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Thoughts Along the Way - Bishop Cary

Death awaits us all-"the last enemy to be destroyed," St. Paul says. But it has been destroyed in the Resurrection of "the Lamb once slain who lives forever." Jesus Christ "broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld," and "in his rising the life of all has risen."

As the Easter Vigil begins, the newly-lit Paschal Candle and the burning tapers of the worshipers make the darkened church glow with "a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by the sharing of its light." The death-destroying love of "Christ our light" is not diminished in passing from one heart to another; nor will His flame in us be extinguished when we pass it on to shine in the heart of another.

On Easter morn that light-the Light of Divine Love in the human heart of Jesus-burst forth from the tomb; in the centuries since, the darkness of this world has never overcome it. Throughout the Easter season, I place myself before that light each day with the ancient words of Isaac of Nineveh:

O Christ, who are covered with light as though with a garment, who for my sake stood naked before Pilate, clothe me with that might which you caused to overshadow the saints, whereby they conquered this world of struggle. May your divinity, Lord, take pleasure in me and lead me above the world to be with you.

O Christ, upon whom the many-eyed cherubim are unable to look because of the glory of your face, yet out of your love you received spit upon your face; remove the shame from my face and grant me an open face before you at the time of prayer.

May the Risen Lord answer your prayers and give you an ever deepening share in his victory over death.

Pensamientos Del Camino - Obispo Cary Pascua 2014

La muerte nos espera a todos- "el último enemigo a destruir", dice San Pablo. Pero ha sido destruido en la resurrección del "Cordero inmolado que vive para siempre." Jesucristo "rompió las barras de la prisión de la muerte y resucitó victorioso de la tumba", y "en su resurrección ha resucitado la vida de todos."

Con el comienzo de la Vigilia de Pascua, el recientemente iluminado cirio pascual y las velas encendidas de los fieles hacen que la oscura iglesia brille con "un fuego dividido en muchas llamas, sin embargo, nunca se apaga por compartir su luz." "El amor de Cristo nuestra Luz" que destruye la muerte no disminuye al pasar de un corazón a otro, ni tampoco su llama en nosotros se extinguirá cuando la pasamos para brillar en el corazón de otro.

En la mañana de Pascua esa luz—la Luz del Amor Divino en el corazón humano de Jesús—estalló desde la tumba; por los siglos desde entonces, las tinieblas de este mundo nunca la han superado. Durante la temporada de Pascua, me pongo ante esa luz cada día con las antiguas palabras de Isaac de Nínive:

Oh Cristo, que estás cubierto de la luz como si fuera una túnica, que por mí causa estuviste desnudo ante Pilato, vísteme con esa fuerza la misma con que cubriste a los santos, con que conquistaron este mundo de lucha. Que tu divinidad, Señor, se plazca en mí y me guíe encima del mundo para estar contigo.

Oh Cristo, a quien los muchos ojos de los querubines son incapaces de mirarte por la gloria de tu rostro, aun por amor recibiste escupitajos en tu cara; elimina la vergüenza de mi cara y concédeme una cara abierta ante Tí en el momento de la oración.

Que el Señor Resucitado responda tus oraciones y te de una participación cada vez más profunda en su victoria sobre la muerte.

Answering Christ's Call through the Bishop's Annual Appeal

We are an Easter people! The presence of Christ is within us, making us new, transforming us, turning us into stewards of the Good News. Throughout the Gospels we learn that Christ calls each of us in a special way to be one of His own. His desire is that we respond to His loving care and concern for us by reaching out with love and compassion to others. The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) gives us that unique opportunity to answer Christ's call to be His disciples and in a very practical way, to more fully participate in the mission of His Church.

This year, we continue with the theme *Forward in Faith* as our BAA theme to emphasize the mission of the Diocese of Baker. The BAA touches all of us, both personally and in our parishes, in ways we may not realize. And through our support of BAA-funded ministries, programs, and services, we are able to impact the lives of thousands each day in our diocese and beyond.

Very soon now, each of us will be asked to respond to Christ's call through the Bishop's Annual Appeal When you hear this call, please prayerfully consider the most generous response you can make so that on your behalf, the ministries of the BAA can make a difference in our lives, and the lives of our neighbors. We are Christ's joy and instruments of his peace. We are indeed His Easter people. Rejoice! He is risen! Alleluia!

Young Adult News: Young Adult Retreat

"Made in the Image and Likeness of God"

Over President's day weekend, the 3rd annual diocesan young adult retreat brought in young adults from all over Oregon as well as Washington. This year, we were joined by Bishop Cary whose graced presence taught us a lot about prayer. Barry Metzentine spoke to us about how we fill our space and how we use our time. David O'Neill talked with us about our purpose. As always, the music throughout the weekend, as well as Adoration and the opportunity for confession was a highlight of the retreat (as well as Marcy's delicious meals!) For the third year in a row, we received positive feedback telling us that 100% of the participants would recommend the young adult retreat to others. With every year, the young adult retreat gains more awareness and momentum, and our hope is that through your support it continues to grow in reaching out to the young adults in our area.

Bishop Cary's Schedule:

Apr. 20: Easter Sunday, Baker City

Apr. 26: The Dalles, "Come & See", 2:00 (Spanish)
Apr. 26: The Dalles, Confirmation, 5:30 (English)

Apr. 27: The Dalles, Mass, 9:00

Confirmation, Noon (Spanish)

Apr. 28 - May 2: Priests' Retreat, Powell Butte Retreat Center Apr. 29: Ordination of Bishop Peter Smith, Portland

May 3 - 4: Lakeview and Missions: Masses and Confirmation May 4: St. Pius X, Klamath Falls, Leonardo de Felippis

dramatization of St. John Vianney

"Vianney" is coming to the Baker Diocese!

Discover the power of forgiveness with the priest who fought the devil.

St. Luke Productions presents

A LIVE DRAMATIC PRODUCTION on the life of
St. John Vianney by Leonardo Defilippis.

The Diocese of Baker is pleased to promote Leonardo Defilippis' six-parish tour across our Diocese.

- ◆ St. Pius X, Klamath Falls, Sunday, May, 4
- ♦ St. Thomas, Redmond, Monday, May, 5
- Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston, Wednesday, May, 7
- ◆ St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Baker City, Thursday, May, 8
- Blessed Sacrament, Ontario, Friday, May, 9
- ♦ Holy Family, Burns, Saturday, May, 10

Times for each show are 7:30 - 9:00 PM Ticket purchase details can be found on the Diocese of Baker website (www.dioceseofbaker.org). You may also call the hosting parish site.

Based on the popularity of Leonardo's works, it is advised you purchase your tickets early so as not to miss out on this incredible opportunity! This production is appropriate for the entire parish community, and can serve as a great evangelization outreach to your town or city.

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries:

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

Rev. Raymond Hopp, retired	May 01, 1965
Rev. Mike Fitzpatrick, St. Andrews Mission	May 14, 1977
Rev. Louis H. Albrecht, retired	May 14, 1986
Bishop Liam Cary, ordained as Bishop	May 18, 2012
Rev. Joseph Reinig, retired	May 21, 1998
Rev. Andrew Szymakowski	May 22, 2004
Rev. Daniel Maxwell, Hermiston	May 22, 2009
Rev. Charles Dreisbach, retired	May 23, 1959
Rev. Bailey Clemens, Pendleton	May 23, 1998
Rev. Alfred Fisher, retired	May 26, 1956
Rev. Andrew Colvin, Military Chaplain	May 31, 2002

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

"Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs...Let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic Bread. Amen."

Catholic School News: St. Mary's Academy

Ruby Dosier, an 8th grader at St. Mary's Academy in The Dalles, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that she is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2014 Oregon State Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 26th year. Bees were held in schools with fifth through eighth grade students throughout the state to determine each school's Bee winner.

St. Mary's Academy held their classroom and school level Bee's in December. Students who placed at the top of their classes and participated in the school-level Bee were; Emily Adams (1st) and Elena Cardosi (2nd) – Fifth Grade; Jake Dollarhide (1st) and Ben Nelson (2nd) – Sixth Grade; Petra Ervin (1st) and Nick Keilman (2nd) – Seventh Grade; and Ruby Dosier (1st) and Paris Green (2nd) – Eighth Grade. Ruby Dosier placed first in the school-level Bee with Petra Ervin placing 2nd.

Following her first place finish at the SMA school-level Bee, Ruby took a qualifying test, which was submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society invited the students with the top 100 scores in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. Territories to compete at the state level.

The 2014 Oregon State Geographic Bee will be held at Western Oregon University on Friday, April 4, 2014.

The state winner will receive \$100, the "Complete National Geographic on DVD" and a trip to Washington D.C., to represent Oregon in the National Geographic Bee finals to be held at National Geographic Society Headquarters, May 19-21, 2014. The national winner will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the Society. Good Luck, Ruby!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing and Hope after Abortion

"We had no idea what this retreat would do for our relationship. Our faith in God has truly strengthened, and our love and trust for each other is stronger than ever." Rachel's Vineyard retreats assists women and men to safely identify and heal from the various ways abortion experiences have knowingly and unknowingly impacted their lives and relationships. God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness are present in the retreat process and in everyone at the retreat. Sessions help you to reconcile with God, your children lost to abortion, and yourself.

Upcoming retreats are May 2-4, 2014, near Bend and June 13-15 in Portland. For more information, visit their website at www.rachelsvineyard.org or call 800-249-8074.

To view a Project Rachel video, please go to www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org



Steubenville NW, Spokane, WA—July 25-28 For all incoming/outgoing 9th-12th grade youth.

Register now for this awesome experience. The cost is \$350 and includes transport, registration, Silverwood Theme Park, & T-Shirt.



CAMP CONNOLLY 2014

Adventure awaits in 'THE KINGDOM' Virtue Conquers All

High School Leadership Camp. June 30–July 2 For all incoming/outgoing 10th-12th grade youth.

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

Parish News: St. Francis of Assisi, Bend



St. Francis Parishioners complete Grief Recovery Training

Three St. Francis parishioners, Sr. Kevin Musonye, Cathy Coutin, and Terry O'Neil, recently completed a four day Grief Recovery Training program in Bend. The three parishioners are part of the St. Francis Health Ministry Team and received their training through the Grief Recovery Institute®. As newly trained Specialists, the ministry members plan to offer grief loss workshops to the parish and local community on an ongoing basis.

Grief can be experienced in many ways. It can be as tragic as losing a spouse, a child, a parent, or someone very close to you. It also comes in many other forms: loss of a loved pet, a failed relationship or divorce, loss of job, a parent afflicted with Alzheimer's, a move from your beloved home or city. These are just a few examples. Grief loss affects each and every one of us throughout our lives. The goal is to provide the necessary tools to assist those with recovery. If you know of someone dealing with a difficult loss, please contact the parish office @ 541-382-3631 or email healthministry@stfrancisbend.org.



The Health Ministry Team is continuing to seek donations for assistance with training costs. They have currently raised 29% of their \$4,500 goal. If you would like to help

promote this ministry, please make your donations payable to the St. Francis Health Ministry. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Catholic School News: St. Thomas Academy, Redmond

On March 7th, St. Thomas Academy in Redmond hosted "Coffee Clatter", a weekly event that provides a networking opportunities for members of the Redmond Chamber of Commerce and the Convention & Visitors Bureau. This was a great opportunity to show off the beautiful school to community members.

The Chamber of Commerce meets every Friday for "Coffee Clatter" and is attended by 80-120 members.



The group met at St. Thomas Academy at 8:30 AM for one-on-one unstructured networking time to meet other business people and grab refreshments. From 9:00-9:30 they held a short meeting for introductions, welcoming newcomers, and for Community announcements.

At the end of the meeting, they were entertained



This is their opportunity to get to know each other through oneon-one networking. The event rotates through member businesses providing a low pressure atmosphere and a fun and casual environment that encourages civic engagement within Redmond as well as a venue to promote community focused events and needs.

with a short program of two songs by the St. Thomas Academy students. The children sang a hymn called "As I Kneel Before You" followed by "Rock Around the Clock" from their upcoming Spring Program "Bandstand".