



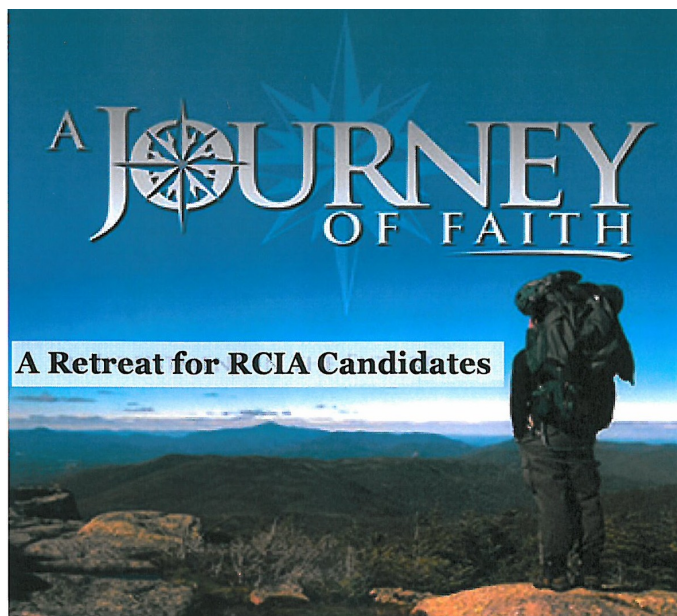
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DIOCESAN NEWS: RCIA Retreat for Candidates



Registration is open for the **RCIA Retreat for Candidates** on March 3, at the Powell Butte Retreat Center. Start the day with Mass at 8 a.m. in St. Mary Chapel, Bishop Skystad presiding. The Retreat will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the John Paul II Conference Center. Four talks are scheduled: *Food and Strength for the Journey, The Eucharist* by Fr. Greiner; *Embarking on the Journey, "Go out into the World"* and *Road Map, Sign Posts and Directions, Sacraments of Initiation* by Bishop Skystad; *Don't Forget to Bring the Top 5 Necessary Items for the Catholic Journey* by Jill Schwartz.

The cost of the day retreat is \$30 (breakfast and lunch included). For more information contact your RCIA director or Jill Schwartz at the Diocesan Office. You can find the forms to register on the diocesan website Religious Education page, or call (541) 388-4004 for more information. For those coming in from out of town and who would like to stay at the Retreat Center, please contact Jill Schwartz to make arrangements.



In our last issue we asked for your help in contributing all kinds of religious articles as well as stuffed animals and toys which appeal to young as well as older students. We did not; however, tell you where to send or deliver your gifts. The Chancery for the Diocese of Baker is located in Bend. Our address is 911 SE Armour Road, Bend, OR 97702-1489. (541) 388-4004

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:



Although Pendleton, is famous for its annual cowboy assembly each fall at the Pendleton Roundup, a different men's gathering will take place soon. The Northwest Catholic Men's Conference on February 24th and 25th will inspire men to come to holiness and seek the Truth. The conference, being held at the Pendleton Convention Center, kicks off at 6:00 p.m. on Friday February 24th with Mass. Check in will begin on Friday at 4:30 p.m. and the conference will conclude Saturday afternoon around 5:00 p.m.

Speakers and multi-media presentations throughout the two days will help men develop a deeper relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and also with their family and friends, and all of God's people. Men will be instructed on God's Mercy, the sacraments, prayer, saints and angels and their fight against evil. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a special Live Stations of the Cross will be presented. Breakout sessions will promote discussion of issues relevant to Catholics and other Christian men.

Fathers, we encourage you to bring your sons but ask that they meet a minimum age of 15 years old.

There will be two visiting speakers this year. Father Glen Sudano, novice director for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will speak on *The Sacraments-Instituted by Christ to give us Grace* and *Why men need prayer and adoration?* Father Alex Kratz, O.F.M., a Franciscan priest stationed in Detroit, will speak on *The Holy Land-Men of God on a pilgrimage* and *Homily with reflections on Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mother*. Additionally, Father Bailey Clemens, Pastor at St. Mary's in Pendleton will speak on *"Be men of courage! It is I, do not be afraid"* and Deacon Omar Torres will speak on *True Marriage (Problems with same sex, pornography) Where to get help?* To learn more about these presenters, please visit the website below.

The cost for the conference is \$35 and includes a late soup supper Friday night, snacks, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Early registration closes February 14; late registrations will cost \$40. Registration forms are available at <http://gowestcatholicmen.com/conference.html>. Please call St. Mary's Parish at (541) 276-3615 if you need assistance with downloading and completing the form.

Last year's Conference was an incredible success. Even the biggest success starts with the first step.

REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP SKYLSTAD...The Lenten Journey

Every late winter/early spring-time provides us in the Catholic family a unique opportunity of a spiritual journey that is deeply embedded in our Catholic DNA. Ash Wednesday this year is on February 22 and Easter is celebrated on April 8. These weeks are a rich opportunity to fine tune our spiritual lives and our relationship with the world about us. For the Hispanic community, Ash Wednesday is approached like a holy day of obligation, which it is not, but church attendance on that day for them is nothing short of massive. There is indeed something powerful about the stark reality of ashes being smeared on our foreheads.

These weeks of Lent provide us a penitential time of preparation for the Sacred Triduum which culminates in the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. In addition, during this time the catechumens in the RCIA program complete their preparation time for being initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil through celebration of their Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Oftentimes Catholics approach the Lenten season with a certain resolve of practices that will assist them to enter seriously into this opportunity for grace. Some commit themselves to attend daily Mass. Some will be faithful to Lenten devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Others will devote more time to prayer. Dieting and losing weight become a goal for some that demonstrates a penitential practice of sacrifice. And many, along with their children, will get involved with Operation Rice Bowl through their parish or through Catholic Relief Services. All of this in one way or another should lead us to a deeper appreciation of our God and our role as God's people. At least that is our hoped for goal.

Recently Pope Benedict XVI has focused on the development of human relationships on our planet. In his World Day of Peace message on January 1, the Pope focused on the education and formation of our youth on the theme of peace and justice. Clearly, the Holy Father sees the disruption of human relationship and the disparity of human situations around the globe as a serious responsibility for us within the Church. He addresses that challenge in an even deeper way in his Lenten message this year when he chooses the theme from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works." (Heb 10:24)

The Pope echoes the words of Pope Paul VI in his encyclical, *The Progress of Peoples*: "Human society is sorely ill. The cause is not so much the depletion of natural resources, nor the monopolistic control by a privileged few: it is rather the weakening of brotherly ties between individuals and nations." (66) For us in the Church, the second great command of Jesus is "to love neighbor as self." As the Holy father so well states in his Lenten message: "If we cultivate this way of seeing others as our brothers and sisters, solidarity, justice, mercy and compassion will naturally well up in our hearts." What a great Lenten resolution for us all!

REFLEXIONES DEL OBISPO SKYLSTAD...Jornada cuaresmal

Todos los finales de invierno/principios de primavera nos da a la familia católica una oportunidad única de un viaje espiritual que está profundamente arraigado en nuestro ADN católico. Miércoles de Ceniza de este año es el 22 de febrero y la Semana Santa se celebra el 8 de abril. Estas semanas son una gran oportunidad para afinar nuestra vida espiritual y nuestra relación con el mundo que nos rodea. La comunidad hispana toma, el Miércoles de Ceniza como un día de precepto, que no lo es, pero la asistencia a la iglesia ese día para ellos es masiva. En efecto, es algo poderoso que nos acerca a la cruda realidad al ponernos cenizas en la frente.

Estas semanas de Cuaresma nos proporcionan un tiempo penitencial de preparación para el Triduo Sacro, que culmina en la celebración de la Resurrección del Señor. Además, durante este tiempo los catecúmenos del programa RICA completan su preparación para ser iniciados en la Iglesia en la Vigilia Pascual a través de la celebración de su Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión. A menudo, los católicos comenzamos la Cuaresma, con una resolución de ciertas prácticas que nos ayuden a aprovechar esta oportunidad de la gracia. Algunos se proponen asistir a misa diaria. Algunos serán fieles a las devociones Cuaresma como el Vía Crucis. Otros dedican más tiempo a la oración. Ponerse a dieta, perder peso para algunos es un tipo de penitencia. Todo esto de una manera u otra nos debe llevar a una apreciación más profunda de Dios y nuestro papel como pueblo de Dios. Al menos esa es nuestra meta.

Recientemente el Papa Benedicto XVI se ha enfocado en el desarrollo de las relaciones humanas en nuestro planeta. En su mensaje del Día Mundial de la Paz el 1º de enero, el Papa se enfocó en la educación y la formación de nuestros jóvenes en el tema de la paz y la justicia. Claramente, el Santo Padre ve que la interrupción de las relaciones humanas y la disparidad de situaciones humanas en el mundo como una gran responsabilidad para nosotros en la Iglesia. Se dirige a ese desafío de una manera aún más profunda en su mensaje cuaresmal de este año cuando se elige el tema de la Carta a los Hebreos: "Fijémonos los unos en los otros para estímulo de la caridad y las buenas obras." (Hb 10, : 24)

El Papa se hace eco de las palabras del Papa Pablo VI en su encíclica, *El Progreso de los Pueblos*: "La sociedad humana está muy enferma. La causa no es tanto el agotamiento de los recursos naturales, ni el control monopólico por unos pocos privilegiados: es más bien el debilitamiento de los lazos de hermandad entre los individuos y las naciones "(66) Para nosotros en la Iglesia, el segundo mandamiento de Jesús. es "amar al prójimo como a sí mismo." Como el Santo Padre afirma muy bien en su mensaje de Cuaresma: "Si cultivamos esta manera de ver a los demás como nuestros hermanos, la solidaridad, la justicia, la misericordia y la compasión, naturalmente, también en nuestros corazones. "Que gran resolución de cuaresma para todos nosotros!

BISHOP SKYLSTAD'S SCHEDULE:

- February 11-12 Parish Visit - Burns
- February 12-19 in the Pastoral Offices-Bend
- February 18-19 open for Parish Visit
- February 19-27 in Pastoral Office-Bend
- February 21 Department Head Meeting-Pastoral Office Bend
- February 26 Confirmation – St. Andrew's Mission
- March 3 RCIA Day of Recollection–Powell Butte Retreat Center
- March 4 Confirmation, Chiloquin, Bly
- March 5-7 in Pastoral Office-Bend

SAINTS AND FEASTS: Ash Wednesday, February 22

On this day the faithful, according to ancient custom, are exhorted to come forward. The priest, dipping his thumb into palm ashes previously blessed, marks the forehead with the sign of the cross saying the words: "Remember man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel". The saying and the act are meant to remind us that man is mortal. This means we are dust and it is dust to which we shall return.

The ashes used in this ceremony are made by burning the remains of the palms blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year. During the blessing of the ashes, four prayers are used, all of them ancient. The ashes are sprinkled with holy water and fumigated with incense. In addition, prayers of repentance are read and exhortation denouncing sin, taken from chapter 28 of the Book of Deuteronomy, are delivered from the pulpit and Psalm 51 is prayed.

In the United States, besides the Roman Catholic Church, some Episcopal Churches also observe Ash Wednesday with the distribution of ashes. Other Protestant denominations also mark the beginning of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Orthodox Churches do not, since the Great Lent begins on Monday. For all Christian Churches, however, Lent is a period of preparation. The culmination is Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday and building to the joyous celebration of Easter.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: Operation Rice Bowl 2012



During the season of Lent, we are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. **CRS' Operation Rice Bowl** can help your parish bring these spiritual practices to life, while responding to the needs of those who are hungry in our own community and around the world.

CRS' Operation Rice Bowl offers resources for use in parish and school community settings, with complementary materials for families to foster their faith life in the home.

By responding to the simple, yet powerful Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving through CRS' Operation Rice Bowl, the faithful in our diocese are making a positive difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who are most in need. This truly is a faithful response to Jesus' teaching that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." continued >>

Seventy-five percent of CRS' Operation Rice Bowl donations go to Catholic Relief Services to help fund development programs designed to increase food security around the world. These projects focus on initiatives that bring clean water, small enterprise development, agricultural expertise, educational opportunities, and HIV/AIDS and mother/child health programs to the poor in more than 40 countries. Twenty-five percent of CRS' Operation Rice Bowl donations support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in dioceses within the United States.

You may order CRS' Operation Rice Bowl materials free of charge by calling 1-800-222-0025, or by visiting www.orb.crs.org.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: Operation Rice Bowl 2012



Durante la temporada de Cuaresma, estamos llamados a la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. **CRS Operación Tazón de Arroz** puede ayudar a tu parroquia a dar vida a estas prácticas espirituales, al responder a las necesidades de los que tienen hambre en nuestra propia comunidad y en todo el mundo.

CRS Operación Tazón de Arroz ofrece los recursos para ser usado en la comunidad parroquial y la escuela, con materiales complementarios para las familias para fomentar su vida de fe en el hogar.

Al responder a las prácticas simples, pero poderosas de Cuaresma de oración, de ayuno y de limosna a través de CRS 'Operación Tazón de Arroz', los fieles de nuestra diócesis están haciendo una diferencia positiva en las vidas de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que más lo necesitan. Esto realmente es una respuesta fiel a la enseñanza de Jesús de que "lo que hiciste a uno de estos hermanos míos más pequeños, a mí me lo hiciste."

Setenta y cinco por ciento de las donaciones de CRS Operación Tazón de Arroz van a Catholic Relief Services para ayudar a financiar programas de desarrollo diseñados para aumentar la seguridad alimenticia en todo el mundo. Estos proyectos se centran en iniciativas para proveer agua potable, desarrollo de pequeñas empresas, mejoras agrícolas, oportunidades educativas, VIH / SIDA, y programas de salud para madre / hijo y para los pobres en más de 40 países. El veinticinco por ciento de las donaciones de CRS "Operación Tazón de Arroz" apoya los esfuerzos para aliviar la pobreza y el hambre en las diócesis en los Estados Unidos.

Usted puede ordenar los materiales de CRS Tazón de Arroz de forma gratuita llamando al 1-800-222-0025, o visitando www.orb.crs.org.

LENTEN PRAYER:

God of the poor, we long to see Your face. You tell us, "whatever you did for one of these least you did for me." May we recognize You in each of our brothers and sisters. May our prayers and fasting unite us with those who hunger. May we share of our blessings with those in need. Amen.

Prayer borrowed from ORB at CRS



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PARISH NEWS: St. Edward the Martyr Youth Group, Sisters

Students from the St. Edward the Martyr Youth Group gathered at the Church Hall on December 28th, to help their Youth Minister, Matt Deppmeier, prepare packets containing cards of all of the Religious of the Diocese. The packets were then distributed to each Parish where the cards were distributed for the Parishioners to take and pray for the Priest or Sister whose name is on the card. This is an annual project of the Serra Club, whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life. Matt is a member of the Serra Club. The teens made the work fun and when they were finished helping, pizza and pop was served. Father Radloff was able to join in for the pizza.



Pictured from left to right: Sara Rietmann, Giselle Moreno, Doug Huni, Jenni Ortega, Anna Ortega, Maria Moreno, Matt Deppmeier, Father Jim Radloff, and Zeus Ortega.

DIOCESAN NEWS: Bishop Connolly



Picture taken during the recent monthly visit with Bishop Connolly at Maryville. Shown with Bishop and Father Weckerle is Sister Elizabeth Sahler.

PARISH NEWS: Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston

A new residence for homeless families is being built in Hermiston, so the Youth of Our Lady of Angels Parish, decided to find out what types of items are on the "Wish List" to furnish and prepare the house for use. Dave Hughes, the Director of the local food bank, Agape House, which is overseeing the project, said that at the top of the list were vacuum cleaners, so that the residents can take good care of the new residence. Instead of buying gifts for each other for their Christmas party, the Youth donated cash toward the purchase of a vacuum cleaner for Martha's House.



Pictured from left to right: Angeles Padilla-Villa, Grace Klein, Marie Klein, and Victor Padilla-Villa.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS:

Young Adult Retreat

*Life is a journey, and sometimes it is hard to feel
God carrying us through the many twists and
turns we encounter along the way.*

Sacred Heart Klamath Falls Newman Club and Bend Newman Club invite you to experience your journey together with other young adults in the Diocese of Baker at our first joint Young Adult Retreat March 2-4, 2012, at the Diocesan Retreat Center in Powell Butte.

Cost is \$70 per person (includes meals and lodging), but talk to your parish about subsidizing the cost.

For more information, or to reserve your spot, contact:

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