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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

"The Pendleton Council of the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary Parish hosted the State Convention of the Oregon Knights of Columbus May 3-5. In attendance were delegates from across the State of Oregon, their wives, several clergy, special guests, and out of State dignitaries.

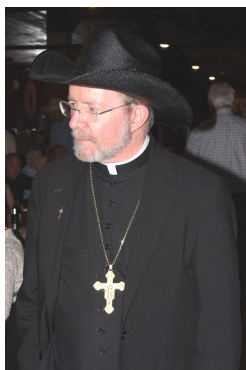


His Excellency, Archbishop Emeritus John Vlazny, of the Portland Archdiocese, his Excellency, Bishop Liam Cary of the Baker Diocese, Reverend Bailey Clemens as well as other clergy members concelebrated the opening of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Friday morning. It was followed by a luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

A Western Hoedown was held at the Pendleton Round-up Let'er Buck Room on Friday evening with Tri-tip and salmon dinner, served by children of St. Mary's Parish. Live music, dancing, gaming, and raffle drawings rounded out the evening, along with a best western-dressed winner. Ladies were treated to tours throughout the weekend of the Pendleton Woolen Mills, the Pendleton Underground Tours and the Tamastslit Cultural Center.

Throughout Friday afternoon, Saturday, and Sunday morning, delegates from around the State met at the Red Lion Motel to discuss and address the many activities and projects that the KC's do locally, regionally, nationally, and world-wide. There were many moving presentations of what KC's and their families are doing around the State to make a significant difference in the lives of others.

His Excellency, Bishop Liam Cary, Reverend Bailey Clemens, and State Chaplain Reverend Don Gutmann concelebrated a memorial (necrology) Mass Saturday evening. During the necrology Mass, the names were read and prayers were offered for the souls of brother Knights who have passed away since the last convention.



Saturday's events were highlighted with new State officers being elected, the Convention Banquet (270 in attendance), and appreciation to outgoing State Deputy, Pat Rice, for all his efforts leading the KC's of Oregon for the last two years.



The Adolf Klein Family from Milton-Freewater was honored for their lifelong commitment to Pro-Life activities. The Milton-Freewater Knights, Hermiston Knights, and Pendleton Catholic Daughters of America all assisted with preparing meals, transportation and much more."

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: St. Francis of Assisi, Bend

A "Salute to Women" recognizing the years of volunteer services performed by women of St. Francis of Assisi parish was hosted by the Catholic Daughters of Mary of the Cascades Court, on Saturday, May 25th. Regent, Irene Richardson, graciously welcomed all.

Since the very conception of St. Francis Parish, women have generously contributed their service of sharing their talents, education, and energies to make St. Francis Parish and School vibrant and successful.

Women from many parish ministries came together to visit and celebrate their years of working together. Parish organizations presented their current volunteer needs to keep volunteers informed about future volunteer opportunities.



Sr. Kevin Musonye, RCIA and Irene Richardson, Regent, Catholic Daughters

Gina Lorenz, a St. Francis School Representative, Marylyn Morehead, Coordinator for Assisted Living and Eucharistic Minister, and Madison Conger, a fabulous teen.



HOW IN THE WORLD DID I BECOME A CATHOLIC?

During this Year of Faith, there have been many publications printed about how to make the new evangelization a reality. This is a good thing and I hope that all of us are doing something special during this year. I have been thinking a lot about evangelization and one day I began to reflect back on how I was evangelized. I thought there might be something helpful from my past that would be relevant today as I try to evangelize others. Most of the experiences from the past came to me in bits and pieces, perhaps because they happened so many years ago.

Catechism classes stand out as being very important. My brothers and sisters would memorize the answers to the questions in the Baltimore Catechism and recite the answers to our parents until they were perfect. Then with great pride we would watch as our CCD teacher would place that gold star next to our names as we now knew number 37, or whatever the number was.

Now as I look back, I realize that the joy was not so much in memorizing the answers to the questions, but the interaction with my parents in achieving the goal. This was a revelation to me because, as I began to remember the things that brought the faith to life for me, it almost always involved my parents.

On Sundays, there was no thought that the Mass was an option. I remember our whole family sitting in the fourth pew on the left at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Ontario. With fourteen children the pew was full. One day I asked my dad why we always had to arrive at Mass 15 minutes early (an eternity for a small child). He told me that during these 15 minutes he would pray for each one of us by name. I will always remember the feeling I had when I heard that bit of information.

Of course, the priests who served in our parish had a great impact on me. For over 27 years the Fischer family cleaned the church, and during that time I was able to get to know the priests very well. When I was very young, I figured that you couldn't be a priest unless you were Irish! But through all those young years, the priest was the person who, to me, represented Christ and his Church. It was the priest who would lead us in worship, help us in need, and encourage us by his example. Some priests were gruff, some were soft spoken, and some were funny. But all of them led us to the altar. This was **the** place where a pew full of wiggly Fischer children really came to faith.

So perhaps each one of us can remember our own journey of faith and see how we came to this Catholic Faith. It is much too simplistic to just say, "I was born a Catholic." Each of us has a greater story. Maybe this is a good place to start the new evangelization.

Very Rev. Rick Fischer V G



¿QUÉ ACONTECIMIENTOS PASARON PARA QUE YO LLEGARA A SER CATÓLICO?

Durante este año de la fe ha habido muchas publicaciones sobre cómo hacer la nueva evangelización una realidad. Esto es algo bueno y espero que cada uno de nosotros estemos haciendo algo específico por este propósito. He estado pensando mucho sobre la evangelización y un día vino a mi mente la pregunta de cómo fui evangelizado. Pensé que mis recuerdos más relevantes me podrían ayudar a tratar de evangelizar a otros. Mis recuerdos llegaron por fragmentos, quizá porque sucedieron mucho tiempo atrás.

Definitivamente las clases de catecismo fueron muy importantes. Mis hermanos se memorizaron las respuestas de las preguntas del catecismo de Baltimore, prueba de ello, fue que respondieron perfectamente a nuestros padres. El premio por contestar correctamente era ver cómo los catequistas ponían el lugar que habíamos obtenido en una estrella dorada seguida de nuestro nombre, de los cual nos sentíamos muy orgullosos.

Ahora al mirar mis recuerdos me doy cuenta que la diversión no consistía en aprendernos las cosas de memoria, sino en la convivencia que tuvimos con mis padres al aprendernos esas respuestas con su ayuda. Esto fue una gran revelación para mí, pues mi reflexión sobre la fe y la vida siempre han estado involucrados mis padres.

Para nosotros las misas dominicales no eran una opción; recuerdo siempre a mi familia sentándonos en la cuarta banca del lado izquierdo la parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento en Ontario, pues con catorce niños era muy fácil de llenar la banca.

Un día le pregunté a mi papá por qué nosotros llegábamos 15 minutos antes de la misa (tiempo que parece una eternidad para un niño), mi padre me contestó diciéndome que esos minutos los aprovechaba para pedirle a Dios por cada uno de nosotros. El sentimiento que produjo en mí esa respuesta es algo que siempre tendré presente.

Por supuesto que los sacerdotes que atendieron a nuestra parroquia tuvieron un gran impacto en mí. La familia Fischer se encargó de limpiar la parroquia por más de 27 años; durante ese tiempo tuve la oportunidad de conocer mejor a los padres. Cuando estaba muy joven pensé que nunca podría ser sacerdote pues yo no era irlandés, pero también durante ese tiempo el sacerdote, para mí, fue la persona quien representaba a Cristo en su Iglesia. El padre era quien nos enseñaba alabar a Dios, quien nos ayudaba en nuestras necesidades y nos predicaba con su ejemplo. Algunos sacerdotes fueron bruscos, otros reservados y otros muy simpáticos, pero todos ellos nos llevaron hacia el altar. Ése fue el lugar donde los inquietos niños Fischer llegaron a alimentar su fe.

Quizá cada uno de nosotros pueda recordar sus anécdotas de fe y ver cómo llegamos a alimentar nuestra fe católica, pues es muy fácil decir: "Yo nací católico". Descubre que tú tienes una muy buena historia también, y así, éste pueda ser un buen comienzo para la nueva evangelización.

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FATHER'S DAY REFLECTIONS

The readings today speak to us of God's love and care for his children. As our Father, God promises to care for us, help us to grow, guide us with justice, and be merciful.

God the Father gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him. He provides an example of the very vocation of fatherhood. Fathers are to sacrifice their lives for their families. They do this by being the spiritual leader and guardian of their families, by praying for and with them, and by being a courageous witness to the Gospel. Fathers are to provide care and support for their families, serve as an example of goodness and truth, lead with courage and accountability and lay down one's life for another. They are called in a special way to reflect God's unconditional love and forgiveness. Like God, they correct us when we sin but always pick us up when we fall. Like the farmer in the Gospel reading, relentlessly scattering his seeds "night and day," God will never give up on us.

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life. Let us be grateful for our Church leaders, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life. And most of all, let us be grateful for God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.

Happy and Blessed Father's Day to each of you.

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE:

- Jun. 15-16 Confirmation, Enterprise
- Jun. 17 Confirmation, Vale
- Jun. 18 Meet with St. Alphonsus Hospital Group, Ontario
- Jun. 21-23 Hermiston Prayer Group Annual Retreat
- Jun. 25 Meet with Retrouvaille Leaders
- Jun. 26 Legacy of Faith Board Meeting
- Jun. 28 Upper Elementary Camp
- Jun. 29 Geography of Faith, Chiloquin 1-4 p.m.
- Jun. 30 Mass at Chiloquin, 9 a.m. | Bly, Noon
- Jun. 30 Year of Faith Teaching Series, Bly, after Noon Mass



FORWARD in FAITH

— DIOCESE of BAKER —

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

— 1 PETER 4:10 —

Thank you for your continued support of this year's Appeal.

MINISTERIO HISPANO: APOLOGÉTICA

Entendiendo lo que es la Apologética, por poco que reflexionemos, nos daremos cuenta de la importancia tan grande, tan capital, que es para el cristiano conocer está maravillosa Ciencia, pues el hombre es un, ser racional se debe a sí mismo, la obligación de no aceptar sino aquello que es verdadero y para saber que lo es, necesita conocer las PRUEBAS completas de su verdad.

Es contra la dignidad del hombre, adherirse a una idea sin comprobar su verdad, pues la esencia del ser racional es discurrir, reflexionar, juzgar, distinguir entre lo verdadero y lo falso, igual que la de un ser irracional es el no juzgar.

La Apologética, al presentarnos las pruebas verdaderas de que nuestra Religión, es la única Religión Verdadera, nos lleva a profesarla por CONVICCIÓN, y no ser de esos católicos sentimentales que conservan su Religión por rutina, porque en esa Religión nacieron, o porque es la Religión de sus padres, y esto no es, una buena razón para conservarse católicos.

La Apologética pues, nos lleva a ser católicos por convicción, a profesar TRIUNFALMENTE nuestra Religión, por estar plenamente convencidos de que el Catolicismo es la Religión Verdadera, de que es la RELIGION DE DIOS. Y no es contra lo que enseña nuestra Santa Religión, el afirmar, que es un error de inteligencia del hombre adherirse ciegamente a lo incomprensible, sin antes comprobar su verdad, pues nuestra religión es racional, y siempre lo ha sido, ya que Nuestro Señor Jesucristo fue el primer apologeta, pues todo lo enseñaba con pruebas y motivos de credibilidad.

Al leer los Evangelios, descubrimos qué Nuestro Señor Jesucristo presentaba, y en abundancia, pruebas para que fueran aceptadas sus doctrinas.

Prueba de que Él es el Mesías, y de su autoridad para enseñar, da el cumplimiento en Él de las Profecías Mesianicas Las Escrituras que acaban de oír hoy se han cumplido (Lc 4,14. 21; Mt 26, 54. 56); otras veces los milagros que hacía (Las obras que Yo hago, dan testimonio, de que me ha enviado el Padre); otras veces, la Santidad de su vida *¿Quién de vosotros me convencerá de pecado? pues si os digo la verdad ¿por qué no me creéis?* (Jn 7, 46).

Para Probar que tiene el poder de perdonar los pecados, cura al paralítico (Mt 9, 2-8); otro ejemplo cuando San Juan Bautista, manda a sus discípulos a preguntarle: *"¿Eres tú el Mesías que ha de venir, o debemos esperar a otro?"* Nuestro Señor Jesucristo no dio contestación directa, sino que haciendo muchos milagros ante ellos probó que era el Mesías esperado diciéndoles después *Id y contad a Juan lo que habéis oído y visto: los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan, se anuncia el Evangelio a los pobres* (Mt 11, 3-6), dando primero las pruebas y dejando que San Juan deduzca de ellas la doctrina.

Y los Apóstoles siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesucristo, presentan racionalmente, la Religión Cristiana. *"estad prontos siempre a dar satisfacción a cualquiera que os pida razón de la esperanza o religión en, que vivís"* (1 Pe 3, 15).

MANY CAME TO SAY “FAREWELL AND ENJOY” TO VIRGINIA

On May 14th, they gathered at the Diocesan Retreat Center to recall fond memories and to wish Virginia Mohr a very happy retirement. Almost 70 of Virginia’s family, friends, and co-workers gathered for dinner and reminisced of their time spent with Virginia over 25 years of service to the Diocese of Baker. After dinner there were speeches made by family members, clergy, and friends. At the end of the evening, Father Raymond Hopp shared a lovely poem that he had written especially for Virginia that captured how much she is loved and appreciated by the clergy that she has worked with throughout the years. Virginia will surely be missed.

Virginia will continue to work through July 3rd, her official Retirement date.



BISHOP CARY VISITS THE FAR EAST

The Far East, of the state of Oregon, was blessed by Bishop Cary’s presence for several days in April. Ontario is as far east as you can go without crossing the Snake River and entering Idaho. Here at Blessed Sacrament Parish in the Fr. Kirkpatrick Center on Monday, the 22nd of April, Bishop presented his “Year of Faith” teaching on “The Geography of Faith.” We were taken on a Salvation History sojourn through the Holy Land and beyond and then invited to look at our own personal faith journeys, and keep moving forward. Monday’s presentation was in English and Tuesday’s presentation was in Spanish and both talks were preceded by sumptuous pot-luck dinners.

On Wednesday, Bishop Cary celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in the evening, completing the third and final sacrament of initiation for sixteen parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and together we enjoyed a reception in their honor afterward.

On Thursday it was on to Baker City for evening Confirmation there. It was a joy to have you with us, Bishop. Come back soon! - Tim Cables, Director of Faith Development and Youth Ministry at Blessed Sacrament.



YOUNG ADULT NEWS: Sacred Heart Newman Club

Saturday, April 27, 2013, was a beautiful sunny day—a perfect day for playing in the clean white snow at Crater Lake National Park and Sacred Heart Newman Club decided to do just that. Eight members of the Newman Club spent the day adventuring at Crater Lake hiking around and taking part in a ranger-led snowshoe walk, complete with “penguin diving” and “body sledding” (i.e. sledding down the hill without a sled). After the guided walk ended, more snow fun commenced, including a snowball fight, and we closed the day together with a round of delicious burgers for everyone.



Sacred Heart Newman Club is making a name for itself, and becoming known for their cheerful service. As their reputation for service becomes broader, they have received requests to help at events put on by other well-known local organizations. One of these recent events included ‘Taste of Klamath’ – an experience in fine dining sponsored by the Ross Ragland Theater. Newman Club sported their new club t-shirts, providing a witness to our Catholic faith as they bussed tables, washed dishes, and helped participants. The staff was very grateful to Newman Club and provided them with a donation toward the club as a form of thanks.

