



#iGIVECATHOLIC
December 3, 2019



Support our Parishes Outreach Ministries!

Participate on #GI[♥]INGTUESDAY

On December 3rd dioceses across the nation are joining together to provide online charitable giving through a new platform called #iGiveCatholic.

This year, #iGiveCatholic and the Diocese of Baker have partnered to offer a web-based opportunity for our friends and families across the country to help support our local ministries that support the **7 Corporal Works of Mercy**.

Pastors are encouraged to highlight their own Parish Outreach ministries for two purposes: 1) engage their parishioners to spread the word beyond their local community and 2) request financial support from monies raised through this event.

Contributions can make a big impact on: the hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick, imprisoned, burying the dead, and the needy among us. 100% of all donations will go to those parishes requesting support.



www.baker.igivecatholic.org

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
(Advanced day giving starts November 18)

Christmas Catholic Gift Fair

All are invited to the 3rd Annual Christmas Catholic Gift Fair presented by the St. Thomas Gift Shop ministry and held this weekend only.

Sunday, November 17 — 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM
(No sales during Holy Masses)

Catholic-centered items for your home will be available:

- Advent wreaths
- Candles
- Calendars
- One-of-a-kind Nativity sets
- Figurines of Baby Jesus, Angels, Kings, and Animals
- Children's Books and Activities
- Stocking Stuffers
- Ornaments and Novelties.

St. Thomas Catholic Church, 1720 NW 19th St., Redmond
For more information, contact Laurel Cupper
541-788-9702 or st.thomas@q.com

THE ST. THOMAS GIFT SHOP MINISTRY IS STRICTLY NON-PROFIT.
ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY BACK TO THE CHURCH.
CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

St. Peter's Altar Society 41st Annual Bazar Anual de la sociedad del altar de San Pedro

Holiday Bazaar Bazar Navideño

Saturday, November 23, 2019
Sábado, Noviembre 23, 2019

9:00am – 4:00pm

St. Mary's Academy / Academia Santa Maria
10th and Cherry Hts. Rd. • The Dalles, OR

Baked goods, Crafts, Crochet, Woodwork, Plants and more...

Productos horneados, artesanías, ganchillo, artesanía en madera, plantas y más

Quilt raffle tickets \$1.00 or 6/\$5.00

Boletos de la rifa de edredones \$1.00 o 6/\$5.00

Cafeteria open from 7:30am to 3:00pm

Cafetería abierta de 7:30am a 3:00pm

Start now on your Christmas shopping! See you there.
Empiece sus compras navideñas! Nos vemos allí





Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Blessing of the Sick

As we remember the dead in November, we inevitably recall what led up to their passing: illness of body and soul in all its dispiriting variety — chronic, disabling, demoralizing; swift, dismaying, overwhelming. The question comes to us that came to Thomas Merton: “What shall we answer when we come to be examined by pain?”

Throughout the Gospels the evangelists highlight our Redeemer’s preoccupation with the sufferings of the sick. Entering the synagogue to teach for the first time, He was met by the repulsive shrieking of “a man with an unclean spirit.” To the amazement of the onlookers, our Jesus promptly cast the demon out. He then proceeded to the sick bed of Peter’s mother-in-law, took her by the hand, and lifted her out of her fever. Such power continued to go forth from Him to the very last night of His life, when His touch healed the sword-struck ear of the high priest’s slave in the Garden of Gethsemani.

To His Church our Lord entrusted His power to heal. Through the hand of the priest in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Jesus continues to touch those for whom the shadow of death takes the form of grave illness or old age. In the words of the Catechism, the sacrament of the sick “completes the holy anointings that mark the whole Christian life This last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father’s house.”

But not every illness is deadly. Long before death begins to hover in the background, we may be stricken with suffering that is not so much “final” as it is perpetual—the constant, crippling pain of arthritis; the merciless progression of Parkinson’s; the un-liftable weight of depression. In search of “courage to endure in a Christian manner” such intractable long-term suffering, those bowed down can turn to the Church, not for the Sacrament of the Sick, but for a powerful sacramental: the Rite of the Blessing of the Sick. This prayerful ritual does not include imposition of hands by the priest; and non-Catholics can come forward to have hands laid on them too. (The Rite of Blessing can also be done instead of the Sacrament of Anointing for individuals as well.)

For years when I was pastor in Medford, I used to offer this service monthly as a stand-alone ritual without Mass. It didn’t take long for this disarmingly simple yet deeply moving prayer to take root in our midst. Many people came every month; others, for as long as their malady persisted. As a priest, there were few activities I so enjoyed being part of.

At our 2018 Clergy Assembly, I introduced the Rite of the Blessing of the Sick to the priests of the diocese and encouraged them to offer it in their parishes. I hope they will do so, and I hope many of you will let yourselves be touched by the peace I know it can bring.

Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Bendición de los Enfermos

Al recordar a los difuntos en Noviembre, inevitablemente recordamos lo que llevó a su muerte: enfermedad del cuerpo y alma en toda su desalentadora variedad — crónica o repentina, incapacitante, desmoralizante, anonadante. Y la pregunta nos llega a nosotros que le llegó a Tomás Merton: “¿Qué responderemos cuando seamos examinados por el dolor?”

A través de los Evangelios, los evangelistas realzan la preocupación de nuestro Redentor con los sufrimientos de los enfermos. Entrando en la sinagoga para enseñar por primera vez, Él fue recibido por el repulsivo grito de “un hombre con un espíritu sucio”. Para asombro de los espectadores, nuestro Jesús echó rápidamente al demonio. Después se dirigió a la cama de la suegra de Pedro, la tomó de la mano, y le quitó la fiebre. Tal poder continuó saliendo de Él hasta la última noche de Su vida, cuando Su toque sanó la oreja herida del esclavo del sumo sacerdote en el Jardín de Getsemaní.

A Su Iglesia nuestro Señor le confió Su poder de sanar. A través de la mano del sacerdote en el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, Jesús continúa tocando a aquellos quienes la sombra de la muerte toma la forma de enfermedad grave o de vejez. En las palabras del Catecismo, el sacramento de los enfermos “completa las sagradas unciones que marcan toda la vida Cristiana Esta última unción fortifica el final de nuestra vida terrenal como un baluarte sólido para las luchas finales antes de entrar a la casa del Padre”.

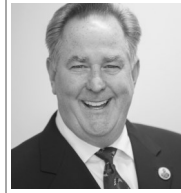
Pero no toda enfermedad es mortal. Mucho antes de que comience la muerte a flotar en el fondo, podemos ser golpeados con sufrimiento que no es tanto “final” como lo es perpetuo—el constante, paralizante dolor del artritis; la progresión despiadada del Parkinsons; el peso abrumador de la depresión. En busca de valor para soportar en una manera Cristiana tal sufrimiento a largo plazo, tales afligidos pueden recurrir a la Iglesia, no por el Sacramento de los Enfermos, sino por un poderoso sacramental: el Rito de la Bendición de los Enfermos. Este ritual de oración no incluye la unción, pero si incluye la imposición de manos por el sacerdote; y los que no son Católicos también pueden pasar para recibir la imposición de manos. (Este mismo rito se puede hacer en lugar de la

Unción para individuos también). Por años, cuando yo era párroco en Medford, ofrecía este servicio mensualmente como rito separado sin Misa.

Poco tiempo después de introducirla en Medford, esta profundamente conmovedora oración echó raíces en medio de nosotros. Muchas personas venían cada mes; otros, conforme su enfermedad persistiera. Como sacerdote, había pocas actividades de las que tanto disfrutaba siendo parte.

En nuestra Asamblea del Clero en 2018 introduje el Rito de la Bendición de los Enfermos a los sacerdotes de la diócesis y los animé a ofrecerlo en sus parroquias. Espero que lo hagan, y espero que muchos de ustedes se dejen tocar por la paz que sé que puede traer.

of **December 7-8** to correspond with all other dioceses across the nation as we have typically done in years past. Please pray for the success of the collection. Thank you for your generosity and support.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Leaving a Legacy for your Parish

One of the most unique and impactful ways of ensuring the future of your parish is through a legacy gift. A legacy gift can take many forms such as a simple bequest as a part of your estate plans and can be of great benefit in helping fulfill your personal financial objectives. It is our sincere hope that you will give prayerful consideration to partnering with us in support of our Catholic mission that our children, grandchildren and future generations experience.

Gifts from a Will or Trust

Gifts from a Will or Living Trust are two of the most common ways to create a legacy gift for the benefit of the Catholic Church. A bequest may include cash, specific property, or a share of the estate.

Gifts of Stock and Appreciated Assets

Donating stocks, bonds or mutual funds directly to a Parish significantly increases your tax deduction and the amount of income it receives.

Gifts from your Retirement Plan

Gifts of retirement assets are another simple way to leave a gift by naming a Parish as beneficiary of a percent or full amount of your Individual Retirement Account, 401k, or other qualified retirement plan.

Gifts of Life Insurance

There are many ways in which life insurance policies can be used to make a contribution, all of which provide tax deductions and the opportunity to make a more substantial gift than otherwise possible. It is easy to name a Parish as the beneficiary of a policy or transfer ownership of a paid-up policy to our parish.

Gifts of Real Estate

A Parish may be named as beneficiary or co-beneficiary to almost any type of personal property or real estate.



If you are interested in more information or would like to let us know of plans already in motion, please contact Mark French, Executive Director of the Legacy of Faith Foundation, at (541) 388-4004. The Diocese also has a website with more information on the Foundation as well as the different ways you can create a legacy gift. We encourage you to visit the site at <https://dioceseofbaker.org/legacy-of-faith-catholic-community-foundation-of-oregon>.



RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

In 1988, Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious collection to address the profound deficit in retirement savings among US religious congregations. Since the first appeal, the NRRO has distributed \$834.8 million to congregations across the nation.

Donors often speak of this campaign as a timely response to priests and religious who have ministered throughout their lives to others. Our diocesan and international priests have served the Church for relatively little material reward. These dedicated priests deserve a just retirement for their committed years of service to the diocese. While we understand the importance of supporting the national collection, we too must take care of our own priests who have served so faithfully in the Diocese of Baker. Over the past 31 years parishioners in our diocese have donated \$1,292,802 to this collection.

In 2018, we received \$124,321.53 for the Religious Retirement Collection and 10% was sent to the national office; the remainder stayed in our diocese.

As many of you already know, the Priest's pension plan is significantly underfunded. The Diocese of Baker also makes payments to the dioceses of our international priests based on years of service in our diocese. Because of our large unfunded pension liability and our outstanding retirement liability for our international priests, the diocese will again allocate the majority of this collection to the Priest's Retirement Program. This collection and our own Bishop's Annual Appeal are two of their major funding sources.

We will continue to support the religious sisters and brothers who have served in our diocese by remitting a portion of this collection to the national office. We urge you to continue to support this important and necessary collection. **The annual collection for the Retirement Fund will be conducted in our diocese on the weekend**

Bishop Cary's Schedule

Nov 17	Day of the Son Mass, Diocesan Retreat Center
Nov 19-20	Episcopal Ordination & Installation, Most Reverend Austin Vetter, Diocese of Helena
Nov 23	3:00 PM Confessions & 5:30 PM Mass, Madras
Nov 24	8:00 AM Mass, Warm Springs 10:30 Mass & 12:30 Spanish Mass, Madras
Nov 25	Noon Hispanic Clergy Meeting, Chancery

With Love, Respect & Gratitude by the Altar of the Lord...

St. Pius X Mission Parish in Wallowa is now blessed with four acolytes, including the two new acolytes instituted by Bishop Cary on October 20th.



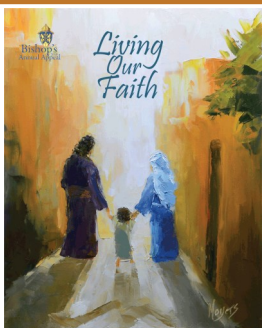
From L to R:
Tim McDaniel,
Pat Irwin (new),
Bob Jones (new),
and Jim Soares

Also that day, Bishop Cary traveled to St. Katherine Parish in Enterprise for a pastoral visit where the parish's seven acolytes were able to pose for a picture with Bishop.



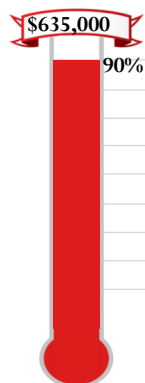
From L to R:
Don Gritzmacher,
Doug Kunkle,
Pat Matthews,
Dave Dieringer,
Paul Castilleja,
Bill Kost, and
Dennis Brennan

Thank you so much, Bishop Cary, for your loving and inspiring pastoral visit to both of our Parishes in Wallowa County.
— Submitted by Fr. Thomas CMI



Faith comes alive when we work together to spread it.
La fe cobra vida cuando trabajamos juntos para difundirla.

With **\$63,504** to go,
please help us to
complete our mission
in serving the
14 key ministries
of our diocese.



Memorial for the Unborn

In October, parishioners gathered in remembrance at the Memorial for the Unborn on the grounds of Saint Pius X Catholic Church in Klamath Falls.

They prayed for the unborn children lost through natural death or abortion.



*"They are blessed who
grieve, for God will
comfort them."
Matthew 5:4*

*In Memory of precious
unborn children sadly lost
through natural death or
taken from this world
through tragedy of abortion.*



PRAYER OF BLESSING OVER MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN

Father of Life and Love, we thank you today that you have called us to share in the life of the one human family. We thank you for all our brothers and sisters, and ask You to deepen the bonds of love among us.

We thank you especially for our youngest and smallest brothers and sisters, those in the womb. Today, Oh Lord, we remember them, while so many choose to ignore and forget them. We remember those who are living, and commend them to Your protection. We remember those who have died and we commend them to Your mercy.

Father, we dedicate to You this memorial stone. We pray that it will serve as a witness to the humanity of our youngest brothers and sisters. We pray that it will serve as a testimony that we are responsible for them. We pray that it will provide a place where those who have lost their children may mourn and find comfort.

We pray, Father, that we who are the living stones of the Church, may likewise be witnesses to the dignity of life. Give us the grace to confront the evil of abortion and eliminate it. May we see the day when all people who look upon this stone will remember abortion only as a thing of the past, and may praise You forever for the victory of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

This prayer may be found at

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/prayers/prayerofblessingformonumenttotheunborn.html>