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Blessed *Father's* Day

Trust in His timing

Rely on His promises

Wait for His answers

Believe in His miracles

Rejoice in His goodness

Relax in His presence

Come near to God and He will come near to you.
James 4:8

Bendito Día *del Padre*

Confía en Su tiempo

Confía en sus promesas

Espera sus respuestas

Cree en sus milagros

Alégrate en su bondad

Relájate en su presencia

Acérquense a Dios y Él se acercará a ustedes.
St. 4,8

PARISH NEWS: St. William Church, Ione

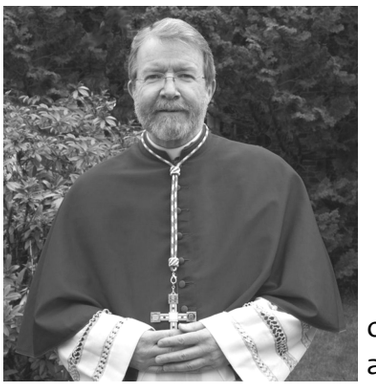
Eight children from St. William's Catholic Church in Ione made their First Communion on Sunday, May 6. The sacrament took place after a year of study under the direction of Eileen McElligott. Father Gerry Condon is the parish priest.

First Communicants were Tom Rudolf, Grace Ogden, Faviola Juarez, Hailey Peterson, Cecilia McElligott, Maricarmen Aguilar, Kayla Rodriguez and Jessica Medina. The youth were honored by family and friends at a parish breakfast following mass.

NEWMAN CLUBS: Klamath Falls and Bend

In April, the Klamath Falls and Bend Newman Clubs met at Crater Lake for a ranger-led snowshoe walk. It was a beautiful day with blue skies and a clear view of the lake, which is visible only about 50% of the time during winter. It was a great time and the young adults enjoyed the sun… and the snow.

Thoughts Along the Way from Bishop Cary



It is going on two weeks since my ordination as bishop, but my heart still overflows with gratitude for the graces of that day.

It is particularly pleasing that so many of us could be together over the vast distances of the diocese. Streaming video brought viewers from afar right into the ceremony. Hundreds more made the long trek to Bend, there to be welcomed by the marvelous hospitality of St. Francis of Assisi parish, where no detail of preparation was left untended under Father James Radloff's guidance and where Colleen Rastovich, David Elliot, and the combined choir from several parishes brought the music of heaven to earth.

Not far away at the Diocesan Pastoral Office Peggy Buselli, Hope Burke, and the staff worked tirelessly up to the last minute to assure that the day unfolded so smoothly and joyously.

Father Paul Thomas from Mount Angel Abbey devoted vast amounts of time and creativity to his task of overseeing the liturgy as Master of Ceremonies. And the good Lord alone knows how many others quietly did their part to make May 18th manifest the glory of God so beautifully and memorably. To each and every one of you I am more grateful than I could ever hope to say or show.

My first weeks as bishop have found me on the road for Confirmations in Hood River, Madras, Redmond, and Bend. Along the way I've made some very pleasant stops in Hermiston and Pendleton.

June and July will bring me to Pendleton, LaGrande, Merrill, and Lakeview for more Confirmations and a much anticipated weekend visit to Baker City.

In mid-July, I fly east for a week to take in the national meeting of bishops in Atlanta and the 20th anniversary reunion of my priestly ordination class in Baltimore.

I look forward to continuing my trips around the diocese. You have welcomed me with great kindness, and I am deeply appreciative.

Pensamientos del Camino por el Obispo Cary

Vamos en dos semanas desde mi ordenación como obispo, pero mi corazón aún se rebosa de gratitud por las gracias de ese día.

Es particularmente satisfactorio que muchos de nosotros hayamos podido estar juntos a pesar de las grandes distancias de la diócesis. La ordenación en vivo por internet trajo a muchos espectadores a la ceremonia de muchos lugares lejanos. Cientos de personas hicieron un largo viaje a Bend, a hí fueron recibidos por la maravillosa hospitalidad de la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, donde no se descuido ningún detalle en la preparación bajo la dirección de Padre James Radloff y donde Colleen Rastovich, David Elliot, y el coro combinado de varias parroquias trajo la música del cielo a la tierra.

No muy lejos, en la Oficina Pastoral Diocesano Peggy Buselli, Hope Burke, apoyadas por el personal docente Diocesano trabajaron incansablemente hasta el último minuto para asegurar que el día se desarrollara tranquilo y feliz.

El padre Paul Thomas de la Abadía de Monte Ángel dedicó gran cantidad de tiempo y creatividad a su tarea de supervisar la liturgia como Maestro de Ceremonias. Solo el buen Dios sabe cuántas cosas más tuvo que hacer para que el 18 de mayo se manifestara la gloria de Dios tan bella y memorablemente. A todos y cada uno de ustedes estoy más agradecido de lo yo podría decir o mostrar.

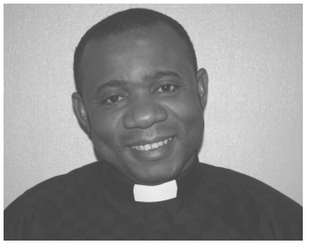
En mis primeras semanas como obispo me he encontrado en la carretera por confirmaciones en Hood River, Madras, Redmond, y Bend. Por el camino he hecho algunas paradas muy agradables en Hermiston y Pendleton.

Junio y julio me llevaran a Pendleton, LaGrande, Merrill, y Lakeview por más confirmaciones y una visita muy esperada por mí ha Baker City.

A mediados de julio, volare hacia el este por una semana para tomar parte en la reunión nacional de los obispos en Atlanta y a Baltimore parta la reunión Numero 20 de mi generación sacerdotal.

Espero poder continuar mis viajes por la diócesis. Ustedes me han recibido con gran amabilidad, y les estoy profundamente agradecido.

In Memoriam



Rev. Daniel Ochiabuto, SMMM

Father Daniel Ochiabuto, pastor at St. Bridget of Kildare parish in Nyssa, died Friday, June 1, 2012, in Nigeria. He was 39 years of age.

Father Daniel was born June 25, 1973, in Umuahia, Nigeria. He attended Bigard Memorial Seminary Enugu, from 1998 to 2002, where he studied Philosophy, and Seat of Wisdom Seminary Owerri, from 2003 to 2007, where he studied Theology. He was Ordained to the Priesthood on July 28, 2007, and arrived in the Diocese of Baker in October, 2009. In November of the same year, Father Daniel was made Associate Pastor at Our Lady of the Valley in La Grande and in January, 2011, he was made Pastor at St. Bridget of Kildare Church in Nyssa.

Father Daniel became ill in March, and was recalled home in April on the date of the Chrism Mass by his congregation, Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy (SMMM). While in Nigeria he was struck by a passing vehicle and killed.

Father Daniel was very happy and proud of his parish communities at St. Bridget's and Our Lady of the Valley, which was apparent through his many communications for The Diocesan Chronicle Parish News. He will be deeply missed by his parishioners, his brother Priests, and the staff here at the Chancery.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalized. A Memorial Mass will be said at Our Lady of the Valley in La Grande at 7:00 p.m. on June 14th.

Please keep Father Daniel's family and his religious community in your prayers.

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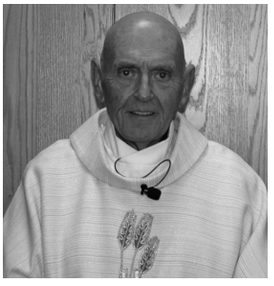

Deacon Jim Roy

May 12, 1939 to May 9, 2012

Please keep Deacon Jim, Carmen, and his family in your prayers. We thank Deacon Jim for all of his hard work and passion for the Church. Deacon Jim was the head of Youth Ministry when he first arrived at St. Pius X in Klamath Falls. He served mass, performed numerous baptisms and marriages, and presided at funerals and other rites. *He will truly be missed.*

If you wish to send a contribution in memory of Deacon Jim, please send to Mt. Calvary Cemetery Chapel Fund, PO Box 1237, Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..

PARISH NEWS: Sacred Heart Church, Klamath Falls

I would like to highly recommend the Parish Mission presented by Rev. Fr. David Tobin, on May 20-22, at Sacred Heart Church in Klamath Falls. His thorough presentation of the Catholic Faith was very insightful. His authentic and orthodox teaching invited the people to think about their Church, their faith in Jesus Christ, and the Sacraments of Marriage, Eucharist and Reconciliation.

His 'teaching Mass style' during the daytime sessions was excellent, as were the evening session talks. He was able to size up those who attended each session and craft the flow of the Mission towards them. I have received many wonderful comments and compliments on Fr. Tobin's clear instruction in the Catholic Faith, which was given with humor, love and great charity.

His presentation has already developed much spiritual fruit in the form of people seeking to enter the Catholic Church, and a renewed understanding and interest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many people who have been away from the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for many years felt welcomed and did receive these Sacraments with great joy.

I want to note that his appeal reached across all ages… but especially resonated with our Newman Club members (Young Adult).

I am grateful to Fr. David Tobin for his ministry and for his willingness to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of God in Klamath Falls.

Sincerely, Rev. Fr. Rogatian Urassa, Pastor

DIOCESAN NEWS: Congratulations to Jill Schwartz on her recent engagement to Pete Wimer of Cottonwood, Idaho. Wedding plans are in the works for a September wedding in Cottonwood, where they will also be residing. Jill has accepted a position as Academic Coordinator at Summit Academy (K-HS). Thank you Jill for all you accomplished for the Diocese of Baker. We wish you all the best.

Director of Religious Education Position Available:

The Director of Religious Education supports the mission of the Diocese of Baker by assisting the Bishop in carrying out his role as the chief catechist of the diocese. The Director works collaboratively with clergy, parish directors of religious education and other catechetical personnel to develop, strengthen, and promote authentic and effective faith formation programs for children, youth, young adults and adults throughout the diocese. Specifically, the Director provides consultation, support, leadership formation and resources to those engaged in children's catechetical ministry.

Education & Experience: B.A. degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education or related field. M.A. degree preferred. Five years experience at the diocesan or parish level in leading and directing religious education programs for children and families. Experience on the diocesan or parish level in fundamentals of children's catechesis and sacramental preparation.

Projected starting date is August 1, 2012. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resumé via email to Hope Burke: **Hope@dioceseofbaker.org.**

A YEAR IN REFECTION AT THE MARIAN ACADEMY: Our Lady of The Valley, La Grande

As the 2011–2012 school year comes to a close, the students, families and staff at The Marian Academy look back upon on the school year with pride, gratitude and a sense of accomplishment for the achievements made these past eight months. From social and emotional development to bypassing educational milestones, our students have commenced a foundation of spiritual growth and intellect that will continue on for lifetimes to come.

Located in La Grande, Oregon, The Marian Academy is surrounded by support from Our Lady of The Valley Catholic Church and her three sister-mission-churches: Sacred Heart Parish located in Union; St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Powder; and St. Mary's Church in Elgin. The unique opportunity to offer children a Catholic education while living in a rural community is a prospect many residents of Union County are beginning to embrace.

The school's motto originates from Luke 5:4, "Duc In Altum", *Challenging the Times.* A perfect dictum for this small Catholic school in its fourth year of revival. The former Catholic school, Sacred Heart Academy, closed its doors over 80 years ago after servicing the area for 36 years from 1894 to 1930. With persistence and a clear vision to lead, Father Dr. Christopher Agoha opened the The Marian Academy doors in 2008 to one preschool student. Today, as the year ends with 28 students, preschool through third grade, The Marian Academy is looking to the future by expanding educational offerings in 2012-2013 to students preschool through 8th grade.

Recently, a Marian Academy parent reflected upon a conversation she overheard between two of her children, ages six and seven, of whether or not God existed here on earth or just in heaven, which also included insights of what their friends thought of the subject. The mother concluded, "The Marian Academy is not just a place we send our kids to learn to read and write. The Marian Academy is where our family experiences life. Our three year old finds comfort in the fact that if he has to stay home sick, his buddies at school are praying for him to feel better. We consider The Marian Academy our family and a blessing beyond anything we imagined moving to La Grande."

To view more about The Marian Academy's 2011–2012 school year and to stay up-to-date on current events, check out the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/themarianacademy.olvlg.

Week-long summer sessions will be offered beginning June 18th. For more information, visit the website at www.themarianacademy.com.

A YEAR IN REFECTION AT THE MARIAN ACADEMY cont…

2012 MASS FOR GRADUATES: Our Lady of The Valley

Graduating High School Seniors attending schools in Our Lady of Angels Parish were invited to a Mass in their honor on May 20, 2012 at 11 a.m. 45 of the 77 invited graduating Seniors were able to attend. Fr. Theo Nnabugo celebrated the Mass, and during his Homily, encouraged the graduates to prepare for their lives by continuing on with higher education. Father also gave the graduates a blessing to ready them for the challenges to come.

Following the Mass, the graduates and their families were honored with a cake and punch reception with the graduates receiving a small gift from the Parish to congratulate them for all their hard work.

The Staff and Priests would like to congratulate all Seniors graduating this year. And a very big Thank You to those who helped out with the reception.