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### Second Annual Evangelization & Catechesis Symposium



The Second Annual Evangelization & Catechesis Symposium took place at the Powell Butte Retreat Center in Central Oregon from August 15-17, 2014. Joined by 120 people from 24 parishes/missions throughout the Diocese, the Symposium featured Bishop Liam Cary, Aimee Cooper of *The Catholic Gospel Project*, and Chris Kreslins from the Diocese of Boise as keynote presenters.

The Symposium was the venue for the release of the new Sacramental Preparation Norms & Guidelines in English and Spanish, as well as our new Catechetical Certification process. With a ministry fair featuring many dynamic resources for adult and youth, our hope is that people went back to their parishes feeling equipped and supported in their ministries, ready to meet again at the Deanery Catechetical Workshops. As Barry Metzentine, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, said on Friday night, "this isn't business as usual."



### 2014 Youth Ministry Training Opportunity



Local Training to Inspire Youth Ministry Leaders

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Lake Oswego, Oregon

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For more Information and Registration Forms go to:

<http://dioceseofbaker.org/training.htm>

### Upcoming Ministry Formation Dates

#### 2014 Deanery Catechetical Workshop Schedule

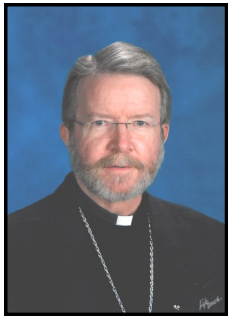
*The Offices of Evangelization, Catechesis, & Youth Ministry look forward to meeting with all Adult and RE Catechists, DRE's, RCIA Leaders, Teachers, and Youth Ministers.*

#### Deanery Workshop Registration:

- ♦ Saturday, September 13, Northern Deanery, Our Lady of the Valley - La Grande
- ♦ Sunday, September 14, Northern Deanery, Our Lady of Angels - Hermiston
- ♦ Saturday, September 27, Eastern Deanery, Blessed Sacrament - Ontario
- ♦ Saturday, October 4, Western Deanery, St. Peter - The Dalles
- ♦ Saturday, October 25, Southern Deanery, St. Pius X - Klamath Falls
- ♦ Saturday, November 8, Central Deanery, St. Francis of Assisi - Bend

All workshop times are 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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## Thoughts Along the Way Bishop Liam Cary

### “1968: The Year of Two Prophets”

2014 has been filled with world-shaking events: sudden Islamist conquest in Iraq, menacing border confrontations in Ukraine, the ominous outbreak of Ebola in Africa. To find a comparably tumultuous year you have to look back nearly half a century to the Tet offensive in Vietnam, the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia, and the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. That year was 1968.

It was the year of two prophets named Paul. Paul Ehrlich received widespread acclaim for his bestselling book, *The Population Bomb*. Paul VI was widely vilified, both outside and inside the Church, for his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*. From the hindsight of half a century how have their radically opposed prophecies held up?

Paul Ehrlich prophesied that doomsday was just around the corner. “The battle to feed all of humanity is over,” he wrote. “In the 1970s and 1980s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now.” Ehrlich promoted “crash programs” of population control nonetheless: world-wide contraception to diminish the number of mouths to be fed and worldwide abortion to close mouths that would otherwise cry out to be fed.

But Paul Ehrlich’s doomsday prophecy failed to come true. The massive starvation he so assuredly predicted never occurred. Instead, fifty years later, the problem turns out to be not population explosion but population implosion—not a world of too *many* people but one of too *few*. A world-wide plunge in fertility has accompanied the march toward smaller family size. There are not enough births to keep pace with the number of deaths, and many countries now face the prospect of depopulation. In response, governments have exchanged policies that constrict family size for policies that expand it—policies that encourage couples to have *more* children. This is not a development that Paul Ehrlich foresaw. His *Population Bomb* prophecy has been thoroughly disproved by events.

The other prophet of 1968 proclaimed wisdom from the Christian past as a sure guide to the future of peoples. Fully mindful of the impoverishing pressures of population upon food and shelter and married life, Paul VI reaffirmed what Christians had always held marriage to be: “the wise institution of the Creator to realize in mankind His design of love”—a love that invited man and woman “to collaborate with [Him] in the generation and

education of new lives.”

Contraception and abortion violate that loving divine design and cannot be made to fit within it. Paul VI prophesied that increasingly widespread use of contraception would open a “wide and easy” road toward marital infidelity because men would come to consider woman “a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment” instead of a “respected and beloved companion.” And this development in turn would hasten “the general lowering of morality” in society.

Those who proposed government campaigns for contraception and abortion, Paul warned, would place “the most personal” dimension of marital intimacy “at the mercy of public authorities.” This would subject “the mission of generating life” to “the arbitrary will of men” unrestrained by moral respect for their people. “Who will stop rulers from . . . imposing . . . the method of contraception which they judge to be most efficacious?” the Pope asked. China’s one-child policy coupled with forced abortion and India’s coercive sterilization campaigns would soon prove how prophetic Paul’s question had been.

In the eventful year of 1968 everyone thought Paul Ehrlich was right and Paul VI was wrong. Half a century later it is time for second thoughts.

## Pensamientos Del Camino Obispo Liam Cary

### “1968: El Año de dos Profetas”

2014 ha estado lleno de acontecimientos estremece-dores: súbita conquista islamista en Irak, que amenaza a enfrentamientos fronterizos en Ucrania, el brote de Ébola fatal en África. Para encontrar un año tumultuoso comparable usted tiene que mirar el pasado casi medio siglo y ver la guerra de Vietnam, la invasión rusa a Checoslovaquia, y los asesinatos de Martin Luther King y Robert Kennedy. Ese año fue 1968.

Era el año de dos profetas llamados Pablo. Pablo Ehrlich recibió numerosos elogios por su libro best-seller, *La Bomba de Población*. Pablo VI fue ampliamente malmirado, tanto fuera como dentro de la Iglesia, por su encíclica *Humanae Vitae*. Desde la retrospectiva de medio siglo ¿cómo las dos profecías radicalmente opuestas se han mantenido?

Paul Ehrlich predijo que el fin del mundo estaba a la vuelta de la esquina. “La batalla para alimentar a la humanidad ha terminado”, escribió. “En los años 70s y 80s cientos de millones de personas morirán de hambre a pesar de cualquier programa emergente.” Ehrlich promovió “programas emergentes” sin embargo: la anticoncep-



ción en todo el mundo para disminuir el número de bocas que alimentar y el aborto en todo el mundo para cerrar bocas que de otro modo tendrían que ser alimentadas.

Pero la profecía de Paul Ehrlich del fin del mundo no fue realidad. La hambruna masiva que con tanta seguridad predijo nunca ocurrió. En cambio, cincuenta años después, el problema resulta ser no la explosión demográfica de la población, sino lo contrario no un mundo de demasiada gente, sino uno de muy poca gente. Una caída mundial de fecundidad acompaña la marcha hacia familias más pequeñas. No hay suficientes nacimientos para contrarrestar el número de muertes, y muchos países enfrentan ahora el problema de despoblación. En respuesta, los gobiernos han intercambiado las pólizas que exigen familias pequeñas a las pólizas de expansión familiar - pólizas que animan a las parejas a tener *más* hijos. Esto no es el desarrollo que Paul Ehrlich predijo. Su profecía de explosión demográfica ha sido desmentida totalmente por los acontecimientos.

El otro profeta de 1968 proclamó sabiamente del pasado cristiano como una guía segura para el futuro de los pueblos. Totalmente consciente de las empobrecedoras presiones de la población sobre la alimentación, la vivienda y la vida matrimonial, Pablo VI reafirmó lo que los cristianos siempre habían sostenido lo que es el matrimonio: “una sabia institución del Creador para realizar en la humanidad su designio de amor” ~ el amor que invita al hombre y a la mujer “para colaborar con [Él] en la creación y educación de nuevas vidas.”

Anticoncepción y aborto violan ese amoroso designio divino y no pueden caber en el. Pablo VI profetizó que el uso cada vez más aceptado de anticoncepción abriría un camino “ancho y fácil” hacia la infidelidad conyugal, porque los hombres llegarían a considerar a la mujer “un simple instrumento de goce egoísta” en lugar de una “compañera, respetada y amada.” Y este desarrollo a su vez aceleraría “la degradación general de la moralidad” en la sociedad.

Los que proponen campañas gubernamentales para la anticoncepción y el aborto, Pablo VI advirtió, pondrían la dimensión “más personal” de intimidad matrimonial “a merced de los poderes públicos.” Esto sometería “la misión de generar vida” a “la voluntad arbitraria de los hombres” que no toman en cuenta el respeto moral de su gente. “¿Quién detendrá a los gobernantes de. . . Imponer . . . el método de anticoncepción que ellos juzguen más eficaz? ”, preguntó el Papa. Pólizas de un solo hijo en China junto con el aborto forzado y campañas de esterilización forzadas en la India pronto demostrará que tan profética fue la pregunta de Pablo.

En el año lleno de acontecimientos de 1968 todo el mundo pensaba Paul Ehrlich tiene razón y Pablo VI se equivocó. Medio siglo más tarde es el momento de pensarlo nuevamente.

## The Bishop's Annual Appeal

### An Invitation to Prayer

After 12 weeks, the 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal celebrates a number of new communities who have exceeded their Appeal goal. As of Friday, August 22, 2014, the following communities in the Diocese of Baker have exceeded their appeal goals:

♦ St. Francis de Sales Cathedral	121%
♦ St. Therese in Halfway	115%
♦ St. Francis of Assisi in Bend	119%
♦ St. Thomas Aquinas in Crane	179%
♦ Our Lady of Loretto in Drewsey	151%
♦ St. John in Condon	125%
♦ St. Francis in Arlington	103%
♦ St. Catherine in Fossil	111%
♦ St. Mary in Maupin	151%
♦ St. Katherine in Enterprise	129%
♦ St. Patrick in Heppner	106%
♦ Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston	100%
♦ St. Elizabeth in John Day	140%
♦ St. Bernard in Jordan Valley	160%
♦ Holy Family in Arock	204%
♦ St. Pius X in Klamath Falls	151%
♦ Sacred Heart in Union	154%
♦ St. Patrick in Lakeview	181%
♦ St. Richard in Adel	220%
♦ St. John in Paisley	124%
♦ 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	108%
♦ St. Patrick in Vale	262%
♦ St. Joseph in Unity	144%

Gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal support a wide range of diocesan ministries including evangelization, catechesis, youth ministry and assistance to retired priests. The Appeal, however, doesn't just ask for financial support for the ministries in the Diocese of Baker. Bishop Cary, through his many communications concerning the Appeal, asks us to pray.

Prayer is a personal, loving encounter with the Lord. Prayer enables us to realize that God is in the world with us here and now. Prayer takes us out of ourselves to reveal a larger, grace-filled, vision of life than we could ever imagine on our own.

The month of September is a time of new beginnings for us. The crispness in the air, the schools opening their doors anew, and parish activities starting again all reveal anew energy about; where new rhythms, routines and >>

a new regularity to the day will become normal. This is a good time to start a new routine of prayer. What better time than September to settle in for some reading and praying with Scripture? Reading the Bible is an excellent way to begin a new habit of prayer. Our Church provides us with a wonderful pathway to the Bible by providing the Lectionary readings for each day. Our Sunday Gospel readings for the next three months are mostly from Matthew who has much to say about our relationship with Christ Jesus and the kingdom of God.

Establish a specific time each day for reading the Bible. Set aside the same block of time, if possible. Invite the Holy Spirit who abides in each of us to open your mind and heart to the selected reading. Consciously set aside your other preoccupations, worries and concerns. Leave them for later. Open your Bible and read the text slowly and reflectively. Is there a particular story or word or phrase that gets your attention? Stay with it, let it sink in and patiently wait to listen to whatever the word, passage or story is trying to reveal to you. What does it say about God? What does it say about you? Does it invite you to see something in a new way? Write it down and remember it throughout the day. Allow it to transform you. As you complete your time in prayerful reflection on the Word of God, express your gratitude for the gift of this time and prayerfully commit to return to the Lord for another encounter. Jesus urged his disciples to pray always and not lose heart (Luke 18:1). Reading and meditating on the Bible is an excellent way for beginners to establish a prayer routine, or for non-beginners to nurture their prayer lives. Again, our Annual Appeal asks not only that we consider supporting the ministries of the diocese, but also that we pray. The month of September beckons as a time to deepen our relationship with Christ through prayer and reflection on God's Word.



Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services is in need of loving, caring families interested in expanding their family through open adoption. We are experiencing a shortage of families and need couples who are willing to join us in ministry to women facing an unexpected pregnancy.

We have workers in Bend and La Grande who are able to work with families in Baker Diocese and our next Orientation Class is September 12 and 13, 2014. For more details or to schedule a Free Informational Interview, you may contact Shawn Cass at 503-238-5196 or [scass@catholiccharitiesoregon.org](mailto:scass@catholiccharitiesoregon.org)

## Bishop Cary's Schedule

Sept 7	All Masses, St. Mary, Pendleton
Sept 12-14	Retreat and Masses at Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls
Sept 19	Meeting with Life Teen

## Pro Life Deschutes County Fair Booth 2014



For five days at the Deschutes County Fair in Redmond from July 30 to August 3, over 45 people from three different parishes: St. Thomas, St. Francis and St. Joseph (and some of our non Catholic pro life friends) took two hour shifts at the Central Oregon Right to Life booth. Because of a grant two years ago to Oregon Right to Life in Salem, the booth has all new fetal models, a 28 inch monitor and DVD player so that all could better see and understand the development of the pre-born baby inside the mother's womb. Anyone could choose to look at the display of the instruments used during an abortion or on the positive side, listen to the heartbeat of a 12 week old baby by picking up the ear piece of an old, black, rotary phone. All in all the booth is always educational and well received.

Education is the key to getting the pro life message through to people. A woman of grandmother-age was astounded when she discovered that a 10-week-old baby inside a mother's womb is so perfectly formed with arms, legs, fingers, and toes! Planned Parenthood tells women that at that stage of development, it is only a "blob" of tissues. Our booth fetal models tell them otherwise.

Many people stopped by the booth to sign the HB3512 bill which is based on scientific studies showing that unborn infants definitely feel pain as early as 20 weeks. The bill - if passed - would ban abortion in Oregon after the fifth month of pregnancy.

Thank you to all the people who stopped by the booth to look, encourage, question, and thank us for being there again this year. It is always a morale booster when local clergy stop by the booth and lend their support and blessings. Until next year!

Richard and Susan Thorne