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## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### Lord, We Thank You

Lord, we thank you for the abundant gifts you have given us. You have blessed us beyond our hopes and dreams-even beyond the majority of people in our world.

We have food, heat, lights, clothes, means of transportation and all other things that bring comfort to life.

We have family and friends so that we are not alone. We have a faith community filled with love and support. We have education and work that allow us to develop our gifts and talents.

For all of these gifts we are thankful. But most of all we are thankful for your son, Jesus Christ. He found us to be worthy not only of your love but also to be disciples and stewards of his Gospel.

It is our privilege to be asked to bring a portion of our many communal and individual gifts to the Eucharistic table and unite them with Christ. Together we can transform all life for your glory.

As a parish family committed to doing your will, we ask that you instill in us the grace to be even more grateful and the wisdom to understand how we can be better stewards of all that has been given us.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

-Adapted from a prayer by St. Joan of Arc Parish, Toledo, Ohio

## ST VINCENT de PAUL Fundraiser Update

**THANK YOU** to those who have donated funds towards the purchase of the St. Vincent de Paul property in Redmond. This property is currently being leased. Once the property is purchased, mortgage payments will be less than our present lease payments and the savings can be used to provide more assistance to the needy. The Conference was recently informed that the Redmond St. Vincent de Paul Conference is the largest provider of food assistance in Central Oregon, in addition to providing assistance with rent, utilities, etc.

If the Conference can show significant community support by the end of the year, the likeliness of receiving matching grants will be greatly increased. With lease prices and property values on the rise, it is important that St. Vincent exercise the current option to purchase the property.

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Donors have responded from as far away as Seattle, Bellingham, and Burns, as well as Bend and Sisters. Donations may be sent to St. Vincent de Paul Building Fund, 1616 SW Veteran's Way, Redmond, OR 97756

If you have questions regarding the fund drive, please contact Norm Czerwonka at 541-389-8237 or Barry Grieg at 541-604-4318. Purchase of the property will assure that services to the needy are provided for many years to come.

## PARISH NEWS: St. John Mission, Paisley

Three youth of St. John Mission parish proudly received their First Holy Communion on September 29, 2013, with Fr. Francis Akano, their Pastor.

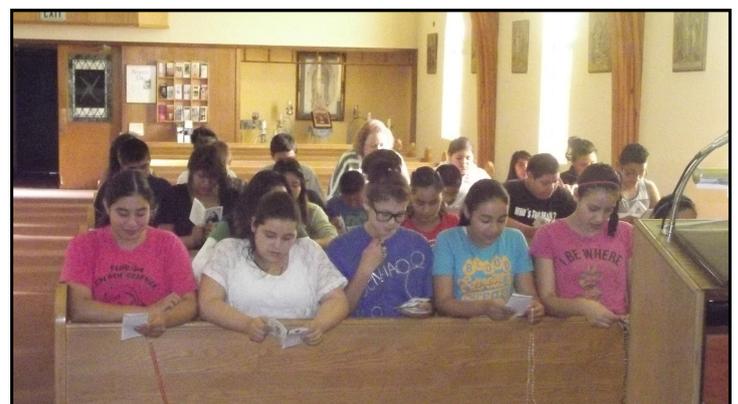
Pictured left to right are Abby Sanders, Joana Villagomez, and Basil Vickerman with Fr. Francis Akano.

Please join us in congratulating the youth in their sacramental blessings.



## YOUTH MINISTRY: Bridget of Kildare, Nyssa

On the first Sunday of each month, the middle school and high school youth of St. Bridget of Kildare Parish in Nyssa pray the Rosary as part of their RE program. The youth take turns throughout the year leading a decade of the Rosary. The five youth who lead each decade sit next to one of the teachers in case they need any help. All the youth do a great job in participating and we are proud of them.



## THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY from Bishop Cary

Several issues back, reflecting on *Immigration and the Next America* by Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, I reviewed the ancient biblical roots of Christian concern for the immigrant, culminating in the words of Jesus: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” My next column looked back on the American past from an uncommon angle. In the words of Archbishop Gomez, “A century before the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock, and long before the English settlement at Jamestown, the Hispanic Catholic presence was firmly established in America.”

This is a significant chapter of “the rest of the story” of the American experiment in liberty, and it opens a path for us to come into the fullness of our national inheritance. Differing recollections of our common past should converge and complement one another as our history unfolds over time; they need not compete with each other for inclusion. Each has a right to its part in the story. It is helpful to keep this perspective in mind as we consider immigration as a political issue.

Millions of people around the world have applied for legal admission to the United States and wait beyond our borders for a long time to be accepted. Within our borders live roughly 11 million people who have not gone through that process of legalization. Most of them have been here for five years; many more, for ten or twenty years. They have settled here, struggled to make a better life for their family here; in fact, if not in law, they have become our neighbors here. Yet they live under continual fear of deportation. To come fully into public sight would risk everything they have worked for—most of all the unity of their family. So they stay in the shadows. And the shadows spread.

Our failure to resolve this problem does no one any good. It only increases social antagonism and embitters our politics. But we are at an impasse. On the one hand, we cannot simply discount our immigration laws as if they didn't matter, because they do. Applicants for admission from abroad rightly count on us to enforce them. On the other hand, no one proposes to undertake the impossible task of mass deportation of those who are not here legally. How to find a way out of this dilemma?

It is true that the 11 million are not here legally; it is equally true that they are not going away. Those who were brought here as young children know no other land than ours. They are as innocent as they are powerless. But their life prospects worsen with every year that the immigration impasse continues. It unwittingly fosters the expansion of a sizeable underclass in the legal shadow land of immigration. “We are creating the very conditions that we claim to be afraid of,” Archbishop Gomez argues—“a generation of people who can't assimilate and who don't have the education and skills to contribute to our economy.”

National interest and Christian compassion converge on the need to order our immigration policy aright—in a way that does not invite the same situation to happen again. My next column will be an attempt to think forward in that direction.

## PENSAMIENTOS DEL CAMINO por el Obispo Cary

Varias ediciones anteriores, reflexionaba sobre el libro de la Inmigración y la próxima América del arzobispo José Gómez de Los Ángeles, revisé las antiguas raíces bíblicas de la preocupación cristiana por el inmigrante, que culminan con las palabras de Jesús: “Era forastero y me acogiste”. En mi siguiente columna vuelvo al pasado americano desde un ángulo poco común. En palabras del arzobispo Gómez, “Un siglo antes de que los peregrinos llegaron a Plymouth Rock, y mucho antes de que los Ingleses se establecieran en Jamestown, la presencia católica hispana estaba firmemente establecida en los Estados Unidos.”

Este es un capítulo importante en “el resto de la historia” del experimento norteamericano de libertad, y abre un camino para que lleguemos a la plenitud de nuestra herencia nacional. Diferentes recuerdos de nuestro pasado común, deben converger y complementarse mutuamente mientras que nuestra historia se desarrolla a través del tiempo; y no necesitan competir entre sí para ser incluidos. Cada uno tiene derecho a su parte de la historia. Es necesario tener presente esta perspectiva al considerar la inmigración como un asunto político.

Millones de personas en todo el mundo han solicitado su ingreso legal a los Estados Unidos y desde hace mucho tiempo esperar más allá de nuestras fronteras para ser aceptadas. Dentro de nuestras fronteras viven unos 11 millones de personas que no han pasado por ese proceso de legalización. La mayoría de ellos han estado aquí por cinco años, y muchos más, durante diez o veinte años. Se han instalado aquí, luchado para dar una vida mejor a su familia, y se han convertido en nuestros vecinos aquí aun, fuera de la ley.

Sin embargo, viven bajo constante temor de ser deportados. Para salir plenamente a la luz pública, ponen en riesgo todo por lo que han trabajado sobre todo la unidad de su familia. Así que se quedan en las sombras. Y las sombras se extienden.

Nuestra incapacidad para resolver este problema no hace bien a nadie. Sólo aumenta el antagonismo social y amarga a nuestros políticos. Pero estamos en un callejón sin salida. Por un lado, no podemos simplemente descartar nuestras leyes de inmigración, como si no tuvieran importancia, porque sí la tienen. Los solicitantes a ser admitidos del extranjero cuentan con razón, en nosotros para hacerlas cumplir. Por otra parte, nadie se propone llevar a cabo la tarea imposible de deportación masiva de los que no están aquí legalmente. ¿Cómo encontrar una solución a este dilema?

Es cierto que los 11 millones no están aquí legalmente, también es cierto que ellos no van a desaparecer. Aquellos que fueron traídos aquí como niños pequeños no conocen otro país que el nuestro. Ellos son tan inocentes como son impotentes. Pero sus perspectivas de vida empeoran con cada año que el callejón sin salida de inmigración continúa. Y sin saberlo fomenta la expansión de una extensa clase baja en la tierra de sombras de la inmigración legal “Estamos creando las mismas condiciones que nosotros afirmamos temer,” el arzobispo Gómez dice “una generación de personas que no se pueden asimilar y que no tienen la educación y las habilidades para contribuir a nuestra economía”.

El interés nacional y la compasión cristiana convergen en la necesidad de ordenar nuestra ley de inmigración correctamente, de manera que no se invite a que ocurra la misma situación otra vez. Mi próxima columna será un intento de pensar hacia adelante en esa dirección.

## Supporting Catholic Youth Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal

This weekend many of our young Catholics of high school age are participating in a diocesan youth retreat, *Day of the Son—Tell the World*. This marvelous faith experience, offered by the Diocese of Baker at the **Powell Butte Retreat Center**, is precisely the kind of youth ministry outreach that The Bishop's Annual Appeal hopes to fund.

At this year's World Youth Day, Pope Francis said of youth faith formation: "What is the best tool to catechize a young person? Another young person!" Parents, of course, are the best teachers of the Catholic faith. They get help from others such as pastors, Catholic educators and parish pastoral teams. But young people yearn for community with their own peer group, and they look to their peers to have their faith supported, validated, and affirmed.

Bishop Liam Cary sees youth ministry as an important pastoral priority for the Diocese of Baker. Under the skillful direction of David O'Neill, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, efforts are under way to draw our young people into responsible participation in our faith community's life, mission and work; nurture their spiritual growth; and empower them to give witness to Christ more passionately.

This past summer young people of the diocese were invited to attend the Camp Connolly Summer Camps. Using the theme, *The Vatican Express*, participants were given the opportunity to explore more deeply the beauty of our Catholic heritage and to learn more about our new pontiff, Pope Francis.

In July our diocesan youth participated in a national conference with the theme *Chosen!* Held at the Spokane Convention Center, hundreds of Catholic youth from all over Oregon and the Pacific Northwest gathered to celebrate their faith, grow closer to each other and to Christ.

The challenge of discipleship—of following Jesus—is at the heart of the Church's mission. Youth ministry is directed toward presenting young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and inviting and challenging them to live as his disciples. Events such as *Day of the Son*, Summer Camps, and Youth Conferences offer our Catholic youth an opportunity to gather together, hear inspirational messages, get involved in community-building activities, and enjoy fellowship, sacred music and prayer in safe, supervised environments.



Our gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, to be launched in the spring of 2014, will help fund this important pastoral priority for the diocese. 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 by spreading out our gift over several months.

Supporting the faith-life of our youth is a responsibility of us all, and the Bishop's Annual Appeal provides a unique opportunity to respond to the faith life of our young people and renew our personal commitment to act as good stewards in his mission of our local Church here in the Diocese of Baker.

**What is the priesthood?** The priesthood is a divinely instituted sacrament begun by Christ at the Last Supper in order to continue His ministry in the world. The priesthood is not an occupation, a job, or a profession. Instead, it is a life of loving service to God and neighbor.

We are pleased to present the second Vocation story in our series of our Clergy testimonials.



**FR. JOSE MUDAKODIYIL** is the Pastor at Blessed Sacrament in Ontario.

Rev. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil was born on May 5, 1972, in Kallara in the state of Kerala in India, the sixth and last child that includes three elder brothers and two elder sisters. He completed his lower and middle school at SKVUP School and the high school at St. Thomas school. He felt God's call to priesthood and in response to that call he joined the seminary of the Salesian Religious Order at Mannuthy in Kerala in 1987. After one year of intense learning of English language he completed his 11th and 12th grades remaining at Don Bosco seminary in Aluva. He entered the novitiate in 1990 and became a professed member of the Salesians Don Bosco (SDB) Religious Order on May 24, 1991. After completing his philosophy and English Literature studies, he made his final Profession in the Salesian Religious Order on May 24th 1998 and chose to belong to the Lord entirely. At the end of the Theological studies in Bangalore he was ordained a priest on 28th January 2002 in his home parish in Kallara.

Soon after his ordination Fr. Jose Thomas was appointed an associate pastor at St. Theresa's church in the city of Hyderabad, where he also completed his masters in Psychology from Madras University. After two years at St. Theresa's Parish he was transferred to Don Bosco Minor seminary to train the young aspirants to priesthood. Desiring to serve God in full time pastoral ministry, he applied to some dioceses in the United States and he was accepted by Bishop Vasa to join the Diocese of Baker. He was appointed pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in La Pine right away on June 24, 2007. Besides the parish work at Holy Redeemer church in La Pine, he also took care of the pastoral needs of parishioners in mission churches at Holy Trinity in Sunriver, Our Lady of the Snows in Gilchrist and Holy Family in Christmas Valley. On August 17, 2012, he was made pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish in Ontario.

His recreational interests are hiking, boating, fishing and sightseeing. He loves basketball, volleyball, skiing and swimming. He loves the company of people, talking and dining with them, sharing their sorrow and joy.

Fr Jose says: "I used to hear my mother talking at home about becoming a priest from the time I was small. From the time I could remember we used to receive at home calendars and brochures about vocation from a few religious orders. I also used to have correspondence

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with my senior friends who were already in the seminary. All these helped me to discover my vocation. Reading the life of St. John Bosco helped me to choose the path.

I entered the seminary at the age of 15 after completing my 10th grade. I was ordained a priest at the age of 30 after years of study and formation. It has been a joy to be a priest. Life as a priest has given me great satisfaction and fulfillment. My greatest joy is to be with the people God has entrusted to me, accompanying them in their journey of faith and being with them in all the significant moments of their lives. I worked as a priest in India for five years and came over to the US to minister in the Diocese of Baker at the invitation of Bishop Robert Vasa in 2007. I served with great joy the Holy Redeemer Parish for five years and now I am happy to be the pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Ontario. My prayer and the prayers of others continue to nurture my priestly vocation. I have found my greatest satisfaction in priestly ministry serving the Lord and His people. "Serve Him with your whole heart and soul." (Joshua 22:5)

### PARISH NEWS: Blessed Sacrament, Ontario

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Ontario is sponsoring a one-day Retreat for Young Couples (married less than 25 years), engaged couples, dating couples, single parents, and anyone else who may be interested on November 23, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



The Retreat's guest speaker will be Patty Schneier. Patty will speak on issues of recognizing the Word of God present in our lives, conversion, and talking to teens about love, life, sex and marriage.

Patty Schneier is a life-long Catholic, housewife, and mother of three from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She and her husband Larry are active members of their parish, where Patty is a cantor at Sunday Mass. Since October 2003, Patty has been speaking at parishes and Catholic Conferences across the United States, sharing her personal testimony "Prove It, God!"... And He Did. Using song, scripture, and writings from her journal, Patty shares the story of her challenge to God and His daily response. The results were life changing! Her conversion marks the beginning of a totally new life in Christ, a renewed marriage, and a ministry in public speaking. In 2007, Bishop Paul Zipfel sent 25,000 copies of her testimony to every Catholic household in the diocese of Bismarck, ND, and in June 2013, it was distributed nationwide as the "CD of the Month" for Lighthouse Catholic Media. With additional talks written specifically for teens, parents, women's groups and priests, Patty gives witness to the beauty of the Church's

teachings and her love of the Catholic Faith.

To read more about Patti Schneier, visit <http://www.pattyschneier.com>.

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided at the retreat as well as child-care. There are no fees; however, donations will be appreciated. For more information and registration, please contact Blessed Sacrament Parish at [ontario.blessedsacrament@gmail.com](mailto:ontario.blessedsacrament@gmail.com) or by calling 541- 889-8469.

### STAR LITE GALA: St. Thomas, Redmond

St. Thomas Parish in Redmond presents its 13th Annual "Star Lite" Gala event on December 6th. The Gala will be held at Eagle Crest Resort and will include an evening of fine dining followed by an auction (silent and live) with cash prizes and live music to dance the night away. The proceeds will be used towards further development of the Parish Center.

Tickets may still be purchased through the parish office. Reserve your Corporate Table now. (Table for eight \$750, single ticket \$60.) For reservations call (541) 923-3390.



### SEVEN RELIGIOUS DRAMAS by Fr. Gerald Condon

The article printed in our October 20th Issue was missing the information on where to find Fr. Gerald Condon's book which is available through Amazon or by contacting Fr. Condon direct at (541) 720-4086.

Fr. Gerry's other book "A Way Of Grace" is available FREE, and can be downloaded at the Parish website: [www.saintpatschurch.com](http://www.saintpatschurch.com)

### DIOCESE OF BAKER'S VOCATIONS SUPPORT COMMITTEE UPDATE

As announced in our last issue, the Diocese of Baker has formed a new Vocations Support Committee, and has officially settled on **Baker Diocese Vocations Committee** as their permanent name. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact Jack Beemer by email at [beemer@bendcable.com](mailto:beemer@bendcable.com), or by phone at 541-398-2983 (cell) or 541-389-2983 (home).

### BISHOP CARY'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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| Nov 17:   | Masses at Heppner  |
| Nov 21:   | Redmond Bible Study 7-9  |
| Nov 22-24 | Day of the Spirit, Powell Butte Retreat Center                                       |
| Nov 24:   | Blessing of new doors at St. Francis Historic Church, closing Mass for Year of Faith |
| Nov 28:   | Thanksgiving Day   |