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## PARISH NEWS: St. Andrew Mission, Pendleton

On February 10, 2013, on the occasion of his first visit to St. Andrew's Mission which is located at the foot of the Blue Mountains near Pendleton, Bishop Liam Cary and Father Mike Fitzpatrick, SJ, concelebrated Sunday morning Mass. Before Mass, Bishop Cary visited with each CCD class. The parishioners hosted a luncheon after Mass. Tessie Williams presented Bishop with a Pendleton blanket on behalf of the parish.

The Confirmation Mass was held at 1:00 p.m. Bishop Cary confirmed 32 candidates. A reception followed at St. Kateri Hall.

Pictured LtoR:

Deacon Daniel Martinez, Bishop Liam Cary, DRE Fern Oliver, Fr. Mike Fitzpatrick, and Acolyte Ren Feller



Confirmation Class of 2013



Tessie Williams and Fr. Mike Fitzpatrick presenting the blanket to Bishop Cary on behalf of the parish.

## PARISH NEWS: St. Edward the Martyr, Sisters

### Saint Edward the Martyr holds game show for Confirmandi

One of the events scheduled to take place at St. Edward parish during the last week of May this year is the confirmation of 12 candidates. As of now, thanks to the generosity of some volunteer catechists, these candidates have been undergoing preparation and recollection for the event. On Sunday, March 17, the Confirmandi of St. Edward the Martyr exhibited their catechetical knowledge as they presented to the parish a 'Jeopardy' style game entitled, **Are you smarter than our Confirmandi?** Answers from categories grouped into "the Holy Spirit", "Salvation History", "the Bible", "Sacrament and Grace", "Virtues", and "the Church" were given by Sister Mary Assumpta in her St. Patrick's Day garb assisted by Christine Ritcher and Max Huni. Each team was also given two lifelines: "Ask a parishioner" and "Ask Father Jude." Parishioners cheered on the contestants as they responded to the answers with the correct questions. The lifelines came in handy and all in attendance not only supported the Confirmandi but learned some catechesis themselves.



## THANK YOU!

We want to thank all of you who have contributed to the 2012/2013 Religious Retirement Collection.

As you know a portion goes to the National Office and a portion stays here in the Diocese for our own retired priests. This is the highest collection since 2008. Thank you for your generosity.

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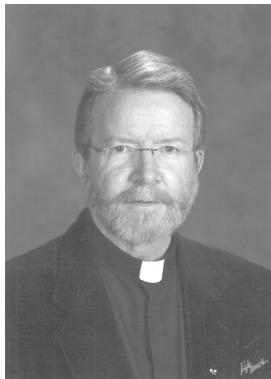
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## THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY from Bishop Cary

The past year has seen significant changes in the leadership of the Catholic Church in Oregon. A pope has resigned; a new one has been elected. The state's two dioceses have new bishops. Archbishop Sample was installed in Portland on the anniversary of the death of Blessed John Paul II; I was ordained Bishop of Baker on the anniversary of his birth. We begin our service as bishops here with a providential link to the Pope of the New Evangelization—and fittingly enough, for our bond as bishops is essential to the living unity of the Catholic Church.

From the first hour of his election, Pope Francis has notably referred to himself as “Bishop of Rome.” This title tells us a lot. He is first of all a bishop, a successor to the Apostles like every other bishop. If he had been a layman, a deacon, or a priest when he was elected (as happened more than once a thousand years ago), he would have been ordained bishop immediately. This would have been necessary, because he is not just any bishop, but the *head* of the body of bishops, the bishop responsible for preserving the bishops' unity and the unity of the universal Church. And he is their head because he is Bishop of Rome and therefore the successor of Peter. Archbishop Sample and I are successors of the Apostles as well, but we do not take the place of one or another of them specifically—of St. John, for example, or of St. James. No, Jesus built his Church on the rock of Peter's confession of faith and designated *him* to strengthen his brother bishops. It is Peter's cross of holy responsibility which Pope Francis has agreed to bear for us.

His attitude toward his new responsibility fittingly reflects the humility and simplicity of the saint whose name he has taken. “When a pope . . . must say, ‘I am in charge here,’ ” he wrote in his autobiography, “it is because . . . he is seeking to attribute it to himself with words . . . Having the staff of command does not mean giving orders and imposing, but serving.” His decision to wash and kiss the feet of prisoners on his first Holy Thursday as pope suggests that our new Holy Father does not so much want to *proclaim* his supreme power as successor of Peter as to *exercise* it in the spirit of his Master and Lord. From all indications, Pope Francis is a man who bears watching—and imitating.



## PENSAMIENTOS DEL CAMINO por el Obispo Cary

El año pasado hubo cambios significativos en el liderazgo de la Iglesia Católica en Oregon. Un Papa ha dimitido, uno nuevo ha sido elegido. Las dos diócesis del estado tienen nuevos obispos. El arzobispo Sample fue instalado en Portland, en el aniversario de la muerte del beato Juan Pablo II; Yo fui ordenado obispo de Baker en el aniversario de su nacimiento. Comenzamos nuestro servicio como obispos aquí con un vínculo providencial con el Papa en la Nueva Evangelización y oportunamente para nuestro vínculo como obispos que es esencial para la vida de unidad de la Iglesia Católica.

Desde la primera hora de su elección, el Papa Francis notablemente se ha refirió a sí mismo como “Obispo de Roma.” Este título nos dice mucho. Él es ante todo un obispo, sucesor de los Apóstoles, como todos los obispos. Si el elegido hubiera sido un laico, diácono o un sacerdote, (como sucedió más de una vez hace mil años), habría sido ordenado Obispo inmediatamente. Esto habría sido necesario, porque no es cualquier obispo, sino la cabeza del cuerpo de obispos, el obispo responsable de preservar la unidad de los obispos y la unidad de la Iglesia universal. Y él es la cabeza, porque él es el Obispo de Roma y por lo tanto el sucesor de Pedro. El arzobispo Sample y yo somos sucesores de los Apóstoles, pero no somos sucesores de alguno en particular por ejemplo de San Juan, o de Santiago. No, Jesús edificó su Iglesia sobre la roca de la confesión de fe de Pedro y lo designó para fortalecer a sus hermanos obispos. La cruz de Pedro es la responsabilidad que el Papa Francisco ha aceptado asumir por nosotros.

Su actitud hacia su nueva responsabilidad refleja adecuadamente la humildad y la sencillez del santo cuyo nombre ha tomado. Él, escribió en su autobiografía, “Cuando un Papa. . . debe decir: ‘o soy el que manda aquí...,’ ” es porque. . . él está buscando con palabras lo que se atribuye a sí mismo. . . . Tener el cetro de mando no significa dar e imponer órdenes, sino servir.” Su decisión de lavar y besar los pies de los prisioneros en su primer Jueves Santo como Papa nos dice que nuestro nuevo Santo Padre no quiere proclamar su poder supremo como sucesor de Pedro sino ejercerlo en el espíritu de su Maestro y Señor. Según las observaciones, el Papa Francisco es un hombre que merece ser observado e imitado.

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### BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE:

Apr. 22: Year of Faith Teaching Series, Ontario (English) 6:30-9 p.m.  
Apr. 23: Year of Faith Teaching Series, Ontario (Spanish) 6:30-9 p.m.  
Apr. 24: Confirmation, Ontario  
Apr. 25: Confirmation, Baker City

Apr. 27: Year of Faith Teaching Series, Baker City 9-Noon  
Apr. 27-28: Confirmation, Vale and Missions  
May 2: Confirmation, La Pine  
May 3-5: Knights of Columbus Convention, Pendleton

## PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during the month of May:

Bishop Liam Cary, ordained as Bishop	May 18, 2012
Rev. Raymond Hopp, retired	May 01, 1965
Rev. Mike Fitzpatrick, St. Andrews Mission	May 14, 1977
Rev. Louis H. Albrecht, retired	May 14, 1986
Rev. Joseph Reinig, retired	May 21, 1998
Rev. Andrew Szymakowski	May 22, 2004
Rev. Daniel Maxwell, Hermiston	May 22, 2009
Rev. Charles Dreisbach, retired	May 23, 1959
Rev. Bailey Clemens, Pendleton	May 23, 1998
Rev. Alfred Fisher, retired	May 26, 1956
Rev. Andrew Colvin, Military Chaplain	May 31, 2002

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

## DIOCESAN SUMMER RETREAT SCHEDULE:

- **Upper Elementary Camp:**  
Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30
- **Family Camp:**  
Wednesday, July 3 through Saturday, July 6
- **Middle School Camp:**  
\*Thursday, July 18 through Sunday, July 21  
\*Correction from the Diocesan Chronicle, Issue 7, April 7th.
- **High School Camp: Steubenville NW, Spokane**  
Friday, July 26 through Sunday, July 28
- **Campamento Familiar 1**  
Friday, July 26 through Sunday, July 28
- **Campamento Familiar 2**  
Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2

For more information, please visit our diocesan website at [http://dioceseofbaker.org/camps\\_2013.htm](http://dioceseofbaker.org/camps_2013.htm)

## A STORY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS:

Although Penny and Barry Greig have only lived in Central Oregon for five years, they haven't let any grass grow under their feet in that time.



Barry took early retirement in 2008 and they settled into a home at Eagle Crest in Redmond. Only one year later, they managed to set up and coordinate bible study groups at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Redmond. The effort has succeeded beyond what anyone expected.

"They told us in the beginning we might get 20 to 30 people," said Penny, "but in our first session we had 150 and sessions since have averaged 115." The reason the Greigs think so many have joined in the learning is twofold. First, they believe that there has been a real lack of adult education in the Church in recent times and secondly, said Barry, "People are looking for the truth; if you give it to them, they come."

The Greigs have made sure they use only orthodox programs, such as those produced by Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray and Father Robert Barron, among others. In addition, said Barry, they try to make the meetings about community.



With a couple dozen facilitators and refreshments at each session, the experience allows attendees to get to know their fellow parishioners and even have fun while learning.

The impetus for all this came from an experience Penny had at their former parish of St. John the Apostle in Oregon City. "I became a convert many years ago," she said, "but I was never catechized very well and I just drifted along, not knowing how much I didn't know." Then she attended a Bible study session at her parish. "I got so excited learning about my faith, that, when we came here, God was moving me to start one (a Bible study) at St. Thomas," she said.

Both hasten to add that they have had a lot of help in putting on the presentations, which have included focus on the Acts of the Apostles and the Book of Revelation, among other parts of the Bible. The teaching is usually via video presentations and accompanied by workbooks for the participants. They said their pastor, Father Todd Unger, has been very supportive and the facilitators have been a huge force in the bible study - "it would have never been possible had they not stepped up to the plate and worked so hard on it like they did," said Penny.

In addition to the sessions of Scripture study, which may last from 4 to 20 weeks, the Greigs also have set up an event they call "Saturday Night Live - Catholic Style." They book speakers for sessions after the Saturday evening Mass at 5:30 during several months of the year.



Although most of the participants who attend are from St. Thomas, they have also had attendees from St. Francis in Bend, St. Joseph's in Prineville, St. Patrick's in Madras and St. Edward the Martyr in Sisters. Publicity consists of flyers distributed in Catholic venues and notices in Central Oregon church bulletins. SNL has a lot of help, too, from volunteer parishioners. In particular, Jim and Marie McCallister have put hours and hours of work into the planning and set-up with Barry and Penny as partners. On June 22nd, SNL will feature Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers of Portland, a dynamic speaker who is often seen on EWTN.



### A STORY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS continued...

As if coordinating these parish events wasn't enough, Barry has also become involved with Redmond's St. Vincent de Paul Society and currently serves as Treasurer on its board. He called on his work experience as manager for Weyerhaeuser to help set up a new and expanded thrift store, which has enjoyed great success since it opened just a couple years ago and in that time has also greatly increased the number of the social services it offers to the needy in the area. The board is now undertaking to buy the building in which the organization operates with mainly volunteer labor. "Barry sure has been invaluable as our treasurer," said Norm Czerwonka, a longtime board member with SVdP in Redmond. "He also did a lot of work setting up the thrift store, even painting some of the walls himself," Czerwonka added.

The Greigs, who have three grown sons and two grandsons, are glad they came to Central Oregon, although they have to travel to Portland often to visit most of their family.

"You can't beat the climate here," said Barry. "I think this area is still a well-kept secret."

They both emphasized that what they have accomplished is nothing many haven't done and they hope their experience will inspire others to consider more adult education for their own parish families.

The bible study at St. Thomas takes place on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. After a summer hiatus, the series will resume in the fall of 2013. In Central Oregon watch your church bulletin for announcements of upcoming sessions or go to [www.stthomasredmond.org](http://www.stthomasredmond.org) for more information and contact numbers. The costs for the program are between \$15 and \$30.

### PARISH NEWS: St. Thomas, Redmond

St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond, Oregon hosted their first annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Leprechaun's helped make it an Irish gala, two Shamrock plants per breakfast were given to lucky winners of the drawing along with a 50-50 raffle. Breakfast was corn beef hash, scrambled eggs with chives, homemade original Irish bread baked by a parishioner and lime punch along with coffee. Proceeds went to the St. Thomas Building fund.



### DIOCESAN NEWS: Retirement Party for Virginia Mohr



Please join us on May 14, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at the Powell Butte Retreat Center to say "Farewell" to our long-time co-worker, Virginia Mohr.

Virginia has been a loyal, long-time employee at the Chancery office since October 5th, 1987, when the Diocesan Offices were moved from Baker City to Bend and she was hired as secretary to the Religious Education Department. In the Fall of 1989, Virginia became the Front Desk Receptionist and it was during this time that she occasionally cooked hot lunches for Bishop Connolly and the staff. In March of 2005, Virginia became the Tribunal Secretary and it is from this position that she will be retiring on July 3rd due to health reasons. "I love my job," she says, "it has been the best 25 years of my life."

Although we wish her well as she enjoys her new-found freedom, we will miss her presence and her cheery personality here at the Chancery.

If you would like to send a special message to Virginia to be presented at the Reception, please forward it to Terri at [terri@dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:terri@dioceseofbaker.org) or mail it to Terri at the Diocese of Baker, P.O. Box 5999, Bend, Oregon 97708

Please call the Chancery Office to R.S.V.P. as we will be serving dinner. (541) 388-4004.

### PARISH NEWS: Our Lady of the Valley, La Grande

105 people from Our Lady of the Valley in La Grande, Sacred Heart in Union, and St. Mary in Elgin, signed up to undertake St. Louis de Montfort's 33 Days of Preparation for The Consecration to Jesus through Mary this past Lent.

38 people were able to attend the Consecration Day Mass on the Marian Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 25 at Our Lady of the Valley Church. The Mass was celebrated by Father Christopher Agoha and everyone was able to make their Act of Total Consecration of Oneself to Jesus through Mary in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Afterward the group celebrated in the parish hall with pie and ice cream.

