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Inaugural Leadership Training – Retreat a Huge Success!

95 ministry leaders from 11 parishes across the diocese attended the Ministry Leadership Retreat held on May 6th at the Diocese of Baker Retreat Center in Powell Butte. Led by David Bisono and Barry Metzentine (Office of Evangelization and Catechesis), the retreat provided an introduction to spiritual and practical methods to deepen faith and inspire commitment in our various ministry works.

Men and women from a variety of ministries were in attendance: liturgical, adult faith, RCIA, religious

education, prayer and devotional groups. Feedback from an acolyte serving at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend summed it up well: "The retreat will have a lasting impact on all who attended, and ultimately the whole diocese. The Holy Spirit has reawakened my own spiritual consciousness!"

"David Bisono and I are encouraged by the great turnout for this inaugural training and look forward to offering more bilingual ministry leadership training online, and on the ground."
– Barry Metzentine



Blessed Sacrament Celebrates Sacraments

Fr. Christie Tissera and the Blessed Sacrament community of Ontario were blessed once again to welcome Bishop Cary to confirm 51 candidates with a beautiful Mass on April 19th.

Many of Blessed Sacrament's families gathered together to support our youth and celebrate this joyous occasion.

Thank you to Angelica Corona, Director of Religious Education for Blessed Sacrament, and teachers Sister Regina Namaleha, Chris Ruiz, Maria Vega, Peter Captein, Mike Pratt, Willy Trujillo, Maria Quiroz and Carmen Gamboa.

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Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Sainthood at Fatima

When Our Lady appeared at Fatima on 13 May 1917, Francisco Marto was 9 years old; his sister Jacinta was 7. A century later to the day Pope Francis named them saints of the Church. What did such little children do in their short lives (both died before they reached 11) to merit universal veneration as models of Christian holiness? (The same question applies to the third visionary, Lucia dos Santos, 10 years old in 1917, who lived to be 97 and will likely be canonized soon.) A key incident from that memorable summer casts light on the answer.

The Woman clothed in white told the children to pray the rosary daily and make sacrifices for sinners, and these things they promptly set about doing. Then she invited them to go further: "Will you offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He sends you?" The tiny voices answered in unison: "We will." And they proceeded to keep their promise to the Lady with courage beyond their years.

By mid-July, as word of the three monthly apparitions spread throughout Portugal, the virulently anti-Catholic government grew alarmed at the growing crowds of onlookers. Arturo de Oliveira Santos, head of the administrative council of the Fatima area, was determined to prevent the expected recurrence of the mysterious events on the 13th of August. He pressured the children to tell him the Lady's "secret" (which they had refused to disclose to anyone) and to promise not to go back to the Cova da Iria, where the apparitions occurred. If they returned, Santos threatened, the wrath of the government would come down on the head of their parents. But his attempt at intimidation failed utterly: without the slightest hesitation, as if with one will, the children refused to yield.

Undeterred, Santos decided on a surprise attack. As the visionaries prepared to go to the Cova on August 13th, he snatched them off to Ourem, nine miles away, and put them in jail. Having displayed his power so starkly, he sternly urged them to reveal the secret and confess that the story had all been made up. The children said they would prefer to die, whereupon the visibly angry Administrator threatened to throw them alive into a vat of boiling oil. When one of the guards said the oil was ready, Jacinta was led out of the room, then Francisco, and finally Lucia. Seeing each other in the next room, the children were surprised to find that their exits had not led to the martyrdom they fully expected to undergo.

A hundred years later we look back on this scene with amusement at the Administrator's comeuppance. We know Santos never intended to kill the children; we know there was no boiling oil. But the impressionable children did not know this at the time. Quite to the contrary, they firmly believed his threat to be true. They were ready to die for the faith, and they expected to die.

Such unclouded courage invites comparison. When I was ten years old, would I have done as they did just to keep a heavenly secret? Would I today? Would you? How might we draw strength from Fatima-like confidence in the secret mission God entrusts to us, even in the face of death?

This question calls for further inquiry into other freely-accepted sufferings that came to the chosen children of Our Lady of Fatima. For, once released from their common imprisonment, each of them was given a cross uniquely fitted to the size of their shoulder. In a future column we will see how each of them carried it.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Santidad en Fátima

Cuando Nuestra Señora se apareció en Fátima el 13 de Mayo de 1917, Francisco Marto tenía 9 años de edad; su hermana Jacinta tenía 7. Un siglo después, el Papa Francisco los llamó santos de la Iglesia. ¿Qué hicieron estos pequeños niños en su corta vida (ambos murieron antes de alcanzar los 11 años) para merecer veneración universal como modelos de santidad Cristiana? (La misma pregunta aplica a la tercer visionaria, Lucia dos Santos, 10 años de edad en 1917, quien vivió hasta los 97 años y probablemente será canonizada pronto). Un incidente clave de ese verano memorable echa luz a la respuesta.

La mujer vestida de blanco les dijo a los niños que rezaran el rosario diariamente e hicieran sacrificios por lo pecadores, y rápidamente se pusieron a hacer estas cosas. Luego los invitó a ir más lejos: "¿Se ofrecerán a Dios y llevarán todos los sufrimientos que Él les envíe?" Las diminutas voces contestaron al unísono: "Lo haremos." Y ellos procedieron a cumplir su promesa a la Señora con un valor más allá de sus años.

A mediados de Julio, a medida que la voz de las tres apariciones mensuales se propagaban por Portugal, el gobierno hostil anticatólico se alarmó ante la creciente multitud de espectadores. Arturo de Oliveira Santos, jefe del consejo de administración del área de Fátima, estaba decidido a evitar la esperada repetición de los misteriosos acontecimientos del 13 de Agosto. El presionó a los niños a que le dijeran el "secreto" de la Señora (lo cual se negaron a revelar a nadie) y prometer no regresar a Cova

da Iria, donde ocurrieron las apariciones. Si regresaban, Santos los amenazaba, la ira del gobierno caería sobre sus padres. Pero su intento de intimidar fracasó completamente: sin la menor vacilación, como si con una sola voluntad, los niños se negaron a ceder.

Sin control, Santos decidió sobre un ataque sorpresa. Cuando los visionarios se prepararon para ir a la Cova el 13 de Agosto, se los llevó hacia Ourem, a nueve millas de distancia, y los echó a la cárcel. Habiendo mostrado su poder con tanta fuerza, él les instó severamente a revelar el secreto y a confesar que la historia había sido inventada. Los niños dijeron que preferían morir, con lo que el visiblemente enojado Administrador amenazó con arrojarlos vivos a una tina de aceite hirviendo. Cuando uno de los guardias dijo que el aceite estaba listo, Jacinta fue llevada fuera de la habitación, después Francisco, y finalmente Lucía. Al verse uno al otro en la habitación de al lado, los niños se sorprendieron al descubrir que sus salidas no habían llevado al martirio que esperaban sufrir.

Cien años después, miramos hacia atrás en esta escena con entretenimiento en el merecido reproche del administrador. Sabemos que Santos nunca intentó matar a los niños; sabemos que no había aceite hirviendo. Pero los niños impresionables no sabían esto en ese momento. Por el contrario, creían firmemente que su amenaza era verdadera. Estaban dispuestos a morir por la fe, y esperaban morir.

Tal transparente valor invita a la comparación. Cuando yo tenía diez años, ¿hubiera hecho lo que ellos hicieron solo por guardar un secreto celestial? ¿Lo haría hoy? ¿Lo harías tú? ¿Cómo podemos sacar fuerzas de una confianza parecida a la de Fátima en la misión secreta que Dios nos confía, aun frente a la muerte?

Esta pregunta requiere una investigación más profunda sobre otros sufrimientos libremente aceptados que llegaron a los hijos escogidos de Nuestra Señora de Fátima. Porque, una vez liberados de su encarcelamiento común, a cada uno de ellos se les dio una cruz únicamente ajustada al tamaño de su hombro. En una columna del futuro veremos cómo cada uno de ellos la llevó.

Bishop Cary's Schedule:

- July 13 - 14 Diocesan Retreat Center, Powell Butte, Middle School Camp
- July 15 3:30 PM Confessions, St. Peter Church, The Dalles
- July 15 5:30 PM Mass, St. Peter Church, The Dalles
- July 16 9:00 AM Mass, St Peter Church (English)
12:00 PM Mass (Spanish)
- July 16 6:30 PM Special Spanish
Harvest Workers Mass

Celebrating Our Lady of Fatima in the Baker Diocese



Bishop Cary invites you to participate in the diocesan celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

Our Lady of Fatima calls us still to pray and sacrifice for an end to wars, and for blessings on our country, our diocese, and our families. Bishop Cary hopes that you will come with your families and friends to pay respect to her statue.

In August the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be carried to three parishes in our diocese. For more information, please contact Judith Newport at 541-923-6946.

Thursday, August 3, 2017

St. Peter Catholic Church
1222 West 10th Street & Cherry
The Dalles, OR 97058

Monday, August 7, 2017

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
1720 NW 19th Street
Redmond, OR 97756

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
815 High Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend

The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass is offered **every other** Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church. All Masses are sung Masses.

Father Szymakowski will hear confessions after Mass upon request.



- July 9 High Mass
- July 23 Novus Ordo in Latin
celebrated by Bishop Cary
- August 6 High Mass
- August 20 Novus Ordo in Latin
celebrated by Bishop Cary

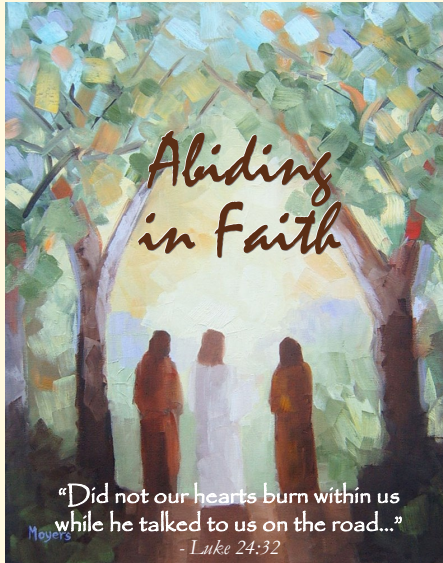
If you would like to be added to a Mass schedule notification email list, please send your request to johncdriscoll1068@gmail.com and if you are interested in being an Altar Server or singing in the schola, please contact Stephanie Swee at swee0574@gmail.com.

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Blessed Sacrament continued. . .

The Easter blessings continued to bear fruit at Blessed Sacrament Parish as 25 young men and women received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. After two years of preparation 12 families were ready and excited to enter into the fullness of the sacramental life.

Fr. Christie, with Blessed Sacrament parish families, joyfully celebrated the Holy Eucharist on April 29th. Many thanks to Angelica Corona, Director of Religious Education for the parish, and teachers: Amelia and Paul Hartsock, Christina Tuttle, Lizbeth Tinoco, Sr. Regina Namaleha, Maria Quiroz and Carmen Gamboa.

