



# THE DIOCESAN CHRONICLE

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## PARISH NEWS: St. Pius X, Klamath Falls

On Friday, December 27th the Altar Servers from St. Pius X parish were invited to a party in their honor. As a way of saying THANK YOU for all of their hard work this past year, they spent the afternoon bowling and eating pizza. This has become an annual tradition in the parish. The Altar Servers dedicate many hours serving Masses throughout the year and Fr. Rick, Fr. Praveen and Fr. Ildefonce wanted to show their appreciation.



Fr. Praveen and Fr. Ildefonce bowled their first-ever games and had plenty of young coaches to help them.

## PARISH NEWS: St. Elizabeth, John Day

Father Nonatus Lakra celebrated his first Christmas Mass as Administrator of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. He thanked the parishioners who so beautifully decorated our church for the season and wished everyone a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year. We welcome him into our parish.

On December 15th the parish gathered in the Parish Hall for the annual Christmas Potluck. This year the event was especially well attended, including a visit from Santa Claus, courtesy of parishioner Neale Ledgerwood.

— Agnes Hall, Parishioner



## PARISH NEWS: St. Francis School, Bend

Six kindergarten students from Colleen Petersen's science class won awards in the 22nd Annual INVENTERPRISE Contest sponsored by Bend Research Institute to promote science education. This year's challenge was to "Make Technology Better". Jean and Pete Tauriello (below), grandparents of students at St. Francis, are volunteer instructors in Mrs. Petersen's science class.



Students (R to L) Kiya Young, Gavin Taber, and Alex Grimes developed a new concept: Voice Activated TV that does not require a remote to control volume, channel, etc.



Students (R to L) Alexa Sanchez, Ellie Norris, and Clara Kowalski "invented" the concept of a device to automatically tie shoe laces. This device is especially important when you are wearing gloves or have sore fingers.

Even though prototypes were beyond the scope of the class, it demonstrated the high level of enthusiasm and creativity of these young minds to envision such concepts.

## THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY—Bishop Cary Come and See

I write on the second day of the New Year with Christmas barely behind us, but my thoughts are already turning toward Easter. And it's fitting that they do, for the Son of Mary was born for us in Bethlehem to die for us on Calvary and raise us up to life with Him in God. Everything in Christmas points to Easter.

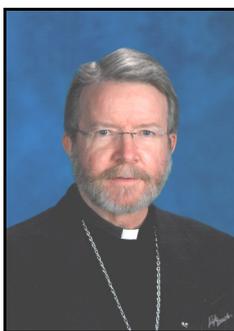
It is up to us to point the way there too, by the way we live our faith and invite others to share it. Pointing the way to Easter is what we do when we evangelize, either as individuals or as participants in a common effort. This coming Lent, for example, selected parishes will begin to reach out to fallen-away Catholics in a multi-year campaign called "Come and See."

It will be a work of invitation, not of exhortation or instruction. To take part, you won't have to "convert" people or teach the faith to them. All you'll need to do is invite them to come to your parish for a one-time video presentation (from Father Robert Barron's *Catholicism* series). There they'll be invited to come to further sessions, but that's their decision. You've done your part if you get them to come to the first one. As Pope Francis keeps making clear to us, all we need to do is try to gain a hearing for the Word of God and let His grace and mercy take it from there.

It sounds simple and it is meant to be. Initial indicators give grounds for hope. This Advent, two parishes—one large and one medium-sized—agreed to pilot the program in both English and Spanish. The first parish committed to invite 500 people to the event in January and has thus far delivered over 700 invitations; the second parish committed to invite 200 and has already exceeded that number. The next *Chronicle* will report on how many of the invited attended.

Our intent is to select two or three parishes each Advent and Lent over the next several years to learn what works and what doesn't and to build momentum for more. If you're interested in this promising project, feel free to contact Barry Metzentine at the Diocesan Office.

Everything in Christmas points to Easter. Urged on by the angels, the shepherds came to Bethlehem to "see" the Child; summoned by the star, the eyes of the Magi found him there too. Both came because they were invited, and both had some traveling to do. St. John sets out the pattern early in his Gospel. "Master, where do you stay?" two soon-to-be disciples asked Jesus. "Come and see," he replied. They came, they saw, and they stayed, because they found way more than they knew they were seeking.



## PENSAMIENTOS DEL CAMINO—Obispo Cary Vengan y lo verán

Escribo en el segundo día del Año Nuevo con la Navidad que apenas dejamos, y mis pensamientos ya se dirigen hacia la Pascua. Y es lógico que lo hagan, pues el Hijo de María nació para nosotros en Belén para morir por nosotros en el Calvario, y nos resucitará a la vida con Él en Dios. Todo en la Navidad apunta a la Pascua.

Nos corresponde a nosotros señalar el camino hacia allí, con la forma en que vivimos, nuestra fe e invitar a otros a compartirla. Señalar el camino hacia la Pascua es lo que hacemos cuando evangelizamos, ya sea como individuos o como participantes en un esfuerzo común. Esta próxima Cuaresma, por ejemplo, parroquias seleccionadas comenzarán a ir a los católicos alejados en una campaña de varios años llamada "Vengan y lo verán".

Será un proceso de invitación, no de exhortación o instrucción. Para participar, usted no tendrá que "convertir" o enseñar la fe a la gente. Todo lo que necesitas hacer es invitar a que vengan a su parroquia para una presentación en video una sola vez (de la serie catolicismo del Padre Robert Barron). Ahí se les invitara a venir a más sesiones, pero esa será decisión de cada quien. Usted ha hecho su parte si usted consigue que vengan a la primera. Como el Papa Francisco sigue poniendo en claro para nosotros, todo lo que debemos hacer es tratar de que escuchen la Palabra de Dios y dejar que su gracia y misericordia hagan el resto.

Se oye simple y debería ser. Indicadores iniciales dan esperanza. Este Adviento, dos parroquias: una grande y una de tamaño mediano acordaron poner a prueba el programa en Inglés y Español. La primera parroquia se compromete a invitar a 500 personas al evento en enero y hasta el momento ha entregado más de 700 invitaciones, la segunda parroquia se compromete a invitar a 200 y ya ha superado ese número. El siguiente Crónica informará sobre cuántos de los invitados asistieron.

Nuestra intención es seleccionar dos o tres parroquias cada Adviento y Cuaresma en los próximos años para aprender lo que funciona y lo que no, y crear un impulso para más. Si está interesado en este proyecto prometedor, no dude en ponerse en contacto con Barry Metzentine en la Oficina Diocesana.

Todo en Navidad apunta hacia la Pascua. Impulsó a los ángeles, a los pastores a que fueran a Belén a "ver" al Niño; llamados por la estrella, los ojos de los Magos lo encontraron también allí. Ambos vinieron porque estaban invitados, y ambos tuvieron que viajar. San Juan muestra el patrón a seguir al principio de su Evangelio. "Maestro, ¿dónde vives?" Dos que pronto serían sus discípulos preguntaron a Jesús. "Vengan y verán", les respondió. Vinieron, vieron y se quedaron, porque encontraron mucho más de lo que estaban buscando.

## PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

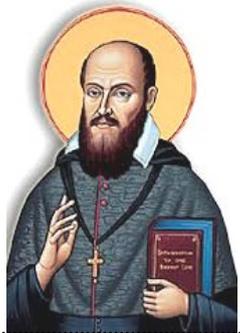
Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries in February.

Rev. Thomas Scanlan, Retired, Bend Feb. 02, 1957

Rev. Praveen Kumar, Klamath Falls Feb. 18, 2012

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

## SAINTS AND FEASTS: St. Francis de Sales, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Baker



“Salvation is shown to faith, it is prepared for hope, but it is given only to charity. Faith points out the way to the land of promise as a pillar of fire hope feeds us with its manna of sweetness, but charity actually introduces us into the Promised Land.”

—Saint Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales, bishop of Geneva and a doctor of the Church, is renowned for the clarity of his teaching and preaching. Intellectually and spiritually tormented in his youth by debates over predestination, Saint Francis, upon arriving at a proper understanding of the question, was better able to treat with charity the Calvinists of Geneva. During the time of the Protestant reformation, Saint Francis led an expedition into Switzerland—Calvinist territory—to convert the 60,000 Calvinists back to Catholicism and from 1593 to 1602 he is said to have converted 40,000.

In 1602 at age 35 he became bishop of the diocese of Geneva, in Calvinist territory. While administering his diocese, he continued to preach, hear confessions and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, “A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.”

- ◆ Feast Day: January 24
- ◆ Type of Feast: Memorial
- ◆ Born: August 21, 1567 (Thorens, France)
- ◆ Died: December 28, 1622 (Lyons, France)
- ◆ Symbol: Sacred Heart of Jesus
- ◆ Patron of: Catholic press, confessors, deaf people, educators, journalists, writers
- ◆ Beatification: January 8, 1661, by Pope Alexander VII
- ◆ Canonization: April 8, 1665, by Pope Alexander VII; proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX on November 16, 1877

“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them -- every day begin the task anew.”

— St. Francis de Sales

## SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS THROUGH THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The blessings of a priest to our Catholic life of faith are boundless. Perhaps a priest baptized your infant daughter, or administered your son's first Holy Communion. Perhaps he witnessed your marriage vows as you celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony, or presided at the funeral Mass of a loved one called home to the Lord. It is because of these blessings that the Diocese of Baker established the Priests Care Fund, part of the upcoming Bishops Annual Appeal.

Unfortunately, due to health reasons a priest may need to take a leave of absence or discontinue full time ministry prior to reaching full retirement age. During his years of priestly ministry, a diocesan priest is supported mainly by a parish community. But for those priests who can no longer carry out a fulltime parish assignment whether temporarily or permanently, life can be difficult. Many priests are left with minimal income once they leave fulltime ministry. To help support those in need during this time the Diocese established a Priest Care Fund.

The Priests Care Fund is a tangible expression of our gratitude for the priests of our diocese. Imagine all of the people and communities of faith whose lives, both individually and collectively, have been touched and transformed by the preaching and teaching of our priests; by the way they have celebrated the Eucharist and administered the sacraments; and by their patient and attentive pastoral care. Every aspect of the life and ministry of a priest is a gift from God; a gift that builds up the Body of Christ; a gift that helps bring people closer to the Lord. The Priests Care Fund is one of our gifts to those devoted servants of the Lord.

Our diocesan priests use their modest incomes for basic needs, such as food, housing, health care and transportation. Often, once no longer serving fulltime, they live independently, unlike priests of religious communities who are cared for and live together. Fully retired priests can, of course, participate in the Social Security program, but for those who are not yet eligible they are faced with extreme financial burden and very limited resources.

The Priests Care Fund will be supported, in part, by your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, to be launched in the spring of 2014. The Appeal is a pledge program, which is an easy way to give and allows us to make a more generous and affordable gift. Pledging allows us to spread out our gift over several months.

The Diocese of Baker is blessed to have its priests, and support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps our diocese continue to provide financial stability and a secure future for the priests who have served us with such faith-filled devotion by their priestly ministry.

## PARISH NEWS: St. Mary, Hood River

**St. Mary's in Hood River invites you to A Valentine's Celebration you will NEVER forget!**

Romance, dinner, dancing, troubadours, flowers, intrigue, and a blessing for each married couple present will be part of a unique part of your St. Valentine's Day experience if you choose to spend the evening in Hood River when St. Mary's hosts a special fundraiser from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, at the Hood River Elks Club at 304 Cascade Avenue in Hood River. All proceeds will benefit the St. Mary's Building Fund.

St. Valentines Day is a historic Italian holiday based on the story of Father Valentinus and St. Mary's will be introducing Father Valentinus and his story at the event.



Besides the other activities planned, there may be a visit by some Roman Centurions sent by Caesar Claudius the II to check up on Father Valentinus and make sure that he is not defying the royal decree that none of his single soldiers are to marry or become engaged.

Whether you come for the Italian dinner, to have your Valentine serenaded by a troubadour, to dance to a medley of popular love songs, to learn more about Father Valentinus, or to receive a special blessing for your marriage, we hope you will join us.

The cost is \$75 per couple since space is limited. To purchase your tickets contact Connie Buttaccio at (541) 399-6392, or call St. Mary's at (541) 386-3373. Ticket sales end February 7th. — Connie Buttaccio

## DIOCESE OF BAKER YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

*There is still time to register!*

**The DIOCESE OF BAKER presents the 3rd annual Young Adult retreat, "Made in the image of God".**

— Talks and presentations include Bishop Liam Cary, David O'Neill (Director Youth Ministry), and Barry Metzentine (Director of Evangelization & Catechesis).

— Music and worship provided by Dave & Dawn Bentz.

— Mass, Adoration, Confessions, fun activities, and personal time are all included.

**Date/Time:** Friday, Feb. 14, 7 pm - Sunday, Feb. 16, 12 pm

**Location:** Diocesan Retreat Center, 14427 SW Alfalfa Road, Powell Butte, OR 97753

**Cost:** \$85 (includes lodging and meals)

**Registration Information:**

[http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/young\\_adult.htm](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/young_adult.htm)

## BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

Jan. 26	Installation of Acolytes & Lectors, Ontario
Jan. 29	School Mass for Catholic School Week, Bend
Jan. 30	Travel to Portland to visit Bishop Connolly
Jan. 31	OCP Board Meeting, Portland

## PARISH NEWS: Holy Family, Burns



Choirs of angels sang, shepherds rejoiced at the sight of the newborn King, magi visited and presented gifts to the Christ child, all hearts prepared to celebrate a joyful and grace filled Christmas at Holy Family parish in Burns on December 19th.

*Oh Holy Night*



The youth of the parish presented the Nativity Story for all to enjoy. It was a beautiful way close Advent and bring in the Christmas season!

The children and adults alike participated in making the play a memorable performance in the new parish hall stage area. Several parishioners volunteered time and talent to sew new costumes, make backdrops and help the children learn their lines and songs.



The Life Teen youth prepared tamales, presented a Las Posadas skit and sang carols during the Nativity play. We are blessed to have an active, spirit filled group of youth in our parish!

— Jenell Zamora, Parishioner