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## 2011 Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.)

Featured speakers:

Most Reverend William S. Skylstad

Most Reverend Blase Cupich

Jim Tevenan

**The Annual Clergy Assembly** begins October 10 and concludes October 13. Although this Assembly is for Clergy only, there will be special presentations for the laity the evenings of Tuesday, October 11, and Wednesday, October 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Thursday morning from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**The Most Reverend Blase Cupich**, Bishop of Spokane, will be the presenter to the priests on Tuesday, October 11. His presentations will be on the **Changes in the Mass** that begin with Advent. Presentation for the laity will begin at 7 p.m.

The Most Reverend Blase Cupich was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, and was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Omaha on August 17, 1975. He was ordained and installed as Bishop of Rapid City, on September 21, 1998. He was appointed Bishop of Spokane on June 30, 2010, and installed on September 3, 2010.

Bishop Cupich has served as Secretary to the Apostolic Nunciature and has been an instructor for Continuing Education of Priests Program and Diaconate Formation at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He has been President/Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio.

He has served on numerous committees for the USCCB including the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism, Committee on the Liturgy, Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse, Committee on Vocations and Committee on Protection of Children and Young People.

Bishop Cupich's writing has been published in *The Priest*, *NCCB Publications*, *America*, *Nat'l Book Network* as well as *Origins*.

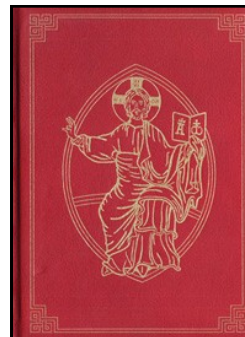
**James Tevenan** will be the presenter to the priests on Wednesday, October 12. His presentation will be on **The Changes in the Music for the New Mass**. Presentation for the laity will begin at 7 p.m.

James Tevenan is a native of San Francisco and a forty-year veteran of professional service as liturgical musician, presently as Organist and Music Director of St. Augustine Parish, Spokane.

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A graduate of the University of San Francisco, Mr. Tevenan also pursued graduate studies in organ and choral conducting at both SF State University and the SF Conservatory of Music. He holds the Colleague Certificate awarded jointly by the American Guild of Organists and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. Mr. Tevenan's firm belief in the primacy of congregational song has shaped the music program at St. Augustine for the past 16 years. Strong instrumental leadership, combined with the generous gift of time and talent by student and adult cantors and a dedicated adult choir has contributed to liturgy that is, in the word's original sense, the "work of the people." Mr. Tevenan also serves as on-air host and music/arts producer at Spokane Public Radio. Living in rural Spokane County, he is married with two grown children.

**The Most Reverend William S. Skylstad** will give a presentation to the priests on Monday, October 10, on **The Priesthood: A New Frontier**. His presentation to the laity, **The Called and Gifted People in the Church**, will be Thursday, October 13, at 11 a.m.



**New Words: A Deeper Meaning,  
but the Same Mass**

*The entire Church in the  
United States has been blessed with  
this opportunity to deepen its  
understanding of the Sacred Liturgy,  
and to appreciate its meaning and  
importance in our lives.*



**2010 G.I.F.T.** *Building An Engaged Parish* presented by Fr. Dan Mahan was attended by Priests, Deacons, Parish Finance Councils and Parish Representatives.

## REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP SKYLSTAD... Meetings and Collaboration

A wag once said: "God so loved the world that God didn't send a committee." Some years ago, a retired priest gave me a description of the bishop's day in the late 1930's. He went to his office in the cathedral, took care of his mail and personally typed up his responses within a couple of hours. He was then finished for the day and went home! In the evenings, there were no meetings and usually he would go to parishes for confirmation celebrations every two or three years. Regular parish visits were not part of the program. How life has changed today!

We still may hanker for the "good old days" but that attitude is not realistic given the complexity of the times in which we live and, even more importantly, given the wisdom and gifts of everyone in the Church. So parish life is filled with meetings of committees of all sorts: parish council, finance council, perhaps a liturgy committee, social outreach committee, a ladies' guild, maybe a Knights of Columbus Council. As a retreat master once said, making solitary decisions may be more effective in the use of time, but they very well may not be wise or life-giving to the community of faith. The participation of the laity in the life of the Church has dramatically increased in these recent decades and wonderfully so. We priests and bishops could never serve you nearly as well without that assistance. In fact, that participation is vital.

On Wednesday before Labor Day, the department heads for the diocesan offices met at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Bend for a couple of hours. I began the meeting by sharing some of the latest events going on in the diocese and some of our blessings and challenges. Then we went around the table with each department head sharing what was happening in their respective offices. Even though we work very closely together in the central office, yet communication about certain items may not happen unless there is a scheduled time to do so. Very often collective wisdom can be very helpful. The minutes of that meeting were then sent out by e-mail to all of the pastors a day later, so that they are aware of what we were discussing and also they are kept abreast of the latest information. We will continue to schedule these meetings every three weeks or so.

One of the blessings of the development of new technologies is the opportunity to gather people together electronically through audio and/or video that could be very helpful for communication in general and for training. We are now looking at possibilities for the near future. For me personally, the use of a cell phone keeps me connected with the office and with others when the need arises. So I do a lot of work on the road (no texting, by the way, while driving!)

In the next issue of The Diocesan Chronicle, we will include information about our collaborative work in the diocese in support of our mission as the Catholic diocese of Baker in Eastern Oregon through the Annual Appeal.

Blessings and peace always!

## SAINTS AND FEASTS: St. Michael the Archangel, September 29.

While the Church now celebrates all the Holy Angels on this date, it is originally the feast of the best-known and most venerated of the heavenly host. In England, courts still refer to "Michaelmas" term, as beginning around this date. And Michaelmas daisies bloom in early fall to honor this great fighter for the cause of good.

St. Michael is honored in all Catholic and Orthodox Churches and even in Judaism and some Protestant sects. His name in Hebrew means "Who is like God," which is usually interpreted as a question and illuminates the Archangel's humility before God. He is best known for battling the fallen angels and is often invoked against the power of demons.

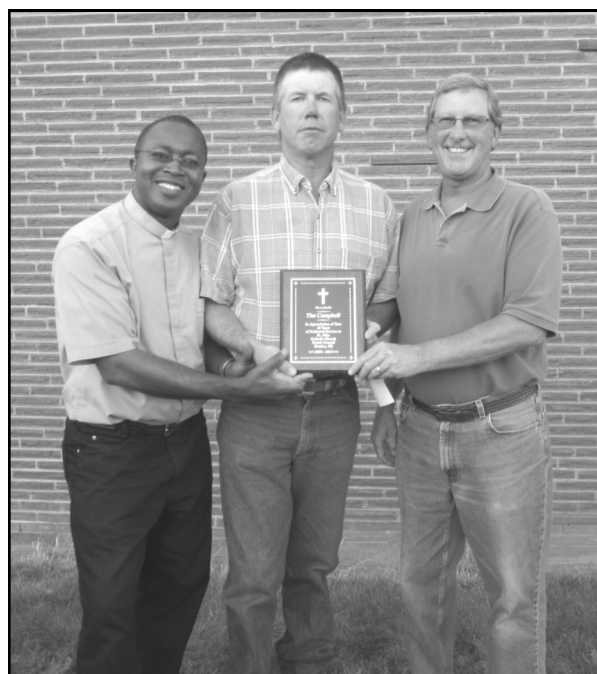
Michael is considered the patron saint of chivalry and of warriors, including police and soldiers. In Normandy, he is the particular guide of mariners. He is also the angel of forbearance and mercy in the Book of Enoch and, in the Book of Daniel, is portrayed as the protector of Israel.

The famous prayer to St. Michael has been recited for centuries after Mass. "St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle ... and do, thou, of Prince of the Heavenly Host, thrust into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits, who wander the world, seeking the ruin of souls."



## PARISH NEWS: St. John, Condon

Tim Campbell was honored by St. John Parish on Thursday, August 11, for 10 years of dedicated service to the Parish Council. Tim's position was filled by Bill Huff.



Father Peter Umekwe, Pastor, and Bob Selby, Chairman, present Tim Campbell with a plaque commemorating his 10 years of service.

## RETREAT CENTER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER:

**MIDDLE SCHOOL | DAY OF THE SPIRIT.....Oct. 7-9**  
*“Top Ten Reasons to Live—Not just Survive...but Thrive”*

**CLERGY ASSEMBLY.....Oct. 10-13**  
*Priests and deacons of the Diocese of Baker gather for their Annual Assembly.*

**G.I.F.T...(see page one).....Oct. 11-13**  
*As part of the Clergy Assembly the diocese offers special presentations to the laity.*

**HIGH SCHOOL | DAY OF THE SON.....Oct. 21-23**  
*“Faith Recharged—What is the best way to deal with life’s challenges and mysteries?”*

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT.....Oct. 28-30**  
*The car needs a tune-up, the house needs a fresh coat of paint, the grass needs cutting and the garage desperately needs to be cleaned out. The list of things to do seems to never end. What about your marriage? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list of things that need tending to? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. This short weekend together can reap benefits for you and your spouse for years to come.*

*The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is scheduled for October 28 – 30 at the Diocese Retreat Center in Powell Butte.*

*For more information email Shawn and Sally Sutton at [sssutton4@msn.com](mailto:sssutton4@msn.com) or call 541-536-7610 .*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Rev. James Radloff in Bend. Father Radloff was ordained to priesthood on October 28, 1993.

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

**CAMP NEWS:** Summer 2011 at Camp Connolly Store was again successful because of your help. The mountain of stuffed animals spread over six camps was depleted as we wrapped up the last camp on August 14<sup>th</sup>. It didn't take long for us to be wiped out of crucifixes. Bracelets and necklaces went very well, as did the rosaries and medals. The statues you sent along with the pictures virtually evaporated.

Campers are eager to spend the Camp Connolly Cash they earn in various ways. They not only buy things for themselves, but also for their Prayer Partners. Many of them buy things to take home for family members. It's beautiful to see how many are thinking of others as they make their purchases.

Donations of items other than religious articles are also welcome. Some donations are already beginning to arrive for next summer. Thank you, one and all, and God bless you for your generosity.

**NOTICIAS HISPANAS:** Hay una bella frase que dice: **“la Iglesia hace la eucaristía y la eucaristía hace la Iglesia”** (LG 11). La comunidad cristiana desde siempre celebra el memorial de la Pascua de Cristo. Por lo tanto, reunirse todos los domingos, en el nombre del señor, para alimentarse de la mesa de la palabra y el Pan de vida es obedecer a la voluntad que Cristo manifestó la víspera de su pasión.

Jesús, como un judío, celebraba la Pascua del antiguo testamento. Los evangelistas dicen que la última cena fue esa cena de Pascua, pero en ella Jesús celebró, además, su propia Pascua, el anticipo de su muerte y de su resurrección, o sea, su paso de este mundo al padre. Por haber sido fiel a la misión que le había encomendado el padre el amor, la entrega a los hombres, Jesús murió en la cruz.

Mientras comían, Jesús tomó pan, pronunció la bendición, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo: tomen y coman; esto es mi Cuerpo. Después tomó una copa, dio gracias y se la pasó diciendo: deban todos de ella: esto es mi Sangre, la Sangre de la Alianza, que es derramada por una muchedumbre, para el perdón de sus pecados (Mt 26, 26-28).

El Pan era ya el Cuerpo de Jesús, el Vino era ya la Sangre de Jesús. Al día siguiente lo mataron en la cruz. Su muerte fue el fruto maduro de una vida vivida “en espíritu y en verdad” (Jn 4,23). Una vida convertida en servicio de amor, en entrega continua, en sacrificio en bien de los demás; así también fue su muerte.

Nuestro Salvador, en la Última Cena, la noche en que fue entregado, instituyó el Sacrificio Eucarístico de su Cuerpo y de su Sangre para perpetuar por los siglos, hasta su vuelta, el sacrificio de la Cruz y a confiar a su Esposa amada, la Iglesia, el memorial de su muerte y resurrección, sacramento de piedad, signo de unidad, vínculo de amor, banquete pascual, en el que se recibe a Cristo, el alma se llena de gracia y se nos da una prenda de la gloria futura (CIC1323); Jesús hizo de su vida una oblación, una entrega sin reservas. Y esa entrega no era sino el Sacramento del amor que el padre nos tiene: “Tanto amó Dios al mundo que le dio a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna (Jn 3,16).

El padre se volcó sobre la humanidad; derramó sobre ella su solicitud, su amor. Las expresiones del amor de Jesús hacia los hombres fueron múltiples: su predicación, sus gestos simbólicos, sus acciones transformadoras, sus milagros, su estilo de vida, proclaman el amor del padre hacia la humanidad.

El señor, para dejarles una prenda de este amor, para no alejarse nunca de los suyos y hacerles partícipes de su Pascua “instituyó la eucaristía como memorial de su muerte y de su resurrección”(CIC 1337). “El cenáculo es el lugar de la institución de este santísimo Sacramento”

La Eucaristía es el “banquete del señor (1Co 11, 20) porque se trata de la cena que el señor celebró con sus discípulos la víspera de su pasión, y de la anticipación del banquete de bodas del Cordero en la Jerusalén Celestial” (CIC 1329).

¿Qué hacer para que Jesús, hecho pan, sea imprescindible en mi vida? ¿Cómo hacer para que esta misma experiencia se viva en las personas que me rodean: familia, amigos, compañeros de trabajo, comunidad parroquial?



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

### 2011 MINISTRY TRAINING CONFERENCE



"Last year's conference was excellent, this year's conference was even better!" That was the common phrase being repeated by many participants of the 2011 Ministry Training Conference held at the John Paul II Conference Center at Powell Butte August 26-28, 2011. The Conference had a record number of attendees; more than 70 directors of religious education, youth ministers and catechists throughout the Diocese of Baker attended. One participant commented, "I am always amazed at the dedication and creativity of the DRE's and Youth Ministers presenting their successes in bringing our kids to God and planting the seed for a lifetime in their Catholic Faith".

Talks of this year's conference included: *Igniting the Youth with Meaningful Activities* by Fr. Radloff, *Keys to a Successful Classroom* and *Cracking Open the Catechism* by Jill Schwartz, *Evangelization: Propelling the Youth to Share the Faith* by Vic Scaravilli and *Effective Youth Ministry* by Michele Laughlin, Kathy Cutsforth-Fullmer and Fr. Radloff. Our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop William Skylstad celebrated Mass with the participants and shared a talk on *The Treasure of the Church*.

"It was all inspiring and helps get my engine started for a fun, successful year. All the materials and classroom ideas will be a big, big help!" one participant shared. After a day of presentations and idea sharing each parish had time to brainstorm with other members from their parish and brainstorm for the upcoming school year. "The Parish Brainstorming and DRE Meetings were most helpful," remarked another. This year over 30 DREs, Youth Ministers and parish representatives met Friday evening, before the Conference, for dinner and dessert, and a special DRE meeting.

A big "THANK YOU" to all those who made this conference a huge success! (including the participants)

These last three quotes from the attendees sums up the 2011 Ministry Training Conference:

"This was a great jumpstart to rev you up at the beginning of the year!"

"The Powell Butte Retreat Center is fabulous!"

"The testimonies from other Catechists were great!"

