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YOUTH NEWS: Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2:14,17)

Through their Operation Christmas Child service project, Sacred Heart Junior High and High School Youth Groups are serving God through both faith and works. Throughout the month of October, Sacred Heart Jr. High and High School students raised both money and awareness for those who are less fortunate. Giving of their own money, coupled with a donation, the youth raised \$165 for their Operation Christmas Child service project, which sends shoeboxes filled with toys and goodies, as well as basic hygiene items and school supplies to kids across the world who might not otherwise receive Christmas presents. Since starting 13 year ago, Operation Christmas Child has reached over 96,000,000 children, and will reach their 100 millionth child this year. The youth packed 11 shoeboxes to send to other children, each box accompanied by a letter describing the students and why they love Jesus ("I love Jesus because He made you!") as well as a picture of the youth group. We are very proud of our youth!



SCHOENSTATT ADVENT FAMILY GATHERING



Sunday, December 9, from 3-6 p.m. Mary Mother's Daughters will host the annual Schoenstatt Advent Family Celebration at the Diocesan Retreat Center beginning with Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour and the Advent Scriptural Reading by Rev. Robert Greiner, in St. Mary's Chapel. After the Holy Hour, we will gather in the Center for traditional Advent music and singing, entertainment, family crafts, finger foods, and beverages.

The focus will be the Divine Maternity of Mary with the Protection of Her Loving Husband, Joseph, and the coming of their Precious Son, Jesus. This gathering is perfect to teach children about the meaning of Advent through praise, music, and family fun. We invite our Priests and Religious as our guests as they are always in our prayers and an important part of our family.

Please bring a favorite finger food, dessert, or beverage to share. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

LEGACY OF FAITH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven"
- Matthew 6:19, 20

The Multiple Benefits of Lifetime Giving



It is that time of year again, and what a year it was! 2012 will go down as one of the most historic in terms of politics, taxes and hopefully... charitable giving.

So what is a charitable Catholic person to do? First, give thanks for any appreciated capital assets. This may be the biggest year for donating appreciated assets to charity because individuals, mutual fund managers and corporations want to take advantage of the current low tax rates for capital gains. Why? The special tax rates on long-term gains and qualified dividends expire on December 31, 2012. Starting in 2013, the tax rate on long-term gains will be 20% (or 10% if a taxpayer is in the 15% tax bracket). Also starting in 2013, the distinction between ordinary and qualified dividends will disappear, and all dividends will be subject to the ordinary tax rates.

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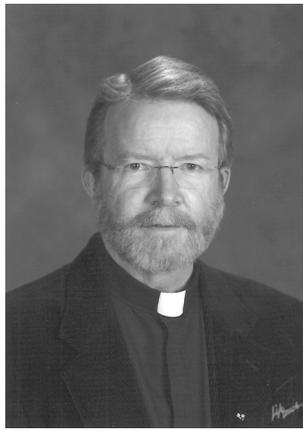
Thoughts Along the Way from Bishop Cary

The attention of the nation has been focused on the disaster wrought by Hurricane Sandy on the East Coast. With our diocesan collection we'll lend a hand from afar to our fellow citizens as they struggle to put their lives back together. But here in Eastern Oregon, too, ranch families still suffer from the fury of last summer's huge fires, as I was reminded on my November 3rd visit to Jordan Valley. The unanticipated expense of buying hay weighs them down now; anxiety about access to grazing land next spring shadows their view of the future. Please continue to hold these neighbors of ours up in prayer along with the victims of nature's wrath on the other side of the country.

The people have spoken; the elections are decided. As St. Paul prayed for the Emperor in his day, so we ask God to bless our President and all those elected on the state and local levels. As the results make clear, however, in the forthcoming national debates Catholics will need to awaken a widened appreciation for the fundamental importance of religious liberty to the American way of life. This challenge calls for a better understanding of Catholic teachings on marriage and the family in particular so that we may bring them to bear in public debate with confidence in the values that underlie them. We hope to make available accessible diocesan-wide instruction on these questions during this Year of Faith.

To encourage widespread participation in the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict has called for bishops to establish pilgrimage sites and special catechetical programs with plenary indulgences attached to them. Barry Metzentine, our new Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, is working to implement the Holy Father's wishes here and should be able to publicize our program in the next month or so.

We look forward to launching the annual Diocesan Appeal by early December. As you will see, the format for the Appeal is a bit different this year, and that took a bit more time to develop than expected. When you have the materials in hand, please give thought and prayer to how you can support our effort to go "Forward in Faith" together.



Pensamientos del Camino por el Obispo Cary

La atención de la nación se ha centrado en la catástrofe provocada por el Huracán Sandy en la Costa Oeste. Con nuestra colecta diocesana vamos a echar una mano desde lejos a nuestros conciudadanos en su lucha por rehacer sus vidas juntos. Pero aquí, en el Este de Oregon, también, las familias siguen sufriendo de la furia de los grandes incendios del verano pasado, como fui acordado en mi tercera visita en Noviembre a Jordan Valley. El gasto imprevisto de comprar heno los abruma; la ansiedad acerca del acceso a las tierras de pastoreo nubla su visión del futuro de la próxima primavera. Por favor, continúen haciendo oración por estos vecinos junto con las víctimas de la furia de la naturaleza en el otro lado del país.

El pueblo ha hablado, y las elecciones se han decidido. Así como San Pablo oró por el Emperador en sus tiempos, así le pedimos a Dios que bendiga a nuestro presidente y a todos los elegidos en los niveles estatal y local. Al hacerse claro los resultados, sin embargo, ponen de manifiesto en los debates nacionales próximos, los Católicos tendrán que despertar una apreciación más amplia para la importancia fundamental de la libertad religiosa al estilo de vida Americano. Este desafío requiere una mejor comprensión de las enseñanzas Católicas sobre el matrimonio y la familia, en particular, para que podamos llevarlos a tener en el debate público de confianza en los valores que los sustentan. Esperamos poner a disposición accesible en toda la diócesis instrucción sobre estas cuestiones durante este Año de la Fe.

Para fomentar una amplia participación en el Año de la Fe, el Papa Benedicto XVI ha pedido a los obispos a establecer lugares de peregrinación y los programas especiales de catequesis con indulgencias plenarias unidos a ellos. Barry Metzentine, nuestro nuevo Director de Evangelización y Catequesis, está trabajando para poner en práctica los deseos del Santo Padre aquí y podrá dar a conocer nuestro programa en el próximo mes.

Esperamos con interés el lanzamiento de la Campaña Diocesana Anual a principios de Diciembre. Como podrán ver, el formato de la Campaña es un poco diferente este año, y se tomó un poco más tiempo para desarrollar que lo previsto. Cuando tengan los materiales a la mano, por favor piensen y oren en cómo ustedes pueden apoyar nuestro esfuerzo para ir "Adelante en la Fe" juntos.

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE:

Dec. 5: Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
Dec. 7: Mass & Confirmation, Prison in Pendleton
Dec. 8-9: Masses at St. Mary, Pendleton
Dec. 10-14: Audit for Protecting God's Children Program
Dec. 15: Serra Club Dinner
Dec. 16: Mass at Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston
Dec. 20: St. Vincent de Paul Board Meeting, Redmond

Dec. 24-25: Christmas Masses, St. Francis Cathedral, Baker City
Jan. 2-9: Region XII Retreat
Jan. 22-24: Catholic Leadership Institute
Jan. 30: School Mass, St. Francis of Assisi, Bend
Feb. 4: Review Board Meeting
Feb. 4-6: National Bioethics Meeting (tentative)
Feb. 22-23: Men's Conference in Pendleton

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to our clergy who will celebrate their ordination anniversaries in December:

Rev. Juan Carlos Chiarinoti, Bend	December 5, 1986
Rev. Rob Irwin, Idaho	December 8, 1995
Rev. Eduardo Nebelung, Boardman	December 21, 1984
Rev. Dennis Strachota, Retired, Bend	December 23, 1967

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

Composer David Haas coming to Bend, March 8-9

Composer, author and workshop presenter David Haas will present a Friday evening concert and Saturday workshop March 8 and 9, 2013, at St. Francis Parish in Bend. A few of Haas' well known songs are "You Are Mine," "Blest Are They," and "We Will Rise Again." The concert and workshop will be held at the new St. Francis church. More information about costs, tickets, and registration will be available in upcoming editions of the Chronicle after the Christmas season. David Haas is the director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, and serves as Campus Minister at Cretin-Derham Hall in St. Paul, Minnesota. A composer of over 40 collections of liturgical music with GIA Publications, he has been active for many years as a conference and workshop speaker, consultant, concert performer, recording artist and an author of over 14 books in the areas of music, liturgy, religious education, youth ministry, prayer and spirituality. He is the founder and executive director of "Music Ministry Alive!" (a national liturgical music formation program for youth), and is a monthly columnist for Ministry and Liturgy magazine. More information about MMA can be found on their website: www.musicministryalive.com.



David's music is sung and prayed throughout the world and appears in many hymnals of various denominations and languages.

As an author, David has written over 20 books in the areas of liturgy, liturgical music, youth ministry, catechesis, prayer and spirituality, and formerly served as the national liturgical and music consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers. He continues to write a monthly column entitled "Sung Prayer" for Ministry and Liturgy magazine, and has been a consultant for various hymnal and music projects for GIA Publications.

In 1991 David was nominated for a Grammy Award for the recording of I Shall See God, and his book, The Ministry and Mission of Sung Prayer received the outstanding professional book award from the Catholic Press Association in 2003. Along with Michael Joncas and Marty Haugen, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995 from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

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LFF - The Multiple Benefits of Lifetime Giving continued

For Oregonians, this means an additional 11% in state taxes as well. Beginning in 2013, capital gains income will also be subject to an additional 3.8% Medicare tax due to the new Healthcare Bill. As you can see, the days of low capital gains are most likely gone forever.

Here are some interesting facts about charitable giving that make the Legacy of Faith Foundation (LFF) a great option. Studies show the largest source of annual giving comes from individual donors (almost 73% of the \$218 billion given in 2011). The average household gift is just over \$2,200; however, over 70% of those households do not itemize their deductions, so they don't even get to take advantage of the charitable donation deduction. Research also shows that 98% of high net-worth households will give more than ever this year because this could very well be the last year they can take advantage of the charitable donation deduction due to their high income levels.

Of all the charitable donations given in this country, about 36% of those dollars are given for religious purposes, like your parish, the diocese, or the Universal Church; 27% is given to educational foundations (similar to the St. Francis School Endowment or St. Thomas Scholarship Fund currently established at Legacy of Faith Foundation); and 8% is given to health organizations. Clearly, the largest amount of giving in the U.S. is for religious and educational purposes at a combined rate exceeding 63%.

Legacy of Faith Foundation supports many religious programs and educational programs within our faith community. If you have appreciated assets that you're considering donating, or assets your mutual fund managers are recommending you distribute before year end, consider letting us help you achieve your charitable as well as financial goals. The Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation is dedicated to joining with you in strengthening and growing our faith community. We do not invest in companies or give grants to organizations that are involved in activities contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Like you - for us it's a matter of faith.

As you consider your assets, interests and the future, consider your spiritual legacy. Please contact The Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation. We can help you set up lasting charitable giving plans that will benefit you, your family, your Catholic community and your faith for years to come. Once you've given some time to reflect on the legacy you want to establish, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Arlene Gibson J.D., at (541) 388-4004.

It's a matter of faith...and it's your opportunity to affect the religious life of our diocese for many years to come.

The LFF Finance Committee



Advent, come Lord Jesus!

The Meaning of the Advent Wreath

In Christian symbolism, the wheel or wreath stands for eternity. Its use is especially fitting during Advent, the season of the anticipation of the coming of our Lord. Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lightening candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home.



The First Week (Dec 2-8)

Each night the first purple candle is lit by the youngest child of the household and is left burning during the evening family meal.

Suggested prayer: O God, we remember our Savior, your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the flame of this candle warms and brightens our world today, allow Christ's love and blessings to guide our path. Allow us to feel the warmth of His love in our hearts and to see the light of His Word in our minds. We pray that as we await His coming, Christ's life will shine a light into our darkened world giving us strength in our faith and filling our lives with joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Second Week (Dec 9-15)

The eldest child lights the first and second purple candle; both candles burn during the evening family meal as before.

Suggested prayer: Soon our Savior will be with us. Lord help us gain inner peace as we await Christ's birth. Strengthen our faith, love, and commitment, so as not to be swayed by temptations or false promises. We pray we may fully experience the peace of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Third Week (Dec 16-22)

The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as "Gaudete") is represented by a rose (or pink) candle. Each night during the third week, the mother of the family lights the pink, as well as the two previously burned purple candles.

Suggested prayer: As the birth of our Savior brightens our days, Lord help us to find joy in His love and in our love for one another. Keep our eyes open to the glory of your creation in each of us as we anticipate the celebrations of your ultimate love for humankind, the birth of Jesus Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Fourth Week...

The father of the household lights all four candles in proper sequence during the fourth week.

Suggested prayer: Lord, show us how to see Christ's light and feel His love. The mystery of Christ's Incarnation is beyond our explanation, but we know Jesus by our faith. We proclaim His greatness and rejoice in the love and sacrifices He has showered upon us. We are longing for the coming of the Christ Child, our Light and our Love; our Savior who brings us love that lasts forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PARISH NEWS: St. Pius X, Klamath Falls

Recently St. Pius X Catholic Church in Klamath Falls held its annual Parish Ministry Fair, sponsored by the Pastoral Council. The purpose of the Ministry Fair was to inform parishioners of the different ministries within the parish, and provide them with opportunities to get involved. Involvement is not only limited to volunteering one's time and talents, but involvement in learning and growing in their faith.

Over the years the Ministry Fair has grown in displays and attendance. The theme of this year's event was, "Fall into Ministry."



St. Pius X is truly blessed by its parishioner involvement in the parish as well as the community. Currently there are over 400 parishioners involved in one or more of the 57 active ministries that serve the Parish and community at large.

At this year's Ministry Fair there were 30 amazing displays showcasing many of the different ministries. There is every indication that it was a resounding success. The enthusiasm of the parishioners who attended was infectious and 'Sign up' sheets had plenty of names of those who wanted to get involved. There were more than 31 parishioners signing up to get involved in one or more ministry. St. Pius X has seen a recent spike in parishioners getting involved in parish ministries as well as opportunities to grow in their faith. There may come a time when we'll need to find more ministries for parishioners to be involved in. What a wonderful problem to have.

This type of parishioner involvement truly captures the spirit of this Year of Faith proclaimed by the pope. Pope Benedict has called for this special year as an invitation to "an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world." He hopes it will inspire in all believers, "the aspiration to profess the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope."

For more ideas on parish faith formation and community building ministries, you can visit the diocesan website (www.dioceseofbaker.org) and click on "Evangelization and Catechesis."