



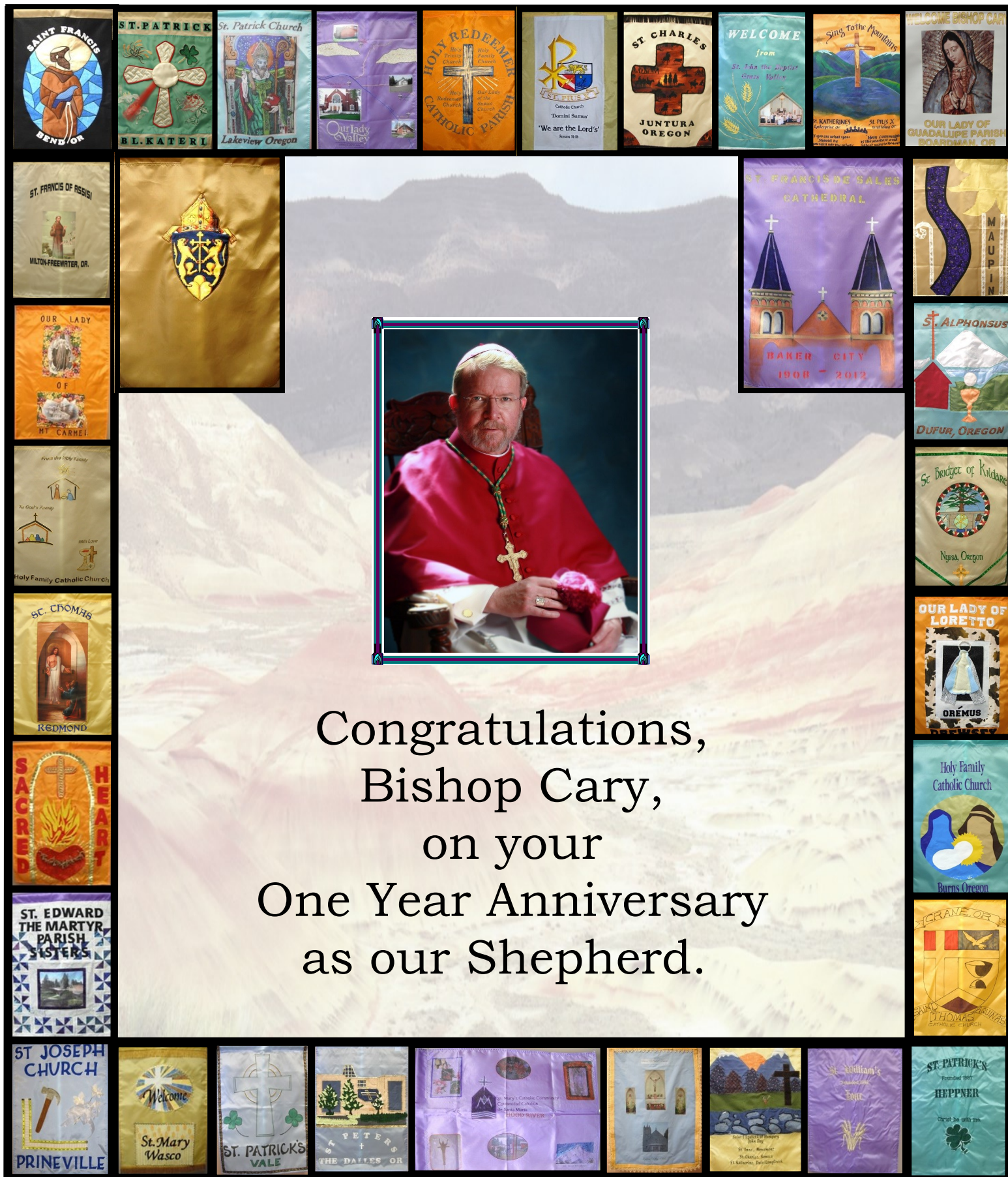
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Congratulations,
Bishop Cary,
on your
One Year Anniversary
as our Shepherd.

CALL TO PRAYER

FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



The Diocese of Baker is pleased to promote the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) initiative to advance a Movement for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty. It is essentially a call to prayer, penance, and sacrifice for the sake of renewing a culture of life, marriage, and religious liberty in our country.

4 Ways we can Participate:

Praying the Rosary:

as a parish community,
in small groups, as a family,
or as an individual.



Fasting and Abstinence :

Go to www.usccb.org/fast to sign the pledge
to fast and abstain from meat on all Fridays.

Prayers of the Faithful:

As part of the bishops' Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty, it is encouraged that at Sunday and daily Masses the Prayers of the Faithful include specific intentions for respect for all human life from conception to natural death, the strengthening of marriage and family life, and the preservation of religious liberty at all levels of government, both at home and abroad.

A Monthly Holy Hour for Life, Marriage & Religious Liberty

Sunday, May 26

Sunday, June 30

Sunday, July 28

Sunday, August 25

Sunday, September 29

Sunday, October 27

Sunday, November 24



Check out www.dioceseofbaker.org/calltoprayer.htm for details.

LLAMADO A LA ORACIÓN

POR LA VIDA, EL MATRIMONIO Y LA LIBERTAD RELIGIOSA



La Diócesis de Baker, se complace en promover la iniciativa de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) de un movimiento por la vida, el matrimonio y la libertad religiosa. Es esencialmente un llamado a la oración, la penitencia y el sacrificio por el bien de renovar la cultura de la vida, el matrimonio y la libertad religiosa en nuestro país.

4 maneras como podemos participar

Rezando el Rosario:

como comunidad parroquial,
en pequeños grupos, como familia,
o individualmente.



El ayuno y la abstinencia:

Ir a www.usccb.org/fast para firmar la promesa de ayuno y abstinencia de comer carne todos los viernes.

Oraciones de los Fieles:

Como parte del llamado de los obispos a la oración por la vida, el matrimonio y la libertad religiosa, se les sugiere que en las Misas del domingo y las diarias en la Oración de los Fieles se incluyan intenciones específicas para el respeto de toda vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural, el fortalecimiento del matrimonio y la vida familiar, y la preservación de la libertad religiosa en todos los niveles de gobierno, tanto nacional como extranjero.

Para más detalles valla a www.dioceseofbaker.org/calltoprayer.htm.

Una Hora Santa mensual para La vida, el matrimonio y la libertad religiosa

Domingo, 26 de mayo

Domingo, 30 de junio

Domingo, 28 de julio

Domingo, 25 de agosto

Domingo, 29 de septiembre

Domingo, 27 de octubre

Domingo, 24 de noviembre



BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE:

May 11: Evangelization Council meeting at Powell Butte
May 14: Retirement Party for Virginia Mohr
May 17: Confirmation, Milton-Freewater
May 18: Confirmation, Boardman
May 19: Confirmation, Hermiston
May 22: Redmond Bible Study Group - open to all

PARISH NEWS: St. Thomas, Redmond



Divine Mercy Sunday is a liturgy that brings one to meditation and inner reflection in a different way than usual at St. Thomas Church in Redmond.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, led by the Cantor, was sung at all the Masses during Holy Communion; and because this was the third year that the Chaplet had been prayed (sung) during the Mass, the participation from the parishioners was truly inspiring.

At 3:00 p.m. all were asked to come share a Holy Hour of Mercy in front of the Blessed Sacrament for prayer and reflection. During the Holy Hour, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy was sung, Fr. Todd led the Litany of Humility, and there were prayers of Petition where all were asked to offer their petitions to our Lord.

Afterwards, a fried chicken dinner was provided by the Divine Mercy Cenacle with pot-luck help from those who attended. It was a beautiful way to spend a Sunday afternoon and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Do YOU want to be a part of the CAMP CONNOLLY - CAMP AMBASSADOR EXPERIENCE?

The Diocese of Baker is busily preparing for our annual Camp Connolly Camps at Powell Butte Retreat Center. Our theme this year is **"The Vatican Express."** We are looking for interested high school students (sophomores to seniors) and adults to serve as Camp Ambassadors for these awesome summer experiences. You'll be able to help with everything from leading small groups and being a chaperone (adults) to running games and activities for people of all ages. Speak to your Youth Minister for an application today! There's something for everyone!

If you're interested, please contact David O'Neill at (541) 388-4004 or email david@dioceseofbaker.org.

Don't miss out on this fantastic experience!



The month of May provides us with a special opportunity to draw closer to the heart of Christ.

For many Catholics, the thought of having a Marian devotion may seem a bit peculiar or redundant. Some say, "Why not focus directly on Jesus?" While, no doubt, they are asking with absolute sincerity, the Church never suggests taking the focus off of Christ, but rather shows us how Our Lady proclaims Christ's

glory and gives us a model of holiness to strive for.

John's Gospel reminds us that Mary sat at the foot of the cross and, right before His death, Jesus gives Mary to us as Mother. As our Mother, Mary has taken on that maternal responsibility for our salvation. She desires for us to be in relationship with her Son, living saintly lives, and is consistently pointing us in that direction.

Mary's "yes" serves all the mysteries of Christ.

[The angel Gabriel, sent from God to Mary] *Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you....you have found favor with God.... [And Mary said,] Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.*

(Luke 1: 28, 30, 38)

Mary is human like we are. However, she is an instrument of God's grace by which salvation came into the world. The difference is her privileged role as Mother of God (*Theotokos*). In Mary's "yes" (*fiat*) to the Annunciation, her Immaculate Conception, we have a perfect example of discipleship. We find in her the pattern of our supernatural life, the means of our sanctification, and the source of all our holiness; mainly the incarnate word, Jesus Christ. For this reason Christ, the new Adam, has associated with Himself Mary, as the new Eve. But she is much more than Eve, "the Mother of all the living," she is the Mother of those who live in the grace of her Son.

**Mary is crowned as Queen of heaven and earth,
Queen of angels and saints.**

And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars... (Rev 12:1)

And so Mary is associated so intimately with all the mysteries of our salvation, at her Assumption into heaven, Jesus crowned her not only with glory but also with power; He has placed His Mother on His right hand and has given her the power of divine intervention, in virtue of her unique title of Mother of God.

Let us then, full of confidence, pray with the Church:

"Show yourself a Mother: Mother of Jesus, by your complete faith in Him, our Mother, by your mercy towards us; ask Christ, Who was born of you, to give us life; and Who willed to be your Son, to receive our prayers through you."