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Parish News: Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls

Sacred Heart had 20 children who attended the **Cave Quest** themed **Vacation Bible School** from June 20 to 24. The children and the volunteers had a great time building a rock-solid foundation of God's love. The bible quests showed us that even in dark times we can look toward God for guidance. The games were so much fun, too; there were a few days they even got wet. The children loved every part of their Cave Quest adventure.



Our deepest thanks goes to all those who were able to donate their time, money and talent to make this adventure possible. We can't wait for next year's Vacation Bible School. —Kandace Earhart,

Deputy Director of Religious Education

Parish News: St. Mary, Hood River

Each year St. Mary honors it's graduates with a Baccalaureate Mass. This year they had 57 graduates. The Altar Society facilitated receptions for all graduates and their families. We ask for prayers that all graduates continue in the right path of their journey.



St. Mary's celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Communion for a total of 150 children at three of their normal masses on Sunday, May 1. English Masses were celebrated by Fr. Ron Maag and Spanish Masses by Fr. Saul Infante. The children's hearts were full of joy during their entire preparation until the big day. They had a passion to know what it felt to receive God's Body and Precious Blood for the first time. We thank all Catechist for their hard work and dedication.

— Patty Romero, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Parish News: St. Augustine, Merrill

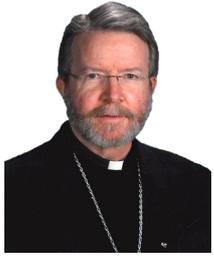


Parishioners of St. Augustine Church in Merrill celebrated First Holy Communion with 17 children on April 24th.

After Mass, the children and their families were honored with a cake and punch reception provided by Catholic Daughters and the parish Women's Club.



God Bless America Vacation Bible School class at St. Augustine July 5-9, with new Administrator, Father Tomy Chowaran.



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

A Christian Dies in Oregon

I met her only once, when her husband Ryan introduced us in December 2014 after Mass in Portland. The few minutes we spoke were enough for me to learn a startling truth: this vibrant-looking mother of four playfully-circling little children had inoperable stage IV kidney cancer. She was 33 years old; doctors gave her less than two years to live.



The daughter of a Chinese mother and an American father, Lizz Lovett grew up a Buddhist in Japan. Years later she found herself navigating the turbulent waters of conversion to the Catholicism of her fiancé, Ryan. But the thought of making his faith her own raised a doubt she found hard to dismiss: would she be entering the Church just for the sake of the man she loved?

Her soul-stirring struggle came to a climax one night in Virginia as the couple knelt together before a statue of Our Lady in the Cathedral of Arlington. “Should I become a Catholic?” Lizz silently asked the Mother of God. An answer rose swift and sure in Lizz’s heart: “Yes.” Through tear-filled eyes she looked at Ryan and saw he was weeping too. When they had left the church, she asked him why. “I asked Mary if you should become a Catholic,” he replied. “She said, ‘Yes.’”

Lizz Lovett came into the Church at the Easter Vigil in March 2005 and died a holy death on 2 July 2016. Five days later her funeral was held in Portland. Her death and burial bookended Independence Day, holiday of America’s freedom. The timing was prophetic, Father Paul Scalia noted in his homily, for in her dying Lizz Lovett showed us “the truth about . . . what it means to be free.”

Here in Oregon, the first state to legalize physician-assisted suicide, the law leads us to think that freedom means being able to do whatever we choose, even if we choose to end our own life.

Lizz Lovett could have made that choice; to fend off cancer’s merciless progression she could have hastened the hour of her death. Instead, she graciously took her dying in hand and made a last gift of it to others, as can be seen in her moving video testimony on the Real Life Catholic website about the meaning she found in her suffering.

It was clear to her many visitors that Lizz was somehow gaining, not losing, freedom as death drew near—a deepening freedom to be herself for others to the very end. She never forgot that from first breath to last

her life was a gift, that she had been bought at a price, that she was not her own. “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free,” St. Paul says, reminding us of Jesus’ words in the Gospel of John: “. . . if the Son sets you free, ‘you will be free indeed.’”

To those who accompany us on our last journey we can leave behind no greater gift than a courageous acceptance of death. I met Lizz Lovett only once, for just a few minutes; but in that brief time she gave me the gift of her freedom to die as a Christian. When my hour comes and yours, I hope we are blessed to remember the lesson she taught us so well.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Un Cristiano Fallece en Oregon

La conocí solo una vez, cuando su esposo Ryan nos presentó en Diciembre 2014 después de Misa en Portland. Los pocos minutos que hablamos fueron suficientes para que yo conociera una verdad sorprendente: esta madre de aspecto vibrante de cuatro hijos pequeños juguetones que circulaban tenía etapa IV de cancer del riñón inoperable. Ella tenía 33 años de edad; los médicos le dieron menos de dos años de vida.



La hija de una madre China y un padre Americano, Lizz Lovett creció siendo una Budista en Japón. Años después se encontró navegando las turbulentas aguas de la conversión al Catolicismo de su prometido, Ryan. Pero la idea de hacer la fe de él la suya propia creó una duda que encontró difícil de descartar: ¿entraría en la Iglesia solo por el bien del hombre que ella amaba?

Su conmovedora lucha llegó a un punto culminante una noche en Virginia cuando la pareja se arrodilló frente a la estatua de Nuestra Señora en la Catedral de Arlington. “¿Debo hacerme Católica?” Lizz le preguntó en silencio a la Madre de Dios. Una respuesta se elevó rápida y segura en el corazón de Lizz: “Sí”. A través de sus ojos llenos de lágrimas miró a Ryan y vio que él estaba llorando también. Cuando salieron de la iglesia, ella le preguntó porqué. “Le pregunté a María si tú deberías de hacerme Católica”, él contestó. “Ella dijo, ‘Sí’”.

Lizz Lovett entró a la Iglesia en la Vigila Pascual de Marzo del 2005 y murió una santa muerte el 2 de Julio 2016. Cinco días después se llevó a cabo su funeral en Portland. Su muerte y entierro ocurrieron a los dos lados del Día de la Independencia, fiesta de la libertad de los Estados Unidos. Fue tiempo profético, el Padre Paul Scalia señaló en su homilía, porque en su manera de morir Lizz Lovett nos mostró “la verdad sobre . . . lo que significa ser libre”.

Aquí en Oregon, el primer estado en legalizar el suicidio asistido por un médico, la ley nos lleva a pensar que la libertad significa poder hacer lo que elegimos, incluso si elegimos poner fin a nuestra propia vida.

Lizz Lovett pudo haber hecho esa elección; para defenderse de la progresión implacable del cáncer, ella pudo haber acelerado la hora de su muerte. En su lugar, ella gentilmente tomó de la mano su muerte e hizo un último regalo a otros, como puede ser visto en su conmovedor testimonio en video en el sitio de internet Real Life Catholic sobre el significado que ella encontró en su sufrimiento.

Estaba claro para sus muchos visitantes que, al acercarse la muerte, Lizz de alguna manera estaba ganando, no perdiendo, libertad—una libertad mas profunda de ser ella misma para los demás hasta el final. Ella nunca se olvidó que desde el primer aliento hasta el último su vida fue un regalo, y que ella había sido comprada a un precio, y que ella no era suya. “Es por libertad que Cristo nos ha liberado”, dice San Pablo, recordándonos de las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de Juan: “. . . si el Hijo los libera, ustedes serán liberados”.

Para aquellos que nos acompañan en nuestro último viaje, no podemos dejar atrás mejor regalo que una aceptación valiente de la muerte. Yo conocí a Lizz Lovett solo una vez, solo por unos minutos; pero en ese tiempo breve ella me dio el regalo de su libertad para morir como una Cristiana. Cuando mi hora llegue y la suya, espero que seamos bendecidos para recordar la lección que ella nos enseñó tan bien.

Bishop Cary's Schedule	
Aug 7	Milton-Freewater Acolyte Installation
Aug 9	Deer Ridge Correctional Facility
Aug 12-14	Evangelization & Catechesis Symposium, Diocesan Retreat Center
Aug 18	Apostles de la Palabra Meeting in Bend



Supporting the New Evangelization through the Bishop's Annual Appeal

Funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal enables the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to provide training and resources for parish, mission and school catechetical staff and over 500 volunteers (children, youth and adult catechists) across our diocese.

Two primary training venues are funded by the Bishop's Appeal: the annual Evangelization and Catechesis Symposium held at the Retreat Center and five Deanery Catechetical Workshops each year. The

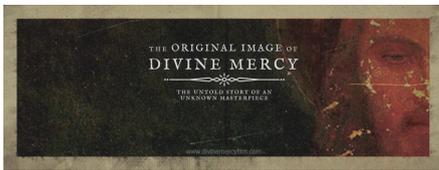
annual symposium (subsidized by the Appeal) is our largest training venue. Attendance to the symposium continues to grow each year (140 adults from 27 parishes/missions attended last year). We expect this year's symposium to have another record turnout; especially as we have expanded our Spanish training capabilities with the recent addition of David Bisono who is fully bi-lingual (in addition to Deacon Gustavo Ruiz). The other important training venue (new as of 2013) is our annual Deanery (regional) Catechetical Workshops, this year being offered at five locations (Ontario, Pendleton, The Dalles, Klamath Falls and Bend). Last year we had over 200 volunteer catechists attend these workshops at no cost to them or the parish as a result of generous Appeal donations. These training venues are proving effective in our goal of improving catechetical competency and ensuring consistency across all areas of evangelization and catechesis (children, youth and adults). These gatherings also foster solidarity as a diocesan family, especially for our rural and remote parish and mission sites.

At these training venues we are able to train staff and volunteers on the many new evangelistic and catechetical best practices and quality resources available today, for example: *Come and See*, an evangelization outreach to fallen-away (2013), online catechetical certification program (2014), parent-child sacramental preparation workshops (2015), family-centered RCIA (2016). All of these resources have in mind the promotion of family-centered evangelization and catechesis and parish-wide participation in faith formation.

The newest resource launched across the diocese is FORMED.ORG (by Augustine Institute, Lighthouse Catholic Media and Ignatius Press). This groundbreaking online digital platform provides something never before imaginable; access (through the Internet) to 36 video-based biblical and catechetical study programs, 45 feature films on saints lives and faith topics, 54 audio titles on teachings and apologetic topics, and 24 eBooks. Between September 2015 and May 2016, 21 of our parishes (along with their 19 associated missions) opted into a parish level subscription, affording access to FORMED.ORG for use across all parish ministries – and for all their Catholic households (where Internet is available). Through a diocesan level partnership with Augustine Institute and Bishop's Appeal subsidies this resource is available to all parishes, schools and missions in the Diocese of Baker for less than \$15 per family per year.

Your generous gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal ensures that the new evangelization continues to be a lived priority in the Diocese of Baker.

Donations to the Appeal can be made online at the diocesan website. Just click the icon on the home page to read about the ministries that your Appeal dollars are supporting, review suggested gift plans, and make your donation online. We appreciate your generosity. www.dioceseofbaker.org



**THE ORIGINAL IMAGE OF
DIVINE MERCY:**
*The untold story of an
unknown masterpiece*

Saturday Night Live Presentation and Screening.

This years Symposium includes a live presentation Saturday evening by **Catholic film director and producer Daniel deSilva** of the new documentary film **The Original Image of Divine Mercy.**

Tickets are available for purchase for \$10 by non-symposium attendees. See Diocesan website at: http://dioceseofbaker.org/PDF_Documents/DivineMercyFilm_Reg2016.pdf

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser:

The Redmond Knights of Columbus Council 3636, held their annual Bacon and Pancake Dinner on Fat Tuesday, February 9. Money collected at the event (\$225) was sent to the Knights of Columbus Charities Relief Fund and will be used for Christian Refugee Relief to assist the displaced and persecuted Christians in the Middle East. The initial idea for a fundraiser was brought to the Redmond Knights by Father Andrew Szymakowski who is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Worldwide, the Knights of Columbus organization has raised and distributed over 10.5 million dollars to assist the persecuted Christians in the Middle East.



Parish News: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Chiloquin

On Sunday, July 10, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, parishioners Peter Lucas and Jean Slusher were commissioned as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers by Father Abraham Manthuruthil, SDB, Administrator of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.



**Annual Central Oregon
Right to Life Conference
September 10, 2016**

Eagle Crest Resort (Juniper Room I and II)
1522 Cline Falls Road, Redmond
Phone: (877) 478-4951
Email: info@eagle-crest.com

- ◇ **Special \$40 Pre-Registration rate** for the first 200 applicants only, so register early. \$50 Registration at the door (checks or cash). \$20 Clergy Registration Rate.
- ◇ Conference Registration Cost Includes: continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and a handbook with copies of all six presentations, reference materials, and websites.
- ◇ **Lodging:** Eagle Crest Resort special conference room rate for attendees (1 or 2 night stay):

Lodge rooms (double queen) \$139
One bedroom suite (king bed) \$159

For more information and to access the Registration form, please go to http://dioceseofbaker.org/pro_life.htm



Join us for a day of new ideas, singing, and discussions to enhance our sung worship of God.

English and Gregorian Chant sessions will be included

September 17, 2016
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Thomas Catholic Church
1720 NW 19th St.
Redmond, OR

Registration: \$15 per person—Lunch included