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PARISH NEWS: St. Edward the Martyr, Sisters

Parishioners at St. Edward the Martyr Catholic Church held a Miracle of the "5 Loaves and 2 Fish" Food Drive for the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank this past weekend. The drive yielded a truck load of food and \$1,165 in cash donations.



Pictured are Grace Skalda and Bridget Huni adding their donation to the truck.

PARISH NEWS: St. Augustine, Merrill

Vacation Bible School was held August 2 through August 4 at St. Augustine parish. Thirty-five children attended with eight teen captains leading their teams. The participants celebrated daily Mass, enjoyed Bible stories, and participated in activities and crafts. The children also competed in St. Augustine's famous Obstacle Course of Life! The camp was a huge success and concluded on Saturday night with a Birthday Dinner Celebration and piñata for Fr. Francis Akano, Pastor.



Father Francis Akano pictured with a few of the Vacation Bible School attendees.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES:

Congratulations to Reverend James Radloff, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Bend, on his ordination anniversary of October 28, 1993.

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

PARISH NEWS: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, John Day

August 31 and Sept 1 the Ladies of St. Elizabeth held their annual Rummage Sale. Sharon Smith, coordinator of the project, worked with many volunteers to make the sale a success. Father Albert Lakra, pastor, praised Sharon for her many hours of work. The sale is notable for its variety of items, clean and in good repair with prices accessible to the needy of this area.



Proceeds from the sale are used for the activities of the Ladies of St. Elizabeth such as replacing altar linens and vestments, offering Masses for sick and deceased parish members and their immediate family, providing funeral receptions and other services as needs arise in the parish and community.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

"Hi all, I was fortunate to meet many of our Diocese's Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministers at the Ministry Training Conference held at the Retreat Center at the end of August.

Jill Schwartz, in her final role as Director of Religious Education, did an amazing job organizing the relevant and engaging speakers. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it.

I know Barry, the new Director of Religious Education, and I are looking forward to getting out into the Diocese to meet more of you and to seek ways that we can better assist you in your ministries.

Also, mark your calendars for our "Day of the Son - Unstoppable" retreat on November 9-11 and our "Day of the Spirit - Revolutionary Love" retreat on November 16-18."

— David O'Neill, Director of Youth Ministry

Thoughts Along the Way from Bishop Cary



In late August I celebrated Mass to open the school year at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California. For forty years now students at Aquinas (now numbering about 370) have received a classical-curriculum education based on the reading of the great books of the Western tradition. At the heart of their small campus stands a strikingly beautiful new church with a bell tower that can be seen for miles. The layout and design of the surrounding buildings seem to encourage the search for truth and impart confidence that truth can be found.



One student's search was related in a letter I just received from Dr. Michael McLean, President of Thomas Aquinas College. Andrew Moore, a rising junior from Concord, California, decided to spend this summer giving witness to the sanctity of life. He signed up for a 3,000-mile trek from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Crossroads Walk Across America. From all around the country young people follow five different routes to converge upon the capital. It is likely that Andrew's group had the farthest walk of all.

Andrew had been active in pro-life causes - praying at abortion clinics, participating in pro-life rallies, counseling women considering abortion. The Crossroads walk "sounded like a good way to serve God and help His children," but he saw that it could serve another purpose as well. "I have been considering a vocation to the priesthood for some time, and Crossroads is a great way to work on my discernment: prayer, sacrifice, and separation from the distractions of the world."

As the San Francisco group walked along the highway in Indiana, Andrew was struck and killed by a passing car. At the moment of his death he was praying the rosary for the unborn. And he was wearing a vest to reflect light in the darkness.

Hours after learning of their son's death in Indiana, Andrew's father and mother stood at a hospital delivery room in California to witness the birth of a baby whom Andrew had been instrumental in saving from abortion. He had persuaded his parents to allow the baby's young mother to stay at their home while he was away for the summer. In the words of Dr. McLean, "One can only marvel at God's providence."

A new school year has begun, and students take up the search for truth again. September now passes into October, the month of Respect for Life. "Seek and ye shall find," Jesus promised. Andrew Moore took Him at His word.

Pensamientos del Camino por el Obispo Cary

A finales de agosto celebre la misa que inaugura el año escolar en Thomas Aquinas College en Santa Paula, California. Durante cuarenta años los estudiantes de Aquinas (actualmente alrededor de 370) han recibido una educación clásica de estudios basados en la lectura de los grandes libros de la tradición occidental. En el corazón de su pequeño campus se encuentra una iglesia nueva de extraordinaria belleza con un campanario que se puede ver por millas. La disposición y el diseño de los edificios que la rodean parecen favorecer la búsqueda de la verdad y transmitir la confianza de que la verdad puede ser encontrada.

La búsqueda de un estudiante fue relatada en una carta que acabo de recibir del Dr. Michael McLean, Presidente de Thomas Aquinas College. Andrew Moore, un joven de Concord, California, decidió pasar el verano dando testimonio de santidad de vida. Se inscribió en un viaje de 3.000 millas desde San Francisco a Washington, DC, patrocinado por Crossroads Walk Across America. Jóvenes de todo el país siguen cinco rutas diferentes para juntarse en la capital. Es probable que el grupo de Andrew tenga la caminata más lejana de todo.

Andrew ha estado muy activo en las causas pro-vida - orando en las clínicas de aborto, participando en manifestaciones pro-vida, aconsejando a las mujeres que consideran el aborto. La caminata "parece ser una buena manera de servir a Dios y ayudar a sus hijos", pero vio que podía servir a otro propósito también. "He estado considerando la vocación al sacerdocio durante algún tiempo, y la caminata es una gran manera de trabajar en mi discernimiento. La oración, el sacrificio y la separación de las distracciones del mundo."

A medida que el grupo de San Francisco caminaba a lo largo de la carretera en Indiana, Andrew fue atropellado por un coche y murió. En el momento de su muerte iba rezando el rosario por los no nacidos. Y vestía un chaleco para reflejar la luz en la oscuridad.

Horas después de enterarse de la muerte de su hijo en Indiana, el padre y la madre de Andrew fueron a la sala de partos de un hospital en California para presenciar el nacimiento de un bebé por quien Andrew había intervenido eficazmente para que no fuera abortado. Había convencido a sus padres para que el bebé de la joven madre se quedara en su casa mientras él estaba fuera por el verano. En las palabras del Dr. McLean: "Uno sólo puede maravillarse de la providencia de Dios."

Un nuevo año escolar comienza, y los estudiantes van a la búsqueda de la verdad nuevamente. De septiembre pasamos a octubre, el mes de Respeto a la Vida. "Buscad y hallaréis", Prometio Jesús. Andrew Moore le tomó la palabra.

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE:

Sept. 22-27: Catholic Extension Mission Bishop Conf, Chicago
Sept. 28-30: Theological Conference, La Grande
Oct. 3: Department Head Meeting
Oct. 4: Installation of Archbishop Cordileone, San Francisco
Oct. 6-7: Pastoral Visit to Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls
Oct. 8-11: Clergy Assembly, Powell Butte Retreat Center
Oct. 12-15: Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre meeting, Portland

Oct. 16-25: Pilgrimage to Kateri Tekakwitha shrine in New York & to Rome for canonization
Oct. 27: Drive to Heppner for Confirmation
Oct. 28: Confirmation at St. Patrick, Heppner & at St. William, Ione
Oct 31: Department Head Meeting
Nov. 3-4: Confirmation at St. Bridget of Kildare, Nyssa
Nov. 7: Meet with Catholic Charities

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE continued:

Nov. 8:	Meet with Key Bank
Nov. 9-11:	Day of the Son at Powell Butte Retreat Center
Nov. 12-16:	USCCB Meeting in Baltimore
Nov. 16-18:	Day of the Spirit at Powell Butte Retreat Center
Nov. 17-18:	Confirmation at St. Pius X, Klamath Falls

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, BEND

The staff, volunteers, and Board members were very pleased to have Bishop Cary visit the St. Vincent de Paul Bend Social Services office on August 3rd. The pace of his visit was slow and deliberate, giving everyone he spoke to his time to listen to their concerns, ideas, and greetings.

With the help of 49 volunteers, two staff, and eight board members, St. Vincent's provides over 265,000 meals annually to more than 11,000 adults and 7,000 children in the Bend community. In addition, they operate eight low income transitional apartment units and one three-bedroom house. Bishop Cary toured the housing units and was happy to respond to one of the residence's request of a blessing.

PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE REPORT:

Confronting the reality of direct assaults against religious liberty and freedom of conscience in the United States was the main topic of discussion at the Diocese of Baker Annual Pro-Life Conference on September 8th at the Conference Center in Powell Butte. Over 60 people, from throughout Oregon attended this annual gathering to pray, share ideas, and to be updated on policies and trends in government and society affecting efforts to promote and defend our right to life.

The conference began with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrating the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The main celebrant of the Mass and homilist was the Most Rev. Liam Cary, Bishop of the Diocese, who reminded everyone of the beautiful gift God has given the world in the person of our Blessed Mother and of her intimate connection to each one of us.



In a powerful and thought-provoking presentation, Dr. Richard Thorne, past president of Oregon Right to Life, demonstrated many ways that our religious beliefs, particularly our right to freedom of conscience, are under attack here in the United States and throughout the world. Dr. Thorne enthusiastically encouraged his listeners to wake up and pay attention to the reality of how organizations such as Planned Parenthood are doing everything that they can to corrupt the minds and hearts and souls of our countrymen, particularly our young people. He cited numerous examples of how a war is being waged against the beauty and truth of our Catholic faith by people working in the media, popular culture, and even our government. The pervasive, all-encompassing nature of these attacks is indeed shocking

and disturbing, Dr. Thorne pointed out, but they are very real. They must be confronted head-on through a more thorough catechesis of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Faith and by prayer, fasting and living the truth of the Gospel of Life. Dr. Thorne has spent hundreds of hours researching this topic in which most of the news is bleak. But there is much hope. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, our own Bishop Cary and so many other leaders in our Church are guiding us and helping us to never forget that Jesus Christ has triumphed over all sin and death. We must simply place all of our confidence and trust in our Savior never doubting His mercy and love.



Understanding where our rights as citizens come from and how we can work to protect and defend those rights was the topic of a presentation given by Colm Willis, PAC Director for Oregon Right to Life. Our inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, enshrined in our country's Declaration of Independence, come from God and cannot be usurped by anyone. However, Mr. Willis said, the Affordable Health Care Act, specifically the Health and Human Services Mandates, infringe upon these rights and are in direct conflict with the First Amendment of our nation's Constitution. Mr. Willis is currently a law student at Willamette University who has, throughout his life, been very active in the pro-life movement. He brought to the conference a youthful and energetic enthusiasm as he helped to simplify the various levels of law in our country. Recently married, Mr. Willis and his wife are expecting their first child. Thus his interest in the need for a better understanding of our rights as citizens and the ways that they are being thwarted is not purely academic. Those in attendance certainly were encouraged by the articulate and thoughtful way in which he helped to make a complex subject clearer as we prepare to evaluate our options in this election.



Rounding out this day of reflection was our own Bishop Cary whose remarks were warmly received. His talk focused on the fact that as citizens of this great nation we have rights that our Founding Fathers were bound and determined to protect and defend, even to the point of giving up their lives and their fortunes. The framers of our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution realized that the free practice of religion was essential for the building up of virtue in the citizens of the United States. Religious liberty, therefore, the bishop said, allows us to practice our freedom to love God whom we should love with all of our hearts. We must, therefore, practice the great virtue of charity, which is, as St. Paul reminds us, patient. Bishop Cary, along with the other two speakers, left his listeners with a great feeling of hope as we work to build a culture of life in our diocese.

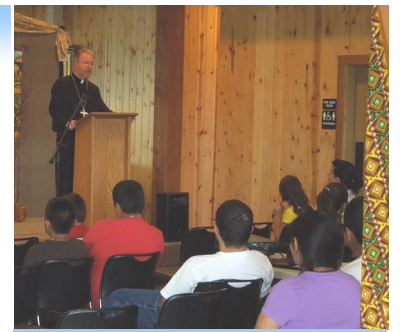
Rev. Robert Greiner, Chaplain,
Respect Life Office, Diocese of Baker



El Consejo Juvenil actuando el Padre Nuestro en Swahili

Campamento Familiar Hispano

Queremos agradecer a nuestro Señor Obispo por su presencia y participación, al Personal: Padre Luis Flores Capellán y presentador, párroco de Madras; a la Hermana Sabina Oración, de la Parroquia de Bend; a Eva, Gustavo y Juan Ruiz, a Sara Skalda, Diferentes actividades; Marcy Marshall Cocina; Vicente Treviño Música y a todas las familias por su participación y dinamismo y por querer unir a nuestra familia Diocesana pues aunque estamos tan distantes unos de otros actividades como estas nos unen y nos ayudan a comprender que con Dios y María Santísima todo es posible.



El Señor Obispo Liam Cary En su plática vocacional



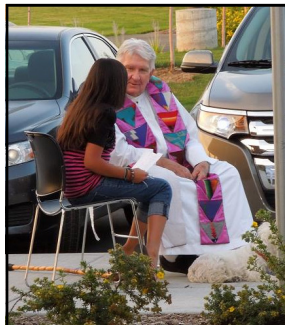
Actividad en Familia



Asando Bombones antes de rezar el Rosario en el anfiteatro



Primera Actividad del Grupo completo y comenzando a conocerse



Padre Leo oyendo Confesiones



Padre Luis, Eva, Gustavo Hna. Sabina, Gus, Juan Personal del Campamento



Familia Corona Ontario OR



Familia Ramos/Ruiz Cornelius OR



Familia Ketchu Ontario OR



Familia Treviño Hermiston OR



Familia Mejía Madras OR



Familia Tinoco Ontario OR



Familia Pérez Orea Bend OR



Familia Orea Mendoza Bend OR



Familia Santoyo Bend OR



Esto es solo un poco de la diversión que durante el campamento disfrutamos todos los participantes, por supuesto también pasamos tiempo en oración y adoración pero todo en FAMILIA