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## PARISH NEWS: St. Augustine, Merrill

St. Augustine Parish Council recently began a new tradition of presenting an annual award to members of the church family who provide extraordinary service to the parish and the community. Their names will be added to a plaque which will be displayed in the parish hall and each year the new recipient of the award will have their name added.

The first annual award was presented to long time parishioners Henry and Patricia O'Keeffe on March 25th.



The O'Keeffe's are among the first to step up and offer to help whenever there is a need within the parish, and their assistance comes in all forms of service. They are willing to do whatever work is necessary to complete a task. They are deeply dedicated to the Nigerian Orphan project. They dig deep to provide funding when there is a need and one can always count on them for prayers, a loving hug or words of encouragement. They have taken on the jobs of cook, musician, carpenter, florist, secretary, teacher, council member, and janitor. To them, no job is too big or too small. If it needs doing, they have been willing to help get it done. Let their actions and deeds provide a lesson to all of us on how to be Christ's hands and feet.

## PARISH NEWS: "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE-CATHOLIC STYLE"

In a nutshell, it's Mass, a meal and a live talk! Open to all adult parishioners from the diocese, family and friends. Call the office at St. Thomas, Redmond, to register (541) 923-3390. No charge but a free-will offering is appreciated.

**2012 Summer Series: "Called To Be Faithful Catholics and Responsible Citizens"** Presentations will address a range of hot topics which will help us to make important decisions about the upcoming election.

**June 23: "Essential Principles of Catholic Social Doctrine"** by Carl E. Olson, author and editor. "Why does the Church consider some aspects of the healthcare mandate to be an attack on religious liberty?" "What is the right way for Catholics to look at Church-state relations?" And much more!



**July 21:** Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, international dynamic Catholic evangelist.

**August 19: SUNDAY BRUNCH** after 10a.m. Mass. Ryan Mainard, young, inspiring and entertaining.

## YOUNG ADULT RETREAT:

In March the Bend and Klamath Falls Newman Clubs sponsored their first Diocesan-wide Young Adult retreat. The theme was "Life as a Journey." The young adults experienced a number of different prayer techniques, and even joined with those attending the RCIA retreat to discuss the Top 5 Necessary items for the Catholic Journey. They enjoyed great talks and speakers, including "Lent as a Journey" with Sr. Sabina and a talk about conscience with Fr. Weckerle.

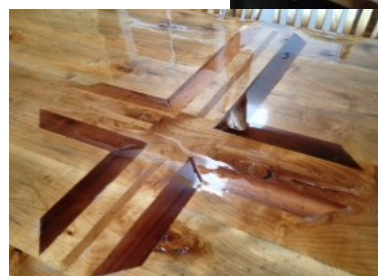
The young adults were also able to spend some time with the Lord during Adoration with the opportunity for confession, and even had a singing competition at the bonfire Saturday night!



With 100% of the young adults who attended saying they would recommend this retreat, we hope to turn it into an annual event. If you are interested in helping to plan next year's retreat, please contact Katie Beaubien at [sacredheartyyouth@charter.net](mailto:sacredheartyyouth@charter.net) or Pat and Carolyn Creedican at [creedipc@gmail.com](mailto:creedipc@gmail.com).

## RETREAT CENTER NEWS:

Joe Hayes, Powell Butte Facility Manager, recently designed and built a beautiful alder conference table, complete with an inlaid cross, to be used at the facility at Powell Butte. Joe also built



the beds and bunk beds (lodgepole pine) in the cabins and staff housing. Thank you, Joe!

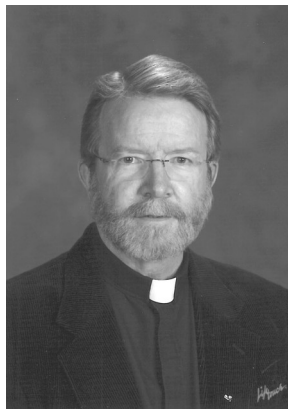
**Greetings from Father Liam Cary, soon to be your new bishop.** I arrived in Bend last night (May 4<sup>th</sup>) and am sitting down at my desk here at the Pastoral Office to get to work in earnest. It has been a very hectic time since I learned February 28<sup>th</sup> that Pope Benedict had named me bishop. Never in my life have I received such a surprise, and the surprise has yet to wear off.

With Ash Wednesday only a week behind us then, the announcement could not have come at a busier time. After the press conference in Bend on March 8<sup>th</sup>, Lenten commitments to my parish in Eugene so filled my calendar that I was not able to travel to this side of the mountains again before Easter. I did spend Easter week on retreat in California and accompanied the bishops of the Northwest to Rome in the last week of April for the *Ad Limina* visit with Pope Benedict, which Bishop Skylstad wrote about in the last *Chronicle*. The intervening weeks found me packing my belongings and disengaging from a much loved parish. Now I come home to Central/Eastern Oregon, ready to take up this new work to which the Lord calls me.

For the past thirteen years I have served quite happily as a pastor in two busy parishes in Medford and Eugene. My attention has been focused on the local level. As bishop I will have to enlarge my vision to encompass all the parishes of the diocese, not just my own. So it will be essential, first of all, to draw on the wisdom, experience, and dedication of the priests of the diocese and all those who assist them in parish ministry.

As a successor to the Apostles, I will need to collaborate with brother bishops in the Northwest and in the nation to help build up the Catholic Church in the United States and to foster international unity with bishops everywhere through our common bond with the Bishop of Rome. That is why I so value the opportunity to take part in the *Ad Limina* visit at the very beginning of my ministry as bishop. Almost overnight, this journey to the tombs of the Apostles expanded my outlook on the Church, for in one week I made personal connections on the regional, national, and international levels. Now those Northwest bishops who lay hands on me at my ordination will come, not as strangers, but as brothers. I will not forget standing in prayer with them at the tombs of Peter and Paul and John Paul II and sitting with them in the company of Benedict XVI. The Holy Father proved to be the gentle, gracious man I had heard he would be. I can still feel the uplifting force of his kind, fatherly gaze.

May God give me the grace to look upon you in the same way as I come among you as your bishop. I very much look forward to meeting you and learning from you how best I may serve you as we build up God's Church in love.



**Saludos del Padre Liam (Guillermo) Cary, que pronto será su nuevo obispo.** Llegué ayer por la noche a Bend (4 de mayo) y estoy sentado en mi escritorio aquí en la Oficina Pastoral para trabajar en serio. Ha sido un tiempo muy agitado desde que me enteré el 28 de febrero que el Papa Benedicto XVI me había designado obispo. Nunca en mi vida había recibido una sorpresa como esta, y la sorpresa todavía tiene que desaparecer.

Solo una semana después del Miércoles de Ceniza, el anuncio no podía haber llegado en un momento más ocupado. Después de la conferencia de prensa en Bend el 8 de marzo, mis compromisos de Cuaresma con mi parroquia en Eugene mi agenda se llenó y no me fue posible viajar a este lado de las montañas nuevamente antes de la Pascua. La semana de Pascua la pase en retiro en California y después acompañe a los obispos del noroeste a Roma, para la visita *ad limina* con el Papa Benedicto en la última semana de abril, a la que el obispo Skylstad escribió en la crónica anterior. Las semanas consecuentes me tomo empacar mis pertenencias y desconectarme de una parroquia muy querida. Ahora vengo a mi casa en Central/Este de Oregon, dispuestos a asumir este nuevo trabajo al que el Señor me ha llamado.

En los últimos trece años he servido absolutamente feliz como pastor en dos parroquias muy activas en Medford y Eugene. Mi atención se ha centrado en el ámbito local. Como obispo tendré que ampliar mi visión para abarcar todas las parroquias de la diócesis, no sólo la mía. Por lo tanto, será esencial en primer lugar recurrir a la sabiduría, experiencia y dedicación de los sacerdotes de la diócesis y de todos aquellos que les ayudan en la pastoral parroquial.

Como sucesor de los Apóstoles, tendré que colaborar con los hermanos del episcopado en el noroeste y en la nación para ayudar a construir la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos y promover la unidad internacional con los obispos de todas partes a través de nuestro vínculo común con el Obispo de Roma. Por eso valoro tanto la oportunidad de tomar parte en la visita *ad limina* en el inicio de mi ministerio como obispo. Casi de un día a otro, este viaje a las tumbas de los Apóstoles a ampliado mi perspectiva sobre la Iglesia, ya que en una semana hice conexiones personales a niveles regional, nacional e internacional. Ahora bien, los obispos del Noroeste, que impondrán sus manos sobre mí en mi ordenación, no serán extraños, sino hermanos. No olvidare la oración con ellos en las tumbas de Pedro y Pablo y Juan Pablo II y estar con ellos en compañía de Benedicto XVI. El Santo Padre ha demostrado ser el hombre amable, gentil que había oído decir que él era. Todavía puedo sentir la fuerza de ánimo en su mirada paternal.

Que Dios me conceda la gracia de mirarlos a ustedes de la misma manera al venir a ustedes como su obispo. Yo espero con mucho interés conocerlos y aprender la mejor manera de poder servirles mientras construimos la Iglesia de Dios en el amor.

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES:** Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during June:

Rev. Austin Cribbin, Retired, Klamath Falls	June 03, 1956
Very Rev. Gerald Condon, Heppner	June 12, 1955
Rev. Leo Weckerle, Retired, Terrebonne	June 10, 1958
Rev. Noel Hickie, Retired, Eugene	June 11, 1967
Rev. Cornelius Kiely, Ecuador	June 11, 1967
Very Rev. Stan Strzyz, Burns	June 09, 1968
Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Thomas Connolly, consecrated Bishop of Baker	June 30, 1971
Rev. Joseph Reeves, Retired, Redmond	June 16, 1972
Very Rev. Richard Fischer, Klamath Falls	June 15, 1976
Rev. Julian Cassar, Baker City	June 19, 1977
Rev. Todd Unger, Redmond	June 29, 1982
Rev. Robert Greiner, Prineville	June 24, 1993
Rev. John Jasper, San Jose, CA	June 23, 2000
Rev. Charles Nnabuife, The Dalles	June 03, 2005
Rev. Luis Flores-Alva, Madras	June 17, 2006
Rev. Arsenius Anachoreta, Annunciation Hermitage	June 17, 2006

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

#### **HISTORIC SAINT FRANCIS FURNITURE RESTORATION:**

When Father Radloff was made Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Bend in December, 2011, one of the first projects he embarked upon was to begin a restoration of the Historic Church. To Father Radloff's great fortune, long-time parishioner, Sam Di Spaltro, took on the role of Church Restoration Committee Chairperson. "Sam did a wonderful job coordinating all the many details necessary for this project to succeed. He did a great job communicating with everyone so that the project moved forward with efficiency and was even fun to accomplish. Thank you Sam, for all you did and will continue to do in the restoration of our beautiful church," said Father Radloff.

"This is a thank you letter to all those who graciously offered their time and talents for round one of the Historic Church restoration project. There are always others behind the scenes that may not receive credit here, but who are appreciated in every way, like the many that helped with suggestions and support.

First a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Father Radloff for your enthusiasm and vision to tackle the restoration of the Historic Church and to accomplish a good portion of it by Easter. Also a warm thank you to the two benefactors that helped turn Father Jim's dream to fruition.

Thank you to Bill Sansom for retrieving the "Cushman" pulpit and to Connolly Wood Products for storing it for many, many years. Thanks to all the helpers, Alan Walsh, Bill Sansom, Jim Ransom and Jerry who

moved it from Connolly Wood Products to the warehouse at Bend Mailing. Thanks to Judy Kennedy for locating many additional pieces and organizing their delivery to the Bend Mailing warehouse. Under Father Jim's direction, Javier Chong, Dario, Jim Dalrymple, Jim Luckeroth, Orville Ulledahl and Rick Wessler, began the momentous task of working hour upon hour laboriously stripping and sanding many layers of paint around the detailed carvings on the chairs, kneelers, and Pascal candle holder.

Thanks to Joe Hayes for masterfully recreating two altar server chairs and a larger deacon chair to match the existing ones. They turned out wonderful and are pieces our community will be proud of for years to come.

Thanks to the diligence of Judy Kennedy and Father Jim for painting numerous samples with many trips to the paint store to get just the right color to match the altar.

Thanks to Kate Anger, from Fabri-KATE, for her expertise in getting just the right fabric for the cushions and kneelers.

Thanks to Rick Havern from Havern Cabinets for his prompt willingness to tackle the painting of all the pieces. He and his crew, Mike Prow and Dale Michaels, picked up the pieces at Bend Mailing and transported them to his shop just shy of two weeks prior to Easter.

Restoring the pulpit was their biggest challenge, so with great care Rick and his crew filled the many cracks and holes, prepped all the pieces, crafted two new tables and even miraculously managed to get all the pieces painted on time. Each piece has three coats of primer, four coats of paint, and four coats of lacquer which includes sanding between each coat. They are truly beautiful pieces of furniture which will stand the test of time.

After Rick and his crew delivered all the pieces to the church came the momentous task of moving the pieces into the sanctuary. Along with Rick Havern, Dale Michaels and Mike Prow, a big thanks to Alan Walsh for helping get additional movers like himself and his family, Elizabeth and Sean, Jim Ransom and Jerry. Once the pieces were in the church there were more volunteers like Lupita, Kim and Rick Wessler, Jim and Gloria Dalrymple and Judy Kennedy. Everyone pitched in to help with the various tasks, like wiring the pulpit for sound, proper placement of statues, kneelers, chairs and votive candles under Father Jim's guidance. Also, thanks to Paul Imwalle, from I&J Carpets for setting up Mike Roberts to install the carpeting in the Pulpit with skill and speed. A special thanks to Jim Dalrymple for attaching the hardware to his pet project the paschal candle.

It's beautiful when a project comes together. It reminds us all to be grateful for God's blessings and that wonderful things can happen when working together as a community - "Many hands make light work". We can return our gratitude by doing our best to maintain the legacy of the St Francis founding families."

*Blessings, Sam Di Spaltro*

*Pictures of the restored pulpit, chairs, kneelers and Pascal candle holder, as well as the new chairs and tables are pictured on Page 4 of this newsletter.*



### Historic Saint Francis Furniture Restoration:



The Restoration Project will continue with promises to restore the Front Doors to the Church, Institute 24 hour Adoration, build or purchase partial Communion Rails for the Altar to allow enhancement and protection of the Altar for 24 hour Adoration, restore the Mural over the High Altar, and renew the Sacristy.

### PARISH NEWS: Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston

Youth Group members at Our Lady of Angels Parish recently donated children's books, crayons, coloring books, and other art supplies for children who will be staying at Martha's House, a new residence for homeless families in Hermiston. The youth put together 128 bags, some filled with the art supplies and others filled with the books. Notes filled with prayers and good wishes for the children were also included in each bag.



### BISHOP CARY - Moving Day:

Thursday, May 3, 2012, was moving in day for our new Bishop, Liam Cary! It took just a short time to unload his most precious processions from the u-haul truck with the help of a few volunteers from Eugene and the Chancery office.

Now the work begins for him to do the unpacking and make the house his home. Bishop Cary commented that he is anxious for this to happen; he was in Eugene just a short time and never really got settled. He is looking forward to settling in and taking up the reins as the seventh bishop for the Diocese of Baker.

