



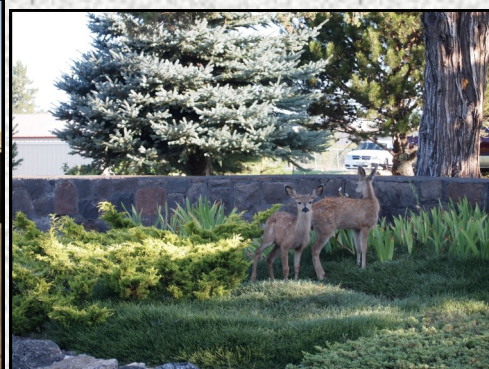
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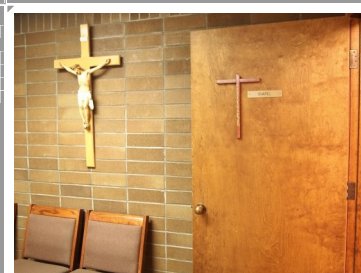
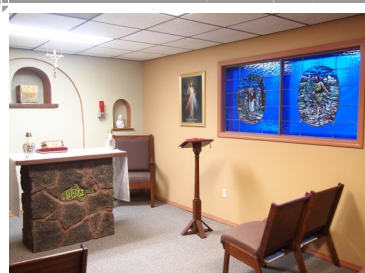
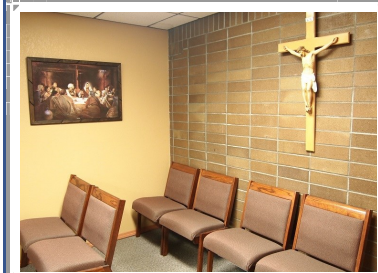
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Saying "Good-bye" to our Chancery in Bend after 30 years of service



On December 21st, Bishop Cary said our last Mass in the little Chapel.



On December 22nd, we were packed and ready to go. . .



Patti Rausch - Reception Desk



Chapel



Break Room and Work Room



Barry Metzentine in the Evangelization Office



Office



Office



Moving Crew - Great Guys!



Farewell to our old friend.  
You served us well.



# Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

## FORMED and Forgiven



Last year our diocese was one of the first in the country to link up with FORMED online digital platform delivered by the Augustine Institute in Denver. A special grant from the Diocese to interested parishes subsidized a subscription to FORMED for all parishioners. That subscription brings unlimited, Netflix-like access to an overflowing storehouse of excellent Catholic audio and video presentations, movies, study programs, and e-books at no cost to the individual household. All you have to do is input your parish code and set up your free account. Then start clicking in. You'll be surprised at how much is there to discover.



Around the country a lot of people have been doing just that. By the end of last year over 2,300 parishes had signed up, and more than 210,000 users had made the connection with FORMED. What an extraordinary development this is. Until just recently, and only in big libraries and big cities, could one gain access to the great

cultural riches of Christianity. Now a mere mouse click brings them right into the home of any believer—beautiful productions with mind-expanding content for the ongoing faith formation of individuals, families, and parish groups.

To raise awareness of FORMED throughout the diocese and increase the number of those who've already begun to take advantage of our investment in it, I strongly encourage each parish this March and April to take part in *A Lent to Remember*—a four-week, parish-wide study of the newly-released program *Forgiven—The Transforming Power of Confession*. Available in Spanish and English, each weekly episode lasts 30 minutes, and guidebooks facilitate group discussion of what participants have just watched together. What better way to form yourself to make a good confession in the season of penance? Make this year's journey to Easter a Lent to remember.



# Pensamientos Del Camino

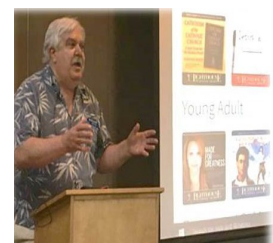
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## FORMADO y Perdonado

El año pasado nuestra diócesis fue una de las primeras en el país en vincularse con FORMED, una plataforma digital en línea llevado por el Instituto Agustín en Denver. Una beca especial de la Diócesis para las parroquias interesadas subvencionó una suscripción a FORMED para todos los feligreses. Esa suscripción brinda acceso ilimitado, similar a Netflix, a un desbordante almacén de excelentes presentaciones de audio y video Católicas, películas, programas de estudio y libros electrónicos sin costo para el hogar individual. Todo lo que tienen que hacer es ingresar su código parroquial y configurar su cuenta gratuita. Entonces comiencen a haciendo clic en el programa. Se sorprenderán de cuánto hay por descubrir.

Alrededor del país, mucha gente ha estado haciendo eso mismo. A fines del año pasado, más de 2,300 parroquias se han registrado, y más de 210,000 usuarios han hecho la conexión con FORMED. ¡Qué extraordinario desarrollo es esto! Hasta hace poco, y solo en grandes bibliotecas y grandes ciudades, uno podía obtener acceso a las riquezas de la gran cultura del Cristianismo. Ahora con un simple clic del ratón, los trae directamente a la casa de cualquier creyente—hermosas producciones con contenido de expansión mental para la formación permanente de la fe de individuos, familias y grupos parroquiales.

Para concientizar sobre FORMED a través de la diócesis y aumentar el número de los que ya han comenzado a tomar ventaja de nuestra inversión en ello, animo a cada parroquia a que este próximo Marzo y Abril participen en *Una Cuaresma para Recordar*—un estudio parroquial de cuatro semanas sobre el programa recién lanzado *Perdonado—El Poder Transformador de la Confesión*. Disponible en Español e Inglés, cada episodio semanal dura 30 minutos, y libros guías facilitan la discusión en grupo sobre lo que los participantes han visto juntos. ¡Qué mejor manera de formarse ustedes mismos y hacer una buena confesión en el tiempo de penitencia? Hagan del viaje de Pascua de este año, una Cuaresma para recordar.



## Bishop Cary's Schedule

Feb 18	5 PM Mass, St. Francis of Assisi, Bend for Acolyte Installation (New Church)
Feb 19	Confirmation, 10 AM Mass, Holy Redeemer, La Pine
Feb 22-23	Mt. Angel Seminary
Feb 24-25	NW Men's Conference, Pendleton
Feb 25	Confirmation, 5 PM Mass (English), St. Francis of Assisi, Milton-Freewater
Feb 25	Confirmation, 7 PM Mass (Spanish), St. Francis of Assisi, Milton-Freewater
Feb 26	Confirmation, 1:30 PM Mass, St. Andrew's Mission, Pendleton

## NW Catholic Men's Conference 2017

The NW Catholic Men's Conference will be held February 24-25, at the Pendleton Convention Center. Speaking at the Conference will be Bishop Liam Cary, Bishop Thomas Daly, bishop of Spokane, Reverend Daniel Maxwell, pastor of Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston, Reverend Kumar Udagandla, pastor of St. Mary in Pendleton, and David O'Neil, director of the Catholic Campus Center at the University of Idaho.

The cost is \$40 which includes three meals. Fathers and sons, ages 15 and up, are welcome.

Registration forms and additional information available at [www.nwcmg.com](http://www.nwcmg.com) or call St. Mary's Parish at (541) 276-3615.

Oxford Suites—Pendleton is offering a special group rate of \$92 plus tax. Use promo code **NWCMC** when booking online or call 541-276-6000. To book online go to: <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=38808&Chain=17623&promo=NWCMC>

## Conferencia Noroeste de Hombres Católicos Febrero 24-25, 2017

Hay muy poca formación para los hombres especialmente en nuestros días. Quieres aprender el plan de Dios para tí como Padre, Esposo y Hombre en la sociedad? Te invitamos!

La Conferencia comenzará el Viernes a las 4 de la tarde con las inscripciones y terminará el Sábado a las 5 de la tarde con una bendición. El costo es de \$40.00 e incluye 3 comidas. Padres e hijos mayores de 15 años son bienvenidos.

El formulario de registro e información adicional están disponibles en nuestro sitio web: [nwcmg.com](http://nwcmg.com) o llamando a la Parroquia Santa María al (541) 276-3615.

Oops! Our correct address is:

641 SW Umatilla Ave. Redmond, OR 97756

This is also our new mailing address.

Our phone and fax numbers remain the same:  
(541) 388-4004 p. (541) 388-2566 f.

## 2017 Sacred Liturgy Conference to highlight the Liturgy as the "Voice of the Bridegroom"

Registration is now open for the 5th annual Sacred Liturgy Conference scheduled for July 12-15, 2017 in Medford, OR.

Join Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Archbishop Alexander K. Sample and Bishop Robert F. Vasa in Southern Oregon for a three-day immersion in the Church's sacred liturgy and its living musical heritage. The theme of this 5th annual conference is "The Voice of the Bridegroom" and will focus on sacred liturgy, Church history and the role of Gregorian chant.

The conference will include eight important and informative lectures, five chant workshops, four sung liturgies, and plenty of time for fellowship. His Eminence Cardinal Burke will give a lecture and celebrate an Extraordinary Form Solemn Pontifical High Mass assisted by priests of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter. Archbishop Sample will give a lecture and celebrate a Pontifical Mass in the Ordinary Form. Additional faculty will include Bishop Vasa, Reverend Gerard Saguto, FSSP, Reverend Vincent Kelber, O.P., Reverend Timothy Furlow, Dr. Lynne Bissonnette-Pitre and Dr. Francisco Romero.

The conference is organized by the director of Schola Cantus Angelorum, Dr. Lynne Bissonnette-Pitre MD, PhD, LGCHS and hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Medford, Oregon. This Sacred Liturgy Conference promises to be intellectually, liturgically and spiritually enriching.

To find out more specifics about the schedule, accommodations, and how to register for the conference go to [www.SacredLiturgyConference.org](http://www.SacredLiturgyConference.org). You may also call 206-552-3400 or email [sounavoce@gmail.com](mailto:sounavoce@gmail.com).

Don't delay, as space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Building Your Marriage Before It Starts

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Bend is offering a weekend retreat for couples who want to build a marriage that will have the foundation to last a lifetime. Completion of this retreat meets the requirements for marriage preparation in the Diocese of Baker.

### 2017 Retreat Dates:

February: 24,25,26 — May: 19,20,21  
August: 19,20,21 — November: 3,4,5

### Location:

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
2450 NE 27th Street, Bend OR 97701

For more information contact Natasha Rider email  
[weddings@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:weddings@stfrancisbend.org)



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## Parish News: St. Mary, Pendleton

St. Mary's Parish youth hosted a reverent reenactment of the birth of Jesus during their Children's Nativity on Christmas Eve. Thirty-six youth participated in the play, along with a youth choir and youth narrators. Several youth also served as lectors and read the Prayer of the Faithful.

As children walked down the center aisle in costume, more than one parishioner was seen with tears on their faces as they enjoyed the engagement of youth in the Christmas liturgy. With Fr. Kumar Udagandla returning this tradition to St. Mary's, with the assistance of Deacon Omar Torres, adults and youth were fully engaged in the mystery of the birth of the infant Jesus.



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## Parish News: St. Thomas, Redmond

At the All Souls Day evening Mass at St. Thomas, the Knights of Columbus Assembly 2432 participated in a memorial candle lighting ceremony. The candle lighting ceremony consisted of lighting a candle after the reading of the name of a deceased individual or a family. Members of the Fourth Degree Assembly Honor Guard performed the candle lighting of over 300 names. Other Fourth Degree members served as acolytes, eucharistic ministers, ushers, and readers of the deceased. Father Todd Unger, celebrant and pastor, is also a Fourth Degree Knight. The candle lighting ceremony has been held on All Souls Day at St. Thomas Church for over 20 years. Originally envisioned by a parishioner as a way to honor the deceased members and families of St. Thomas Parish, the All Souls Mass has grown in size over the years.



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## Parish News:

### Our Lady of the Valley, La Grande

Fifty years ago, 1967 was a time of social upheaval. The sacramental understanding of marriage was challenged on many fronts. "Free-love" and "no-fault divorce" opposed the idea of a total, faithful commitment of husband and wife, and increased availability of contraception opposed openness to life. Our Lady of the Valley in La Grande was pleased to celebrate the witness of 27 couples who were willing to undertake Catholic marriage at that time – or who strove to live out their existing marriage in the face of these challenges.

On January 8, those same couples from the Union County parishes of Our Lady of the Valley (La Grande), Sacred Heart (Union), and St Mary (Elgin) married 50 years or more were honored in a Mass which included a renewal of their marriage vows. In recognition of the value of their witness, each couples was presented with a parchment papal blessing. Following Mass, the celebration continued with a reception in the parish hall. Unfortunately, treacherous roads limited active participation to 13 couples, but all were remembered in prayer.



Fr. Saji Thomas, CMI, pastor of all three parishes said, "Living 50 years in the sacrament of marriage is a wonderful thing. I hope it motivates and inspires the younger generation to honor their marriage vows."

The living witness of these couples brings to life the words of Pope Benedict XVI in his homily opening the Synod on the New Evangelization: "...matrimony is a Gospel in itself, a Good News for the world of today, especially the dechristianized world. The union of a man and a woman, their becoming 'one flesh' in charity, in fruitful and indissoluble love, is a sign that speaks of God..." (October 7, 2012).

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## Parish News:

### St. Elizabeth of Hungary, John Day

The Christmas Potluck, held on December 18th, is a long-standing tradition at St. Elizabeth Parish to foster community spirit in joyous anticipation of the coming of Christ.

Fr. Nonatus Lakra and parishioner, Bob Chouinard, wait to get in line (right) and little Graham takes it all in stride as Santa visits with gifts for the children.



Photos courtesy of Colleen Clark