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## Parish News: St. Andrew Mission

Forty-three candidates received the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Andrew Mission on February 23, 2014. Bishop Liam Cary officiated at the 1:30 PM Mass.

A luncheon was hosted in honor of Bishop Cary before Mass in the parish hall and a reception was held after Mass to congratulate the newly confirmed. The Mass and reception were both overflowing with attendees.

We want to give a special thank you to Fr. Mike Fitzpatrick, S.J. and to DRE Fern Oliver, who prepared the confirmands. Thank you also to the many helpers who worked on the luncheon and reception.



## Hispanic Ministry News

Legion of Mary, Redmond-Praesidium, had their first Marian Retreat on Saturday, April 12, 2014, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. More than 100 people came from St. Thomas and neighboring parishes to attend this special event that was held in the hall/gym area at St. Thomas Church in Redmond. Guest Speakers were Brother Armando, a Missionary of the Holy Spirit from Mt. Angel and Aydee Solís from Shalom Prayer Center.

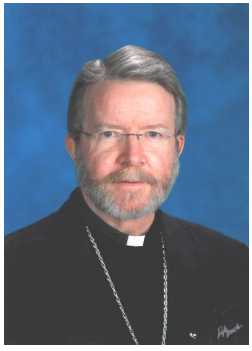
We were blessed to have our Spiritual Director Fr. Joseph Reeves for the Redmond-Praesidium attending the whole retreat, Fr. Todd supporting this retreat, and many people and businesses helping and donating their time and products for this event to be a great success in honor of Our Blessed Mother.

## Noticias del Ministerio Hispano

Legión de María, Praesidium-Redmond tuvo su Primer Retiro Mariano el Sábado, 12 de Abril, 2014 de 8:00 am a 5:00 pm. Más de 100 personas vinieron de nuestra parroquia y parroquias vecinas para asistir a este evento tan especial; que tuvo lugar en el salón/gimnasio de la Iglesia Santo Thomas de Redmond.

El Hno. Armando, Misionero del Espíritu Santo en Mt. Angel fue el Predicador invitado y Aydee Solís de Shalom Prayer Center. Fue una bendición tener a nuestro Director Espiritual Fr. José Reeves acompañándonos durante todo el retiro, al Fr. Todd apoyando este retiro, y toda la gente y negocios que apoyaron con su tiempo y donaciones para que este evento sea un gran éxito en honor de Nuestra Santísima Madre.





## Thoughts Along the Way

### Bishop Liam Cary

### The Peril of Pornography

“It is not good for man to be alone,” God noted in the beginning. So he created woman—and the new world of friendship. The Devil took note of this development and was not pleased. It suited him fine for man to be alone. So the Tempter tricked the first friends into forgetfulness of God and fear of one another. They embarked on a path that leads to the ultimate loneliness of hell.

Advanced though our world may be, it has not left Original Sin behind. In our time Satan entices millions of Adam and Eve’s descendants down the dark path of pornography into ever-deepening loneliness and despair, as the true stories gathered by Matt Fradd in the short book *Delivered* make clear. Pornography, he says, turns men, who should be providers for others, into consumers who devote themselves and their resources to self-satisfaction. In an age of equality pornography degrades women, presenting them as bodies to be used rather than persons to be loved. And pornography “destroys marriages by competing with them, making a mockery of true marital intimacy.”

But men and women still turn from pornography to purity, and *Delivered* tells us how they do it.

The path to freedom opens when they step into honesty with themselves about the lock grip pornography has on their lives. The following questions provoke this saving self-confrontation.

- Do I have a preoccupation with pornography?
- Have I made repeated unsuccessful attempts to control or stop viewing pornography?
- Do I use pornography to reward myself for hard work or to escape problems or painful emotions?
- By my use of pornography am I risking the loss of a significant relationship, a job, or a career opportunity?
- Has my use of pornography led me to think I should talk to someone about the toll it’s taking on my life?

Once I honestly recognize the disempowering weakness within me, it will be necessary to purify my personal and social environments. Honesty demands that I completely rid myself of this demonic influence by cutting off my access to pornography and pornography’s access to me. This I can do in part by subscribing to an internet blocking/accountability service such as Covenant Eyes ([www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com)), which monitors the sites that I visit and sends a report to my accountability partner. In the face of overwhelming temptation to view pornography, a click on the “panic button” disables internet access. The only way to restore it is to contact Covenant Eyes. The very name reminds us that we’re being watched over by the God who promises us his faithful love.

The Devil inspires pornographers far and wide because he knows it is not good for man to be alone. God made us for friendship, and we will find it if we bring our failures before him in humble, mercy-seeking prayer. For the only sin our God can’t forgive is the one we don’t ask him to.

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## Pensamientos Del Camino

### Obispo Liam Cary

### El peligro de la Pornografía

“No es bueno que el hombre esté solo”, dijo Dios en el principio. Así que creó a la mujer y el nuevo mundo de la amistad. El diablo se percató de esto y no le gusto. Le parecía muy bien que el hombre estuviera solo. Así que el Tentador hizo caer a los primeros amigos en el olvido de Dios y el miedo de uno a otro. Se metieron en la senda que conduce a la soledad del infierno.

Tal vez nuestro mundo haya avanzado, pero no ha dejado el pecado original detrás. En nuestro tiempo, Satanás tienta a millones de descendientes de Adán y Eva en la oscuridad de la pornografía por la que entran cada vez más profundamente a la soledad y la desesperación, de acuerdo a las historias reales recogidas por Matt Fradd en su corto libro *Delivered* lo dejan muy claro. La pornografía, dice, convierte a los hombres, que deberían ser los proveedores de los demás, en consumidores que se dedican con sus recursos a la auto-satisfacción. En una era de igualdad la pornografía degrada a las mujeres, presentándola como cuerpo para ser usado en lugar de persona para ser amada. Y la pornografía “destruye matrimonios al competir con ellos, haciendo una burla de la verdadera intimidad conyugal.”

Pero los hombres y las mujeres pueden aun dejar la pornografía por la pureza, *Delivered* nos dice cómo.

El camino hacia la libertad se abre cuando son honestos consigo mismos acerca de la influencia que la pornografía tiene en sus vidas. Las siguientes preguntas estimulan esta auto-confrontación de salvación.

- ¿Tengo una ansiedad con la pornografía?
- ¿He hecho repetidos intentos infructuosos de controlar o dejar de ver pornografía?
- ¿Utilizo la pornografía como premio por el arduo trabajo o para escapar de los problemas o las emociones dolorosas?
- ¿Por el uso de pornografía estoy arriesgando una relación importante, el trabajo o una oportunidad de empleo?
- ¿El uso de la pornografía me ha llevado a pensar que debo hablar con alguien sobre los estragos que está causando en mi vida?

Una vez que sinceramente reconozco la debilidad que hay en mí, es necesario purificar mi medio ambiente personal y social. La honestidad exige que me libere

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mi acceso a la pornografía y el acceso de la pornografía para mí. Esto lo puede hacer, en parte, suscribiéndose a un servicio de bloqueo de Internet / servicio confiable como Covenant Eyes ([www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com)), que monitorea los sitios que visito y envía un informe a mi socio confiable. Ante la tentación de ver pornografía, un clic en el “botón de pánico” inhabilita el acceso a Internet. La única manera de restaurarlo es contactar Covenant Eyes. El mismo nombre nos recuerda que estamos siendo vigilados por el Dios que nos promete su amor fiel.

El diablo alienta a los pornógrafos ampliamente, porque sabe que no es bueno que el hombre esté solo. Dios nos hizo para la amistad, y nosotros nos daremos cuenta si llevamos nuestras faltas ante él en oración humilde buscando la misericordia. Porque el único pecado que Dios no puede perdonar es el que nosotros no pedimos se nos perdone.

## Bishop Cary's Schedule

- May 4: Lakeview Confirmation
- May 4: St. Pius X, Klamath Falls, Leonardo de Felippis dramatization of St. John Vianney
- May 6: Review Board Meeting
- May 7: Prineville Confirmation
- May 10: Hood River Masses
- May 11: Hood River Confirmation
- May 15: Elgin Confirmation
- May 16: Hermiston - Mass at Prison
- May 16: Milton-Freewater Confirmation
- May 17: Hermiston Confirmation
- May 17: Boardman Confirmation
- May 18: Pendleton & Pilot Rock Confirmation

## Vocation Discernment

“The discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call.”

—Pope Benedict XVI, *Response to questions by the bishops of the United States in Washington, D.C., April 16, 2008*

We are pleased to present the fourth Vocation story in our series of our Clergy testimonials.



Very Reverend Bailey Clemens is pastor at St. Mary's in Pendleton and administrator of St. Helen's in Pilot Rock. He is the Dean of the Northern Deanery of the Diocese of Baker.

I was raised on a ranch in Burns, Oregon. Ranch life proved to help me in my later years of priesthood, yet most important was my Catholic faith. My father and mother always kept the four children committed to Mass and the Sacraments.

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After graduating from Burns Union High, I attended Ron Bailie School of Broadcasting in Portland and became a disc jockey for radio. I worked in radio for some years and later in retail for a large sporting goods store in Phoenix, Arizona. I also worked for MCI in sales.

After some time in the business world, I accepted an invitation to join my aunt who was a missionary sister in Uganda, East Africa. My younger sister and I left October 1986 for two years of missionary work. It was near the end of my stay in Uganda that I received my calling to be a priest.

One day as I was traveling to Kampala to buy food and medical supplies, I was stopped at a road block. On this day a young man asked for a ride. I usually hesitated because cars were often hi-jacked. I took a risk and took him to the next town. As we were driving through the savannah, he asked if I would baptize him. I said, “I am not a priest.” He did not understand. Somehow, I had remembered that we are all called to baptize if a person is in danger of death and there is no priest available. He was going to the front lines of the war the next day. I remembered the words of the baptismal rite and took my drinking water out as we stopped under an acacia tree. I remembered hearing the sound of mourning doves at a distance. The young man (Thomas) came around the vehicle and took off his hat. I slowly poured the water over his head and recited the words, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” I heard a voice, “priest.” I knew from that day on that I was to become a priest.

When I returned to the United States in September of 1988, I began my undergraduate work in philosophy at Saint Edwards University in Austin, Texas. I lived in a discernment house of study for religious life. I later believed I was called to the Diocesan priesthood. After spending some time in Peoria, Illinois, I joined their Diocese and began seminary the fall of 1993 at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

My time at the seminary was a great adventure. It was always filled with excitement for I had discovered God's will—to adore, to study, to recreate, to do pastoral work and to become a priest.

I was ordained by Bishop John Myers on May 23, 1998, the year of the Holy Spirit. I spent seven years in the Diocese of Peoria before God called me home to Eastern Oregon. Bishop Vasa welcomed me with an assignment as Pastor at Saint Mary's in Pendleton. It was my fourth Marian parish of the five of my priestly ministry. I have been in Pendleton now since July of 2005 and have found this time with the people of Pendleton to be one of great blessings.

I thank the good Lord and Our Blessed Mother for my years as a Diocesan priest and would ask that you continue to pray for me on my journey.

—Fr. Bailey Clemens  
St. Mary Church, Pendleton



In alliance with the USCCB Protection of God's Children Charter, the Diocese of Baker is committed to 100% compliance for all staff and volunteers working with our children and youth. An important aspect of our success in keeping our children safe, is knowing who to contact if we know (or suspect) that a child is a victim of abuse.

#### Protection of God's Children Reporting Contacts

All incidents of child/youth abuse of anyone under the age of 18 years of age should be reported immediately to the civil authorities: 911 or Oregon Department of Human Services (800-232-3020).

After reporting any abuse involving a minor to civil authorities, please contact our Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator Barry Metzentine (541-388-4004)

For victim assistance services (e.g. counseling or medical services pertaining to abuse), please contact our Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Angelina Montoya, MD (541-678-5652).

For allegations of sexual misconduct against a priest, deacon, seminarian, or adult lay staff, please contact our Vicar General, Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer, V.G (541-891-9015).

If you wish to know more about the Diocese of Baker's Protection of Children policies, or have questions, please contact Barry Metzentine (541-388-4004).

## "Vianney" is coming to the Baker Diocese!

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

Saint 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 (7 PM)
- ♦ 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](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org)). You may also call the hosting parish site listed above.

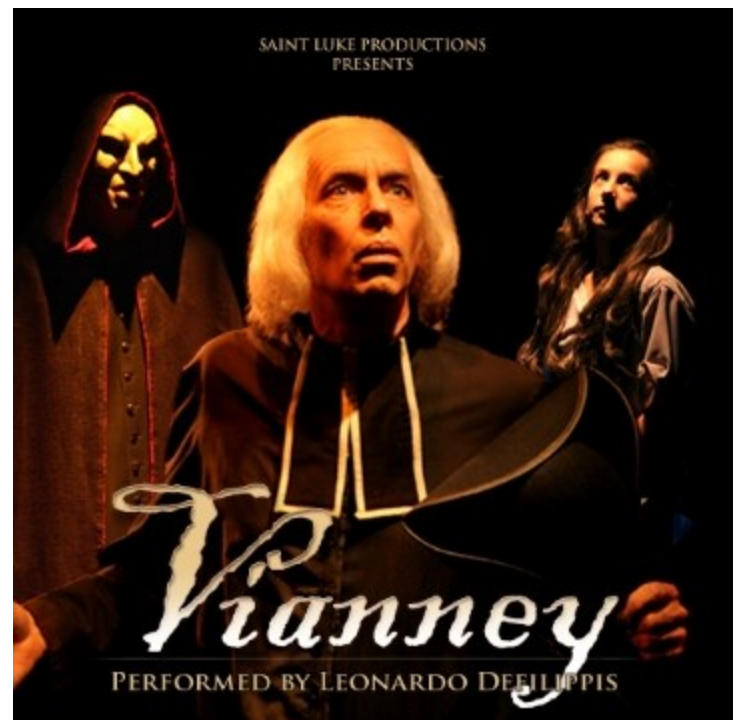
## Religious Retirement Collection Update



Over the past 25 years the Diocese of Baker has participated in the Religious Retirement Collection. This year we are pleased to report that the 2013 Religious Retirement Collection brought in \$93,398.90 – 18% more than in 2012. \$9,399 (10%) was sent to the national office; the remainder stayed in our Diocese.

As reported in December, 2013, the Health & Retirement Association is significantly under-funded. The Diocese of Baker also makes payments to the dioceses of our foreign-born priests based on years of service in our diocese. Because of our large unfunded liability and our outstanding retirement liability for our foreign priests, the diocese will again allocate the majority of this collection to the Priest's Retirement Program. Our diocesan and foreign priests have served the Church and they have done so for relatively little material reward. These dedicated priests deserve a just retirement for their committed years of service to the Diocese.

Through our participation in the National collection we will continue, also, to support the religious sisters and brothers who have served in our Diocese. Thank you for your generous support.



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.