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10TH Annual Chrism Mass Pilgrimage

Travel at your leisure to
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral,
Baker City, Oregon
Monday, April 7
through
Thursday, April 10



Celebration of the Chrism Mass

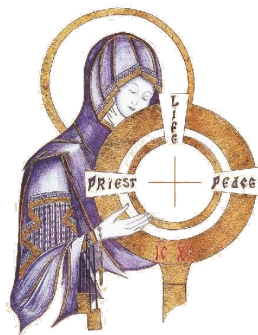
Thursday, April 10 - 7:00 PM
Bishop Liam Cary
Reception following Mass



Celebration of the Chrism Mass with
Bishop Cary and the Priests and Deacons
of the Diocese of Baker
at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, 2013



MOTHER MARY'S DAUGHTERS



"Come To Me" to Jesus through Mary

Praying for our Holy Father, Holy
Father Emeritus, Cardinals, Patriarchs,
Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons,
and for all the people of God.

All are invited to Come and Pray

Pilgrimage: For those making the Pilgrimage to the Cathedral in
Baker City, please make your own accommodations.

Tuesday: 7:30AM Celebration of the Mass at the Cathedral followed
with Liturgy of the Hour & Holy Rosary, 11AM Holy
Hour, 1:30PM Movie Presentation at the Cathedral,
3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday: 9AM Celebration of the Mass at St. Alphonsus Chapel
followed with Liturgy of the Hour & Holy Rosary, 11AM
Holy Hour at the Cathedral, 1:30PM Movie Presentation,
3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday: No Daily Mass, 11AM Full Rosary at Cathedral Day Chapel,
3PM Holy Hour with Bishop and Priests, Seminarians, and
Sisters, 7PM **Celebration of the Chrism Mass**, Reception to
follow - Informal get-together

Friday: 9AM Celebration of the Mass at the St. Alphonsus Chapel
with Bishop Cary followed with Liturgy of the Hours &
Holy Rosary, No-host brunch at the Geizer Hotel.

St. Alphonsus Chapel is located at 3325 Pocahontas Road



Thoughts Along The Way

—Bishop Cary

Protection of Children

The tragic experience of clergy sexual abuse has taught the Church in the United States a very painful lesson: if we do not take care to protect our children, they will suffer dearly from our negligence. So in the last decade the Catholic Church has sought to heighten awareness of this danger in our midst and has implemented policies to deter it. A decade's experience has taught us that child protection programs really do work. Their effectiveness has been repeatedly validated by studies that show a notable statistical decline of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Chronicle* you will find updated information from Barry Metzentine about our Child Protection Program in the Diocese of Baker. An encouraging sign that we're making progress is the notable increase in phone calls from parishes with questions about how to make the program work as it's supposed to. This is encouraging because it signals a growing rise in awareness, our best defense against abuse. For we have learned that sexual predators are masters of deception and dissemblance: they carefully groom their victims; they keep their intentions well disguised from parents, teachers, and parish workers; they exploit whatever social assets they have to circumvent precautions and gain access to the vulnerable. But to those who would prey upon the innocence of the young, the prospect of public exposure is a real deterrent. Widespread parish vigilance creates an environment unfriendly to abusers, and precisely such vigilance is what our Child Protection Program is designed to promote.

On the diocesan level the Review Board plays a vitally important role in this effort. Counting myself, we are ten members. We meet quarterly to keep abreast of developments in the program's implementation and to review any incidents of reported child abuse on the part of anyone who works for or volunteers for the Diocese of Baker or any of our parishes.

Review boards were established to guard against the covering up of abuse and abusers by bishops or other Church authorities. I have found our Board well suited to this task. They bring a variety of competencies to the table and much valuable life experience. I am most grateful to them for so generously putting their insight to the service of the Diocese in the protection of our children.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Protección de los niños

La trágica experiencia de los abusos sexuales del clero le ha enseñado a la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos una lección muy dolorosa: si no nos ocupamos de proteger a nuestros niños, ellos sufrirán mucho por nuestra negligencia. Por eso en la última década la Iglesia Católica ha tratado de aumentar la conciencia de este peligro entre nosotros y ha implementado pólizas para evitarlo. La experien-

cia de una década nos ha enseñado que los programas de protección de la infancia realmente funcionan. Su eficacia se ha verificado en repetidas ocasiones por los estudios que muestran un descenso notable de los abusos sexuales en la Iglesia Católica.

En otra parte de esta edición de la Crónica, encontrará información actualizada de Barry Metzentine sobre nuestro Programa de Protección de la Infancia en la Diócesis de Baker. Una prueba alentadora de que estamos progresando es el aumento de llamadas telefónicas de las parroquias para preguntar qué hacer para que el programa funcione como debe. Esto es alentador, porque muestra mayor preocupación y atención lo cual es nuestra mejor defensa contra el abuso. Porque hemos aprendido que los depredadores sexuales son maestros del engaño y disimulo: ellos preparan con cuidado a sus víctimas, ellos mantienen sus intenciones bien disfrazadas de los padres, maestros y trabajadores parroquiales, ellos explotan todos los atributos sociales que tienen y tener acceso al vulnerable. Pero para aquellos que se aprovechan de la inocencia de los chicos, la posibilidad de ser expuestos al público es un elemento real que los detiene. La vigilancia parroquia generalizada crea un ambiente hostil para los abusadores, y precisamente esta vigilancia es lo que nuestro Programa de Protección a la Infancia tiene por objeto proveer.

A nivel diocesano la comisión de Revisión desempeña un papel de vital importancia en este esfuerzo. Somos diez miembros incluyéndome yo mismo. Nos reunimos trimestralmente para mantenernos al tanto de los avances en la implementación del programa y para revisar los posibles casos de abuso infantil por parte de cualquier persona que trabaje o sea voluntario de la Diócesis de Baker, o de cualquiera de nuestras parroquias.

Obispos y otras autoridades de la Iglesia han establecido comités de revisión para que no haya encubrimiento de abusos y abusadores. He encontrado nuestra comisión bien adaptada a esta tarea. Ellos traen una variedad de talentos y muy valiosa experiencia de vida a la comisión. Estoy muy agradecido con ellos por poner tan generosamente su capacidad al servicio de la Diócesis en la protección de nuestros niños.

Bishop Cary's Schedule:

Apr. 5-6	Condon, St. John & Missions - Pastoral Visit
Apr. 8	Madras - Reconciliation Service, 6:30 PM Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
Apr. 9	Travel to Baker City
Apr. 10	Baker City - Priest Council Meeting AM
Apr. 10	Baker City - Chrism Mass 7:00 PM
Apr. 12-13	La Grande, Our Lady of the Valley & Missions - Pastoral Visit
Apr. 14-21	Baker City for Holy Week and Easter

Diocese of Baker Official Appointment

Bishop Liam Cary has announced the appointment of Reverend Julian Cassar as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Bend effective March 18, 2014.



2013 was a busy year for implementing many enhancements towards the Protection of our Children.

As stated by Bishop Cary in this issue of *The Diocesan Chronicle* we are encouraged by the rise in awareness across the Diocese towards the Protection of God's Children in the Diocese of Baker. Beginning with Bishop Cary's Pastoral Letter January 1, 2013, several enhancements have been implemented over the past year in the areas of communication, training, and monitoring for compliance in accordance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

For example:

- An updated website page which provides up-to-date instructions, forms, reports, tools, and training resources (www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection_of_children.htm)
- Enhanced (secure and confidential) database for diocesan-wide tracking and reporting for all staff and volunteers who work with children and youth
- Enhanced parish audit reports, published quarterly, to ensure data accuracy
- Ongoing availability of training and support for parish Catechists, DREs, Youth Ministers, and Clergy

In alliance with the USCCB charter, the Diocese of Baker is committed to 100% compliance for all staff and volunteers working with our children and youth regarding: *Criminal Background Checks, Darkness to Light* safe-environment training, *Code of Conduct* and *Internet Policies and Best Practices, Called to Protect* informational meeting for all parents, and specialized training for all catechists, children, and youth in Catholic schools and Religious Education.

While our Diocese is making significant progress towards 100% compliance, more vigilance is needed.

Our 2012-13 diocesan audit (performed annually by a third party national organization) revealed that: 45% of our children/youth across the Diocese received the required safe-environment training and 55% of our parishes returned their parish audit reports.

For the 2013-14 ministry year (July 1 – June 30) our goal is to achieve 100% compliance. To accomplish this requires vigilance on our part; the part of parents, catechists, DREs, Youth Ministers, and Pastors.

To help ensure diocesan-wide awareness and vigilance, we encourage all parishioners (especially parents and catechists of children and youth) to be familiar with the Diocese of Baker Protection of God's Children Charter by reviewing our website. If it is unclear as to the status of the Protection of God's Children in your parish community, please ask your parish DRE, Youth Minister, or Pastor.

Embracing the Cross through Stewardship

Do you ever think about how you experience the cross of Jesus Christ? Do you ever think about the power of that cross in your daily life? The Lenten season helps us recognize our stewardship over the cross, and through this stewardship, the hope Christ brings through the gift of his cross. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Diocese of Baker aspires to make parish stewardship formation available so that we may learn more about this ancient Judaeo-Christian concept.

Stewardship was integral to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and is the foundation of a new vocabulary for explaining the essentials of our Catholic life of faith. It addresses issues facing us now: community, relationships, life balance, work, empty pews, the poor, inclusiveness, consumerism, materialism, prayer, worship and our spiritual growth. The spirituality of stewardship invites us to reprioritize the management of our time, health, relationships, economic life, and attitudes so that the trajectory of our daily life will more closely align itself with the life, teachings and cross of Jesus Christ.

Being good stewards of our life in Christ is not easy. We cannot avoid what Jesus said to his disciples: "If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it" (Luke 9:23-24).

The cross is more readily embraced by people of faith who suffer, are poor, broken, or are the victims of such things as violence, oppression or natural disasters. They see the cross as the hope that no matter what has happened to them, God will see them through. The Father did it for Jesus who hung on the cross, so surely their sufferings will be redeemed by Jesus' sufferings.

Where people possess material abundance, comfort and leisure, however, there is a tendency to de-emphasize the cross, to draw away from it. They can't touch it or feel it so they wish to "save" their lives by looking to other things: power, wealth, fame, relevance, being the center of attention. What is preached about the cross from the pulpit sounds good, but in reality something more tangible is desired.

Christ emptied himself completely in humble obedience, allowing himself to suffer and die out of compassion for the world (Philippians 2:6-11). Good stewards follow his example and work day-to-day to empty themselves and live compassionately; most noticeably by sharing their lives with others and being generous with what they possess.

As we approach the climax of our liturgical year, the Easter Triduum, let us ask the Holy Spirit to make us better stewards of the cross in our lives, and pray that as we embrace it, we too will experience in a special way the joy of new life in the risen Lord.

Parish News: St. Edward the Martyr, Sisters Bowling with Father Jude



Father Jude's Delivery

Sun Mountain Fun Center for an afternoon of bowling, pizza, and fun.

Bowlers, ages 5 through adult (some beginners and other experienced) took their turns at the alleys. Father Jude, in his inaugural attempt, scored a 138. (Just don't tell anyone that the bumpers were up.) Many strikes, spares and even a couple turkeys later, the tired but happy bowlers headed home.



"Next time," said Father Jude, "I want to try rock climbing."

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas OUR LADY OF THE CASCADES Court #2041 is pleased to announce the local winners of the Annual Education Contest. The theme this year is "Jesus loves us, how do we spread that love?" and "How do I promote peace in the world?" with categories of Art, Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music, and Photography. The themes selected for the contest encourage lively imagination and freedom of thought when student talent and application go hand in hand.

The first prize winners will now be entered in the State level and if they secure a first place status, they will be entered at the National level which will be judged in New York.



Pictured are the first and second prize winners from St. Francis Catholic School in Bend: Sam May - 2nd place Division 1 in Art, Nathan Vezina - 2nd place Division 1 in Poetry, Maggie Hodson - 1st place Division 1 in Poetry, Ann Marie Colvin - 1st place Division 1 in Art, Isabelle Brown - 1st place Division 2 in Essay, with Jean McCarthy (L), chair for the Education contest and Irene Richardson (R), regent of court 2041.

"Each year, we, the Catholic Daughters of Bend, encourage each and every student at St. Francis Catholic School to enter the contest. It is so rewarding to see how excited the students are when they are fortunate to win a ribbon, even when it is an Honorable Mention," said Irene Richardson.

Children's Corner: How To Make A Palm Frond Cross

1. Take a palm frond about 1/2 inch wide and 13 inches long and hold it upright.
2. Fold the top down, away from you, and the bottom up, away from you, to form the shaft of a cross of desired length.
3. Turn the end down and twist around to the right and across the front of the shaft to make a crossbar in proportion to the length.
4. Fold the end around behind the shaft.
5. Bring the end from behind, under the center, then fold from the bottom right to the top left and under again from the bottom left to the top right.
6. Fasten the end through the back loops to lock.

