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Like Mary, may we keep reflections
of her Son, Jesus, in our hearts.

(Cf. Luke 2: 19,51)

Wishing you a
Blessed
Mother's Day



Deszándoles un día
de las madres lleno
de Bendiciones

Como María, guardemos en nuestro
corazón recuerdos de su hijo Jesús.

(Cf. Lucas 2, 19,51)

OREGON CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Papal Blessing given to Oregon Catholic Daughter Member

The beautiful Apostolic Scroll from his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI was presented at the February meeting of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 2322, to member Genevieve Pappe. Genevieve is 90 years "young". She attends daily and Sunday Mass at St. Augustine's in Merrill, when her health permits. She was given this Papal Blessing for her devotion and services to her family, the Church and to Catholic Daughters of America.

Genevieve is the proud mother of seven children, four boys and three girls. She was married to George Pappe for almost 37 years, when he passed away in 1983. Their family has been blessed with 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was a teacher for Klamath County for 22 years.

In past years she has served as Vice-Regent and Secretary of CDA. Four of her most memorable trips include visiting the Holy Lands, Medjugorje, seeing the Oberammergau Passion play in Germany and a trip to Norway, where some of her ancestors originated.

Gen is a dignified, quick-minded and humble person. She is definitely a treasure and blessing to the Parish in Merrill and to Court 2322 of the CDA.



Marty Ottoman, Catholic Daughters of America Regent, presents Genevieve Pappe with the **Papal Blessing**

ON THE ROAD...reflections from Bishop Skylstad:

Our lives are filled with journeys. We have just concluded the journey of forty days of Lent and now are celebrating the Easter season. In a very real sense the liturgical year, beginning with Advent and concluding with the Feast of Christ the King, is an annual journey. We celebrate Mothers' Day every year in May. Every mother has a specific journey through life and the national holiday honoring mothers reminds us to celebrate their gift to each of us. Mothers have had a profound influence on our lives and for that we must be forever grateful. So often in fractured societies it is the mother who valiantly holds things together for families. So to all of you mothers, a happy and blessed Mothers' Day! Thank you for being such blessings to all of us.

There are other journeys we take in life. Some are spiritual, others are physical. For me the last few months, journeys through our diocese have been many. I have enjoyed the driving and several times have driven through areas I have never been before. I have come to appreciate the long distances some of the pastors must drive each weekend to celebrate Mass with our various faith communities. This pastoral ministry is an expression of presence of the Church in celebration and a reminder of how connected we are with the Lord and through Him with one another. One of our great blessings in Church is our connectedness with one another as the Church universal. But also there must be a sense of connectedness with our diocesan family. The same, of course, holds true with our parish communities.

To journey through life together with reverence and respect is demanding. We should not expect it to be otherwise. Journeying together means sacrifice, love, forgiveness, compassion, commitment and patient endurance. As I drive on the highway or along the Columbia, I marvel at the courage, vision and effort of those who have gone before us. The early pioneers had no easy means of travel and yet they made their journeys. The efforts are the foundation of what we enjoy today.

Certainly in our times the spiritual journey of a parish can be very challenging for lots of reasons. Yet, this is where the spiritual depth, skill, commitment, respect for everyone and a deep commitment to unity and collaboration can really shine forth. Rejection, controlling attitudes, alienation, ideologies, to name a few, are like throwing sand in the gears of the spiritual journey of parish life. You and I are called to be so much more. We continue to build the foundation of the journey into the future. We must continue in the spirit of Gospel and with a profound sense of what it means to be Church to stay on the road and not go off into the ditch. Or even worse, quit the journey altogether.

Jesus tells us he is the way. That's really how we stay on the road and make progress.

Blessings and peace.

CONSIDER LITURGY: While distributing Holy Communion, the priest and the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion simply say, "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ". When the priest receives his own Communion, however, he says silently, "May the Body (Blood) of Christ keep me safe for eternal life." The Mass is thus not entirely a succession of public, vocal prayers. It involves private, personal prayers and even a strong element of mental prayer. The words the priest says at Mass in these prayers can and should be imitated by the lay participants. It is fitting that every participant make at least some of these prayers their own. It is even more fitting for each to find his or her own reflective moments and savor them in private prayer.

CLERGY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES: Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during the month of May:

Most Rev. William S. Skylstad

Ordained to Priesthood May 21, 1960

Ordained as Bishop May 12, 1977

Rev. Alfred Fisher, retired May 26, 1956

Rev. Charles Dreisbach, retired May 23, 1959

Rev. Raymond Hopp, retired May 01, 1965

Rev. Mike Fitzpatrick, Pendleton/Athena May 14, 1977

Rev. Louis H. Albrecht, La Grande May 14, 1986

Very Rev. Joseph Reinig, Vicar General May 21, 1998

Rev. Bailey Clemens, Pendleton May 23, 1998

Rev. Andrew Colvin, Silverdale, WA May 31, 2002

Rev. Daniel Maxwell, Arock May 22, 2009

Rev. Andrew Szymakowski, Wasco/Grass Valley

May 22, 2004

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our Priests and Bishops. Please keep them in your prayers.

SAINTS AND FEASTS: Sts. Philip and James, May 11 – Philip was one of Christ's first disciples, called right after Jesus was baptized in the Jordan. The Master saw Philip and said to him, "Follow me." And Philip left Bethesda, also the home of Peter and Andrew, and went with the Son of Joseph of Nazareth.

James the Less was related to Jesus and was severely ascetic and prayed constantly. After Jesus's Ascension, he was chosen by the other Apostles as the first bishop of Jerusalem. He died a martyr, asking God to forgive his murderers.

A reliquary containing the bones of both men was discovered under the high altar of the Church of the Twelve Apostles in Rome in 1873. The Mass text was composed for the blessing of that church.

In the Gospel we see the two apostles with Christ between them, a fitting picture of triumph for Easter-tide. In the Introit of the Mass, we hear, "In their tribulation they cried to you, O Lord, and you heard them from heaven." These two saints remind us that the road to God is one of hardships and suffering on earth, but ends in victory and joy.

NOTICAS HISPANAS: Hoy en este día tan especial para todas las madrecitas, la oficina del Ministerio Hispano quiere felicitarlas y desearles un día lleno de dicha, felicidad y bendiciones con sus seres queridos, que Dios la siga llenando de bendiciones y seguir viendo el rostro de Dios reflejado en el de ustedes. Recordemos a personas que vivieron aflicciones y problemas siendo madres y confiando y entregándose a Dios desde su maternidad obtuvieron la santidad:

Santa Mónica – Sigue rogando por las madres y por sus hijos, por las esposas y sus maridos y por todos los pobres pecadores que necesitamos convertirnos. Mónica significa dedicada a la oración y a la vida espiritual. Santa Mónica es la madre de San Agustín y por sus oraciones logro la conversión de su hijo y de su esposo. Ella deseaba dedicarse a la vida de oración y de soledad pero sus padres dispusieron que se casara con Patricio. Este era un buen trabajador, pero terriblemente malgeniado, y además mujeriego, jugador y sin religión.

La hizo sufrir lo que no está escrito y por treinta años ella tuvo que aguantar los tremendos estallidos de ira de su marido que gritaba por el menor disgusto, pero éste jamás se atrevió a levantar la mano contra ella.

Tuvieron tres hijos, dos varones y una mujer. Los dos menores fueron su alegría y consuelo, pero el mayor Agustín, la hizo sufrir por docenas de años.

En aquella región del norte de África, las personas eran sumamente agresivas, las demás esposas le preguntaban a Mónica porqué su esposo era uno de los hombres de peor genio en toda la ciudad, pero no la golpeaba nunca, y en cambio los esposos de ellas las golpeaban sin compasión. Mónica les respondió: "Es que, cuando mi esposo está de mal genio, yo me esfuerzo por estar de buen genio. Cuando el grita, yo me callo. Y como para pelear se necesitan dos y yo no acepto la pelea, pues....no peleamos". Esta fórmula se ha hecho célebre en el mundo y ha servido a millones de mujeres para mantener la paz en la casa.

Venerable Concepción (Conchita) Cabrera de Armida – 1862 - 1937 Fundadora de las Obras de la Cruz México. Esposa, madre, viuda, abuela, fundadora... y por indulgencia de Pio X, murió canónicamente como religiosa en los brazos de sus hijos. Por la profundidad de sus escritos, Conchita es reconocida como gran mística del siglo XX. Profundizó la espiritualidad de la Cruz, necesaria para una verdadera entrega a Dios por Jesús en el poder del Espíritu Santo. Profetizó un nuevo pentecostés que ocurrirá por la santificación de los sacerdotes. En sus escritos "A mis sacerdotes", Jesús guía a los sacerdotes a la santidad en unión con El. Cuando tenía 36 años de edad, antes del nacimiento de su noveno hijo, Conchita escribió: "Llevo en mí tres vidas, a la cual más fuertes: la vida de familia con sus multiplicadas penas de mil clases, la vida de madre; la vida de las Obras de la Cruz con todas sus penas y peso; y la vida del espíritu o interior, que es la más pesada, con sus altos y bajos, sus tempestades y luchas, su luz y sus tinieblas. ¡Bendito sea Dios por todo!".

GIVING THROUGH CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES:

A charitable gift annuity is a special way to make a gift, increase your income and reduce your tax bill all in one transaction. The Diocese offers charitable gift annuities to our many faithful who have expressed a desire to make a gift, while still retaining income from the gift during their lives. The Diocese of Baker has been offering charitable gift annuities since 2001, and to date has received almost \$900,000 in annuity gifts. The Diocesan annuity fund is invested with the Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation of Oregon, the Diocesan Foundation.

A charitable gift annuity is a contract in which you exchange a gift of cash or securities for a guaranteed, fixed income each year for the rest of your life. The following example illustrates how a gift annuity works: Mrs. Reynolds, age 70, wants to give \$10,000 for a Diocesan Gift Annuity. Under this annuity Mrs. Reynolds would receive 5.7% or \$570 annually for the rest of her life. Because she itemizes on her tax return, Mrs. Reynolds would also receive a tax deduction of \$3,814 in the first year. The Diocese also offers two-life annuities whereby a gift is made by a couple and they receive the income from the annuity gift until they both pass on. For example if the husband passes first, his wife will receive the income until her death.

Gift annuities have a long history of helping in the mission and ministry of Jesus, and they have gained in appeal in recent years due to the benefits for donors. Our program allows you to direct the majority of the remaining assets of your gift to your Parish. You also have the flexibility of directing the remaining assets to the Diocese of Baker, for the works of the Diocese. So far your gifts have been directed to help the Diocesan Camp Program, The Powell Butte Retreat Center, The Priests Health and Retirement Fund, The Seminary Fund, St. Pius X Church in Klamath Falls, St. Thomas Church in Redmond, and St. Joseph Church in Prineville. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile program. For additional information on the gift annuity program, please contact John Schiemer at jschiemer@dioceseofbaker.org or at the Diocesan offices at 541 388-4004.

DIOCESAN NEWS: Bishop Thomas Connolly has received all of your cards for his Anniversary, Easter and friendship. Please continue to remember him in your prayers and to send him little notes of love and encouragement. He is adjusting nicely to his situation.

RETREAT CENTER NEWS: The 2011 calendar for May is mostly full. They include the following events:

May 10: St. Francis Bend Staff Retreat

May 21: St. Francis Bend Lector Retreat

For details and more information or to view the full schedule of events for 2011 please see the Powell Butte page on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofbaker.org.

PARISH NEWS: For the past couple of years, students in the kindergarten through sixth grade classes at St. Edward the Martyr Religious Education Program in Sisters take their books to and from class in colorful and durable book bags. The book bags were the idea of Julia Huni, who at the time was a new parishioner. She and her husband Dave and three children, Douglas, Max and Bridgett, had relocated from Virginia. A friend of hers, whose children attended a parish in Virginia, used book bags to keep their books and papers organized. Julia felt confident that she could create a pattern that would work for our students.



Mary Richards, the creator of "Sew Days" at St. Edward, donated the material and the project was underway. Julia and Genevieve McKenzie originally made 30 bags and have made about 12 additional bags each year since the project began. The students are given a bag at the beginning of the school year and are expected to keep them throughout their years in the Religious Education program. We are grateful to Julia and Genevieve and everyone else who helped with this project.

PARISH NEWS: The children of St Francis De Sales Cathedral of Baker City recently presented a play entitled "And the Morning Followed...." It included music, choral singing, drama, acting, mime and even some dancing. The play was held in the parish hall on two days, February 25 and 26, with a very nice attendance of relatives, friends and parishioners.



The play starts with the story of creation and moves through the Old Testament into the Gospel stories of the Nativity, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and ends with the Resurrection. The actors and choristers ranged in age from kindergarten to grade 12, plus a few "preschool angels." The play was directed by Cindy Ratterman, the Children's Choir director, assisted by Melissa Kelso, Dana Marlia, and Jodi Flanagan.



The Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation of Oregon

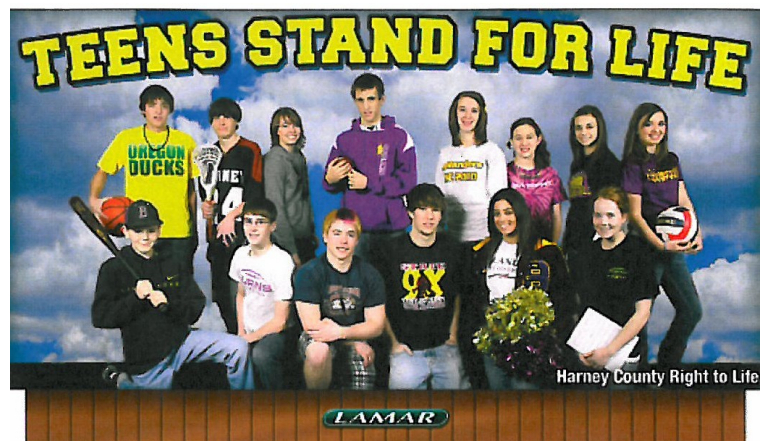
Create a Legacy, through the
Catholic Community Foundation of Oregon
It's Simple. It's Sustaining. It's Stewardship.

PARISH NEWS: On Saturday, April 2, the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of Klamath Falls presented a new chalice to Jan Heimann in honor of her husband Bill. Jan then presented the chalice to the chapel staff from Kingsley Field. The chalice will be used by Fr. Rick Fischer when celebrating the Sunday Mass on Drill week-ends. Bill Heimann was retired from the Army Air Corps and flew B-25 bombers during World War II.



Jan Heimann with Fr. Rick Fischer (left) and the chapel staff from Kingsley Field and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

PARISH NEWS: Here is a picture of our Pro-Life Billboard featuring our Holy Family Parish Catholic Teens in Burns, OR. The High School RE students sponsored a coffee hour in the Fall of 2010 providing breakfast breads and coffee after Mass. They also had baked goods to sell. It was a great success and they were able to cover the expense of changing the billboard picture which is \$250. They also earned close to one month's rental of the board which is \$350.



We are happy to have our Catholic Teens pictured as standing up for Life in Harney County!