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REFLECTIONS ON THE 50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – JUNE 10-17:

“One of the things I’ve always appreciated about the Catholic Church is that it is truly catholic, that is, universal. No matter where I go, the Mass always has the same parts (and after attending a German Mass in Ireland, I am very grateful for that...and the Magnificat so I could follow the readings in English). I was blessed to attend the closing Mass at the Congress where I saw for myself how the Catholic Church stands true to its title of universal. I was sitting by myself surrounded by people I didn’t know (80,000 pilgrims!), but during the sign of peace, regardless of our race, culture, or language, we engaged each other as one Church - fellow Catholics wishing peace upon each other. It didn’t matter what color our skin was, where we were from, or what language we spoke; we all shared our Catholic faith together as we shared our peace with each other. It was incredible.” — Katie Beaubien, Sacred Heart Youth Minister, Klamath Falls



At Holy Island, Co. Clare, Ireland: L-R: Joan Stubbers (Jill’s grandma), Jill Schwartz, Katie Beaubien, Sister Bear Brown, Matt Deppmeier, and Karen Schwartz (Jill’s Mother)



Closing Mass (Statio Orbis) at Croke Park in Dublin.

50TH IEC Reflections continued:

“Not only was it a spiritual experience for those who attended the Congress, it was also a witness to the Irish Church that has suffered greatly this past year. We were all there to support and encourage them. It was beautiful to see the number of people praying each day in front of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for healing and strength.” — Jill Schwartz.

The group was also able to visit the Marian apparition shrine of Knock, where Mary appeared to 15 people of all ages.

DIOCESAN UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST:

Campamento Familiar: Agosto 17 - Agosto 19

Es fantástico que nuestro campamento Familiar en Español haya tenido tan Buena respuesta pues desde el mes de Julio ya no había cupo, que Dios nos asista en el campamento y nos lo bendiga.

Diocesan Ministry Training Conference

August 25 - 26 at the Powell Butte Retreat Center

This conference is for DREs, Catechists, and Youth Ministers. We want to ensure that you have all the tools you need in order to have a successful school year. For more information go to www.dioceseofbaker.org/reled.htm.

PARISH NEWS: St. Augustine, Merrill

St. Augustine parish celebrated Confirmation for 32 young people on June 24th at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Bishop Liam Cary presided and confirmed the group with Father Francis Akano, Pastor, con-celebrating. “This is a large group for St. Augustine,” said Cynthia Cowan-Taylor, Director of Religious Education for St. Augustine parish. Instructors for this year’s Confirmation class were Maria Ramirez, Leidy Navarro, and Ana DeLeon. A reception was held Saturday evening and cake was served on Sunday after the Confirmation Mass.



Thoughts Along the Way from Bishop Cary

This summer it will be necessary to re-assign a number of priests because four of our pastors will no longer be available for service here. Father Anthony Mbaegbu of Lakeview is being sent by his bishop in Nigeria to study theology in California, as is Father Jude Nwachukwu of Ontario, at the direction of the superior his religious order. Father Bernard D'Sa is being recalled to India by his order there, and Father Gerry Condon of Heppner will step into well-deserved retirement. We are blessed as a diocese to have been served with such dedication by these valuable men, and I thank them most heartily for the years they have given us - especially Father Condon for his many decades of faithful ministry.

These simultaneous departures have set in motion a chain-reaction of new assignments. Father Francis Akano will go to Lakeview, leaving his parish in Merrill and Bonanza to be served from St. Pius X in Klamath Falls. Father Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil will become pastor in Ontario, assisted by Father Michael Nwokocha, who will also be administrator in Nyssa and responsible for Jordan Valley. Father Theodore Nnabugo will go to LaPine as pastor, and Father Gabriel Ezech will take his place as parochial vicar in Hermiston. Father Charles Nnabuife will become pastor in Milton-Freewater; he will be succeeded in The Dalles by Father Joseph Levine. Father Juan Carlos Chiarinoti will come to Bend as parochial vicar. These assignments will take effect August 17th. (Father Condon's replacement is yet to be determined.)

Far, far south of our border the Archbishop of Guayaquil, Ecuador, has named Father Cornelius (Con) Kiely a Monsignor in honor of his 40 years of service to the poor there with the St. James the Apostle Society. Monsignor Kiely was ordained a priest of Baker in 1967 and served here until he took up his mission to Ecuador in 1971. We can be both proud and humbled that this fine priest has gone forth from our midst to do so much good so far away for so long.

Great good is being done here at home this summer at the Powell Butte Retreat Center. When I arrived in May, people told me about the diocesan summer youth camps. I was eager to see for myself what they were so enthusiastic about. Now I have seen. I've celebrated Mass in the beautiful chapel for the campers and have joined my fellow priests in hearing their confessions. These confessions give me great hope, as the confessions of young people usually do. Their world is much more complex than was mine at their age, and in confession they come to grips with all that roils around them and in them much more searchingly and honestly than I ever did. I am grateful that our priests near and far have been so generous with their time in providing this vital sacramental ministry. It nicely complements the careful planning, hard work, and long hours of the retreat center staff and volunteers. They have put together a program we all can be proud of. May more and more young people take advantage of it in summers to come.

Pensamientos del Camino por el Obispo Cary

Este verano será necesario re-asignar varios sacerdotes, porque cuatro de nuestros párrocos ya no estarán disponibles para servir aquí. Padre Anthony Mbaegbu de Lakeview su obispo en Nigeria lo manda a estudiar teología en California, igual que el Padre Jude Nwachukwu de Ontario, su superior religioso. El padre Bernard D'Sa regreso a la India llamado a su orden religiosa, y el Padre Gerry Condon de Heppner tomara su merecida jubilación. Hemos sido bendecidos como diócesis al ser servidos con tanta dedicación por estos valiosos hombres, y les agradezco de todo corazón por los años que nos han dado - especialmente al Padre Condon por sus muchas décadas de ministerio fiel.

Estas partidas simultáneas han puesto en marcha una cadena de nuevas asignaciones. Padre Francisco Akano irá a Lakeview, dejando su parroquia en Merrill y Bonanza que será servida desde San Pío X en Klamath Falls. El padre José Tomás Mudakodiyil será el párroco de Ontario, asistido por el Padre Michael Nwokocha, que también será administrador de Nisa y responsable de Jordán Valle. El Padre Teodoro Nnabugo irá a LaPine como párroco, y el Padre Gabriel Ezech tomará su lugar como vicario parroquial en Hermiston. Padre Charles Nnabuife irá a Milton-Freewater como párroco, siendo su sucesor en The Dalles el padre Joseph Levine. Padre Juan Carlos Chiarinoti vendrá a Bend como vicario parroquial. Estas asignaciones se llevarán a efecto 17 de agosto. (La sustitución del Padre Condon se determinara luego).

Lejos, muy al sur de nuestra frontera el Arzobispo de Guayaquil, Ecuador, ha nombrado Monseñor al Padre Cornelio (Con) Kiely en honor a sus 40 años de servicio a los pobres allí con la Sociedad de Santiago Apóstol. Monseñor Kiely fue ordenado sacerdote de Baker en 1967 y sirvió aquí hasta que tomó su misión al Ecuador en 1971. Podemos estar orgullosos y honrados de que este buen sacerdote haya salido de entre nosotros y que haga tanto bien tan lejos y por mucho tiempo.

Mucho bien se está haciendo localmente este verano en el Centro de Retiro de Powell Butte. Cuando llegué en mayo, la gente me habló de los campamentos juveniles de verano diocesanos. Yo estaba ansioso por ver por mí mismo de lo que ellos estaban tan entusiasmados. Ahora que he visto. He celebrado Misa en la hermosa capilla para los campistas, y me he unido a mis compañeros sacerdotes para escuchar sus confesiones. Estas confesiones me dan una gran esperanza, como las confesiones de los jóvenes por lo general lo hacen. Su mundo es mucho más complejo de lo que era el mío a su edad, y en la confesión luchan a brazo partido con todo lo que distrae a su alrededor y ellos son mucho más investigadores y honestos de lo que fui yo. Estoy muy agradecido de que nuestros sacerdotes cercanos y lejanos sean tan generosos con su tiempo para facilitar este vital ministerio sacramental. Se complementa muy bien con la cuidadosa planificación, el trabajo duro y largas horas de trabajo del personal y voluntarios del centro de retiro. Ellos han elaborado un programa que todos podemos estar orgullosos. Que cada vez más jóvenes tomen ventaja de ello en los próximos veranos.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES:

Congratulations to our clergy who celebrated their ordination anniversaries during July:

Rev. Dennis Homes, Retired, Great Falls, MT	July 01, 1972
Rev. Camillus Fernando, Vale	July 12, 1980
Rev. Christopher Agoha, La Grande	July 13, 1996
Rev. Peter Umekwe, Condon	July 14, 2001
Rev. Anthony Mbaegbu, Lakeview	July 18, 1992
Rev. Gabriel Ezeh, Hermiston	July 23, 2005
Rev. Jude Nwachukwu, Ontario	July 23, 2005
Rev. Francis Obijekwu, Enterprise	July 22, 2006

And to our clergy who will celebrate their ordination anniversaries in August:

Rev. Innocent Diala, Chiloquin	August 10, 1991
Rev. Fabian Nwokorie, Dufur	August 11, 1990
Very Rev. Ronald Maag, Hood River	August 14, 1978
Rev. Theodore Nnabugo, La Pine	August 19, 2000
Rev. Francis Akano, Lakeview	August 21, 1999
Rev. Saul Alba-Infante, Hood River	August 21, 2002

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

PARISH NEWS: St. Thomas, Redmond

“Saturday Night Live – Catholic Style” Ryan Mainard will be speaking at St. Thomas on **Sunday**, August 19th, immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. His talk titled, “Religious Freedom: Consequences of the Mandate” is the final event of St. Thomas’ summer series, “Called To Be Faithful Catholics & Responsible Citizens”.

Ryan, a young dynamic Catholic High School religion teacher, will be addressing questions like, *What effect will the HHS Mandate have on Catholic Institutions, the Church and you? Why is it important for Catholics to be involved in politics? How do we “form” and “inform” our political consciences?* Ryan has been a guest speaker at St. Thomas several times before and always delivers a message that is informative, challenging and inspiring. Come and get all your questions answered and find out why this issue has been such a concern to Church leaders.

Unlike other events that are held on Saturday evening, this talk will be held on **Sunday morning** and includes a Brunch in the new Parish Center. There is no charge for the event but a free-will offering is appreciated. To help them with their planning, **please call the St. Thomas Parish Office as soon as possible to sign up.** (541) 923-3390.

HOW TO FIND GOOD MOVIES FOR YOUR FAMILY:

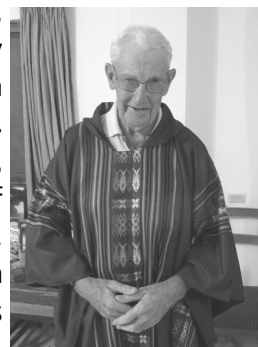
Need to find a “decent” movie for your family to enjoy? Focus on Family is a website that thoroughly reviews most released movies. They also write reviews for video games, music and TV shows from a Christian prospective. Check it out at www.pluggedin.com.

Another valuable resource recommended by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is www.catholicnews.com/movies.

We urge you to do your research and have a wonderful summer.

CONGRATULATIONS MSGR. CON KIELY!

Most Reverend Antonio Arregui, Archbishop of Guayaquil, has recently bestowed the title of Monsignor upon longtime Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle priest, Con Kiely, in recognition of his many years of service to the Archdiocese of Boston. Monsignor Kiely has been serving with the Society for forty years and resides in La Libertad, Ecuador.

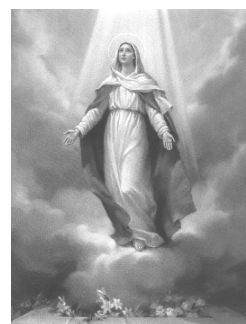


Cornelius (Con) Kiely was born on February 10, 1935, in Mill Street, County Cork, Ireland. He was ordained to Priesthood on June 11, 1967, and on December 27, 1967, he was Affiliated to the Diocese of Baker. From 1967 to 1971, he served as Associate Pastor at Holy Family Church in Burns, St. Peter’s Church in The Dalles, and at St. Pius X Church in Klamath Falls. He left the Diocese and joined St. James the Apostle Society to work in South America in December, 1971.

The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle, founded by Richard Cardinal Cushing in 1958, is an international organization of diocesan missionary priests who volunteer a minimum of five years of their priestly lives to service in Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador. In their 50 years of service, the St. James Society has welcomed members from the United States as well as from Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. They depend upon the prayers and the financial support of people who share their interest in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and in creating a better world for people who have been called “The poorest of the poor.”

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, August 15, 2012 - Holy Day of Obligation

“By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon.



“We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand. Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary’s guidance.” — Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience at Castel Gandolfo August 16, 2006

BISHOP CARY TAKES POSSESSION OF HIS 'CATHEDRA'

July 1st was a historic day for St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City when they welcomed Bishop Liam Cary to the cathedral, as well as St. Therese Mission church in Halfway. "Since he is technically the pastor of the Cathedral, just as the Pope is also known as the Bishop of Rome," said Father Julian Cassar, Rector, "he had to take possession of his 'cathedra' and his symbolic chair, which is in the sanctuary." The chair is differentiated from the others by having the coat-of-arms of the Diocese embroidered on it.

The photos below are of the Mass he celebrated at the Cathedral. The ceremony started by Bishop Cary knocking three times on the main door. Father Cassar greeted him and offered him a crucifix to kiss. Bishop Cary then proceeded to bless the congregation with holy water, followed by the Mass as usual.

"He expressed to me how impressed he was with the renovation of the Cathedral, and even though I had sent him a copy of the parish directory, he told me that the photos do not make justice to its beauty. He had been here in 1996 for an ordination, when the wooden screen was still dominating the entire church," said Father Cassar, "we hope to see him again soon among us."



BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE:

Aug 11 & 12: In Fairbanks, AK for their 50th Anniversary
Aug 14: Lunch meeting-St. Alphonsus Health System
Aug 17 & 18: Spanish Family Camp at Powell Butte
Aug 19-21: Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, CA - Convocation Ceremonies
Aug 24: Dinner with State KC's in Bend
Aug 25-26: Catechetical Conference, Powell Butte
Aug 29: Department Head Meeting
Sept. 1: Pastoral Visit, St. Peter's, The Dalles
Sept. 8: Pro-Life Conf, Diocesan Retreat Center
Sept. 9: Prineville Parish Picnic
Sept. 10-21: Rome
Sept. 22-27: Catholic Extension Mission Bishop Conf, Chicago
Oct. 3: Department Head Meeting
Oct. 6-7: Pastoral Visit, Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls
Oct. 8-11: Clergy Assembly, Diocesan Retreat Center

PARISH NEWS: St. Thomas, Redmond

After five years of planning and a year of building, the new Parish Hall and St. Thomas Academy school has finally been completed! An Open House was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 8th, with Bishop Liam Cary present to bless the new facility. Other distinguished guests were Father Todd Unger, Pastor, Father Leo Weckerle, former Pastor, Mayor George Endicott, and Commissioner Alan Unger.

The multi-use building is about 25,000 square feet with a gymnasium, a full-sized kitchen, an area large enough to accommodate 50 people for small gatherings, the parish offices, a conference room, two meeting rooms, and St. Thomas Academy with seven large classrooms, a library, a counselor's office, a teacher's lounge, and a large reception area and office.

Each classroom has been named after a former pastor and the gymnasium was named in honor of Father Weckerle (pictured below), who began the project in 2005, and was at the blessing to see it's completion.



The large foyer to the gymnasium between the school offices and the parish offices will be used for small gatherings. The room was dedicated to Father Unger at the Parish's Grand Opening

on July 1st. In this room, Father Unger commissioned a statue in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. St. Thomas parishioner, Kim Chavez, Artist and Owner of Chavez Bronzeworks was also at the Open House and blessing. Her piece titled "Mary, Our Lady of Tenderness" is pictured here. Kim used her grandson, Parker, and her daughter and grand-daughter as models.



Kim Chavez has been sculpting for 30 years. She is constantly inspired by the world around us. Our Lady of Tenderness was inspired by Kim's grandchildren. "Mother's love is very powerful - she sacrifices; she is patient and forgiving, unselfish and devoted to her children. Blessed Mother looks after all children."

Kim is proud and honored to be a part of the new St. Thomas Academy where three of her grandchildren will attend this fall. To see more of Kim's artwork please visit Chavez Bronzeworks at www.kimchavez.com.