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## *In Memoriam*

Marguerite Dieudonne Reed  
(1918 - 2016)



For over fifty years Marguerite Reed was the face of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Baker and was responsible for more than a hundred adoptions, and maybe even more. Working out of Baker City, Marguerite travelled thousands of miles and had thousands of meetings for couples who wanted so much to adopt. "She was probably the most pro-life person ever in the Baker Diocese," said Father Rick Fischer, V.G.

Marguerite was born October 25, 1918, in Baker City. She was the daughter of Gaston and Elizabeth Dieudonne. She attended St. Francis Academy and graduated from Forest Ridge Convent in Seattle. Marguerite received a bachelor's degree from San Francisco College for Women and a Masters in social work from the Catholic University of America. On January 16, 1943, she married Preston Reed in Washington, D.C. After raising four adopted children, (a fifth died as a youngster) she put her professional training to work, becoming associated with Oregon Catholic Services for children in 1963 where she was an adoption social worker and counselor for unwed mothers for the agency in Eastern Oregon. In 1971 she was the Diocesan Director for Refugee Services and was most active during the plight of the "boat people." Marguerite helped found the "Mountain Valley Mental Health Clinic;" she was its first coordinator and social worker. In 1970, she accepted the position as the Baker schools social worker, retiring in 1984. She also served on the board of directors for St. Elizabeth Hospital in Baker City and was on the State Board of Health.

Marguerite was a parishioner of St. Francis de Sales, the Altar society and the parish choir. In May, 1986, Marguerite was honored by Pope John Paul II with the Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award which is for service to the church and to the community. Her mother was the first recipient of the award in the Diocese of Baker. Marguerite was selected Legacy Woman of the Year in 1989. She was also on the Citizens Review Board and the board of the Oregon Catholic Conference. She lived a busy, active life, a life devoted to service to her family, her church, and her community. As a woman of great faith; Marguerite loved the church and valued her friendships

with other parishioners, priests, and bishops. She enjoyed international travel and visited many wonderful places with Preston and her children. One of her most cherished memories was a trip to the Vatican for a private visit with the Pope John Paul II.

Marguerite was proud of the fact that she had given over 148 pints of blood to the local Blood Bank. She felt this was an extremely important service that should be done by everyone who was able.

Marguerite spent her last years in Portland and Seaside, close to all her children. She always loved being at the beach so living in Seaside brought her a lot of joy.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Preston Reed, their daughter Monica Reed, granddaughter Heather Reed-Lomax, her brother Roger Dieudonne, and her parents Gaston and Elizabeth. She is survived by her 4 children: Greg Reed and his wife Janice of Tacoma Washington; Terri Reed of Seaside, Oregon; Tim Reed and his wife, Pat, of Portland, Oregon; and Vonie and her husband, Larry Aeschliman, of Kennewick, WA. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Jason, Jamie, Tasha, John, Kevin, Bob, and numerous great grandchildren.

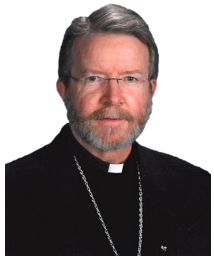
Marguerite's kind soul and giving spirit touched so many and will never be forgotten. Long-time friend, Mary Ann Davis, secretary to Bishop Connolly, recalled Marguerite's kindness: "After Preston died, Marguerite lived across the street from Bishop Leipzig's house in Baker City and her closest friend was his housekeeper, Katherine Franzwa. Eventually Katherine was placed in a Nursing Home and Marguerite visited her every day. Following Katherine's death, Marguerite spent at least one day a week visiting those in nursing homes who had no one else to visit them. She just kept on giving and giving and giving," said Mary Ann.

The family has asked that Memorial contributions in Marguerite's memory be directed to St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. This may be done through Coles Funeral Home, 1950 Place Street, Baker City, Oregon. 97814.



Marguerite and Mary Ann Davis take the Offertory gifts to Bishop Thomas Connolly at Holy Mass in May, 1986.

Both were awarded the Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Award at this Mass.



## Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

### Executive Discrimination

In a mid-May letter the Federal Government gave schools throughout the nation forceful regulatory advice on the contentious issue of transgender students. It did not meet with universal acceptance. In a joint statement Archbishop George Lucas and Bishop Richard Malone, committee chairmen of the Conference of Catholic Bishops, took sharp issue with the unsolicited federal intervention.

“The guidance issued . . . by the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education that treats ‘a student’s gender identity as the student’s sex’ is deeply disturbing,” the bishops write. It “fails to address a number of important concerns and contradicts a basic understanding of human formation so well expressed by Pope Francis: . . . ‘the young need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created.’”

“Children, youth, and parents in these difficult situations deserve compassion, sensitivity, and respect. All of these can be expressed without infringing on legitimate concerns about privacy and security on the part of the other young students and parents. The federal regulatory guidance issued on May 13 does not even attempt to achieve this balance. It . . . does not respect the ongoing political discussion at the state and local levels and in Congress, or the broader cultural discussion, about how best to address these sensitive issues. Rather, the guidance short-circuits those discussions entirely.”

This observation reminds us that government-abetted short-circuiting of discussion is becoming a way of life in the United States. Ink was scarcely dry on the Supreme Court’s revolutionary re-definition of marriage last summer when the suddenly urgent cause of transgendered individuals swept all other issues aside. Once again a torrent of mass media and social media criticism demonized dissent from the latest secularist orthodoxy and choked off open discussion among free people. Once again, as the Justice Department’s intimidating “guidance” letter signals, the secularist march of intolerance hastens to nationalize and constitutionalize a hotly disputed issue before opponents can catch their breath.

“As Pope Francis has recently indicated,” Archbishop Lucas and Bishop Malone continue, “‘biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex [that is, gender] can be distinguished but not separated.’ We pray that the government make room for more just and compassionate approaches and policies in this sensitive area, in order to serve the good of all students and parents, as well as the common good.”

Keep the common good in mind the next time you pray the Prayer to St. Michael at Mass for the protection of our religious liberty.

## Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

### Discriminación Ejecutiva

En la carta a las escuelas de toda la nación a mediados de Mayo el Gobierno Federal dio un aviso regulatorio forzoso sobre el tema polémico de estudiantes transgénero. Universalmente no fue aceptado. En un comunicado conjunto, el Arzobispo George Lucas y el Obispo Richard Malone, presidentes del comité de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos, se mostraron en desacuerdo con la intervención federal no solicitada.

“Las directrices emitidas. . . por el Departamento de Justicia y el Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos que trata de “la identidad de género de un estudiante como el sexo del estudiante es muy preocupante”, los obispos escriben. esto “no habla de una serie de preocupaciones importantes y contradice el entendimiento básico de la formación humana tan bien expresada por el Papa Francisco: . . . ‘Los jóvenes necesitan ser ayudados para aceptar su propio cuerpo como fue creado’”.

“Niños, jóvenes, y padres en estas situaciones difíciles merecen compasión, sensibilidad, y respeto. Todos estos pueden ser expresados sin infringir en las preocupaciones legítimas sobre la privacidad y seguridad por parte de los demás estudiantes jóvenes y sus padres. La guía reguladora federal emitida el 13 de Mayo ni siquiera trata de lograr este balance. Esto. . . no respeta la discusión política continua a nivel estatal, local y en el Congreso, o en la amplia discusión cultural más, sobre la mejor manera de abordar estos temas sensibles. Más bien, la guía hace cortocircuito completo a esas discusiones”.

Esta observación nos recuerda que esas discusiones en cortocircuito instigadas por el gobierno se están convirtiendo en una forma de vida en los Estados Unidos. La tinta apenas se había secado en la revolucionaria redefinición del Tribunal Supremo sobre el matrimonio el verano pasado, cuando la repentina causa urgente de las personas transexuales hizo a un lado todas las demás cuestiones. De nuevo un torrente de medios de comunicación y críticas de medios sociales el disenso demonizaron de la última ortodoxia secular sofocó el debate abierto entre las personas libres. Una vez más, como señala la carta de intimidantes “directrices” del Departamento de Justicia, la marcha materialista de intolerancia se apresura a nacionalizar y constitucionalizar un asunto muy discutido antes de que los oponentes puedan recuperar el aliento.

“Como el Papa Francisco ha indicado recientemente”, el Arzobispo Lucas y el Obispo Malone continúan, “‘sexo biológico y el papel socio-cultural de sexo [es decir, género] puede ser distinguido pero no separado’. Oramos para que el gobierno de lugar a pólizas y diálogos más justos y compasivos en esta área sensible, para poder servir al bien de todos los estudiantes y padres, así como el bien común”.

Tengan en mente el bien común la próxima vez que recen la Oración a San Miguel en Misa para la protección de todas las libertades religiosas.

## A Journey to Sainthood

It was hard to imagine Bill Atkinson would live a life of service after a brutal toboggan accident that left the athletic nineteen year-old Augustinian novice a quadriplegic. At the time, and for six weeks after the accident, Bill had bolts attached to his skull, was strapped onto a board and was plagued with high fevers, difficulty breathing and frightful bedsores on his shoulders and back of his head. His novice master, who was by his side for weeks noted:

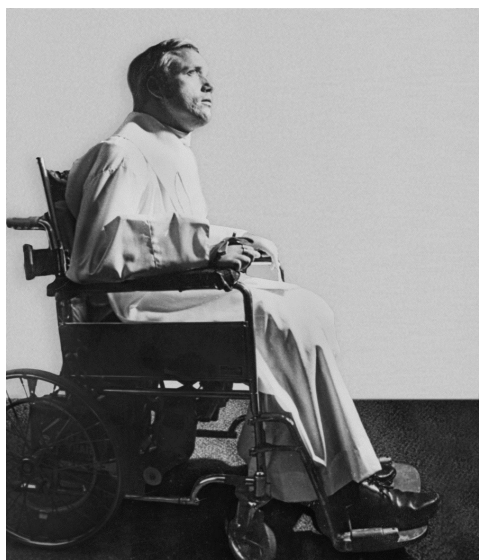
“He is in a lot of pain, but very consciously suffering in union ‘with Christ’s suffering on the cross ... I live now, but, not I, but Christ lives in me.”

When Bill stabilized, his doctors were at a loss to explain his survival. He then spent 18 months at Magee Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia, where he decided he would find a way to put his life back together—and he did.

Father Bill Atkinson was a beloved religious, priest, teacher, coach, chaplain, friend and brother to so many and they in turn cared for Father’s physical needs. He was always asked “How’d you do it?” – and one of his many poems shared the secret: *“Day after day, help of others along the way, valued friends, sisters, brothers, I simply borrowed—the strength of others.”*

The Augustinian Friars, Province of Saint Thomas of Vilanova, ask for your help and strength to promote Father Bill Atkinson’s cause for sainthood in our diocese by facilitating the distribution of holy cards and biographical information in your parishes.

To find out more information and how you can help, please visit [www.fatherbillatkinsonguild.org](http://www.fatherbillatkinsonguild.org) or email direct to [email@fatherbillatkinsonguild.org](mailto:email@fatherbillatkinsonguild.org).



Father Bill Atkinson  
Augustinian Friar  
1946-2006

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## Diocese of Baker Official Appointments

Bishop Cary announces the following pastoral assignments effective July 1, 2016.



**Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil** will become the pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Bend.



**Fr. Christie Tiserra** will become the administrator of Blessed Sacrament in Ontario.



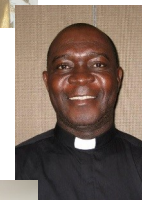
**Fr. Tomy Chowaran** will become the Administrator of St. Augustine in Merrill and St. Francis Cabrini in Bonanza.



**Fr. Eduardo Nebelung** will become the parochial vicar of Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston.



**Fr. Luis Flores-Alva** will become the pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Boardman, effective August 5.



**Fr. Francis Akano** will become the pastor of St. Katherine in Enterprise and St. Pius X in Wallowa, replacing Fr. Roger Fernando who has resigned.



**Fr. Thomas Philip, OSH**, will become the Administrator of St. Patrick in Lakeview, St. Richard in Adel, St. John in Paisley and St. Thomas in Plush, effective August 5.



**Fr. Andrew Szymakowski, JCL**, will become the pastor of St. Edward the Martyr in Sisters.

**Fr. Jude Onogbosele, JCL**, will leave to complete his doctorate in Canon Law and then he will return to his home Diocese in Nigeria.

## Bishop Cary's Schedule

June 26 High School Retreat at Retreat Center  
Holy Mass, 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend

June 29 Legion of Mary, Mother of Mercy Retreat at Retreat Center

July 3-8 Region XII Northwest Bishops summer gathering in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

July 9-10 Upper Elementary Camp at Retreat Center

The Diocese of Baker is pleased to announce  
the Ordination to the Diaconate of Victor Mena

On Thursday, May 26, 2016, seminarian Victor Mena was ordained as a transitional deacon at St. Pius X Church in Klamath Falls. Deacon Mena will serve at

St. Francis of Assisi in Bend for the summer and will be assigned to a parish in Albany for weekend work after he returns to Mt. Angel Seminary in the fall.

Join us in congratulating Deacon Mena on his ordination and please pray for him as he prepares and studies for the priesthood.

