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Building Connections and Changing Culture

Catechists and parish leaders from around the diocese came together this August for inspiration, education and encouragement. During this year's Catechetical Symposium, entitled "Building Catholic Culture", guest speakers from across the country offered exciting, innovative ideas for the upcoming year of ministry. A team of talented and engaging presenters joined Bishop Liam Cary in offering practical tools to build vibrant Catholic homes and parishes as well as innovative methods for solving ongoing challenges. Participants were able to attend presentations in either English or Spanish. Through these presentations we learned and discussed how to better teach through the lens of evangelization, intentionally build virtue in our youth, and actively encourage new ways of sharing faith in the home.

The Symposium also offers a great opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to connect for conversation and prayer. Through these connections we are able to share the joys, struggles, and excitement of conveying the truth and love of Christ in our local parishes.

We are looking forward to continuing the momentum of this year's Symposium with pastoral visits around the diocese this fall and spring.

Thank you for supporting this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal and making the Catechetical Symposium a reality!



In the peace of Jesus Christ,

Josh Schaan & Bryce Herrmann
Office of Evangelization & Catechesis



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for prayer and encouragement . . .



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Celebration at St. Augustine in Merrill

Father Francis Obijekwu, pastor of Saint Augustine Church in Merrill, celebrated the 13th anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on July 22nd. The parish celebrated with a Tri-Tip Dinner on July 20th in his honor and fellow



classmates and long-time friends, Fathers Geoffrey Agu and Ephraim Igwilo, attended as well. It was a wonderful celebration. Thank you to all who helped make Father's anniversary a special day to remember.

—Submitted by Cindy Taylor,
Director of Religious Education



Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Aftermaths of Abortion

As we enter Respect Life Month 2019, bitter disagreement over our treatment of the unborn divides Americans more deeply than ever. This year, in a direct challenge to the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, Ohio, Kentucky, and Georgia have restricted abortion to the first six weeks of pregnancy. In stark contrast, New York, Vermont, and Illinois have locked abortion unchangeably into state law even if *Roe* should be overturned.

These radically opposed perspectives on the national level manifest themselves dramatically in personal life too, as mothers and fathers react to the post mortem trauma that “choice” puts them through. This column will feature two very different reactions.

The first involves an increasingly common practice developed in the *in vitro* fertilization industry. To improve pregnancy-achievement rates clinics implant multiple embryos in their clients, and risky pregnancies frequently result—twins, triplets, or quads. To reduce the dangers these “multiplet” pregnancies pose, clinics may advise “selective reduction”: doctors inject one or more of the womb’s little inhabitants with potassium chloride to cause heart seizure and death, thereby making more room for the surviving sibling(s) to grow.

One woman told The New York Times how she decided on her “selection”:

If I had conceived these twins naturally, I wouldn’t have reduced this pregnancy, because you feel like if there’s a natural order, then you don’t want to disturb it. But we created this child in such an artificial manner—in a test tube, choosing an egg donor, having the embryo placed in me—and somehow, making a decision about how many to carry seemed to be just another choice. The pregnancy was all so consumerish to begin with, and this became yet another thing we could control.

Such a “command and control mentality” over procreation sets up a glide path for us to begin treating our own offspring like raw material,” Father Tad Pacholczyk writes. “We assume the role of Masters over, rather than recipients of, our own offspring.” When we produce and manipulate children in laboratory glassware, “we sever our obedience to the Giver of life . . . Who has radically willed our personal existence.”

But there is another, altogether different, way: the return to obedience. Like any sinner who feels the caress of Divine Mercy, abortive mothers and fathers (each day 3000 American men lose a child to the abortionist’s hand) can re-align their will with God’s through repentance. One father had his experience of this grace twenty years later:

My Dear John Peter—

This past weekend I did something I should have done a very long time ago. I confessed to your death by abortion. . . . In the fall, John, when the leaves fall from the trees, I shall think of you, for you too fell from life. In the cold of winter, John, the snow shall remind me of you: for like the snow you were white and pure. In the spring, John, I shall think of you: . . . that you, too, should have been born into this world. John, I shall think of you in the summer . . . as a little boy running and playing, scraping your knees from a fall. I shall miss . . . all that I might have gained from your life. My little one, John Peter, I can only now ask you to forgive me as Jesus . . . [has] done. May you rest in the arms of God—Dad.

The same deadly “procedure”; two very different aftermaths. After nearly a half-century of state-sponsored abortion, the deepening division widens further.

Against the ominous danger that overshadows their brief existence, our offspring in the womb unknowingly depend on us to protect their precarious little foothold on life, just as our parents did for us when we were where they are. Into their tiny hearts the Author of Life has placed His hope in us—His hope for us to remember that the life we live now is not our own, that we are here because He wills us to be here, that we must do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Secuelas del Aborto

Al entrar en el Mes de Respeto a la Vida 2019, el desacuerdo amargo sobre nuestro tratamiento de los no-nacidos divide a los Americanos más profundamente que nunca. Este año, en un desafío directo a la decisión de la Corte Suprema de *Roe v. Wade* en 1973, Ohio, Kentucky, y Georgia han restringido el aborto a los primeras seis semanas de embarazo. En un marcado contraste, New York, Vermont, e Illinois han bloqueado el aborto invariablemente a ley estatal, incluso si *Roe* fuera anulado.

Estas perspectivas radicalmente opuestas a nivel nacional se manifiestan dramáticamente también en la vida personal, ya que las madres y padres reaccionan ante el trauma post mortem que la “elección” del aborto les hace pasar. Esta columna presentará dos reacciones muy diferentes.

La primera implica una práctica cada vez más común desarrollada en la industria de fertilización *in vitro*. Para mejorar el índice de logro del embarazo, las clínicas implantan múltiples embriones en sus clientes, y con

frecuencia resultan embarazos de riesgo—gemelos, trillizos, o cuatrillizos. Para reducir los peligros que representan estos embarazos “multiplet”, las clínicas pueden aconsejar “reducción selectiva”: los médicos inyectan cloruro de potasio a uno o más de los pequeños habitantes del útero para causar convulsiones cardíacas y la muerte, lo que hace más espacio para que los hermanos sobrevivientes crezcan.

Una mujer le dijo al *New York Times* cómo decidió en su “selección:”

Si hubiera concebido estos gemelos naturalmente, no hubiera reducido este embarazo, porque sientes que si hay un orden natural, entonces no quieres alterarlo. Pero creamos este niño de una manera tan artificial—en un tubo de ensayo, escogiendo un donante de óvulo, colocando el embrión dentro de mí—y de alguna manera, tomando una decisión de cuantos llevar parecía ser otra opción. Para empezar, el embarazo fue muy consumidor, y esto se convirtió en otra cosa que podíamos controlar.

Tal “mentalidad de mando y control” sobre la procreación establece un camino de planeo para que comencemos a tratar a nuestra propia descendencia como materia prima”, escribe el Padre Tad Pacholczyk. “Asumimos el rol de Dueños sobre, en lugar de receptores de, nuestra propia descendencia”. Cuando producimos y manipulamos niños en cristalería de laboratorio, “cortamos nuestra obediencia al Dador de vida... Quien radicalmente ha dispuesto nuestra existencia personal”.

Pero hay otra forma, completamente diferente: el retorno a la obediencia. Como cualquier pecador que siente la caricia de la Divina Misericordia, las madres y padres abortivos (cada día 3000 hombres estadounidenses pierden un hijo a manos del abortista) pueden realinear su voluntad con la de Dios a través del arrepentimiento. Un padre tuvo su experiencia de esta gracia veinte años después:

Mi Querido John Peter—

Este fin de semana pasado hice algo que debería haber hecho hace mucho tiempo. Confesé tu muerte por el aborto. . . . En el otoño, John, cuando las hojas caen de los árboles, pensaré en ti, porque tú también caíste de la vida. En lo frío del invierno, John, la nieve me recordará a ti: porque como la nieve eras blanco y puro. En la primavera, John, pensaré en ti: . . . que tú, también, deberías haber nacido en este mundo. John, pensaré en ti en el verano . . . como un niño pequeño corriendo y jugando, raspando tus rodillas debido a una caída. Voy a extrañar . . . todo lo que podría haber ganado de tu vida. Mi pequeño, John Peter, ahora solo puedo pedirte que me perdones así como Jesús. . . [lo ha] hecho. Que descanses en los brazos de Dios—Papá.

Ese mismo “procedimiento” mortal; dos secuelas muy diferentes. Después de casi medio siglo de abortos patrocinados por el estado, la división cada vez más profunda se amplía cada vez más.

En contra del peligro ominoso que desborda su breve existencia, nuestra descendencia en el útero, sin saberlo, depende de nosotros para proteger su precario punto de apoyo en la vida, tal como lo hicieron nuestros padres cuando estábamos donde ellos están. En sus pequeños corazones, el Autor de la Vida ha depositado su esperanza en nosotros: su esperanza de que recordemos que la vida que vivimos ahora no es nuestra, que estamos aquí porque Él quiere que estemos aquí, y que debemos hacer a los demás como quisiéramos que nos hicieran a nosotros.

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

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| Oct 5-6 | Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Annual Meeting and Mass of Investiture, Reno, Nevada |
| Oct 7-11 | Priest Assembly, Diocesan Retreat Center |
| Oct 12 | 8:00 AM Mass, St. Pius X Women's Retreat, Klamath Falls
5:30 PM Mass, Merrill |
| Oct 13 | 9:00 AM Mass and Acolyte Installation, Merrill
11:15 AM Mass, Bonanza |



Bring Peace!

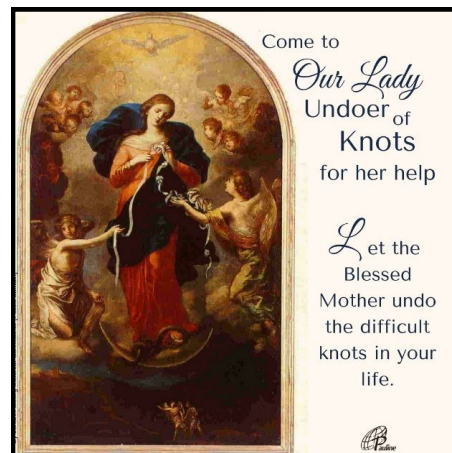
... IN OUR HEARTS – OUR HOMES –
OUR NATION AND ALL THE NATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
— HEAR THE STORY

“TALK LESS and PRAY MORE”

The closing of the five-week diocesan tour of the **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY OF FATIMA STATUE** will complete the tour at St. Thomas Church in Redmond on October 6th, with Mass at 12:00 PM followed by Veneration and Eucharistic Adoration throughout the night to Mass at 8:00 AM in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, who is Our Lady Undoer of Knots.

Come and pray both with and for our Bishop Liam Cary, all our priests and future priests in our diocese, the Sacrament of Holy Orders, our religious and consecrated, and us, the priestly people. Join us for hourly Rosaries, Divine Mercy Chaplets, hymns, prayers and quiet meditation.

Submitted by Judith Newport, MMD



St. Francis of Assisi in Bend Celebrates Key Milestones

2019 and 2020 are special years for the community of St. Francis of Assisi in Bend. Both of its parish churches are celebrating key milestones. On Sunday, August 25, the parish celebrated the 10th anniversary of the dedication of its 27th Street Church. It was hard for parishioners to believe that 10 years had already passed. The project was the last phase of moving the entire parish complex—church, school and administrative offices—from their downtown locations to the northeast part of town.

At the 10th Anniversary Mass, Fr. Jose Mudakodiyil, pastor, blessed a plaque commemorating



this occasion and the burning of the mortgage which occurred March 30th this year. After Mass, the community enjoyed a parish picnic.

In 2020, the downtown Historic Church will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. Sue Rosa, the parish council chair, will spearhead the celebration. Looking at both of these events, Sue commented, “For us, these anniversaries are not so much about buildings as celebrations of the presence of Christ and His Church in Bend.”

Father Jose added, “We are looking forward to proclaiming the Gospel in Bend for many, many years to come.”

—Submitted by Deacon Steve McGlone



“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a HOPE.”

—Jeremiah 29:11



Journey in Hope

Women's Retreat

October 11 & 12, 2019

St. Pius X Church, 4880 Bristol Ave, Klamath Falls 97603

Speakers:

Sister Maximilian Marie Garretson, O.P.
and

Sister Maria Gemma Martek, O.P.

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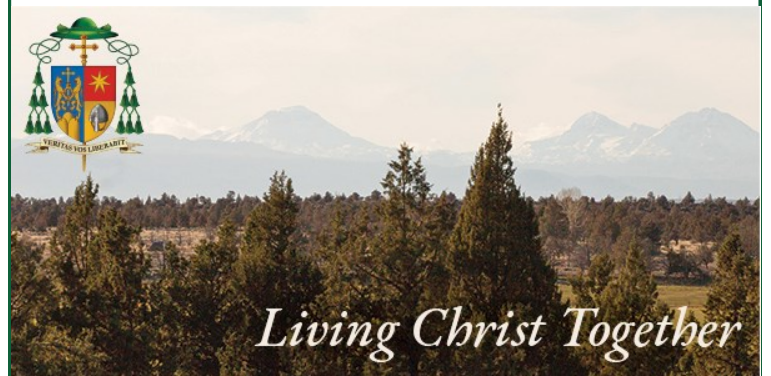


Return your Registration Form with your payment to St. Pius X Church

Registration forms and details available on our website
www.piusxkf.com/news or in the Vestibule.

Please let us know if you need housing for Friday Night.
We have women who would be happy to host you.

A Message from Bishop Cary



Living Christ Together

A few days ago many of you received my first email in a new endeavor to communicate quick-to-read, occasional messages that I hope will inspire, inform and encourage.

If you did not receive my first email and you would like to receive future messages, please free to send your email address to together@dioceseofbaker.org.

I look forward to journeying with you as together we continue to build up the Church of Central and Eastern Oregon.

In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Larry Cary