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#### **YOUTH MINISTRY:** Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls

High School Youth Group kicked off to a great start in the beginning of September, as we welcomed (back) nearly 20 teens at the start of the school year. After our first meeting, we held a bake sale and made \$150 for youth ministry.



In this picture, taken at our fourth gathering, the teens are showing off their clay creations: We made clay (and discussed how each ingredient is an important part of the whole, just as

we are many parts but all one body) and then used the clay to sculpt an object that showed our relationship with God. Although our teens attend five different high schools, we are united by our one faith. Here's to a great year ahead!

- Katie Beaubien, Sacred Heart Youth Minister

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY:** Holy Family, Burns

Holy Family Parish had an active Respect Life Sunday with the participation of many parishioners! Following Holy Mass, the high school religious education students hosted coffee hour with fresh home- made goodies for all to enjoy prior to class beginning. The Pro Life committee had the informational display set up that was shared with the community during the Harney County Fair earlier this fall. The display was very informative and enjoyed by all ages. Following coffee hour, the students gathered for class and a Holy Hour for First Sunday to pray for all stages of life to be respected in our country.

We took some of that enthusiasm with us as our parish community joined with a few members of other churches for the Life Chain on Broadway downtown Burns. It was a prayerful hour shared by children and adults alike and was a strong witness to passersby of our commitment to stand up for life.



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# THE HOLY FATHER'S CONSECRATION EXTENDS TO THE DIOCESE OF BAKER

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, gathered the world into his loving care and consecrated it to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on October 13, the 96th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in 1917, which fulfilled a promise made by Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal, to three little shepherd children, that her messages over a six month period were from God.

The Diocese of Baker encouraged parishes to celebrate this momentous occasion in their own special way as did the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Redmond with Fr. Todd Unger, pastor, welcoming all who attended, in the name of the Diocese.

The celebration started with Acolyte Javier Chong processing in carrying the statue of Our Lady of Fatima as the congregation sang "O Queen of the Holy Rosary". Following Javier were three little children from the Hispanic Community, Maria Guadalupe Gradilla (Lucia), Emmanuel Medina (Francisco), and Koré Medina (Jacinta), who represented the three little Fatima visionaries.

The congregation sang "O Queen of the Holy Rosary", "O Lady of Fatima", "O Sanctissima", and "Salve Regina" throughout the afternoon as Mary was crowned by "Lucia" and the International Rosary was prayed in English, Spanish and Zwahili with the Sisters of Mary of Kakamega, followed by the Litany of Loreto.



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### **THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY** from Bishop Cary

In Immigration and the Next America Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles reminds us that the United States was founded on an explicit openness to and encouragement of people coming here from beyond our borders. The Declaration of Independence lists the King of England's restrictive immigration policy among the serious grievances he committed against the Colonies, for he refused to allow "the naturalization of foreigners" or to "encourage their migrations." The new nation would follow a much different course. In the words of our first president, "The bosom of America is open to receive not only the opulent and respectable stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and religions; whom we should welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges, if . . . they merit the enjoyment." Little over a century later George Washington's arms-open attitude cleared the way for my grandparents to leave Ireland and settle in Oregon. If you search your memory, do you find that you too are a beneficiary of America's traditional openness to foreigners?

We rightly trace our country's founding to the English-speaking Protestants who settled the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Southern coasts. It is a heroic and inspiring story worthy of veneration, but it is not the whole story. The "rest of the story," Archbishop Gomez reminds us, "is not Anglo-Protestant but Hispanic-Catholic"; its center is "not in New England but in . . . New Spain." It began in the 1520s with the first Spanish settlement in Florida and in the 1540s across the continent in California long before the English settlement at Jamestown in 1607 or the arrival of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in 1621. From this perspective we Westerners are not late-comers to the national story; rather, we can trace our roots back even earlier than Easterners—for example, to the settlement and development of our largest and most prosperous state, California.

Forgetfulness or ignorance of the rest of America's story, Archbishop Gomez suggests, has repeatedly given rise to a "nativist" impulse that defines our national identity along narrow racial, ethnic, and religious grounds. As Abraham Lincoln recognized, the nativist assumes that those who came here earlier are somehow "more equal" than those who came later—poor, uneducated, with a different language and religion. For two centuries nativist suspicion has fallen successively on German, Irish, Italian, Jewish, Polish, and Mexican immigrants and found them unworthy of welcome. The reasons are always the same, Archbishop Gomez notes: "they are inferior people; they don't work hard; they aren't smart enough; they won't learn our language; they're loyal to their own country; and they resent our laws and traditions." One ethnic group after another has settled into America and disproved these assumptions, but they continue to color our national debate.

My next column will turn to that debate in an attempt to find a way to be faithful to the whole story of the American promise.

### **PENSAMIENTOS DEL CAMINO** por el Obispo Cary

En Inmigración y la siguiente América el arzobispo José Gómez de Los Ángeles nos recuerda que Estados Unidos fue fundado sobre una apertura explícita y alentadora para la gente que viene aquí desde más allá de nuestras fronteras. La Declaración de Independencia menciona la política del Rey de Inglaterra, la inmigración restrictiva, entre los graves agravios cometidos en contra de las colonias, porque él se negó a permitir "la naturalización de los extranjeros" o "alentar a sus migraciones." La nueva nación seguiría un curso muy diferente. En palabras de nuestro primer presidente, "el seno de Estados Unidos está abierto a recibir no sólo el extraño opulento y respetable, pero los oprimidos y perseguidos de todas las naciones y religiones, a quienes debemos dar la bienvenida y la participación de todos los derechos y privilegios, sí... merecen disfrutar." Más de un siglo después la actitud de bienvenida de George Washington que abrió el camino a mis abuelos para salir de Irlanda y establecerse en Oregon. Si usted busca en su memoria, usted encuentra que usted también es un beneficiario de la tradicional apertura de Estados Unidos a los extranjeros.

Con razón rastreamos en la fundación de nuestro país a los protestantes de habla Inglesa que se establecieron en el noreste, Atlántico medio, y las costas del sur. Es una historia heroica e inspiradora digna de veneración, pero no es toda la historia. En el "resto de la historia", el Arzobispo Gómez nos recuerda, "no al anglo-protestante, sino a los hispanos católicos", y su centro es "no en Nueva Inglaterra, pero . . . Nueva España." Se inició en la década de 1520 con el primer asentamiento español en la Florida y en la década de 1540 a través del continente, en California, mucho antes de la asentasión Inglesa en Jamestown en 1607 o la llegada de los peregrinos en Plymouth Rock en 1621. Desde esta perspectiva, nosotros occidentales no somos los últimos llegados a la historia nacional, sino que podemos rastrear nuestras raíces incluso antes que los orientales, por ejemplo, a la colonización y el desarrollo de nuestro estado más grande y próspero, California.

El olvido o la ignorancia del resto de la historia de Estados Unidos, el arzobispo Gómez indica, ha dado varias veces lugar a un impulso "nativistas" que define nuestra identidad nacional a lo largo de motivos raciales, étnicos y religiosos estrechos. Como se reconoce Abraham Lincoln, el nativista asume que aquellos que vinieron antes son de alguna manera "más iguales" que los que vinieron después de los pobres, sin educación, con una lengua y una religión diferente. Durante dos siglos el recelo nativista ha caído sucesivamente en los inmigrantes alemanes, irlandeses, italianos, judíos, polacos y mexicanos y encontrándolos indignos de bienvenida. Las razones son siempre las mismas, el arzobispo Gómez señala: "son gente inferior; no trabajan duro, no son lo suficientemente inteligentes, ellos no aprenderán el lenguaje, por permanecer leales a su propio país, y desprecian nuestras leyes y tradiciones." Un grupo étnico tras otro se ha asentado en América y desmentido estas hipótesis, pero continúan, dando color a nuestro debate nacional.

Mi próxima columna volverá a ese debate en un intento de encontrar una manera de ser fiel a la historia de la promesa americana.

#### PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during November:

Rev. Joseph Thalisery, Bend Nov 05, 1984 Rev. Rogatian Urassa, Klamath Falls Nov 20, 1983

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

# DIOCESE OF BAKER FORMS VOCATIONS SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Diocese of Baker has formed a new Vocations Support Committee. The initial nucleus of this committee is comprised of the members of the recently dissolved Serra Club of the Diocese of Baker. The Serra Club was dissolved at the request of its members to reorganize under the umbrella of the Diocese; the intent is to provide more practical support to the Diocese in its endeavors to promote religious vocations, especially in addressing the need for more priests.

This new Vocations Support Committee will function as an open committee... any parishioner in the Diocese can belong to this committee. Hopefully the Committee will grow to be a large group of parishioners representing many different parishes throughout the Diocese. We hope to have a loose structure allowing folks to participate when and how they want.

A new focus in the support of vocations will be paying more attention to seminarians and potential seminarians. We hope to provide encouragement to and direct contact with, our seminarians.

Another new focus will be to spearhead the establishment of Quo Vadis Days for young men to focus on their discernment to follow a path to the priesthood.

In addition to the new focus items above, we also plan to carry on with former activities, including:

- Encouraging Adoration and Holy Hours in each parish throughout the Diocese to support vocations.
- Distributing prayer cards for all religious to all parishes throughout the Diocese in early January.
- Sending cards to seminarians on a regular basis.
- Sending anniversary cards to all religious in the Diocese.
- Participating in parish "Roundups" or in other vocation awareness activities as requested.
- Extending an altar server recognition program to parishes throughout the Diocese.
- Holding monthly Committee meetings for those who can attend.

Accomplishing everything will require the participation of new committee members from throughout the Diocese. We need folks who will be willing to do the practical things that need to be done, and if possible, to help us financially. For accountability, we will be formulating a budget based specifically on the projected costs of our planned activities. Our "dues" are voluntary, but we are suggesting \$5/mo (\$60/yr) to help fund our activities. We will communicate monthly to all members via email. Contact: Jack Beemer by email at beemer@bendcable.com, or by cell (541) 398-2983, home (541) 389-2983.

# RENEWING OUR LIFE OF FAITH THROUGH THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In three weeks we will bring to completion this special Year of Faith which has commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. The Council was a source of profound renewal for the Church, particularly in encouraging us to embrace the mission of evangelization. As the Diocese of Baker focuses its attention even more on the New Evangelization, it is altogether fitting that we promote our ministries through the new Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal, to be launched in the spring of 2014, will touch all of us in some manner, both personally and in our parishes, in ways we may not realize. Our gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal will allow us to enjoy the fruits of our evangelizing efforts and other diocesan ministries whether that be in the areas of religious education, youth ministry, faith formation for young adults, or our seminarians. The appeal will support the work of vocations, our priests, permanent deacons and other ministries as well. When we make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and share the blessings God gives us, we join with all of our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the Diocese of Baker to do the Lord's work—work that no single individual or parish could do alone.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a pledge program, which is an easy way to give and allows us to make a more generous and affordable gift. Pledging allows us to spread out our gift over several months.

As the Gospels reveal, Christ calls each of us, in a special way, to be his disciples. The Bishop's Annual Appeal gives us a unique opportunity to answer his call and renew our personal commitment to more fully participate as good stewards in his mission of evangelization. In the coming weeks and months we will learn more about how our generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal will enhance our Catholic life of faith here in the Diocese of Baker.

#### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION** continued

Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet was led by Fr. Unger, who concluded the afternoon with the reading of our Holy Father's Consecration of the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was a most holy time in world history, and in our personal lives, to be in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament; giving our "Yes!" and our hearts to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of His Mother...a "Yes" we want to repeat through our praying the Holy Rosary daily and responding to the five consecutive First Saturdays requested by our Lady.

### **BISHOP CARY'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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Nov 6 LFF Board Meeting

Nov 7 Installation in St. Cloud, Minnesota

Nov 11-14 Bishop Meeting in Baltimore

Nov 16 Blessing of new hospital in Pendleton

Nov 17 Masses in Heppner

**ALL SOULS DAY:** "The month of November draws its special spiritual tone from the two days with which it opens: the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of all the faithful departed. The great family of the Church finds in these days a time of grace and lives them, in accordance with her vocation, gathered closely around the Lord in prayer and offering his redeeming Sacrifice for the repose of the deceased faithful."

— Pope Benedict XVII 11 November, 2005



## IN MEMORIAM DIOCESE OF BAKER

# "IT IS A HOLY AND WHOLESOME THOUGHT TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD" REMEMBER THE DECEASED BISHOPS AND PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF BAKER IN THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

