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The Diocese of Baker
Presents...

2016 Summer CAMPS

PRICES
\$150 Per Camp
\$225 For Late Registrations

Camp Dates

High School Leadership Retreat	June 17-19
High School Retreat	June 24-26
Upper Elementary Camp	July 8-10
Middle School Retreat	July 15-17
World Youth Day	July 25-28

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Talks, Recreation, Sing Alongs, Camp
Fires, Movie Nights, Adoration, Mass,
Team Building activities &
Long-Lasting Memories.

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Diocesan Events Schedule—Save the Date

June	3-4	Year of Mercy Symposium, Retreat Center Friday 5 - 8 PM and Saturday 8 AM - 4 PM
June	17-19	High School Leadership Camp
June	19-26	Sisters of Mary Retreat, Retreat Center
June	24-26	"Come and See" High School Retreat, Retreat Center
July	8-10	Upper Elementary Camp
July	14-17	Middle School Camp
July	25-28	World Youth Day Event
July	29-31	Steubenville NW High School Retreat
July	29-31	Hispanic Family Camp
August	11-14	Evangelization & Catechesis Symposium,
August	26-28	Life Teen Empower Retreat, Retreat Center
October	3-7	Clergy Assembly, Retreat Center
October	15	Pro-Life Conference, Retreat Center



Religious Retirement Collection

Over the past 27 years the Diocese of Baker has participated in the Religious Retirement Collection. As of March 31st, the 2016 Religious Retirement Collection has brought in \$86,450.40 — 18% less than last year. Ten percent of the collection was sent to the national office; the remainder stayed in our Diocese.

As reported previously, the Health and Retirement Association continues to be 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 chose to 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!

Illuminating our Parishes

St. Patrick Church in Vale was founded in 1911 as a mission parish of Blessed Sacrament in Ontario. In 1949, St. Patrick became a parish church. It is located in the eastern deanery and has 130 registered families.

On August 14, 1978, Ron Maag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Maag of Jamieson, was ordained in a service at the Vale High School gymnasium. Fr. Maag is Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Hood River.

St. Patrick parishioners celebrated the Church's 100th anniversary on October 30, 2011.





Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Hearing God's Call

Tommy Shultz succeeded David O'Neil as Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry about a year ago and soon got to know the roads that lead to Catholic parishes in Eastern Oregon. All that driving gave Tommy time to think, and he thought a lot about whether he should become a priest. When the thought wouldn't go away, he began to talk about it—with me, with his home diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and with the Franciscan Fathers he knew well at Steubenville University. After months of reflection and discussion (and no small amount of prayer) Tommy decided to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis; he will enter the Franciscan order this fall. Grateful to have been able to assist Tommy's discernment of his priestly calling, we wish him all the best as he pursues it.

Tommy's story reminds me of the joy that is mine as bishop when, along with Father Rick Fischer, I get to lend a hand to our seminarians as they make their way toward the priesthood. For Victor Mena the end of that journey is just a year away. On 26 May of this year, Victor will be ordained deacon at St. Pius X Church in Klamath Falls. Looking on with anticipation will be his fellow seminarian at Mount Angel, Marco Serna, who will begin his final year of college this fall. In their years at Mount Angel Seminary Victor and Marco have faced the dual challenge of learning English and adapting to the Church in America. The opportunity to follow their progress in detail comes each spring with the seminarian evaluations at Mount Angel, where I have been deeply impressed by the sincerity, humility, and dedication that have brought both of them so far so fast. Next year they'll be joined by Caleb Cunningham, the son of Ron and Nancy Cunningham of Jordan Valley, who will graduate from Steubenville University this spring.

Mount Angel enjoys a well-deserved reputation for its high-quality formation program, which guides each seminarian through the spiritual, academic, pastoral, and human dimensions of preparation for priesthood. These four "pillars" of formation are the focus of the evaluation sessions. Each year I come away from them with renewed confidence in the guidance our men receive—even when it results in a decision to leave the seminary, as it did for two of our seminarians this year. David Jones is back in La Grande, getting in shape for hoped-for entrance into the Navy this fall. Nicholas Paige-Schneider will return to Bend after graduation in May before setting off for post-graduate studies.

In my view, the decisions of these fine young men to discontinue their studies for the priesthood mark the

success of their years in seminary formation. The whole point of a seminary is to provide a carefully structured environment conducive to in-depth consideration of a calling from God. Seminary formation helps a man decide whether the priesthood is for him. If he concludes in good conscience that it is not, then withdrawing from the seminary, far from being a failure, is simply the right thing to do; and it is the task of the seminary to respect and support such a decision.

It can happen that withdrawal from the seminary is not the last word in the story, however. With the passage and time and the accumulation of life experience, men can decide to return. I did. After a "leave of absence" that lasted 18 years I went back, confident of my calling and eager to follow it through to the end. Because both David and Nicholas still feel an attraction to the priesthood, I've asked them to remember God's patience with me in getting me where He wanted me to go. Perhaps His call will come back to them too. I would not be surprised if it does.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Escuchando el Llamado de Dios

Tommy Shultz sucedió a David O'Neil como Director Diocesano del Ministerio juvenil hace como un año y pronto llegó a conocer los caminos que conducen a las Parroquias Católicas del este de Oregón. Todo ese manejar, le dio tiempo a Tommy para pensar, y pensó mucho sobre si debía ser sacerdote. Cuando el pensamiento persistía en su mente, comenzó a hablar de ello - conmigo, con su diócesis de Kalamazoo, Michigan, y con los Padres Franciscanos que él conocía bien de la Universidad de Steubenville. Después de meses de reflexión y discusión (y una cantidad no muy pequeña de oración) Tommy decidió seguir los pasos de San Francisco; él va a entrar en la orden Franciscana en el otoño. Agradecido de haber podido ayudar en el discernimiento de la vocación sacerdotal, de Tommy le deseamos todo lo mejor al seguirla.

La historia de Tommy me recuerda mi alegría como obispo, que junto con el Padre Rick Fischer, que me da al tender la mano a nuestros seminaristas en su camino hacia el sacerdocio. Para Víctor Mena, el final de ese camino está a solo un año. El 26 de Mayo de este año, Víctor será ordenado diácono en la Iglesia de San Pio X en Klamath Falls. Mirando con anticipación estará su compañero seminarista en Monte Ángel, Marco Serna, quien comenzará su último año colegial este otoño. En sus años en el Seminario de Monte Ángel, Víctor y Marco se han enfrentado con el doble desafío de aprender Inglés

y adaptarse a la Iglesia en estados Unidos. La oportunidad para seguir su progreso en detalle llega cada primavera con las evaluaciones de los seminaristas en Monte Ángel, donde yo me he quedado profundamente impresionado con la sinceridad, humildad, y dedicación que han llegado ambos tan lejos y tan rápido. El próximo año ellos acompañarán a Caleb Cunningham, el hijo de Ron y Nancy Cunningham de Jordan Valley, quien se graduará de la Universidad de Steubenville esta primavera.

Monte Ángel goza de una merecida reputación por su programa de formación de alta calidad, que guía a cada seminarista a través de las dimensiones espirituales, académicas, pastorales y humanas de preparación para el sacerdocio. Estos cuatro “pilares” de formación son el enfoque de las sesiones de evaluación. Cada año regreso de con ellos con renovada confianza en la dirección que reciben nuestros hombres, incluso cuando da lugar a la decisión de dejar el seminario, como lo fue para dos de nuestros seminaristas este año. David Jones está de regreso en La Grande, poniéndose en forma para el ingreso esperado a la Marina en este otoño. Nicholas Paige-Schneider volverá a Bend después de su graduación en Mayo, antes de salir para estudios de post-grado.

En mi opinión, la decisión de esos buenos jóvenes de suspender sus estudios para el sacerdocio marca el éxito de sus años de formación en el seminario. El fin de un seminario es proporcionar un ambiente cuidadosamente estructurado adecuado a un examen a fondo de un llamado de Dios. La formación en el seminario ayuda a un hombre a decidir si el sacerdocio es para él. Si él concluye en buena conciencia de que no es así, entonces retirarse del seminario, lejos de ser un fracaso, es simplemente lo que hay que hacer; y es la tarea del seminario de respetar y apoyar una decisión de este tipo.

Puede que el retirarse del seminario no sea el fin de la historia, sin embargo. Con el pasar del tiempo y el acopio de experiencia de vida, los hombres pueden decidir regresar. Yo lo hice. Después de un “permiso para ausentarme” que duró 18 años, regresé, confiado en mi llamado y ansioso de seguirlo hasta el final. Porque ambos David y Nicholas todavía sienten una atracción al sacerdocio, les he pedido que recuerden la paciencia de Dios conmigo en llevarme a donde Él quería que yo fuera. Tal vez Su llamado regresará a ellos también. No me sorprenderá si lo hacen.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

April	22	Confirmation at St. John in Condon
April	23-24	Confirmation at St. Peter in The Dalles
April	28	Knights of Columbus 2016 State Convention in Salem
April	30	First Communion at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

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

Rev. Raymond Hopp, Retired, Lakeview	May 01, 1965
Rev. Mike Fitzpatrick, SJ, St. Andrew's Mission	May 14, 1977
Rev. Louis H. Albrecht, Retired	May 14, 1986
Rev. Nonatus Lakra, John Day	May 17, 1991
Most Rev. Liam Cary, ordained as Bishop on	May 18, 2012
Rev. Ron Warren, Retired	May 19, 1962
Rev. Andrew Szymakowski, JCL, Redmond	May 22, 2004
Rev. Daniel Maxwell, Hermiston	May 22, 2009
Rev. Charles Dreisbach, Retired, Klamath Falls	May 23, 1959
Rev. Bailey Clemens, Jordan Valley	May 23, 1998
Rev. Alfred Fisher, Retired, Anchorage, AK	May 26, 1956
Deacon Jesus Esparza, Hermiston	May 27, 2000
Deacon Irineo Ledezma, The Dalles	May 27, 2000
Deacon Daniel Martinez, Pendleton	May 27, 2000
Deacon David Raj, Hood River	May 27, 2000
Deacon Omar Torres, Pendleton	May 27, 2000
Deacon Joe Garlitz, Elgin	May 31, 1987
Rev. Andrew Colvin, Silverdale, WA	May 31, 2002

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our priests and bishop. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend



The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass is offered every other weekend at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church at 1:00 p.m.

In April and May, the dates for the Latin Mass are:

April 17	(High Mass)
May 1	(Low Mass)
May 15	(High Mass)
May 29	(Low Mass)

The Society of St. Gregory the Great, which sponsors the Latin Mass in the extraordinary form every two weeks, is in need of support personnel. Potential **board members** would be asked to help prepare for and clean up after Mass and attend a meeting approximately every quarter. **Servers** will receive Latin training and altar training. Potential **chant singers** should have a reasonable ability to keep on pitch and sing in either range – baritone or soprano/alto – and be willing to learn the chant notation. There will be at least one schola practice before each Mass, usually at St. Thomas in Redmond.

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The Chrism Mass of 2016

Reflections of Fr. Richard Fischer, V G



On March 17th almost all of the priests of the Diocese went to the Cathedral in Baker City to participate in the Chrism Mass. Some of us have made many trips for this Mass over the years, and for some this was the first time in our Cathedral. For many years, the tradition of the Diocese has been that, through the generosity of the Cathedral parish, and especially the ladies, a meal is provided for the Bishop and his priests.

It is at the Chrism Mass that certain priests are recognized for their years of service to the priesthood. This year eight priests were honored. Two of our retired priests, **Fr. Alfred Fisher** and **Fr. Austin Cribbin**, who were not able to be present, were recognized for their 60 years of priestly service. **Fr. Joe Reeves** and I were recognized for our 40 years of service. **Fr. Louis Albrecht**, who also was not present was recognized for his 30 years of service. **Fr. Nonatus Lakra** celebrated his 25 years of service. **Fr. Luis Flores-Alva** and **Fr. Arsenius Anachoreta** celebrated their 10 years of service.



During the Chrism Mass, after the homily, all of the priests stand and renew their vows of priesthood. This ceremony, while simple and short, is of great importance. We once again commit ourselves to service of the Church and to the Bishop. It also shows a solidarity of the priest to the Church, our Bishop, and to each other. Priests, like all persons, may argue with one another or have other

difficulties with each other, but in the end we are in unity with each other, sharing the gift of Ordination.



For some reason this year, I was drawn deeply to the rite of the blessings of the Oils. I was thinking about my 40 years of priesthood and how many times I have used these oils in my ministry. Perhaps hundreds of times I have used the oil of the sick to anoint Catholics throughout the diocese. With each anointing comes a story. I thought about the times when a priest is asked to come into the lives of people at a most intense time, the time of great illness, injury, or death. I would take the new oil, just blessed by Bishop Cary, and bring it home to St. Patrick Parish in Madras, and continue the ministry to the sick and suffering. That's what priests do.

How many babies have I baptized? I have no idea. How many catechumens have I baptized? I don't know. The oil of Catechumens, that first anointing before baptism is an anointing to help us combat Satan and to give us strength to live our faith.

The blessing of the Sacred Chrism, the oil of Consecration, immediately brought me back to my ordination 40 years ago. When Bishop Connolly poured the Chrism on my hands, I realized that these hands were consecrated for the service of God and his people. In Baptism and Confirmation, also, the Sacred Chrism consecrates one to accept the Holy Spirit and the gifts that come with the Spirit. These gifts are to be used to build up the church, the Body of Christ. I felt a sense of peace and happiness reflecting on my own Confirmation by Bishop Leipzig in Ontario. Of course, I don't remember my baptism, but every year at the Easter Vigil, we renew our vows of baptism. To be the body of Christ and to bring mankind to Christ is our mission as baptized and confirmed Catholics.



And so, the priests took their new oils home with them to continue their ministry of Holy Orders. The faithful went home, I hope, with a greater joy and appreciation of the Sacraments and for their priests.

Maybe I'm getting older, but I truly felt the beauty, joy, and significance of the Chrism Mass. I hope that all people of our diocese will be able to attend the Chrism Mass at some point in their lives.

Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer V G