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Christ is Risen !

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REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP SKYLSTAD.....He is Risen!

The celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord is the Church's greatest feast day of the liturgical year. We have now journeyed through another Lenten season, celebrated Holy Week and especially the Sacred Triduum which begins with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening and concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. These past weeks have been rich in prayerful reflection, devotion, celebration, and journey with the Lord as He finally is placed in the tomb. Listening to the various accounts of the passion of Jesus on both Passion (Palm) Sunday and Good Friday intensifies within us a profound sense of gratitude and love of Jesus who first loved us.

One can only imagine what must have gone through the minds of the Virgin Mary and the disciples of Jesus as they experienced his betrayal and death preceded by cruel torture and crucifixion. Easter Sunday morning comes, perhaps with a tremendous sense of devastation and loss. What now and where to go? According to St. John's account, Mary Magdalen arrives at the tomb first in early morning darkness to take care of the body. The puzzlement briefly deepens when she discovers the body is not there. Peter and John come running when they hear about it, but they return home. Mary Magdalen stays. St. Mark's account tells us that a young man in white clothing inside the tomb announces to the women that the Lord has arisen and has gone before them to Galilee.

Tremendous sadness, fear, puzzlement are transformed into great joy as the followers of Jesus quickly recognize that Jesus has risen. The events of those intense days are emblazoned in the history and tradition of our Church. As we relive those events once again, we should be mindful of how significantly they continue to touch us as we, companions on the journey, try to make sense of our own lives. We remember how wonderfully and powerfully the risen Lord continues to be with us. We too go through our Holy Weeks of the cross, devastation, loss, and ultimately death. We too walk up to the empty tombs of life and sometimes not look beyond. The temptation to be near sighted from a faith perspective that does not allow us to look beyond is powerfully counteracted by Easter Sunday morning.

Along with the risen Jesus who bore the marks of his crucifixion, we too bear the marks of our own life's journey. They take a thousand and one different forms. But whatever they are, they will pale into insignificance when we come to our own great day of transformation and being raised to new life. The Resurrection of Jesus gives us hope, joy and a sense of direction as we continue our earthly journey. The Resurrection always gives perspective even in the most difficult moments of life. Ultimately, the Lord Jesus will call us to our final home.

The Lord has risen! May we always rejoice and be glad.



May the joy and peace of the risen Jesus be with you always.
Que la alegría y la paz de Jesús resucitado estén con ustedes siempre.

The Most Reverend William S. Skylstad, The Most Reverend Thomas J. Connolly,
Bishop-elect Liam Cary, and the Diocesan Staff

NOTICIAS HISPANAS: La celebración de la Resurrección del Señor es el día de fiesta más grande del año litúrgico de la Iglesia. Hemos viajado por otra temporada de Cuaresma, hemos celebrado la Semana Santa, el Triduo pascual, que comienza con la celebración de la Cena del Señor en la tarde del Jueves Santo y concluye con las Vísperas del Domingo de Pascua. Estas últimas semanas han sido ricas en reflexión oración, devoción y celebración, hemos caminado con el Señor hasta la tumba. Escuchar los dos relatos de la pasión de Jesús la del Domingo de Ramos y la del Viernes Santo se intensifica en nosotros un profundo sentimiento de gratitud y amor a Jesús que nos amó primero.

Uno, solo puede imaginar lo que debe haber pasado por la mente de la Virgen María y los discípulos de Jesús, al experimentar la traición y la muerte precedida por la tortura, los tratos crueles y la crucifixión de Jesús. Llega la mañana del Domingo de Pascua, tal vez llega con un tremendo sentido de devastación y de pérdida. ¿Y ahora qué a dónde ir? Según el relato de San Juan, María Magdalena llega a la tumba por primera vez en la oscuridad por la mañana temprano para embalsamar el cuerpo. El desconcierto se apodera de ella cuando descubre que el cuerpo no está allí. Pedro y Juan llegan corriendo cuando se enteran, pero regresan a casa. María Magdalena se queda. En el relato de San Marcos oímos que un hombre joven vestido de blanco dentro de la tumba anuncia a las mujeres que el Señor ha resucitado y se ha ido a buscarlos a Galilea.

La tremenda tristeza, el miedo, el desconcierto se transforman en una gran alegría, cuando los seguidores de Jesús se enteran que Jesús ha resucitado. Los acontecimientos de aquellos días intensos, están grabados en la historia y la tradición de nuestra Iglesia. Al revivir estos hechos, una vez más, nos damos cuenta que nos siguen llegando al, hacer juntos este camino, tratamos que tengan sentido en nuestras propias vidas, recordamos lo maravilloso y la fuerza con que el Señor resucitado sigue estando con nosotros. Nosotros también pasamos por nuestras Semanas Santas de cruz, de devastación, de pérdida, y finalmente de muerte. Nosotros muchas veces nos acercamos en la vida a las tumbas vacías y no miramos más allá. La tentación de ser miopes en la fe para no mirar más allá está fuertemente contrarrestada por la mañana de Pascua.

Junto con Jesús resucitado, que llevaba las marcas de su crucifixión, nosotros también llevamos las marcas del viaje de nuestra propia vida. Ellas toman mil y una formas diferentes. Pero cualesquiera que sean, se harán insignificantes al llegar a nuestro gran día de transformación y nos elevarán a una nueva vida. La Resurrección de Jesús nos da esperanza, alegría y sentido de dirección a medida que continuamos nuestro viaje terrenal. La Resurrección siempre da la perspectiva, incluso en los momentos más difíciles de la vida. En última instancia, el Señor Jesús nos llama a nuestra casa definitiva. ¡El Señor ha resucitado! gocemos y alegrémonos.

Ordination of
Bishop-elect Liam Cary

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Bend
Friday, May 18, 2012 at 2:00 PM

Reception immediately following
in the Parish Hall

Planning is underway...
more information to come soon.

DIOCESAN NEWS: FAREWELL RECEPTION

There will be a Farewell Reception for Bishop Skylstad from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on May 19 at the John Paul II Conference Center at Powell Butte.

We are most grateful for Bishop Skylstad's presence in our diocese and for his wisdom and guidance during this time of transition. Bishop Skylstad has taken every opportunity to visit many of the parishes and missions throughout the diocese during the 17 months of being our Administrator.

We hope that many will take this opportunity to come and say 'Farewell and Thank You.'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Several parishioners have requested information about how to assist with the financial responsibilities of the diocese surrounding the ordination and installation of Bishop-elect Cary on May 18. I would certainly encourage such assistance. You can send your donation to: The Diocese of Baker, c/o Bishop's Ordination, P.O. Box 5999, Bend, OR 97708

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Bishop William Skylstad
Apostolic Administrator

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES:

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries in April:

+Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus Thomas Connolly, ordained to Priesthood	April 08, 1947
Rev. Albert Lakra, Pilot Rock	April 20, 1987

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

CAMP CONNOLLY STORE:



The Camp Connolly Store is still in need of various gift items for the summer camps. Religious articles: crucifixes, pictures and statues, as well as medals, key chains, pins, and jewelry are always in great demand.

This summer's theme is **Summer of the Savior's Safari**, so any small item with an African theme would also be appreciated.

Please send packages to the Diocese of Baker at 911 SE Armour Road, Bend, OR 97702-1489.

The success of the Camp Connolly Store over the past two years has been due to your good will and contributions. To those who have already sent packages over these past few months—Thank You!

RETREAT CENTER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL and MAY:

April 13 - 15	Divine Mercy Retreat Reverend Christopher J. Crotty Presiding
April 16 - 20	Priests Retreat
April 20 - 22	Marriage Encounter Weekend
May 4 - 6	Lakeview Confirmation Retreat

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT AT POWELL BUTTE: April 13 - 15

The Divine Mercy of Jesus was revealed to a Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kalwaska beginning in 1933. During these private revelations, Sister Faustina was asked to do many things including having the Image of Divine Mercy painted and helping to establish what we now know as Divine Mercy Sunday; the first Sunday after Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday is dedicated to the devotion to the Divine Mercy promoted by St. Faustina, and is based upon an entry in St. Faustina's diary stating that anyone who participates in the Mass and receives the sacraments of confession and Eucharist (assuming they have made a valid, full, and sincere confession and have validly and worthily received Communion) on this day is assured by Jesus of full remission of sins. We invite you to join our Retreat to celebrate the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us.

For a registration form and more info, please visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofbaker.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: April 20 - 22

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a Marriage Encounter weekend at Powell Butte the weekend of April 20-22.

The purpose of this experience is to strengthen good marriages with the assistance of team couples and a priest who lead the weekend. They themselves have been deeply touched by a Marriage Encounter weekend. Every marriage is a life long learning process and the WWME experience has made a significant contribution in the Church to the enhancement of married life.

Please visit the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website at www.wwme.org or call Russ and Carolyn Carpio at (360) 574-8078.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



THE EASTER EGG



The egg is seen by followers of Christianity as a symbol of resurrection: while being dormant it contains a new life sealed within it.



In the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, Easter eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Christ, shed on the Cross, and the hard shell of the egg symbolized the sealed Tomb of Christ - the cracking of which symbolized His resurrection from the dead.



A sacred tradition among followers of Eastern Christianity says that Mary Magdalene was bringing cooked eggs to share with the other women at the tomb of Jesus, and the eggs in her basket miraculously turned brilliant red when she saw the risen Christ. The egg represents the boulder of the tomb of Jesus.



The Easter egg tradition may also have merged into the celebration of the end of the privations of Lent in the West. Historically, it was traditional to use up all of the household's eggs before Lent began. Eggs were originally forbidden during Lent as well as on other traditional fast days in Western Christianity (this tradition still continues among the Eastern Christian Churches). Likewise, in Eastern Christianity, both meat and dairy are prohibited during the Lenten fast, and eggs are seen as "dairy" (a foodstuff that could be taken from an animal without shedding its blood). This established the tradition of Pancake Day being celebrated on Shrove Tuesday. This day, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is also known as Mardi Gras, a French phrase which translates as "Fat Tuesday" to mark the last consumption of eggs and dairy before Lent begins.

- Wikipedia

PARISH NEWS: Holy Family, Burns & St. Thomas, Crane

Holy Family Parish in Burns was pleased to have Bishop Skylstad visit for the weekend of February 11 and 12. He started his visit with a trip to Juntura for the Saturday Vigil Mass. The Drewsey parishioners were invited to join them and after Mass they all enjoyed a potluck dinner. Then on Sunday morning Bishop presided over the 9 a.m. Mass in Burns.



Local Catholic boy scouts assisted in the liturgy. Before the final blessing Bishop Skylstad awarded Eagle Scout Candidates Peter & Thomas Cain the Ad Altare Dei emblem. The Ad Altare Dei (to the altar of God) emblem program is to help Catholic Boy Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments. Scouting is an effective way to help Catholic youths to do their duty to God and to their country. Peter and Thomas are members of Troop 440 of the Ore-Ida Council. The awarding of the Ad Altare Dei emblem to a Boy Scout member of the parish is a rare and honorable event.

After this ceremony the Parish proceeded over to the new Parish Hall for a blessing from Bishop Skylstad. This was the first time for most of the parishioners to see the inside of their new gathering center. The parishioners enjoyed a cupcake reception as well as tour of the new facility.



Later that afternoon, Bishop Skylstad journeyed to Crane for the final weekend Mission Holy Mass and another potluck dinner. Holy Family Parish and Mission Churches were very grateful for his visit!

DIOCESAN YOUTH NEWS: DDA Retreat Update



In February, the DDA (Day by Day Agape) Retreat drew 52 high school youth for their first DDA and 21 high school youth who returned as part of the TEAM with the guidance of our priests and youth ministers.

DDA is a fun and active way for teens to experience God's unconditional love. After participating in DDA, many teens come back to the DDA retreat to nurture their faith, friendships and memories formed on DDA.

"As a freshman in high school, I went to the Day by Day Agape retreat and in the four days of the retreat, my life was changed. I made new friends and learned about my faith. By the end of the retreat, I didn't want to leave. DDA gave me a new prospective on my life and on the importance of faith, especially throughout high school.

When I attended my second DDA, I was a Team Member (F.R.O.G.). I helped out behind the scenes and lead a table group. This year I was a Rector and my responsibility was to lead the retreat. Every year, I look forward to going to DDA. I can't say enough about this special retreat and the impact it can have on one's life." - Abby Centola, Bend

"It was a joy and an honor to get to assist with the 2012 DDA retreat. It is so important to remember that the youth are the future of our Church and that every hour that we invest in them helps form the Church of tomorrow. DDA touches lives and opens hearts. Praise God for all the wonderful ways he worked this year." -Patrick Sharkey