.
- Coordinator of University of Hawaii Medical School Students to rotate to University of Santo Tomas School of Medicine and Community Medicine Rotation to the Barrio Clinic for Rural Medical Experiences, on-going for the past 10 years.
- 2016 – Established the Early Learning Center for 150 Children age 3-5 with feeding programs daily for 5 days per week.
- Currently building the Home for the Aged (50 units) to serve needs of Geriatric Clients.
- Feeding Program for the Homeless in Kapiolani Park, Waikiki every Saturday Morning.
- Serves as Permanent Deacon since ordination in 1984 in various ministries, both liturgical and social justice ministry programs.
- Has Master of Arts in Theology on Bioethics since 1985 and founded the Catholic Medical Association in Rochester and in Honolulu and speaks on Respect for Life topics especially against Physician Assisted Suicide.
- Has been honored in 1993 to receive the Doctor of Humanities by Nazareth College based on community and global outreach services.