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PARISH NEWS: St. Patrick, Heppner

June 2, 2013, was an extremely exciting day for the parishioners of St. Patrick Church as they celebrated two very important events! It was the **Feast of Corpus Christi**, when Catholics celebrate the tradition and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In addition, six faith-filled boys made their First Holy Communion. We are also very thankful for the blessing of having Fr. Kumar, our new priest from India, not only celebrate the beautiful and holy Mass for us but additionally provide us with an inspiring message.



For Dillan Doyle, Adan Guerra, John Lindsay, Ryan Lindsay, Jett Stewart, and Daemon Worden this joyful and sacred event will be forever treasured. The students worked with their teachers, Joe Lindsay and Mary Ann Elguézabal, to learn the many, many requirements for the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. When the students were having a bit of trouble learning the Ten Commandments, the Seven Sacraments, and The Precepts of the Church, Joe Lindsay set the information to music. Quite remarkably, they learned the material in a jiffy! The boys read the Prayer Intentions and also brought up the gifts during the Offertory. Dillan carried a beautiful golden box representing the gift of grace that each would receive. Daemon carried wheat from his grandparents' farm representing the Bread of Christ. Jett carried a basket of grapes representing the Blood of Christ. Ryan carried the collection basket. Adan carried the unconsecrated hosts. Paul carried the water and wine. After Mass, we had a reception in the hall with a wonderful dinner and delicious cake.

The parishioners of St. Patrick are very fortunate to have Joe Lindsay share his musical talents with us. Besides the new songs for this celebration, he also has written songs for our St. Patrick's Day Drama, plays for us at Mass, and teaches us new songs in Latin and English. If you would like to hear the new songs, sung by Joe and the children, just check our Facebook page.

As you can see, our parishioners love to come together as a family to celebrate their many blessings. We welcome you to visit us whenever you can. We congratulate all the First Communicants and we will keep them in our prayers.

—Mary Ann Elguézabal, Director of Religious Education

PARISH NEWS: St. Mary, Hood River

On Saturday, June 1, parishioners of St. Mary's had the honor of celebrating a special Mass for all Seniors graduating from Hood River Valley High School. 44 Seniors attended mass with parents and family members. To commemorate their accomplishment, Fr. Ron Maag presented each a small crucifix during Mass and a picture was taken with their families. It was a great opportunity for all those who were there to meet and know the families that had a Senior graduating this year. We ask parishioners throughout the Diocese to keep them in their prayers, to give them the strength and faith in their new journey.



On May 10th, 67 youth received their **First Holy Communion** at St. Mary's. Another 82 candidates will celebrate individually or out of state with relatives.



BISHOP CARY'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

July 17-26	Catholic Leadership Institute Workshop & Private Event, North Carolina
July 26-28	Spanish Family Camp, PB Retreat Center

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY from Bishop Cary

As I write, the soul-stirring questions from last Sunday's Gospel echo through this week of the Supreme Court's rulings on marriage. "Who do men say that I am?" Jesus asks the Apostles. His question teaches us to be aware of whom our contemporaries take Him to be. They will not answer "John the Baptist," "Elijah," or "one of the prophets" in 2013. For today "men say" that Jesus is a man who is by no means to be taken as seriously as His questions about Himself in the Gospel suggest. Jesus, "men say" today, is someone to go beyond, not someone who goes way beyond us. His teachings, appealing though some of them be, are far too time-bound to put in practice in a technological age—especially His tracing of marriage and family to God's original purpose for the human race "in the beginning." Whatever that may have been then, "men say" today, we have gone far beyond it in our ever-expanding capacity to design a better world for ourselves. We are free to re-invent marriage as we will; we need no longer subject ourselves to any divine plan or purpose.

But, as the Apostles learned and so do we, Jesus is not content to receive our noncommittal report of who "men say" He is. He wants to know something deeper: "Who do you say that I am?" Put another way, in terms that I speak to myself, this translates into, "Who do I say Jesus is?" And this question will not go away. It is as fresh and challenging today as when our Savior first spoke it into history 2000 years ago.

St. Peter answered Jesus that day from within the unthreatening circle of the Apostles: "You are the Christ of God." He spoke more truly than he knew. Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection would draw Peter into the unforeseen depths of his simple confession of faith, and the Pentecost Spirit would fire him to proclaim it fearlessly in the public streets of Jerusalem: "We are witnesses of this man, who will judge the living and the dead. We must obey God rather than men. We cannot not speak of what we have seen and heard."

Jesus' simple questions stirred Peter's soul to its depths. He could not avoid answering them, and the answering transformed him. "Who do men say that Jesus is?" led to "Who do I say that Jesus is?" And lurking unexpectedly within that question lay another which the Gospels do not record but which Peter's martyrdom answered unequivocally: "Who do I say that I am?" To answer the question of who Jesus was, Peter had to decide who Peter was. Deciding who Jesus is led Peter to discover himself. Our times are not St. Peter's, but Jesus' questions invite us to the same transcending self-discovery that Peter came to.

On the Fourth of July we celebrate our uniquely American inheritance of freedom to pursue happiness as the laws of our Creator have designed it for us. But this week's Supreme Court decisions on marriage forcefully remind us, as Pericles reminded the ancient Greeks, that "happiness depends on being free, and freedom depends upon being courageous." Our society proposes to re-define marriage, to subjugate conscience, to manufacture human life and dispose of it at will. This is the context in which Jesus' questions come to us anew: "Who do you say that I am? Who do you say that you are?"

We must pray for the courage to answer him honestly. We must not be ashamed of the Gospel.

PENSAMIENTOS DEL CAMINO por el Obispo Cary

Mientras escribo, el eco del evangelio del domingo pasado inquieta mi alma con preguntas sobre las reglas del Tribunal Supremo al matrimonio. "¿Quién dicen los hombres que soy yo?" Jesús pregunta a los apóstoles. Su pregunta nos enseña a percatarnos lo que nuestros contemporáneos creen de Él. No van a responder "Juan el Bautista", "Elías", o "uno de los profetas" en 2013. Hoy "los hombres dicen" que Jesús es un hombre al que de ninguna manera se le debe considerar al responder a su pregunta como el evangelio sugiere. Jesús, "os hombres dicen" hoy en día, es una persona inferior a nosotros y no alguien muy superior a nosotros. Sus enseñanzas parecen ser muy antiguas para ponerlas en práctica en este tiempo de la tecnología, especialmente el matrimonio y la familia "en principio." de acuerdo al plan original de Dios el propósito es la raza humana. Cualquiera que ese haya sido, "los hombres dicen" hoy en día, hemos ido mucho más allá, en nuestra cada vez mas desarrollada capacidad para diseñar un mundo mejor para nosotros. Tenemos la libertad de reinventar el matrimonio, y así lo haremos, ya no es necesario pues, ningún plan o propósito divino.

Pero, como los Apóstoles entendieron y nosotros también, Jesús no se conforma con que le digamos lo que dicen los hombres de Él sin un compromiso propio. Él quiere saber algo más profundo: "¿Quién dicen ustedes que soy yo?" Dicho de otra manera, Jesús me hace esa pregunta personalmente a mi, por lo tanto es: "¿Quién es Jesús para mí?" Y esta pregunta no va a desaparecer. Es tan fresca y desafiante hoy como cuando nuestro Salvador habló por primera vez en la historia de hace 2000 años.

San Pedro le contestó a Jesús ese día en el círculo de los temerosos Apóstoles: "Tú eres el Cristo de Dios." Habló con una verdad que no sabía. La pasión muerte y resurrección de Cristo, lleva a Pedro a las profundidades de su sencilla confesión de fe, y el Espíritu de Pentecostés lo encendería para proclamarla sin miedo en las calles públicas de Jerusalén: "Nosotros somos testigos de este hombre, que ha de juzgar a vivos y muertos. Es necesario obedecer a Dios antes que a los hombres. No podemos dejar de hablar de lo que hemos visto y oído".

Preguntas sencillas de Jesús agitan el alma de Pedro hasta sus profundidades. No pudo dejar de responder a ellas, y el contestarlas lo transformó. "¿Quién dicen los hombres que es Jesús?" me lleva "¿A quién digo yo que es Jesús?" Y al observar detenidamente esa pregunta vemos otra que los evangelios no registran pero que el martirio de Pedro respondió de manera inequívoca: "¿Quién digo que soy yo?" Para responder a la pregunta de quién era Jesús, Pedro tuvo que decidir quién era Pedro. Decidir quien era Jesús lleva a Pedro a descubrirse a sí mismo. Nuestros tiempos no son los de San Pedro, pero las preguntas de Jesús nos invitan al mismo trascendente autodescubrimiento al que Pedro llegó.

En el cuatro de julio celebramos nuestra ideal herencia Americana de la libertad, de buscar la felicidad como las leyes de nuestro Creador ha diseñado para nosotros. Pero las decisiones de la Suprema Corte de esta semana sobre el matrimonio por fuerza nos recuerdan, como Pericles recordó a

PENSAMIENTOS DEL CAMINO continuación...

los antiguos griegos, que “la felicidad depende de ser libre, y la libertad depende de ser valiente.” Nuestra sociedad propone redefinir el matrimonio, para someter la conciencia, para fabricar la vida humana y disponer de ella a su antojo. Este es el contexto en el que la pregunta de Jesús viene a nosotros de nuevo: “¿Quién dicen ustedes que soy yo? ¿Quién dicen que eres?”

Debemos orar por el valor de responderle con honestidad. No debemos de avergonzarnos del Evangelio.

MINISTERIO HISPANO: APOLOGÉTICA LA RAZÓN Y LA FE

¿Qué es la Razón?

El hombre, como los animales, puede darse cuenta de la realidad de las cosas materiales por medio de los sentidos: ver, oír, gustar, oler y tocar.

El hombre, como el animal, si ve un río sabe que en él hay agua etc. Pero el hombre se distingue de los animales, porque está dotado de LA RAZON que es la facultad que le permite, REFLEXIONANDO sobre cosas que conoce, descubrir otras que le son desconocidas, que no le son reveladas por los sentidos, así como dictaminar si alguna proposición es cierta o falsa.

Ejemplo: Por la razón, Descubre el juez quién es el culpable de un asesinato, aunque no haya visto al acusado cometerlo, reflexionando sobre las circunstancias que lo rodearon.

¿Qué es la fe?

Si hay grande ignorancia sobre lo que es la Razón, mucha más hay sobre lo que es la FE.

Podemos distinguir dos clases de Fe: la Fe Natural y la Fe Sobrenatural o Teológica.

La Fe Natural en sentido general, es creer en la palabra de otro. Poco necesitamos reflexionar, para darnos cuenta de la importancia de la fe natural en la vida del hombre, pues pocas cosas son las que descubrimos o sabemos por nosotros mismos, pues la mayoría de conocimientos que tenemos, se los debemos a la fe natural que tenemos a nuestros padres, maestros, prójimo, libros, revistas, etc., etc.

La Fe natural puede ser razonable o no; es razonable, cuando tenemos motivos, para saber que lo que nos dice otra persona está respaldado por conocimientos, que no trata de engañarnos, etc.

Por el contrario no es razonable cuando creemos, sin conocer a la persona que nos lo dijo.

La Fe Teológica o sobrenatural, es la adhesión del intelecto bajo el influjo de la Gracia, a una verdad revelada no por la razón de su evidencia, sino basándose en la autoridad de Dios.

La Fe es la realidad anticipada de lo que esperamos; la bienaventuranza eterna, y la prueba demostrativa de lo que la mente no ve.

Las verdades divinas, superando la limitación de la capacidad del hombre, no pueden determinar el asentimiento del intelecto, es por esto que es necesaria la intervención de la voluntad para mover el intelecto a adherirse a la verdad revelada, aunque incomprensible, en homenaje a Dios. Por lo tanto la Fe es un obsequio de la razón es por esto que es un acto meritorio.

For King and Country

In 1777 our country celebrated its first Independence Day in Bristol, R.I., now named “America’s most patriotic town.” Although our nation’s real independence began at the end of the Revolutionary War on Sept. 3 1783, President John Adams originally thought that it was going to begin on July 2. Hence, Americans chose to commemorate the birthday of America on July 4.

Considering the unmistakably Christian foundation upon which our country was established, what does this mean for us as Roman Catholics, especially in light of our ever worsening national social and moral crisis? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, “The love and service of one’s country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity” (CCC #2239). As a Catholic community, we are called by God to respond to this duty to the best of our ability. So, where do we start?

The Second Vatican Council document *Apostolicam Actuositatem* states that “In their patriotism and in their fidelity to their civic duties Catholics will feel themselves bound to promote the true common good; they will make the weight of their convictions so influential that as a result, civil authority will be justly exercised and laws will accord with moral precepts and the common good.”

By living our lay vocation and permeating the secular world with Catholic values, we genuinely honor God and neighbor. As “lamps shining before men,” we need to let our moral convictions – no matter the courage it may take – shine forth to be a guiding light for the world, often left vulnerable in the darkness.

The sacred document continues, “In fulfilling the mission of the Church, the laity, therefore, exercise their apostolate... in both the spiritual and temporal orders. In both orders, the layman, being simultaneously a believer and a citizen, should be constantly led by the same Christian conscience.”

Our commitment to a rightly-ordered Catholic patriotism begins with our commitment to the formation of our Christian conscience. We must enrich ourselves with the Church’s teachings on the value of human life, the sacred institution of marriage and family, Catholic social and moral teachings, Catholic civil duties, and anything which further pertains to the living out of our Catholic Faith in our nation today.

Once we have done this, we will be able to act upon it. As baptized Christians, St. Paul reminds us that we are “ambassadors for Christ” (2 Cor 5:20) – indeed, ambassadors for the King. By implication, this means our life is dedicated to authentically representing all that Jesus Christ is, all that he reveals, and all that his Church teaches. This begs the question, what am I doing today to know Jesus Christ and the teachings of his Church?

Let us give our hearts, minds, and actions to carrying out the mission of an authentic Catholic patriotism under God. Our nation was founded under God, Let us not allow this precious heritage, this source of true life and liberty, be lost. Its preservation relies on each one of us. Only then will we be able to truly say: “One nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.”

—Barry Metzentine, Director of Evangelization & Catechesis

Happy Birthday, Bishop Connolly



Bishop Connolly will celebrate his 91st birthday on July 18th at Maryville Nursing Home. He has spent nearly 30 years as Bishop in the Diocese of Baker living his motto, "I am spent and will be spent for you." On this joyous occasion, we send him our prayers and best wishes for all God's blessings and happiness each day throughout the year.

On June 27th, Bishop Cary travelled with Fr. Leo Weckerle and Mary Ann Davis to spend the day with Bishop Connolly. They reported that Bishop Connolly enjoyed visiting and having lunch with them.



Above, Bishop Connolly at age 74, relaxes at home with his two friends—Sarkist (left) and Hanzie (right).

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: St. Francis of Assisi, Bend

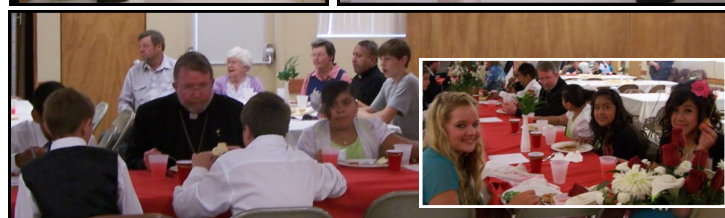
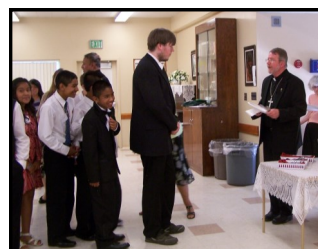
Correction: The Catholic Daughters "Salute to Women" article in the June 16th Issue, page 1, bears the incorrect name of the Catholic Daughters here in Bend. Please note that it should have read: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 2041 Our Lady of the Cascades. We sincerely apologize for this error.

PARISH NEWS: St. Patrick, Vale

On Monday, June 17th, Fr. Camillus Fernando, Pastor, and the St. Patrick parish welcomed Bishop Cary to a special Mass for the 18 youth gathered to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

After Mass, a Reception was held in the Parish Hall. Bishop Cary said a few words to the newly Confirmed and blessed the buffet dinner.

Bishop Cary visited with the youth throughout the evening and his presence was enjoyed by all who attended—especially the newly Confirmed.



All Aboard the Vatican Express Upper Elementary Camp Camp Connolly 2013

"It was an incredible joy to see the faith come alive in our youth." - Team
"We got to see inside the Basilica! It was awesome." - Camper
"The water slide, the talent show, the impressions - Amazing." - Camper
"There's nothing my 4th grader would have enjoyed more than her first camp experience at Powell Butte this weekend. Not even Disneyland. No joke. Awesome, awesome weekend!" - Parent

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