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PARISH NEWS: St. Augustine, Merrill

St. Augustine celebrated First Holy Communion with twenty-two youth on May 20, 2012. Father Francis Akano offered a special Mass dedicated to the First Communion candidates. Following the Mass the Women's Club hosted a cake and punch celebration.



PARISH NEWS: St. Thomas, Redmond "Saturday Night Live – Catholic Style"

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will be speaking at St. Thomas parish on July 21. His talk, *"Same-sex Marriage: A Catholic Examination"*, will explore the controversy and confusion surrounding the issue of same-sex marriage while acknowledging the dignity of every human person and condemning all forms of social discrimination. This is the second of three talks in our summer series titled, "Called To Be Faithful Catholics & Responsible Citizens".

Deacon Harold is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher whose no-nonsense, hands-on approach to living the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire you! As one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today, Deacon Harold is active in giving lectures, retreats, and seminars in parishes, workshops, and at numerous conferences across the nation and around the world. The goal of his apostolate is to bring as many people as possible to a deeper love of Christ and the Gospel by sharing the truth of the Catholic faith in love.

This event is open to all adults. We gather in the new Parish Center immediately after 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass for a meal and talk. There is no charge for the evening but a free-will offering is appreciated. **Help us** to have enough food and seating by **CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE** soon to sign up. (541) 923-3390.



PARISH NEWS: St. Thomas, Redmond

Thirty-five young people at St. Thomas, received their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on April 22nd with Father Joseph Reeves presiding. The children received their sacramental instruction from Mary Lehnertz and Aimee Swanson.



On April 29th, twenty-five young people also received their First Holy Communion at the 12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass with Father Joseph Reeves presiding. The children received their sacramental instruction from Mary Lehnertz and Margarita Gradilla.



Congratulatory Receptions were held after both Masses.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN YOUTH CAMPS: It's not too late to register for Camp!



Middle School Camp:	July 20 - July 24
Upper Elementary Camp:	July 31 - August 3
Teen Camp:	August 5 - August 9
Campamento Familiar:	Agosto 17 - Agosto 19

Adult Chaperones need for these camps. Need to have Background Check and Darkness to Light Training. Call to volunteer! It is a wonderful experience!

Thoughts Along the Way from Bishop Cary

When you read these words, the “Fortnight for Freedom” will have ended; but the threat to religious liberty has not. This August the regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) begin to take effect which mandate insurance coverage for contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs. These conscience-crushing provisions confront the Church with a bitterly unpalatable alternative: refuse to comply and pay huge fines or relinquish control of Catholic institutions built up over generations. But that is not all.

This unprecedented body blow to our religious practice is accompanied by another, equally offensive, attack on our religious identity: HHS has seen fit to assign us a new Catholic identity with its authoritative definition of a “religious institution.” To qualify as such under the new health care act a Catholic organization must serve primarily Catholics. This means that only those good works we direct to our fellow believers count as Catholic charity. In effect, says HHS, the St. Vincent de Paul Society ceases to be “religious” if Vincentian volunteers feed and clothe mostly non-Catholics. Up to now Vincentians have always asked, “Are you hungry?” Catholic hospitals have always asked, “Are you sick?” HHS would have us ask instead, “Are you Catholic?” We help people because we are Catholic, not because they are. The HHS definition shrinks freedom of religion (how we live out our faith) down to freedom of worship (what we do in church). But the God who calls us to worship Him in church sends us forth to serve Him in the least of his brethren in the world. As Pope Benedict XVI has written, “The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word.”

Separation of church and state was meant to protect churches of every denomination from precisely the kind of arbitrary bureaucratic interference HHS has embarked on. How have Catholics so offended our fellow citizens as to merit so sudden and severe a restriction on our religious liberty? Should we apologize for providing opportunities for non-Catholic students to graduate from Catholic universities, for non-Catholic sick people to be healed in Catholic hospitals, for the non-Catholic hungry to be fed in our soup kitchens? Is not America a better land for the distinct contribution we Catholics make to build up the common good?

The “Fortnight of Freedom” concluded on the 4th of July, when the Declaration of Independence proclaimed our rights to be “inalienable.” This means they can’t be taken away or given away. Religious liberty is not a right the government gives us; it is a right the government owes us. We rightly claim it as our own because, as the Declaration states, we are endowed with it by our Creator. We inherit this precious liberty from those who won it for us at the cost of great courage. We now face a challenge that demands similar courage from us if we are to hand down to those who come after us the religious freedom we received as such a great gift.

Pensamientos del Camino por el Obispo Cary

Cuando lean este escrito, la “Quincena de la Libertad” habrá terminado, pero la amenaza a la libertad religiosa no ha terminado. Este agosto los reglamentos del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos (HHS) comienzan a afectar, ya que la cobertura de seguro debe pagar por la anticoncepción, la esterilización y las drogas que inducen el aborto. Estas disposiciones trituran la conciencia de la Iglesia y la dejan con una alternativa desagradable de amargura: si se niega a cumplir tendrá que pagar enormes multas o ceder el control de las instituciones católicas construidas a lo largo de generaciones. Pero eso no es todo.

Este duro golpe sin precedentes a nuestras prácticas religiosas va acompañada de otro, ataque igualmente ofensivo, a nuestra identidad religiosa: el HHS ha tenido a bien asignarnos una nueva identidad católica, con su definición oficial de lo que es una “Institución religiosa”. Para calificar como tal dentro de la nueva Ley de salud esta organización católica debe servir principalmente a católicos. Esto significa que nuestras buenas obras solo cuentan si van dirigidas a nuestros hermanos en la fe católica. En efecto, dice el HHS, que San Vicente de Paúl deja de ser “religioso” si la mayoría de los que los voluntarios vicentinos alimenta y visten no son católicos. Hasta ahora los Vicentinos siempre han preguntado, “¿Tienes hambre?” Los hospitales católicos siempre han preguntado, “¿Estás enfermo?” Por el contrario, HHS quiere que preguntemos, “¿Es usted católico?” Ayudamos a la gente porque somos católicos, no porque la gente sea católica. La definición de HHS reduce la libertad de religión a (como vivimos nuestra fe) solamente a la libertad de culto como (lo que hacemos en la iglesia). Pero el Dios que nos llama a adorarlo en la iglesia nos envía a que le sirvamos en los más pequeños de sus hermanos en el mundo. Como el Papa Benedicto XVI ha escrito: “La Iglesia no puede descuidar el servicio de la caridad, como no puede descuidar los Sacramentos y la Palabra.”

La separación de Iglesia y Estado es para proteger a las iglesias de todas las denominaciones precisamente de las interferencias burocráticas arbitrarias como las que HHS ha puesto en marcha. ¿De qué manera los católicos hemos ofendido a nuestros conciudadanos como para merecer tan repentina y severa restricción a nuestra libertad religiosa? ¿es que debemos pedir disculpas por ofrecer oportunidades a los estudiantes no católicos por graduarse en las universidades católicas, por curar a los enfermos no católicos en los hospitales católicos, por alimentar a los hambrientos no católicos en las cocinas católicas? ¿No es Estados Unidos un país para el bien común que los católicos quieren construir con la contribución especial que hacen?

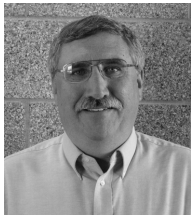
La “Quincena de la Libertad”, concluyó el 4 de julio, cuando la Declaración de Independencia proclamara que nuestros derechos son “irrefutables”. “Esto significa que no pueden ser quitados o alterados. La libertad religiosa no es un derecho que el gobierno nos da, sino que es un derecho que el gobierno nos debe. Por esa razón lo reclamamos como propio, porque, como dice la Declaración de derechos, son derechos dados por nuestro Creador. Nosotros heredamos esta preciosa libertad de aquellos que la ganaron para nosotros a costa de una gran valentía. Ahora enfrentamos un desafío que nos exige una valentía semejante, si queremos legar a los que vendrán después de nosotros la libertad religiosa que recibimos como un gran regalo.

PARISH NEWS: Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic School, Bend, Hires New Principal

St. Francis School is very excited to announce that Dr. Dennis Dempsey has agreed to be the principal at St. Francis for the next school year!

Dr. Dempsey has been volunteering as a consult with the school since March and he just recently accepted an offer to be the principal for 2012-2013. Dr. Dempsey comes to the school with many years of experience and accolades. During his 37 years in public education he was a principal for 19 years and has been a superintendent for the last 12 years. During his career he was twice named Principal of the year, once in Alaska and another time in Oregon. He has been an international speaker and writer on the topic of technology in schools and has been President of many different state organizations in Oregon, Alaska and Idaho.

Dennis will continue to work part time for the University of Oregon teaching graduate courses and overseeing the administrative licensure program for principals and superintendents in Central Oregon. He will also continue to volunteer with the St. Charles Healthcare System where he has been a board member since 2001. Dennis will be mentoring the Head Teacher Lauren Houslet as she works to earn her administrative license via the University of Oregon. Saint Francis School is excited to have someone of Dr. Dempsey's caliber joining the school. His many years of experience and successes will be a great asset to the school and students during the coming year.



While the news about Dennis is very exciting there are many other things to be excited about for next school year. Class sizes will remain small, they will have a SMART board in every classroom and all middle school students will

be given their own laptop to use on a daily basis. They are looking at implementing a walk-to-read program with their reading specialist and are considering the idea to implement a walk-to-math program to address the differing learning needs of all of the students. They will be able to continue to offer music, choir, band, Spanish, technology, sewing, art and PE for the students. And most important, they will be offering a full school year during 2012-2013 when the local public schools are looking at reducing from 5 to 20 school days next year.

St. Francis is an amazing place of learning and with the many changes in place for next year they believe their school will make extraordinary leaps and bounds towards becoming the best educational institution in Central Oregon.

To find out more about St. Francis School, visit their website at www.saintfrancisschool.net.

CHILDREN'S CORNER: Mary's Garden Cryptogram

Below are rows of common flowers followed by their religious names given during the Middle Ages. You can plant your own Mary Garden in containers or in a flowerbed once you have uncovered the real identity of each row of flowers.

ZYXWVUYTSX - RQXP'O ZXYTW

UQXNOMLX - RQXP'O KSQXO

VYXDSK RS WYK - SPSO YV RQXP

RQXJDYUI - RQXP'O DYUI

JRMQKJSWO - RYKGSX UYHS

OWQMIXQDYW - JWVQWK ASOLO' OGYSO

RYXWJWD DUYXP - YLX UQIP'O RQWKUS



Mary's Garden Clue #1: Replace the R's with M's.
Mary's Garden Clue #2: Replace the S's with E's.

DIOCESAN NEWS: 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.

Answers for Mary's Garden Cryptogram above: Cornflower, Mary's Crown; Larkspur, Mary's Tears; Forget Me Not, Eyes of Mary; Marigold, Mary's Gold; Impatiens, Mother Love; Snapdragon, Infant Jesus' Shoes, Morning Glory, Our Lady's Mantle

RETREAT CENTER NEWS: High School Camp sets the stage for the Summer Camps !

Each year, hours and hours of loving preparation are spent on the “props” and costumes for the youth summer camps at Powell Butte. This year, we give special thanks in this issue to Mary Richards at Saint Edward the Martyr Church in Sisters. Mary put her quilting heart to work in sewing the African quilts shown below with the help of Anne Bernard, Marlene Shuey, and Barbara Walter. Then her friends helped her in sewing the African costumes for praying the Lord’s Prayer in Swahili and decorated the Camp tables and walls with yards and yards of African fabrics. It is a beautiful tribute to the Catholic Church of the world celebrated in our own Diocese of Baker. Thank you Mary Richards and friends.



L to R: Anne Bernard, Marlene Shuey, Mary Richards, and Barbara Walter



We also give special thanks to Elizabeth Manczak of Holy Redeemer Church in La Pine. Elizabeth did the beautiful and very large wall coverings shown right and left as well as organizing many of the activities that the youth will enjoy at all the camps this summer.



Joan Walsh is overseeing the Summer Camp Store again at Powell Butte. She appreciates all the wonderful religious articles donated for her to use in the store. The religious articles are a way of rewarding the youth at camps for their good behavior. Many of the youth use their rewards as gifts for their Prayer Partners or for family members back home. Joan can always use more if you have some to share.



The volunteer work of these women will undoubtedly help our youth and volunteers feel as though they have been transported to Africa for their summer camp experience. We are grateful for their gifts and talents. Visit the diocesan website to view a video featuring the praying in dance of the Lord’s Prayer in Swahili by Sister Sabina and the Youth Council.