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Parish News: St. Andrew's Mission, Pendleton

On April 27, thirty-two students received the sacrament of Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew Mission. Father Michael Fitzpatrick, SJ, pastor, officiated at the 1:00 p.m. Mass and a Mariachi ensemble provided music.

A reception was held after Mass to congratulate the first communicants and gifts were given to each of them. The Mass and reception were well attended.

A special thank you is extended to teachers Patt O'Brien, Heidi Paulus, Yadira Gonzales, Gloria Martinez, Father Fitzpatrick, and DRE Fern Oliver who together prepared the students. Thank you also to the many helpers who worked on the reception.



Knights of Columbus: Klamath Falls

The Knights of Columbus of Klamath Falls recently raised \$15,000 towards an Ultrasound Machine for the Pregnancy Hope Center and the national office of the Knights of Columbus matched those funds. The two checks, totaling \$30,000 were presented to the directors of the Pregnancy Hope Center.

Representing the Knights from Klamath Falls are Grand Knight Mike Smith, Pro Life chairman Dave Taylor and Treasurer Ken Waters. Shown receiving the checks from the Knights are Vern and Judy Reynolds of the center.



Saints and Feasts:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



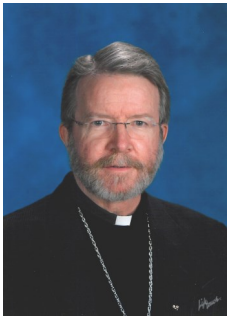
Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

Pope Pius XII, in *Munificentissimus Deus* (1950), defined that Mary, "after the completion of her earthly life," was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven."

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death (CCC, 966)."



Thoughts Along the Way Bishop Liam Cary

“Priest Assignments”

Two years ago this summer, in my first months as bishop, several of our international priests left the Diocese of Baker for further studies or pastoral work elsewhere at the direction of their bishop or religious superior. Their departure set in motion a major reshuffling of priestly assignments in the course of 2012. Eight parishes – Lakeview, Merrill, Ontario, La Pine, Hermiston, Heppner, John Day, and Pilot Rock–received new pastors or new assistants.

This summer, after a relatively uneventful 2013, nine parishes have undergone a similar turnover: La Grande, Enterprise, Merrill, Chiloquin, Pendleton, Heppner, Hermiston, Madras, Klamath Falls (St. Pius X), and John Day. That’s a lot of uprooting all at once. What’s behind it?

Two very significant vacancies opened up in March when the Nigerian Superior General of the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy assigned Father Christopher Agoha of La Grande to initiate a new military chaplaincy program for their order beginning in February 2015. The superior General likewise named Father Gabriel Ezeh of Hermiston to become pastor in San Bernardino, California, this July. Then came an opening in Chiloquin as Father Innocent Diala’s five-year term of service in the Baker Diocese ended and he left to take a parish in Buffalo, New York. Finally, Father Bailey Clemens in Pendleton requested and has been granted a sabbatical.

A falling-domino effect ensued. To replace Fathers Agoha, Ezeh, Diala, and Clemens, priests had to leave other parishes, which created new vacancies, which in turn had to be filled by priests from other parishes or from outside the Diocese. And the process will not be complete for at least a month or two more when two new international priests arrive to close the circle of open parishes.

Here, as in many American dioceses these days, a decisive factor in the placement of clergy is the urgent need for native Spanish-speaking priests in parishes with a particularly large Hispanic population. In that category Hermiston clearly ranks first. Father Luis Flores-Alva graciously consented to move there from Madras, because we have more Spanish-speaking priests available in Central Oregon than up north by the Washington border. We may hope to meet this need more adequately from “home-grown” priestly resources in the future, since our seminarians are trained to work in both English and Spanish.

The Baker Diocese is blessed indeed by the generosity of priests who leave family, friends, and homeland and come across the world to help us save

our souls. It was true sixty years ago when I was a boy, and it is still true today. Grateful we must always be that God inspires the Church abroad to provide for us. But we must also strive to provide priests for ourselves. We have prayed God to call men to the priesthood, and He has answered with the seminarians we have today. He will surely continue to call if we continue to pray.

Pensamientos Del Camino Obispo Liam Cary

“Asignaturas de Sacerdotes”

Hace dos años en este verano, en mis primeros meses como obispo, varios de nuestros sacerdotes internacionales dejaron la diócesis de Baker para realizar nuevos estudios o trabajo pastoral en otro lugar bajo la dirección de su obispo o superior religioso. Su partida puso en marcha una importante reorganización de las tareas sacerdotales en el curso de 2012. Ocho parroquias–Lakeview, Merrill, Ontario, La Pine, Hermiston, Heppner, John Day, y Pilot Rock–recibieron nuevos pastores o nuevos asistentes.

Este verano, después de un relativamente tranquilo 2013, nueve parroquias han sido objeto de una restructuración similar: La Grande, Enterprise, Merrill, Chiloquin, Pendleton, Heppner, Hermiston, Madras, Klamath Falls (San Pío X), y John Day. Esto es mucho movimiento a la vez. ¿Qué hay detrás de esto?

Dos vacantes muy importantes abrieron en marzo, cuando el superior general nigeriano, de los Hijos de María Madre de la Misericordia le asigno al padre Christopher Agoha de La Grande iniciar un nuevo programa de capellanía militar a partir de febrero de 2015. El superior general igualmente llamo al Padre Gabriel Ezeh de Hermiston para ser párroco en San Bernardino, California, este mes de julio. Luego quedo vacante Chiloquin cuando el termino de cinco años de servicio en la diócesis del Padre Inocencio Diala término, y se fue a tomar una parroquia en Buffalo, Nueva York. Por último, el Padre Bailey Clemens en Pendleton solicito y se le concedió un año sabático.

El efecto fue como tumbar las ficha de domino. Para reemplazar a los Padres Agoha, Ezeh, Diala, y Clemens, los sacerdotes tuvieron que abandonar otras parroquias, que crearon otras vacantes, que a su vez tenían que ser ocupadas por sacerdotes de otras parroquias o de fuera de la diócesis. Y el proceso no se completara hasta dentro de uno o dos meses cuando dos nuevos sacerdotes internacionales lleguen a cerrar el círculo de las parroquias vacantes.

Aquí, como en muchas diócesis estadounidenses, un factor decisivo para la colocación de los clérigos, es urgente necesidad de sacerdotes de habla hispana en parroquias con una gran población hispana. En esa categoría Hermiston se sitúa claramente en primer lugar.

El padre Luis Flores-Alva amablemente accedió a mudarse allí dejando Madras, porque tenemos más sacerdotes que hablan español disponibles en Central Oregon que en el norte de la frontera con Washington. Esperamos Poder satisfacer esta necesidad de forma más adecuada en el futuro con “sacerdotes diocesanos” ya que nuestros seminaristas están capacitándose para trabajar en inglés y Español.

De hecho la Diócesis de Baker es bendecida por la generosidad de los sacerdotes que abandonan su familia, sus amigos, y su patria para venir desde el otro lado del mundo para ayudar a salvar a nuestras almas. Esto era cierto, hace sesenta años, cuando yo era un niño, y hoy día sigue siendo cierto. Agradecidos debemos estar siempre a Dios que inspira a la Iglesia en el extranjero para proveer para nosotros. Pero también hay que esforzarse por proporcionar sacerdotes por nosotros mismos. Hemos orado a Dios para que llame a hombres al sacerdocio, y él ha respondido con los seminaristas que tenemos hoy. Seguramente seguirá llamando si continuamos orando.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal: Supporting Adult Faith Formation

After ten weeks, the 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal is revealing the generosity of people within the Diocese of Baker. As of Thursday, July 24, 2014, the following communities in the Diocese of Baker have exceeded their goal:

♦ St. Francis de Sales Cathedral	117%
♦ St. Therese in Halfway	115%
♦ St. Francis of Assisi in Bend	112%
♦ St. Thomas Aquinas in Crane	179%
♦ Our Lady of Loretto in Drewsey	126%
♦ St. John in Condon	118%
♦ St. Francis in Arlington	103%
♦ St. Catherine in Fossil	111%
♦ St. Mary in Maupin	151%
♦ St. Katherine in Enterprise	121%
♦ St. Patrick in Heppner	103%
♦ St. Elizabeth in John Day	113%
♦ St. Bernard in Jordan Valley	139%
♦ Holy Family in Arock	204%
♦ St. Pius X in Klamath Falls	136%
♦ Sacred Heart in Union	135%
♦ St. Patrick in Lakeview	174%
♦ St. Richard in Adel	147%
♦ St. John in Paisley	102%
♦ St. Thomas in Plush	235%
♦ Holy Family in Christmas Valley	167%

♦ Holy Trinity in Sun River	161%
♦ St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Warm Springs	103%
♦ St. Helen in Pilot Rock	171%
♦ St. Joseph in Prineville	160%
♦ St. Thomas in Redmond	106%
♦ St. Patrick in Vale	261%
♦ St. Joseph in Unity	144%

The Bishop's Annual Appeal has achieved a good percentage of its overall goal. More faith communities in our diocese are nearing their individual goals, and more Catholics are joining the effort to support diocesan ministries which affect their lives and the lives of their families. One of these important and vital diocesan ministries is adult faith formation.

We as Catholics know that our faith journey is a journey of growth in Christ. To be good witnesses, to share the faith with our children and others, and to maintain a freshness and vitality in our own faith life, we seek out ways to expand our spiritual horizons no matter what our age.

Adult faith formation is another top priority of Bishop Cary, and the Diocese of Baker is committed to expanding the opportunities for adult Catholics to grow in their own faith life. Whether it's a bible study, catechesis on the Church's teachings, or spiritual growth in prayer, more programs and classes are being offered. The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, under the direction of Barry Metzentine, has already introduced an innovative bible study program, "The Bible Timeline" in one pilot parish, with plans to implement this program in many more parishes in the year ahead. Other adult faith formation programs have started with a view to expansion including a program for men, another for women, and a course for couples on ways to prayerfully and more creatively live out the sacrament of marriage.

These, and other nationally proven and recognized adult faith formation programs, will continue to strengthen the faith of Catholics in the Diocese of Baker. But they all require financial resources and our commitment to provide those resources. This is where each of us can make a difference when we contribute to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your generous gift enables the diocese to offer more opportunities to adult Catholics in their own journey of faith.



Bishop Cary's Schedule:

August 10 Our Lady of the Valley, La Grande
Centennial Anniversary
August 15-17 Evangelization and Catechesis Symposium
August 24 Celebration of the Holy Mass—9:00 a.m.
Gregorian Chant Conference

Annual Gregorian Chant Conference

August 21–24, 2014

Diocesan Retreat Center at Powell Butte

“Gregorian Chant and the Roman Liturgy”

Why is Gregorian Chant given first place as the music of the Liturgy?

It is most exciting to be among a faculty consisting of highly learned instructors of Gregorian Chant. Bishop Liam Cary will join us to celebrate the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday, August 24, at 9:00 a.m. Returning again, is Dr. Lynne Bissonnette-Pitre, MD, PhD, Yumi Rinta and the Schola Cantus Angelorum, who have shared their knowledge of Sacred Music and Gregorian Chant with the Diocese and Mother Mary's Daughters for over five years, donating their time and talents, enriching our knowledge and love for Sacred Music, and leading in lectures concerning the teachings of Holy Mother Church during our annual Chrism Mass Marian Pilgrimage/Retreats. We are eternally thankful to them for sharing their voices and wisdom of Gregorian Chant.

We welcome Father John Boyle, JCL, and Father Theodore Lange, both from the Archdiocese of Portland who are new to our faculty. We also welcome again Father Daniel Maxwell of Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston.

If you are interested in learning more about Gregorian Chant, there is still time to register for the Conference.

Information is available on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofbaker.org/gregorian_chant_conf.htm or call Terri at (541) 388-3004. - Judy Newport, MMD

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries:

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

Rev. Roger Fernando, Condon	August 18, 1975
Very Rev. Ronald Maag, Hood River	August 14, 1978
Rev. Fabian Nwokorie, Dufur	August 11, 1990
Rev. Kumar Udagandla, Pendleton	August 22, 1994
Rev. Francis Akano, Lakeview	August 21, 1999
Rev. Michael Nwokocha, Nyssa	August 28, 1999
Rev. Theodore Nnabugo, La Pine	August 19, 2000
Rev. Saul Alba-Infante, Hood River	August 21, 2002

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

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Aimee Cooper, M.A.
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“The indwelling presence of the Lord...”

Chris Kreslins
Coordinator, Youth & Young Adult Catechesis
Diocese of Boise
“Being the presence of the Lord...”

WORKSHOPS

Deacon Gustavo Ruiz
Director, Hispanic Ministry
Jornada de catequesis y fe

Barry Metzentine
Director, Evangelization & Catechesis
**Evangelization & Catechesis
as continuum of faith (Sac. Prep. & RCIA)**

David O'Neill
Director, Youth Ministry
The youth minister's toolbox

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER! ALL ARE WELCOME!

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE:

www.dioceseofbaker.org/conferences.htm

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