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## PARISH NEWS: Stations with the Children, Cathedral



The children attending the Stations of the Cross at the Baker City Cathedral parish visited each of the classrooms and prayed a Station in each, besides visiting the parish hall, the day-chapel and the Cathedral. They ended with a group photo in the Cathedral, along with their teachers, as well as some parents who were present.

## CHRISM MASS: St. Francis de Sales Cathedral



Bishop William Skylstad led the consecration of oils at the Cathedral, surrounded by the priests of the Diocese on March 29. The oils were then distributed to all the priests to take home with them for use in their churches for the administration of sacraments. Bishop Skylstad also led all the Holy Week functions at the Diocesan Cathedral, assisted by Fr Julian and Deacon Jim Watt.



## PARISH NEWS: St. Francis de Sales Cathedral

The resident donkey, Zak, was present for the Palm Sunday procession around the St Francis De Sales Cathedral. The donkey was led by Danielle McCauley and her brother, Sam, rode on Zak who enjoyed his fifteen minutes of fame.



## PARISH NEWS: Sacred Heart Church, Klamath Falls

Sacred Heart is seeking an Hispanic Ministry Coordinator. The Coordinator will be a collaborative, bilingual (Spanish and English) full-time team member of the Parish Staff. This position includes irregular hours (days, evenings and weekends) and will work under the direction of the Pastor and in collaboration with other staff, up to 40 hours a week. Salary is negotiable and will be commensurate with experience. The qualified candidate will hold at least a high school diploma; Bachelor's or Master's strongly preferred-SIGNIFICANT work and life or experience for those without a degree is acceptable; be fluently bi-lingual;; have a strong history of service work and demonstrated leadership; have good knowledge of the Catholic Church, its beliefs and teachings; and be skilled at public speaking; be motivational, and be committed to strengthening faith communities. The candidate should also have a good ability to listen; be creative, think critically, and execute plans accordingly. The applicant must have a willingness and desire to work with those who live in poorer or isolated communities. Please email resumes to Rev. Fr. Rogatian Urassa, Pastor [rsafari@charter.net](mailto:rsafari@charter.net) or mail to 815 High Street, Klamath Falls OR 97601.

## REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP SKYLNSTAD...

### Reflections on the Transition and the Ad Limina Visit

We are now into Eastertime, spring and soon the ordination of Bishop-elect Cary as our new bishop. After these 14 months of serving you as apostolic administrator, I have come to know so many people and have driven almost every road in the diocese to visit parishes. I truly consider my time here to be one of grace and blessings. I will carry so many memories with me. On the day of ordination in May, Bishop-elect Cary will be ordained in his new role of serving you as diocesan bishop, and I will return to Spokane to enter retirement. My involvement with Worldwide Marriage Encounter both locally and nationally will continue. Retreats, parish missions, assisting in parishes, and involvement with ecumenism and stewardship of the environment on the national level will still be part of my ministry.

One of the significant events coming up on April 20-28 is the Ad Limina visit of the bishops from the Northwest to Rome. All of the bishops from our region will be going including Bishop-elect Cary. The Ad Limina (literally means "to the threshold") normally is scheduled every five years, but for several reasons it has now been over seven years since the last one. Each bishop in preparation for the visit is to send in beforehand a detailed report on the diocese, following a set of questions designated by the Holy See. The report is lengthy. The report from our diocese was over one hundred pages single spaced.

The bishops from our region will be staying at North American College, our seminary in Rome for the United States. It is only about three or four blocks from St. Peter's Basilica and Square so the location is very convenient. There are three major parts of the Ad Limina visit: a visit with the Holy Father, visits to various dicasteries (offices) at the Vatican, and celebration of Eucharist at the tomb of St. Peter and other Churches in Rome.

The visit with the Holy Father will be as a group. No longer do we have a private meeting with him unless one is requested. The demand on the Pope of meeting with so many bishops from all over the world on an ongoing basis is truly significant. Meeting with groups of bishops lessens this demand somewhat.

These are some of the dicasteries we will visit during the week: Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura; Pontifical Council for the Family; Congregation for Bishops; Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; Congregation for Divine Worship; Congregation for Institutes for Consecrated Life; Congregation for Clergy; Pontifical Council for the Laity; Pontifical Council for Christian Unity; Congregation for Catholic Education; and Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

Besides the Mass at the tomb of St. Peter, we will celebrate Masses at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls; Basilica of St. Mary Major; Basilica of St. John Lateran; and the Altar of Blessed John Paul II in the Basilica of St. Peter.

As we bishops go on such a visit, in a sense we carry in spirit our diocesan family with us. My prayer in Rome will be strongly focused on all of us here in Eastern Oregon. God's peace and blessings to all of you!

**Español:** Ahora estamos en Pascua, primavera y pronto en la ordenación del obispo electo Cary como nuestro nuevo obispo. Después de estos catorce meses de servirle a usted, como administrador apostólico, he llegado a conocer mucha gente y he manejado en casi todas las carreteras de la diócesis al visitar las parroquias. Sinceramente, considero que mi tiempo aquí fue uno de gracia y bendiciones. Llevo muchos recuerdos conmigo. En el día de la ordenación de mayo, el obispo electo Cary será ordenado en su nuevo papel de servir a ustedes como obispo diocesano, y yo me volveré a Spokane para entrar en mi jubilación. Mi participación en el Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial, tanto a nivel local y nacional, va a continuar. Los retiros, misiones parroquiales, la asistencia en las parroquias, y la participación con el ecumenismo y el cuidado del medio ambiente a nivel nacional seguirá siendo parte de mi ministerio.

Uno de los eventos importantes que vienen en abril del 20 al 28 es la visita ad Limina de los obispos del noroeste a Roma. Todos los obispos de nuestra región irán incluso el obispo electo Cary. El Ad Limina (literalmente significa "el umbral") normalmente está prevista cada cinco años, pero por varias razones ya han pasado más de siete años desde la última. Cada obispo en preparación a la visita debe enviar previamente un informe detallado sobre la diócesis, basado en un conjunto de preguntas hechas por la Santa Sede. El informe es largo. El informe de nuestra diócesis tenía más cien páginas a espacio sencillo.

Los obispos de nuestra región se hospedaran en North American College, nuestro seminario en Roma para los Estados Unidos. Está a sólo tres o cuatro cuadras de la Basílica y la Plaza de San Pedro por lo que la ubicación es muy conveniente. Hay tres partes principales de la visita Ad Limina: una visita con el Santo Padre, visitas a varios dicasterios (oficinas) en el Vaticano, y la celebración de la Eucaristía ante la tumba de San Pedro y otras iglesias en Roma.

La visita del Santo Padre será en grupo. Ya no tenemos una reunión privada con él, a menos que se solicite. La demanda de reunión con Papa de tantos obispos de todo el mundo en forma continua es verdaderamente significativa. Reunión con grupos de obispos disminuye un poco esta demanda.

Estos son algunos de los dicasterios que vamos a visitar durante la semana: Tribunal Supremo de la Signatura Apostólica, del Pontificio Consejo para la Familia; Congregación para los Obispos, Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe, la Congregación para el Culto Divino, Congregación para los Institutos de Vida Consagrada; Congregación para el Clero, del Consejo Pontificio para los Laicos, Consejo Pontificio para la Unidad de los Cristianos; Congregación para la Educación Católica y del Pontificio Consejo para la Promoción de la Nueva Evangelización.

Además de la Misa en la tumba de San Pedro, vamos a celebrar Misas en la Basílica de St. Paul Extramuros, la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor, la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán, y el altar del beato Juan Pablo II en la Basílica de San Pedro.

Nosotros, los obispos al ir a esta visita, llevamos en espíritu a nuestra familia diocesana. Mis oraciones en Roma estarán centradas en todos nosotros aquí en el este de Oregón. ¡La paz y las bendiciones de Dios para todos ustedes!

## 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 moving forward for the ordination/installation of our new bishop, Liam Cary. The music has been chosen, the programs are in the final stages and should be at the printers in a week or so. We have ordered the banners for those parishes that have chosen to participate and will be mailed to the parish by the end of this week or early next week to be decorated. We have a total of 36 parishes, some with their missions who plan on participating. If your parish has not responded we will make every effort to include them if they contact the diocese at 541-388-4004. It would be wonderful if everyone participates. These banners will be processed into the church at the beginning of the ceremony.

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 during the month of May:

Most Rev. William S. Skylstad

Ordained to Priesthood	May 21, 1960
Ordained as Bishop	May 12, 1977
Rev. Raymond Hopp, retired	May 01, 1965
Rev. Bernard D'sa, Bend	May 01, 1994
Rev. Mike Fitzpatrick, Pendleton/Athena	May 14, 1977
Rev. Louis H. Albrecht, La Grande	May 14, 1986
Rev. Joseph Reinig, retired	May 21, 1998
Rev. Daniel Maxwell, Arock	May 22, 2009
Rev. Andrew Szymakowski	May 22, 2004
Rev. Charles Dreisbach, retired	May 23, 1959
Rev. Bailey Clemens, Pendleton	May 23, 1998
Rev. Alfred Fisher, retired	May 26, 1956
Rev. Andrew Colvin, Silverdale, WA	May 31, 2002

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

### 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 Skystad 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.'

### PARISH NEWS: St. Thomas Church, Redmond

Four months ago, St. Thomas parishioners Gustavo Paniagua and Jose Luis Menendez, two lectors from St. Thomas, were inspired to approach Father Todd Unger for permission to re-enact the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ on Good Friday. With the help of Angelica Carrillo as translator, they excitedly laid out their plan to Father Unger and, of course, he gave his blessing to proceed. For four months they worked on finding actors from the church community to participate, but in the end, some had to play more than one character.

Everyone participating on this play worked on their own costume, base on the movie *The Passion* and information from the Bible.

Over the months, it was a struggle to get the entire cast together for their practices due to work and school, but through prayer, by surrendering to God's will, and placing everything in His hands they were able to complete the practices on schedule.

"More than 100 people gathered on Good Friday behind St. Thomas church to watch The Passion Play. The weather was almost perfect. It was difficult to watch and many times I found myself blinking back my tears. At the end, when Jesus surrendered his life, a fierce wind came up. And when they lowered him to the ground, large snowflakes fell like soft tears. Within seconds, as they placed him in Mary's lap, the wind and snow stopped and sunshine broke through the dark clouds. I truly felt the presence of Our Lord that afternoon and I will try to hold on to that feeling for as long as I can." – Terri Isom, St. Thomas parishioner

Jesus was played by Jose Luis Melendes, Mary by Claudia Hernandez, Magdalene by Diana Cardona, John the Apostle and King Herod by Ramiro Magana, Veronica by Verenise Alvarez, Satan by Bianca Cardona, Pontius Pilate by Federico Alvidrez, Daniel Chevez as Barabas, and Caifas by David Soto. The rest of the cast: Karla Herrera, Abram, Eleazar Garcia, Benito Lozano, Raul Gaona, Daniel Samayoa, Alex Samayoa, Kevin Orozco, Ramon Velasquez, Maximo Hernandez, Gustavo Paniagua, Cecy Mendez, Edgar Vargas, Alex Samayoa, Tomas Herrea, Calixto Paniagua, Tanner Ditmore, Anayeli Magana, Iris Garcia, Esmeralda Alvarez, Leti Garcia, Norma Estrada, and Eva Garcia. Sound System Gladis and Enrique Samayoa, and Wilfredo Rosales.

## PARISH NEWS: St. Thomas Church, Redmond

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Hace cuatro meses, los feligreses de St. Thomas, Gustavo Paniagua y José Luis Menéndez, dos lectores, se inspiraron para hablar con el Padre Todd Unger y pedirle permiso para representar la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo en el Viernes Santo. Con la ayuda de Angélica Carrillo como traductor, con entusiasmo expusieron su plan al padre Unger y él les otorgó su bendición para continuar. Durante cuatro meses trabajaron en la búsqueda de actores en la comunidad parroquial para la representación, pero al final, algunos tuvieron que hacer más de un papel.

Todos los participantes de esta obra hicieron el vestuario de su personaje basados, en la película La Pasión y en información de la Biblia.

Durante estos meses, fue una lucha para conseguir todo el elenco y que pudieran practicar juntos a causa del trabajo y la escuela, pero a través de la oración, la obediencia a la voluntad de Dios, y poniendo todo en Sus manos fueron capaces de practicar y estar listos a tiempo.

"Más de 100 personas se reunieron el Viernes Santo detrás de la iglesia de Santo Tomás para ver La Pasión. El clima era casi perfecto. Era difícil de ver y muchas veces estuve parpadeando por las lágrimas. Al final, cuando Jesús entregó su vida, un fuerte viento llegó. Y cuando lo bajaron a la tierra los grandes copos de nieve que caían se sintieron como suaves lágrimas, y cuando lo pusieron en el regazo de María, en segundos el viento y la nieve cesaron y el sol se abrió paso a través de las negras nubes. Realmente sentí la presencia de Nuestro Señor esa tarde y voy a tratar de aferrarme a ese sentimiento por el tiempo que puedo ". ~ Terri Isom, feligrés de la parroquia de Santo Tomás.

Jesús fue interpretado por José Luis Meléndez, María por Claudia Hernández, Magdalena por Diana Cardona, Juan el Apóstol y el rey Herodes por Ramiro Magaña, Verónica por Verenise Álvarez, Satanás por Bianca Cardona, Poncio Pilatos, por Federico Alvidrez, Daniel Chevez como Barrabás, y Caifás por David Soto. El resto del reparto: Karla Herrera, Abram, Eleazar García, Lozano, Benito, Raúl Gaona, Daniel Samayoa, Samayoa Alex, Kevin Orozco, Ramón Velásquez, Máximo Hernández, Gustavo Paniagua, Cecy Méndez, Edgar Vargas, Alex Samayoa, Tomás Herrea, Calixto Paniagua, Tanner Ditmore, Anayeli Magaña, Iris García, Alvarez Esmeralda, García Leti, Norma Estrada y García Eva. Sound System y Gladis Samayoa Enrique y Wilfredo Rosales.

