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Parish News: St. Francis of Assisi, Bend



On June 1, with close to 700 people in attendance, Bishop Cary celebrated his last confirmation Mass of the school year at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend. While preparing for confirmation, these 73 youth gave over 1500 hours of service to the church and to the community. The youth reported that some of their favorite church volunteer opportunities were altar serving, Vacation Bible School helpers, Religious Education classroom helpers, clean up at parish dinners, raking bark chips, changing out the church missals last fall, performing skits for sacramental prep workshops, and being ushers at the holiday Masses.



17 high school graduates attended the Baccalaureate Mass on June 8. In his homily, Father Leo Weckerle connected the

Pentecost message by encouraging the graduates to call on their gifts of the Holy Spirit as they go forth.

Parish News: St. Elizabeth, John Day



During Holy Week parishioners got their first look at the new mural enhancing St. Elizabeth of Hungary in John Day. The mural results from a four-year collaborative effort of a few parish families: the Bellinger, Holthouse, Hueckman, and Radinovich.



Local artist and parishioner, Patricia Baer Ross, painted the acrylic on wood. The unusual depiction of the Last Supper is based on a very old picture in possession of the Hueckman family, artist unknown.

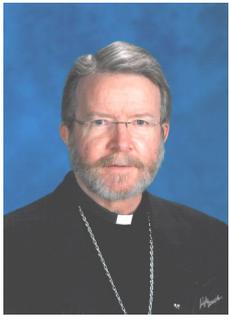
The painting and accompanying scripture verses were especially meaningful on Holy Thursday.

Parish News: Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston

On May 13, Father Daniel Maxwell offered Holy Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima with 80-90 parishioners in attendance and a fair amount of youth in participation. All the youths carried flowers for Mary at the Entrance procession. In his homily, Father Maxwell asked the parishioners to offer themselves as a "Living Crown" for our Blessed Mother. During the Mass, some of the teens joined the choir in singing Marian hymns, the young men served as altar boys and in their first Communion dresses, the Schoenstatt Girls Youth Group took up the offerings. At the end of Mass the Schoenstatt Mothers Group crowned their Mother Thrice Admirable icon.

Others prepared a picnic in the parish yard following the Mass. The children and youth entertained all with a Maypole weaving and one family provided background music. Father Maxwell told the gathering that he wished the parish could enjoy this kind of family gatherings every month.

At Our Lady of Angels parish there are approximately 100 English-speaking families and more than 200 Spanish-speaking families who utilize Schoenstatt spirituality. In June, the national Auxiliary Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign traveling shrine visited Hermiston and other areas where Catholics are interested. Father Joseph Kentenich truly was an instrument for Our Lady in the development of her education for the laity in our troubled times.



Thoughts Along the Way Bishop Liam Cary

“St. John Paul II”

Jason Evert’s fine new biography, *Saint John Paul the Great—His Five Loves* makes clear why this pope made such a mark on our time and such a claim on our hearts.

In his 27 years as pope, St. John Paul II traveled 775,000 miles—more than three times the distance to the moon. Half a billion people saw him in person, and many of them felt an immediate connection. Each morning thirty or forty new letters from around the world were set out for him in his chapel before Mass. He read every one and prayed for the intentions requested.

The Pope was especially drawn to the sick, and they to him. A papal photographer remembered a visit to a home for lepers: “Many of us couldn’t even look at some of these diseased people . . . without faces. He touched them, stroked them, kissed and blessed them, helped them to eat.”

John Paul II came near to people because his life experience had not distanced him from them. “I was a laborer for four years,” he said, “and for me those four years of work are worth more than two doctorate degrees!” His labors taught him to live simply. As bishop he wore a pair of shoes until the soles fell off, and his hole-tattered undershirts looked like work rags.

In the early ‘60s a Polish communist leader boasted that he had personally blocked six or seven candidates whom Cardinal Wyszynski proposed to be the new archbishop of Krakow. This official was waiting to approve the name of the man he was sure the communists could control: Bishop Karol Wojtyla.

Quickly realizing the gravity of their mistake, the communists subjected the future pope to uninterrupted surveillance. They tapped his phone, read his letters, recorded his homilies, noted his trips to the dentist, and even paid attention to who purchased his underwear.

They had much to keep up with, because Cardinal Wojtyla worked from sixteen to twenty hours a day. Gifted with “split concentration,” he absorbed information from two sources simultaneously. He could read and converse at the same time.

It pleased him to talk about the Mother of God. “I was already convinced that *Mary leads us to Christ*,” he wrote, “but . . . I began to realize also that *Christ leads us to his mother*,” that “he points her out to anyone who strives to know and love him.”

Kneeling before the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, John Paul first grasped that God was calling him as pope to travel the world preaching the Gospel. For if a state that denied religious freedom as Mexico did, could permit the pope to visit, how could Poland refuse? So he went to Poland and history changed its course.

But John Paul II’s course as pope had already been set; his papal ministry really began under the encouraging eyes of the Virgin in Mexico. Twenty-three years later, worn down by weakness, he insisted on returning there to pay her his final homage for helping him take hold of his vocation to the papacy.

“Every vocation changes our plans, disclosing a new one,” St. John Paul observed, “and it is astonishing to see how much inner help God gives us.” If you and I trust God as Karol Wojtyla did, we may hope to share his astonishment.

Pensamientos Del Camino Obispo Liam Cary

“San Juan Pablo II”

Buena biografía de Jason Evert, *San Juan Pablo el Grande-Sus Cinco Amores* dejan claro por qué este Papa dejó huella en nuestro tiempo y en nuestros corazones.

En sus 27 años como Papa, Juan Pablo II viajó 775,000 millas—más de tres veces la distancia a la Luna. Medio billón de personas lo vieron en persona, y muchos de ellos sintieron una conexión inmediata. Cada mañana treinta o cuarenta cartas nuevas de alrededor del mundo se ponían en su capilla antes de que él celebrara Misa. Él leyó cada una y oro por las intenciones solicitadas.

El Papa tenía especial afecto a los enfermos, y ellos a él. Un fotógrafo papal recordó una visita a una casa para leprosos: “Muchos de nosotros no podíamos ni mirar a algunos de estos enfermos. . . sin rostros. Él los tocó, los acarició, los besó, los bendijo y les ayudó a comer.”

Juan Pablo II se acercó a la gente porque su experiencia de vida no le alejara de ellos. “Yo fui un trabajador durante cuatro años”, dijo, “y para mí esos cuatro años de trabajo valen más que dos doctorados!” Sus compañeros le enseñaron a vivir con sencillez. Como obispo uso un par de zapatos hasta que las suelas se cayeron, y sus camisetas llenas de agujeros-jirones parecían trapos de trabajo.

A principios de los años 60 un líder comunista polaco se jactó de que había bloqueado personalmente seis o siete candidatos que el cardenal Wyszynski había propuesto para ser nuevo arzobispo de Cracovia. Este oficial espera la aprobación del nombre del hombre que estaba seguro que los comunistas podían controlar: Obispo Karol Wojtyla.

Pronto se dieron cuenta de la gravedad de su error, los comunistas sometieron al futuro

Papa a una vigilancia ininterrumpida. Intervinieron su teléfono, leyeron sus cartas, grabaron sus homilias, vigilaron sus visitas al dentista, e incluso vigilaron a quien compraba su ropa interior.

Hera mucho lo que tenían que hacer para seguir su ritmo, porque el cardenal Wojtyla trabajaba dieciséis hasta veinte horas al día. Dotado de “concentración divi-

dida”, que absorbe información de dos fuentes al mismo tiempo. Podía leer y conversar al mismo tiempo.

Le gustaba hablar de la Madre de Dios. “Yo ya estaba convencido de que María nos conduce a Cristo”, escribió, “pero. . . Comienzo a darme cuenta de que también Cristo nos lleva a su madre”, que “la señala a cualquier persona que se esfuerza por conocerlo y amarlo”.

Arrodillado ante la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en 1979, Juan Pablo, primero comprendió que Dios le llamaba como Papa a viajar por el mundo predicando el Evangelio. Porque si un país que niega la libertad religiosa como México permitía la visita del Papa, ¿como podía negarse Polonia? Así que se fue a Polonia y la historia cambió su curso.

Pero el camino de Juan Pablo II como Papa ya había sido establecido; su ministerio papal realmente comenzó bajo los ojos alentadores de la Virgen en México. Veintitrés años después, agotado por la debilidad, él insistió en regresar allí para pagarle su homenaje final por ayudarlo a aferrarse a su vocación papal.

“Toda vocación cambia nuestros planes, mostrando uno nuevo,” St. John Paul dijo, “y es sorprendente ver la cantidad de ayuda interna que Dios nos da.” Si tú y yo confiáramos en Dios como Karol Wojtyla lo hizo, podemos esperar compartir su asombro.

Bishop Cary’s Schedule:

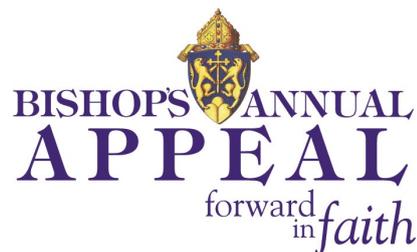
July 16 Finance Council Meeting
 July 19-20 Masses at St. Elizabeth in John Day

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal Responding to the Pastoral Needs of Our Young People

After six weeks, the 2014 Bishop’s Annual Appeal celebrates a number of new communities who have exceeded their Appeal goal. As of Wednesday, June 25, 2014, the following communities in the Diocese of Baker have exceeded their appeal goal:

- ◆ Holy Family Catholic Church in Arock 204%
- ◆ St. Richard Catholic Church in Adel 147%
- ◆ St. Mary Catholic Church in Maupin 140%
- ◆ St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Crane 163%
- ◆ St. Thomas Church in Plush 235%
- ◆ Our Lady of Loretto in Drewsey 126%
- ◆ St. John in Condon 116%
- ◆ St. Catherine in Fossil 111%
- ◆ St. Elizabeth in John Day 106%
- ◆ St. Bernard in Jordan Valley 134%
- ◆ St. Pius X in Klamath Falls 100%

- ◆ Sacred Heart in Union 129%
- ◆ St. Patrick in Lakeview 159%
- ◆ Holy Family in Christmas Valley 167%
- ◆ Holy Trinity in Sun River 150%
- ◆ St. Helen in Pilot Rock 143%
- ◆ St. Joseph in Prineville 121%
- ◆ St. Patrick in Vale 247%
- ◆ St. Joseph in Unity 139%



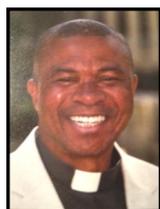
The Bishop’s Annual Appeal is getting close to 75% of its overall goal and more communities in our diocese are getting close to reaching their Appeal goals as well. Gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal will support a number of diocesan ministries, programs and services, such as support for our youth ministry.

The United States Catholic Bishops have offered a rich and compelling vision for engaging in youth ministry in the document, *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*. The three goals for ministry with adolescents include empowering young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; drawing young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community; and fostering the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

Here in the Diocese of Baker, the Office of Youth Ministry, under the direction of David O’Neill, is pursuing the goals set out by the bishops with vigor. One of the office’s activities this summer is coordinating youth participation in *Spiritus Northwest*, a three-day celebration of the Catholic faith in conjunction with the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. Hundreds of Catholic high school students from all over Oregon and the Pacific Northwest will gather to celebrate their faith, share it with each other, and grow closer to Christ. It runs from July 25 to 28 at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. The days will include amazing speakers, great liturgies and music sure to inspire our young people.

Funds from the Bishop’s Annual Appeal will help the Office of Youth Ministry evangelize, respond to the pastoral needs of young people, and help them recognize that sharing their own gifts brings them closer to Jesus Christ. Your gift will help the Church offer new horizons of hope and understanding for our young people. Please pray for the overall success of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, and if you have not made your gift to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider making a gift today.

Diocese of Baker Official Appointments



Father Innocent Diala will be leaving and taking an assignment with the Archdiocese of Buffalo. He will leave July 9.



Father Christopher Agoha, SMMM, will become the temporary administrator of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Chiloquin, and St. James in Bly, effective July 17 until February when he leaves for the Military.



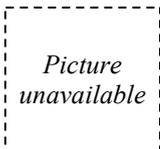
Father Nonatus Lakra will become the pastor of St. Pius X in Klamath Falls, effective July 17. He will also be the temporary administrator of St. Augustine in Merrill, and St. Frances in Bonanza, until October 1.



Father Rick Fischer, V.G., will become the pastor of St. Patrick Church in Madras, effective July 17. He will continue as vicar general.



Father Abraham Manthuruthil, SDB, new to the Diocese, will become pastor of Our Lady of the Valley in LaGrande, St. Mary in Elgin, Sacred Heart in Union, and St. Anthony in North Powder, effective July 17.



Father Papa Rao Pasala, new to the diocese, to become the administrator of St. Patrick in Heppner, effective July 17.



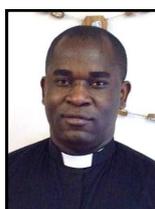
Father Anil Kumar Marri will become temporary administrator of St. Elizabeth in John Day, St. Anne in Monument, and St. Katherine in Dale, while residing in LaGrande, effective July 17.



Father Kumar Udagandla will become the pastor of St. Mary in Pendleton and St. Helen in Pilot Rock, effective July 17.



Father Luis Flores-Alva will become the parochial vicar at Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston, effective July 17. He will be replacing Father Gabriel Ezeh, SMMM, who is leaving the diocese to return to his order.



Father Francis Obijekwu, SMMM, will become the pastor of St. Augustine in Merrill and St. Frances in Bonanza, effective October 1.



Father Roger Fernando, retiring from the Archdiocese of Portland, will serve July to September at St. John in Condon and then become the pastor of St. Katherine in Enterprise, effective October 1.

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

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

Rev. Dennis Homes, Retired	July 01, 1972
Rev. Camillus Fernando, Vale	July 12, 1980
Rev. Christie Tissera, Ontario	July 22, 1989
Rev. Christopher Agoha, La Grande	July 13, 1996
Rev. Francis Obijekwu, Enterprise	July 22, 2006

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

Camp Connolly 2014

- ◆ **Middle School Camp:** July 18–July 21
For all incoming/outgoing 6th-8th grade youth.
- ◆ **Upper Elementary Camp:** August 1–August 3
For all incoming/outgoing 4th-6th grade youth.
- ◆ For all camp information go to:
www.dioceseofbaker.org/camps.htm



Happy Birthday, Bishop Connolly



Bishop Emeritus Thomas J. Connolly will celebrate his 92nd birthday on July 18 at Maryville Nursing Home in Beaverton. Bishop Connolly was the Bishop of the Diocese of Baker for nearly 30 years. He retired in 2000 but has continued to support the diocese these past 14 years.

On this joyous occasion, we send him our prayers and best wishes for God's blessings and His peace each day throughout the year. Please keep Bishop Connolly in your daily prayers.

Bishop Connolly is pictured above at the dedication of the Diocesan Retreat Center and Camp Connolly on September 5, 2009.