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Reflection on the Summer Ministry of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hood River

On Sunday, August 28, the priest in the Western Deanery gathered to honor those with Ordination anniversaries. They shared stories of their ministry and celebrated their vocation to Priesthood.

The clergy who attended (left to right) were Deacon David Raj, Fr. Fabian Nworie, Fr. Saul Alba-Infante, Fr. Anil Kumar Marri, Fr. Joseph Levine, Fr. Ramiro Velázquez Gutiérrez, and Fr. Ron Maag. Not pictured are Fr. Arturo Perez, who was visiting his family in Hood River and Fr. Salomon Covarrubias, pastor of St. Joseph's in White Salmon, WA.



In August the Young Adult Newman Club (ages 18-35) worked together on a project to prepare and paint the Casa Guadalupe, used for Narcotic Anonymous and Alcoholic Anonymous meetings as well as Young Adult Newman Club meetings.

Coordinators for the group are Damian and Yesenia Rodriguez under the direction of Fr. Saul Alba-Infante and Juan Villegas.



The Hispanic Prayer Group facilitates many successful parish retreats (pictured below). Their next retreat is November 5-7, 2016. The theme is "¿Porque soy Catolico?" (Why am I Catholic?) with guest speakers Fernando Casanova, singer and evangelizer and Pablo Castro, apologist host for EWTN.

In July the Hispanic Prayer Group, which consists of almost 60 members, held a Kermes (Carnival) at the parish. The Prayer Group celebrates this event twice a year and it attracts between 1,500 to 2,000 attendees.



St. Mary provides Holy Hour and Adoration twice a week where rosaries are offered for vocations to priesthood and other ministries. If you are passing through or visiting the Hood River area, we invite you to visit St. Mary parish to see how we are rapidly growing and thriving as a parish community.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

Oct. 19 Hispanic Seminarian Conference at Mt. Angel
Oct. 20 Episcopal Council Meeting at Mt. Angel
Oct. 21-23 Annual Meeting of the NW Lieutenantcy Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in Sacramento, CA

Oct. 29 Confessions, 3:30-4:30 - Mass 6:00 PM
St. Elizabeth, John Day
Oct. 30 Mass 9:00 AM at St. Elizabeth in John Day
Oct. 30 Mass 1:30 PM at St. Anne in Monument
Oct. 30 Mass 3:30 PM at St. Katherine in Long Creek



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Mother Teresa's Respect for Life

"Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life," Pope Francis declared as the Jubilee Year began. It is "the force that reawakens us to new life"; "the path which . . . Christians must . . . travel"; "the bridge that connects God and man." In Christian hospitality the world should find "an oasis of mercy."

No one in our time brought these words more convincingly to life than Mother Teresa of Calcutta, as Pope Francis recognized in choosing to name her a saint in the heart of the Jubilee Year. This October, with her holiness held high for imitation, Respect for Life Month invites us to be, like her, an awakening force, a sure path, a connecting bridge, for those crushed in spirit by the culture of death.

In the view of Mother Teresa, "the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child." Not surprisingly, the casualties of that war keep mounting. For once "we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people"—especially men—"not to kill one another?"

From legalized abortion the father learns "that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world." And a father so instructed by his culture "is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion."

From this dark social reality Mother Teresa drew a stark political conclusion: "Any country that accepts abortion is . . . teaching its people . . . to use . . . violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

To deter a woman from taking abortion's self-destructive path, Mother Teresa sought to persuade her that "love means to be willing to give until it hurts," reminding her that "Jesus gave even His life to love us." In short, "the mother who is thinking of abortion should be helped to love; that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child." And the same holds true for the child's father; he "must also give until it hurts."

When the path of abortion is taken, however, "the mother does not learn to love"; nor does the father. "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love."

Very likely, such a country teaches the false lessons of contraception as well. Mother Teresa strongly advocated natural family planning instead. One poor woman came to her with words of gratitude for what she had been taught: "You people who have practiced chastity, you are the best people to teach us natural family planning because it is nothing more than self-control out of love for each other."

To this loving self-control contraception does not set itself in service, Mother Teresa pointed out. "In destroying

the power of giving life through contraception, a husband or wife . . . turns the attention to [himself or herself] and so . . . destroys the gift of love. . . . In loving, the husband and wife must turn the attention to each other, as happens in natural family planning, and not to self, as happens in contraception. Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows very easily." Abortion, in turn, "brings a people to be spiritually poor, and that is the worst poverty and the most difficult to overcome."

As together we chart our nation's direction this election year, we should take to heart the prophetic diagnosis of the Saint of Calcutta. "We cannot solve all the problems in the world, but let us never bring in the worst problem of all, and that is to destroy love. And this is what happens when we tell people to practice contraception and abortion."

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

El Respeto por la Vida de la Madre Teresa

"La Misericordia es la base misma de la vida de la Iglesia," declaró el Papa Francisco al comenzar el Año Jubilar. Es "la fuerza que vuelve a despertar a una nueva vida;" "el camino que . . . los Cristianos deben . . . recorrer;" "el puente que conecta a Dios y al hombre." En la hospitalidad Cristiana el mundo debe encontrar "un oasis de misericordia."

Nadie en nuestro tiempo trajo estas palabras a la vida de forma más convincente que la Madre Teresa de Calcuta, como reconoció el Papa Francisco, al elegir nombrarla una santa en el corazón del Año Jubilar. Al ser elevada su santidad para ser imitada este Octubre, el Mes del Respeto por la Vida nos invita a ser, como ella, una fuerza que despierta, un camino seguro, un puente que conecta, para todos aquellos abatidos espiritualmente por la cultura de la muerte.

En la opinión de la Madre Teresa, "el mayor destructor de la paz hoy en día es el aborto, porque es una guerra en contra del niño, un asesinato directo de un niño inocente." No es sorprendente que las víctimas de esa guerra siguen aumentando. Una vez que, "aceptamos que una madre puede matar aún a su propio niño, ¿cómo podemos decirle a otra gente" —especialmente a los hombres — "que no se maten los unos a los otros?"

A partir de la legalización del aborto, el padre aprende, "que él no tiene que tomar ninguna responsabilidad en absoluto por el niño que él ha traído al mundo." Y un padre tan instruido por su cultura "probablemente va a poner a otras mujeres en el mismo problema. Por lo tanto, el aborto solo conduce a más aborto."

De esta oscura realidad social la Madre Teresa llegó a una austera conclusión política: "Cualquier país que acepta el aborto está . . . enseñando a su gente . . . a usar . . . la

violencia para obtener lo que quieran. Es por eso que el mayor destructor del amor y la paz es el aborto.”

Para disuadir a una mujer de tomar el camino autodestructivo del aborto, la Madre Teresa buscó persuadirla a que “el amor significa estar dispuesto a dar hasta que duela,” recordándole que “Jesús incluso dio Su vida para amar a nosotros.” En corto, “la madre que está pensando en el aborto debe ser ayudada a amar; es decir, dar hasta que le duela en sus planes, o en su tiempo libre, a respetar la vida de su niño.” Y lo mismo es cierto para el padre del niño; él “también debe dar hasta que duela.”

Sin embargo, cuando el camino del aborto ha sido tomado, “la madre no aprende a amar;” ni tampoco el padre. “Cualquier país que acepta el aborto no le está enseñando a amar a su gente.”

Es muy probable, que tal país también enseñe las falsas lecciones de la anticoncepción. En su lugar, la Madre Teresa defendió fuertemente la planificación natural de la familia. Una pobre mujer vino a ella con palabras de gratitud por lo que le habían enseñado: “Ustedes que han practicado la castidad, ustedes son las mejores personas para enseñarnos la planificación natural de la familia, ya que no es más que el autocontrol por amor del uno al otro.”

Para este amoroso autocontrol, la anticoncepción no se erige en el servicio, señaló la Madre Teresa. “En destruir el poder de dar vida por medio de la concepción, un esposo o esposa . . . vuelve la atención a [él mismo o ella misma] y así . . . destruye el regalo de amor . . . Al amar, el esposo o esposa debe volver la atención del uno hacia el otro, como sucede en la planificación natural de la familia, y no a sí mismo, como sucede en la anticoncepción. Una vez que el amor viviente es destruido por la anticoncepción, el aborto sigue muy fácilmente.” El aborto, en cambio, “consigue que las personas sean espiritualmente pobres, y es la peor pobreza y la más difícil de superar.”

Ya que juntos trazamos la dirección de nuestra nación en este año electoral, debemos tomar en serio el diagnóstico profético de la Santa de Calcuta. “No podemos resolver todos los problemas en el mundo, pero nunca llevemos el peor problema de todos, y es el de destruir el amor. Y esto es lo que sucede cuando le decimos a la gente que practiquen la anticoncepción y el aborto.”



Join the Pro-Life effort in Central Oregon to peacefully demonstrate on the Sanctity of Life

WHEN?	EVERY THURSDAY 11 AM TO 12 PM
WHERE?	DIVISION STREET, BEND

For more information,
contact Susan Thorne (541) 548-9970

Diocese of Baker Official Appointments

Bishop Cary announces the following pastoral assignments effective October 6, 2016.



Fr. Joseph T. Kunnelaya will become the administrator of St. Joseph in Prineville.



Fr. Ramiro Velázquez Gutiérrez will become the parochial vicar of St. Francis of Assisi in Bend.



Have you listened to
St. Francis de Sales Catholic
Radio Station on
KFDS-LP, Bend, 93.5 FM ?

KFDS-LP streams EWTN Catholic Radio 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The broadcast is also available to anyone with access to the internet at www.kfds.org. Look for local and diocesan programming content in 2017.

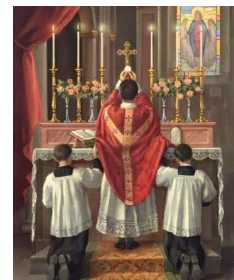
“Saturday Night Live - Catholic Style”

at St. Thomas Church, Redmond

Join us for dinner and guest speaker Trent Horn, a staff apologist at San Diego’s “Catholic Answers” and a regular on Catholic radio “Catholic Answers Live”. Both will follow the 5:30 p.m. Mass on November 5, 2016.

Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased after all Masses from now until the event or call St. Thomas at (541) 923-3390. We hope to see you there!

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend



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

Please email John Driscoll at johncdiscoll1068@gmail.com to be added to the email list for Mass schedule notifications.

Mass Schedules – 1:00 PM High Mass	
October 16	November 13**
October 30	November 27

**Confession will be available before Mass
from 12:00-12:45 PM

Parish News: Blessed Sacrament, Ontario

Blessed Sacrament parish celebrated its 10th annual Ministries Fair (Kermes) on September 11th. The celebration began with a beautiful display of the ministries of the parish in the newly remodel vestibule after all the weekend Masses. We proceeded to move to the Father Kirkpatrick center for good authentic Mexican food, dances by our own "Sol y Luna", a raffle, music by "Com-Pazz", an opportunity to sign up for Religious Education classes and to get to know all the ministries Blessed Sacrament parish has to offer. Many parishioner attended the joyful celebration. — Angelica Corona



Parish News: Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls

In August, Father Rogatian Urassa celebrated a bilingual Mass for hundreds of worshipers at Moore Park to begin the annual Parish Picnic.



Sarah Merck, Marty Weissinger and Trina Perez (left) helped set up the potluck after the Mass.



The Knights of Columbus cooked hamburgers and hot dogs and the Hispanic Commission cooked carne asada which was donated by Catholic Daughters Court Klamath.



Ladies of Sacred Heart had a High Tea in August for fellowship before Catholic Daughters resume their meetings in December.



Pictured are tables hosted by Marie Wright and Kandace Earhart.

St. Pius X Women's Retreat




Friday, October 21
&
Saturday, October 22

St. Pius X Church
Parish Hall
4880 Bristol Avenue
Klamath Falls

Guest speaker: Julie Onderko

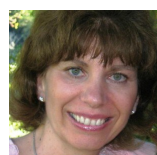
God created each person for a specific purpose. We will examine the struggles and triumphs of saints as they sought to discover and embrace their God-given missions. Julie's talks are not biographies of the saints, but she uses their writings, examples and often unknown details about their lives to inspire us, glean advice, and find direction.

Suggested Donation: \$25—Includes speaker, light breakfast, lunch & snacks
Please make checks payable to—St. Pius X

 Seating is limited, register today! Deadline is October 7th!

Home Stays (for our out-of-town guests) are available at no cost.

Questions? Contact Terri at: rtp833@gmail.com or 541-884-1815.



About our speaker:

Julie and her husband, Tom, are members of Christ the King Catholic church in Milwaukie, Oregon. They have three grown sons and five grandchildren. Julie is the founder and president of the apostolate Catholic Finish Strong. She is a Catholic Speaker who leads retreats and seminars. In 2015, Julie authored her first book "Discover Your Next Mission from God".

Registration Form and Schedule can be downloaded from the St. Pius X website (www.piusxkf.com) found in the NEWS tab.