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PARISH NEWS: Holy Redeemer, La Pine

"On Friday, July 6, 2012, Holy Redeemer parishioners met our new, wonderful Bishop Liam Cary. In keeping with the tradition of our church family we served up the works with a potluck dinner. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know Bishop Cary on a personal level. We introduced the staff, heads of committees, and numerous volunteers that make up our church family.



Fr. Jose entertained us with a couple of jokes that left us with stitches in our sides. It must have been difficult for the Bishop to accept our invitation knowing that he had just served our dearly beloved pastor with a new assignment. But, he met the challenge and rose to the occasion with humility and grace. His calling is not easy, so we will always keep him in our prayers. Thank you Bishop Cary for taking time out of your busy schedule to visit with your new "family" from the South!"

— Sally Sutton, Parish Operations Manager

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES:

Congratulations to our clergy and bishop who will celebrate their ordination anniversaries in September:

Most Rev. Liam Cary, Bishop of Baker,	
ordained to Priesthood	September 5, 1992
Rev. Joseph Levine, The Dalles	September 14, 2010

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

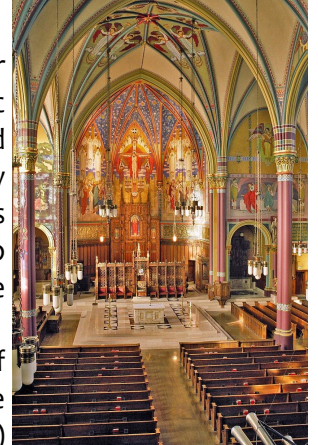
BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE:

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
Sept. 28-30:	Theological Conference, La Grande
Oct. 3:	Department Head Meeting
Oct. 6-7:	Pastoral Visit, Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls
Oct. 8-11:	Clergy Assembly, Diocesan Retreat Center
Oct. 12-15:	Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre meeting

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE CHANT

Two members of the Baker Diocese attended the Church Music Association of America's Sacred Music Colloquium in Salt Lake City from June 25 through July 1. It was the 22nd such event for the group and the first one ever west of the Mississippi.

Nearly 300 attendees and staff were there and had full use of the Cathedral of the Madeleine (right) and its choir school. There were classes in Gregorian chant, polyphony, hymns and conducting, as well as talks on how to make the liturgy more worthy. Six Masses were done under the colloquium's sponsorship – two in the extraordinary form and four in the ordinary form. All featured chant and polyphony, and at some motets and an English hymn were sung. People came from all over the U.S. and Canada and there were some instructors and clergy from England, the Netherlands and Germany. The executive director of the International Commission on the English Language (ICEL), Msgr. Andrew Wadsworth, who oversaw the new translation of the Novus Ordo Mass, spoke and was celebrant for one of the Solemn High Masses, while Father Guy Nicholls, a canon of St. Philip Neri in Birmingham, England, was a presenter and celebrant. He heads an organization in Britain that is parallel to the CMAA.



The week culminated in a Mass on Sunday, July 1, in the cathedral, which featured a Monteverdi Mass in five parts and all the proper Latin chants for the ordinary form, sung by five different choirs and accompanied by the magnificent organ on site. Since it was a regular Sunday parish Mass, the cathedral was full and everyone came away with a deep sense of wonder at the beauty of the music and the ceremony.

For more information on the CMAA, visit their website at www.musicasacra.com.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:



I am very grateful to Dennis Dempsey for agreeing to be the new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Dempsey brings many years of experience to our Diocese; most recently as Superintendent for High Desert Educational Service District.

In addition to serving us as Superintendent, he will also be the Principal for St. Francis Catholic School here in Bend.

+ Liam Cary

Thoughts Along the Way from Bishop Cary

In February 2006, six-year-old Jake Finkbonner fell and bumped his mouth playing basketball. Through a small cut necrotizing fasciitis (Strep A) invaded his bloodstream. The aggressive bacteria raced across his cheeks, eyelids, scalp and chest; Jake's body was eating itself up. For nine weeks in Seattle Children's Hospital doctors surgically removed his damaged flesh daily in a desperate attempt to save him. They also prepared Jake's family for his impending death. Father Tim Sauer, a long-time friend of the Finkbonners, who are of native-American descent, advised them to pray to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to intercede for Jake. They did, and in the judgment of the Vatican she complied. Jake was immediately and completely healed, and doctors could give no medical explanation for so sudden and total a transformation. He is now in the 7th grade and will be in attendance in Rome on October 21, when Pope Benedict will declare Kateri Tekakwitha a saint. Jake Finkbonner's healing was the miracle that clinched her canonization.

Blessed Kateri's holy life is all the more remarkable for being so simple. She died in 1680 at the age of 24, only four years after her baptism. In that brief time her depth of soul manifested itself in a striking devotion to the Eucharist and in the unprecedented step (for a Mohawk) of taking a vow of virginity. She so impressed the Jesuit priests who knew her well that they wrote up her biography and pressed to have her holiness more widely recognized by the Church. Now, centuries later, their hopes are about to be realized to the full.

The canonization of Blessed Kateri is a source of great joy and pride for the Church in the United States, and particularly for native-American Catholics. What kind of person must she have been that the light of her young life still shines so brightly through the obscurity of three centuries? The attention she will receive should make that question one that is more often asked. And it may lead to another: how can I follow her example of fidelity and simplicity in the circumstances of my life? If she drew God's healing power down upon little Jake Finkbonner in his hour of need, who's to say she couldn't do the same for me?

Roger Richmond has resigned as Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese to attend to pressing needs of his family in Montana. Though I have known Roger only briefly, I am grateful to him for his assistance to me and for his years of service to the diocese. I hope to have a successor to Roger in place in the next few weeks.



Pensamientos del Camino por el Obispo Cary

En febrero de 2006 Jake Finkbonner de seis años de edad, cayó y se golpeó la boca jugando al baloncesto. A través de una contada pequeña fascitis necrotizante (Strep A) invadió su torrente sanguíneo. La bacteria agresiva se propago por sus mejillas, párpados, cuero cabelludo y pecho, el cuerpo de Jake se estaba destruyendo a si mismo. Durante nueve semanas los médicos del Hospital Infantil de Seattle estuvieron extirpando quirúrgicamente la piel dañada de su cuerpo diariamente, en un desesperado intento por salvarlo. También prepararon a la familia de Jake para su muerte inminente. El padre Tim Sauer, amigo de mucho tiempo de los Finkbonners, que son de ascendencia nativa-americana, les aconsejó que rezaran a la Beata Kateri Tekakwitha para que intercediera por Jake. Lo hicieron, y en la opinión del Vaticano ella intercedió. Jake fue inmediata y completamente sanado, y los médicos no podían dar ninguna explicación médica para tan repentina y total transformación. Ahora está en el 7mo grado y estará presente en Roma el 21 de octubre, cuando el Papa Benedicto XVI declare a Kateri Tekakwitha santa. La curación de Jake Finkbonner fue el milagro que consolidó su canonización.

La santa vida de la Beata Kateri es notable por ser tan simple. Ella murió en 1680 a la edad de 24 años, sólo cuatro años después de su bautismo. En ese breve tiempo la profundidad de su alma se manifestó por una devoción sorprendente a la Eucaristía y por su decisión sin precedentes (por ser una Mohawk) de hacer voto de virginidad. Ella impresionó tanto a los sacerdotes jesuitas que la conocían, que escribieron su biografía y así poder presionar a la iglesia para que su santidad fuera más ampliamente reconocida. Ahora, siglos más tarde, sus esperanzas están a punto de alcanzarlo en su totalidad.

La canonización de la beata Kateri es una fuente de gran alegría y orgullo para la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos, y en particular para los nativos americanos católicos. ¿Qué tipo de persona debe haber sido que la luz de su joven vida todavía brilla tan intensamente a través de la oscuridad de tres siglos? La atención que recibirá debería hacer que esa pregunta que uno más a menudo se hace. Nos lleve a otra: ¿cómo puedo seguir su ejemplo de fidelidad y sencillez en las circunstancias de mi vida? Si obtuvo el poder sanador de Dios para Jake Finkbonner en la hora que más lo necesitaba, ¿quién me dice que no pueda hacer lo mismo por mí?

Roger Richmond renunció como inspector de escuelas de la Diócesis de Baker para atender necesidades familiares inmediatas en Montana. Aun que conocí a Roger muy poco, estoy muy agradecido por su ayuda hacia a mí y por sus años de servicio a la Diócesis. Espero tener al sucesor de Roger en las próximas semanas.

101 PINTS OF BLOOD

It was July 15th 1984. I had gained enough weight after being in the USA for 3 years that I could finally donate blood. When I was in Malta, I was always underweight, at 120 lbs, a skinny priest who started to beef himself up when he came to the USA in 1981.

Our own parish at Holy Spirit in New Hyde Park was organizing a bi-annual blood drive, and there I gave my first pint of blood. I felt a little dizzy at first, and not knowing what to expect, they told me it was pretty normal. I spent the rest of the day in the Rectory feeling very well, drinking lots of water, and being treated to a steak dinner in the evening with all the other priests. That was the only time I felt pampered or treated extra-nice, because the rest of the story is pretty simple – going to give blood became as ordinary as going to the local library.



And here I am on June 26th of this year, almost 28 years later, in Baker City, Oregon donating my 100th pint, something which I always felt good doing, while encouraging others to donate blood regularly. For this centennial donation, I have encouraged 10 other people to start donating with me, most of them young people in the parish who have never donated before, or who have donated a few times years ago and stopped. I wanted to commemorate this milestone by having at least 10 new donors, realizing that trying to get 100 new donors is a Herculean undertaking. But at least we have 10 new donors who will hopefully continue to give on a regular basis, as I did when I started. My next donation (#101) will be tomorrow, August 27th - on my 60th Birthday.

Over the years, a few of my parishes were responsible for organizing the Blood Drives, while here in Oregon, other churches have that privilege. But back between 1991 and 1996, while I was stationed in Rocky Point, again on Long Island, NY, I went above and beyond campaigning for blood donors. Besides making pulpit announcements after the weekend Masses, I had created a database with all the people who had donated in the past, and made sure to call them a day or two earlier, so that they too can donate a pint of their precious blood. For a few years we always got anywhere between 120 and 130 donors on a regular basis, within 6 hours, that is between 2 PM and 8 PM. By 1994 the numbers were still rising and in January 1995, I was able to get 157 donors to donate – a record for a Blood Drive within a Church sponsored drive. I know that was an incredible number of donors, but people collaborated with me, knowing how much at heart I had this humanitarian project. They all chipped in, helping us break the record. I wonder if anyone ever broke it since then.

A funny anecdote happened once during a Blood Drive in a New York clinic when I had another priest with

me donating blood. A young man showed up also to donate and when he saw two priests sitting next to each other, he panicked. He asked the nurse what was going on...and why were two priests there. He actually started to leave and I and the nurse ran after him to convince him that everything was fine, no one had passed away and we were just there to do what he was planning to do – help save a life by donating a pint of blood.

Another surprising episode happened just after I gave my 99th pint this past April. We were starting the priests' retreat in Bend and I scheduled an appointment there, since I could not be in Baker City where the drive was being held on the same day. Later in the afternoon, as the priests gathered for their retreat at Powell Butte, some priests saw my bandaged arm and asked me what happened. I told them simply that I had donated blood, and one of them asked me what do they give you for doing something so noble. I told him that a few cookies, a drink and a "Thank you" is all we ever get, and that's fine with me, as giving blood can never be recompensed - it's a genuine selfless gift we give to others. As soon as I turned around, another priest, Father Luis Flores-Alva, the pastor at Madras, was waiting to talk to me and said to me "I have a gift for you Father Julian!" Believe it or not, that day was his birthday and we had just sang Happy Birthday to him. And with that he gave me his iPad. I was of course dumbstruck, and wondered if this was a dream or reality. Well, Father Luis is a savvy high-tech young priest, and I was always asking questions about this new invention called the iPad whenever we met for meetings. And since he had just bought the latest version of the iPad, he thought that I deserved his first iPad, which I have been using ever since. I guess God knew who deserved a gift that day.

I take this opportunity to thank all the ladies who run the hospitality tables after donating at the Baptist or Nazarene churches in Baker City, especially for those delicious sandwiches and for the beef broth. I tell them that one of the reasons I enjoy donating blood is because of those sandwiches and the beef broth which always taste so good. Now I'm off to my second century of donations. My final advice is - please donate blood, and save a life in the process!

- 4.5 million Americans will need a blood transfusion each year.
- Blood drives hosted by companies, schools, places of worship and civic organizations supply roughly half of all blood donations across the U.S.
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.

Father Julian's Blog: As a service to parishioners of the Diocese and any friends you may have, Father Julian Cassar, pastor of the Cathedral in Baker City, has started a daily blog with reflections, brief insights, meditations, photos, brief biographies about the saint of the day, and other interesting stuff mostly related to our faith. It will only take 2 minutes a day to check each daily post, but they will be helpful and inspirational in many ways. The address is www.fatherjulian.blogspot.com

PARISH NEWS: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission, Warm Springs A Pilgrimage to Rome!

On December 19, 2011, the Vatican certified a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha which paved the way for pending Canonization. On February 10, 2012, the Vatican announced that seven Blessed will be canonized, including the first Native American Kateri Tekakwitha, which will take place on October 21, 2012, a great day for America and a wonderful day for the Catholic Church!



With joy and passion ten pilgrims from St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Madras are getting ready for that event in Rome. Five of those pilgrims are Native Americans. Kateri Tekakwitha is a beautiful story of spiritual awakening and the internal conflicts that arise when cultures meet.

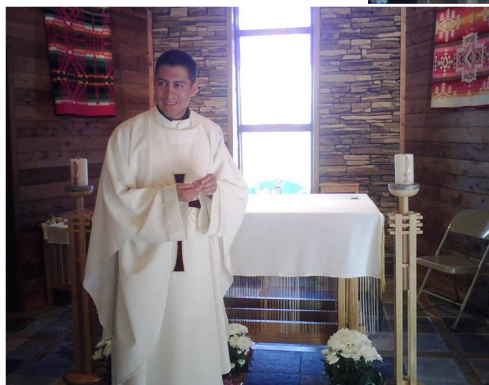
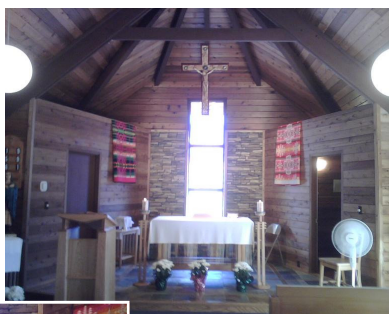
Our pilgrimage is going to start in Auriesville and Fonda, New York, where Kateri was born and baptized, respectively. Later, we will be present at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome for the canonization. Finally, we will have the opportunity to visit Assisi and come back to the USA.

May the "Lily of the Mohawks" be an awakening and inspiration for our Church in America!

Father Luis M. Flores-Alva

On July 14th, Blessed Kateri's Feast Day, a Mass and picnic were held at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission to celebrate the upcoming canonization and pilgrimage.

Inside Blessed Kateri Church



Father Luis holds a relic of Blessed Kateri

Parishioners bow their heads as Father Luis blesses the food and offers thanksgiving for answered prayers.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:

There are many suitable strategies for helping assure the safety of our children. The Parishes and the Diocese is doing what they can but everyone in the Church needs to take an active role. Parents, particularly, must be engaged.

Diocesan Statutes for the Protection of Children are available at Parish Offices as well as the Diocesan website: http://dioceseofbaker.org/protection_of_children.htm The persons to whom child abuse may be reported are located there. You may also contact the County Attorney or the Department of Human Services for help with the procedure to report suspected child abuse.

The Diocese of Baker together with Praesidium, Inc. is pleased to offer this last training component of being in compliance with USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. On August 30, 2012, the teachers and staff of our five schools will be attending an in-service day where they will be instructed in the use of this program. Once again Cathy Shannon from the Archdiocese of Portland will visit our Diocese. Cathy along with Kathy Flanders from our Diocese will team teach this presentation. After this training session, along with the one held earlier in the year for our DREs and Youth Ministers we will be ready to present it to the parents and children of our parishes. In addition, this program will be available in Spanish. For more information on the program log on to: <http://www.praesidiuminc.com/>

Our children are a treasure and the future of our Holy, Catholic Church. Jesus said, 'Let the children come to Me and do not hinder them.' Let us pledge ourselves to love and protect our children as Jesus calls us to love one another.

ANNUAL DIOCESE OF BAKER PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE:

The 2012 annual Diocese of Baker Pro-Life Conference will be held at the Powell Butte Retreat Center on September 8th. This Conference is designed for everyone who is actively involved in the Pro-Life movement in our Diocese; however, all of the people of our diocese are encouraged to attend as we give witness to the Gospel of Life.

The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. offered for Pro-Life intentions. The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will immediately follow Mass.

The Conference presentations begin at 10 a.m. and will feature three guest speakers. **Dr. Richard Thorne** will speak on *The Tyranny of the Minority: The Attack on Conscience and Religious Belief*. **Colm Willis, PAC Director, Oregon Right to Life** will give an *Update on the Affordable Health Care Act and information relating to political action and the pro-life movement in our parishes*. **The Most Reverend Liam Cary, Bishop of Baker**, will speak on *The Importance of Religious Freedom* and **Reverend Robert Greiner, Chaplain, Respect Life Office, Diocese of Baker**, will have a few closing remarks.

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided and a donation of \$15 is suggested for the conference. For more information call please call the Diocesan Office at (541) 388-4004 or call Father Greiner at (541) 447-6475.