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YOUTH, FAITH AND VOCATIONS

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! - Psalm 47:1



Thank you for all who prayed and helped make Quo Vadis Days such a success. This could not have been possible without your help and prayers. As I was getting ready to write this article I received this message from a mother whose young boy attended Quo Vadis Days -

"My son wrote a beautiful message from his heart last night about God and his relationship to God. He had gone into the bedroom for some quiet time and started journaling. The Holy Spirit was talking to him through his writing."

What a blessing! Like this young man, many experienced a powerful calling from God, others were reminded and encouraged to continue discerning. In times such as these, we must continue praying for them, but may I also ask that you also encourage and challenge them to respond.

As I shared with the 30 young men who attended, it is not the calling that ultimately changes our lives, but our response to the calling. Thinking about this during adoration, I was reminded of St. John Paul II's. (2000) Apostolic Letter "NOVO MILLENNIO IN EUNTE".

A Day of Reflection for the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre took place at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, OR, on August 13, 2017. Attending from the Diocese of Baker were Bishop Liam Cary and Ray and Carolyn Houghton.



If Christ is presented to young people as he really is, they experience him as an answer that is convincing and they can accept his message, even when it is demanding and bears the mark of the Cross. For this reason, in response to their enthusiasm, I did not hesitate to ask them to make a radical choice of faith and life and present them with a stupendous task: to become "morning watchmen" (cf. Is 21:11-12) at the dawn of the new millennium. (9)

Be encouraged! God is at work in the Diocese of Baker! I am certain that in due time we will see a harvest, but we must not become discouraged. (Gal 6:9).

In closing, I ask that you please pray a weekly rosary for each young man who joined us this weekend at Quo Vadis Days, that through the intercession of Our Lady and Mother they are granted the grace to remain in God's presence and word in this time of inner seeking, discovery, and discernment. Let us not lose heart and continue WALKING IN FAITH.

David Bisono,
Director of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation



Archbishop Alexander Sample and Bishop Cary concelebrated Mass and gave reflective talks in the afternoon after a Solemn Eucharistic Procession through the grounds of the retreat center.



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Dying into Life

We dedicate each October to Respect for Life and each November to remembrance of the dead. In both we come face to face with the God-given dignity of each and every human life from origin to end.

We Oregonians have good reason to mark time in this way. Oregon was the first state to legalize physician-assisted suicide and one of the first states to permit abortion. Going further down the same dark path, our state legislature passed a law this year mandating insurance coverage of abortion and came close to approving a bill that would have left people with dementia at greater risk of euthanasia.

Unyielding opposition to such state-sanctioned killing comes by way of inheritance to those who put their faith in the God of the Living and the Dead. As October flows into November, think for a moment against the threat to life—and faith—that we face from the extension of assisted suicide and euthanasia.

The opening pages of Scripture tell us that every human being is made in the image of God. So it was in the beginning and is now; but before much time passed, man's savage selfishness disfigured the image beyond recognition. So for our sake God's only Son emptied Himself to restore its original beauty. He underwent a perilous human birth, lived a full human life, and died a horrific human death. But His end was only the beginning. Now the Risen One, "the Image of the unseen God," shines forth in victorious fullness, bringing to light the indestructible dignity of human life at every age in every condition.

All His life Our Savior put Himself into our hands—to lift Him up from the manger at birth, to take Him down from the Cross and lay Him in the tomb in death. To our assistance He offered no resistance. He was not ashamed to be radically dependent on the charity of strangers. One of them, Simon of Cyrene, lightened the load of His Cross on the way to Calvary.

In all this Jesus deliberately left us "an example." If you take it to heart, you will care for others in their time of need and let them care for you in yours. Scripture teaches us to "bear one another's burdens." It does not say: "Never be a burden to anyone." Your burden may be precisely the one God wants you to lay down in the hands of your neighbor. In his hour of weakness, you can, like the Cyrenian, help bear its weight; to the falling you can lend strength. But when yours fails, the hour has come for your neighbor take the weight of your cross upon

his shoulders in turn. How else is he to "fulfill the law of love"?

The Romans designed crucifixion to be a death without dignity, and in His Passion, said St. Vincent de Paul, Jesus "nearly lost the appearance of a man." But He never lost His dignity. No one could take it from Him. He laid it down freely to take it up again in Resurrection.

The undignified death of the "King of the Jews" no longer has power over Him. That is why we who follow Him stand up for the God-given dignity of life and commit ourselves to defend it.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Morir hacia la Vida

Cada Octubre lo dedicamos al Respeto por la Vida y cada Noviembre al recuerdo de los muertos. En ambos meses nos encontramos cara a cara con la dignidad dada por Dios de cada vida humana desde el origen hasta el final.

Nosotros los habitantes de Oregon tenemos buenas razones para marcar el tiempo de esta manera. Oregon fue el primer estado en legalizar el suicidio asistido por un médico y uno de los primeros estados en permitir el aborto. Yendo más lejos por el mismo camino oscuro, nuestra legislatura estatal aprobó una ley este año obligando cobertura de seguro del aborto y llegó cerca de aprobar un proyecto de ley que hubiera dejado a las personas con demencia en mayor riesgo de la eutanasia.

Oposición inflexible a esta matanza sancionada por el estado viene por vía de herencia a aquellos que ponen su fe en el Dios de los Vivos y los Muertos. A medida que Octubre fluye en Noviembre, piensen por un momento en contra de la amenaza a la vida—y la fe—que enfrentamos de la extensión del suicidio asistido y la eutanasia.

Las primeras páginas de las Escrituras nos dicen que cada ser humano está hecho en la imagen de Dios. Así fue en el principio y así es ahora; pero antes de que pasara mucho tiempo, el egoísmo salvaje del hombre desfiguró la imagen más allá del reconocimiento. Entonces por nuestro bien el Hijo único de Dios se vació a sí mismo para restaurar su belleza original. Él se sometió a un peligroso nacimiento humano, vivió una completa vida humana, y murió una horrible muerte humana. Pero su final fue solo el comienzo. Ahora el Resucitado, "la Imagen del Dios Invisible", resplandece en plenitud victoriosa, sacando a la luz la indestructible dignidad de la vida humana en cada edad y en cada condición.

Por toda Su vida Nuestro Salvador se puso en

nuestras manos—para levantarla del pesebre al nacer, para bajarla de la Cruz y colocarlo en la tumba al morir. Ante nuestra asistencia no puso ninguna resistencia. Él no estaba avergonzado de ser radicalmente dependiente en la caridad de extraños. Uno de ellos, Simón el Cirineo, le alivianó la carga de Su Cruz en camino hacia el Calvario.

En todo esto, Jesús deliberadamente nos dejó “un ejemplo”. Si lo tomas en serio, cuidarás a los demás en su momento de necesidad y dejar que ellos te cuiden a ti en el tuyo. San Pablo nos enseña a “llev[ar] las cargas de los unos de los otros”. No dice: “Nunca *seas* una carga para nadie”. Tu carga puede ser precisamente la que Dios quiere que pongas en las manos de tu vecino. En su hora de debilidad, tu puedes, como el Cirineo, ayudar a soportar su peso; al que va cayendo puedes prestar la fuerza. Pero cuando falle tu fuerza, la hora ha llegado para que tu vecino tome el peso de tu cruz sobre sus hombros en retorno. ¿De qué otra manera debe él “cumplir la ley del amor”?

Los Romanos diseñaron la crucifixión para ser una muerte *sin* dignidad, y en Su Pasión, dijo San Vicente de Paul, Jesús “casi perdió la apariencia de un hombre”. Pero Él nunca perdió su dignidad. Nadie podía quitárselo. La dejó libremente para tomarla de nuevo en la Resurrección.

La muerte indigna del “Rey de los Judíos” ya no tiene poder sobre Él. Es por eso que los que lo seguimos, defendemos la dignidad de la vida dada por Dios y nos comprometemos a defenderla.

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

- Oct 22 NW Catholic Marriage & Family Conference, La Grande
- Oct 28 St. Vincent de Paul Recognition Dinner, Redmond
- Nov 4-5 Day of the Spirit, Diocesan Retreat Center



SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE— CATHOLIC STYLE

Come join us on November 4th for our fall event! Dinner will follow the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass and our guest speaker will begin at 7:15 PM.

The OCTOBERFEST themed dinner will include a homemade German meal, local craft beer, and a live accordion player! Michael Cumbie, former Baptist preacher from the deep south, will give a talk titled “Proud to be Catholic” as he tells us why he converted to Catholicism in his humorous and entertaining way.

Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased after all weekend Masses in October, or in the parish office. If you are coming from out of town, please call us at (541) 923-3390 for “Will Call” tickets. Tickets must be purchased by October 30th. We hope to see you there!

Calling All Youth! Fall Retreats are here!

All Middle School students are invited to the Day of the Spirit Retreat to be held November 3-5. All High School students are invited to the Day of the Son Retreat to be held November 10-12. Both at the Diocesan Retreat Center in Powell Butte.

**TOTUS TUUS MARIA!
TOTALLY YOURS MARY!**

**TO JESUS
THROUGH MARY!**

**All Diocese of Baker youth
are invited!**

Day of the Spirit
Middle School Retreat
Nov. 3-5, 2017

Day of the Son
High School Retreat
Nov. 10-12, 2017

Cost: \$75

Special Guests:
Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

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Caminar La Fe

This year we are blessed to have with us the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, for both retreats! These weekends are a wonderful experience in which the youth of our Diocese will have the opportunity to know Jesus Christ in a more personal way and build friendship with others. This will be achieved through a retreat filled with time for Mass and Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, witness talks, small groups, s'mores and sharing around the campfire, meals together, and more!

Cost is \$75 per youth.
Go to the diocesan website to register
<http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/Youth2.htm>

DIOCESE OF BAKER PRISON MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed for the Prison Ministry at Deschutes County Jail. If you are considering this ministry, now is the time to pray for God's guidance and blessing and then get involved. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Ray Houghton at (541) 863-1700.

Our Lady of the Valley Parish Retreat: *Familias Resucitadas*

Todos necesitamos experiencias de anclaje - encuentros fuertes con Dios que nos mantienen atados a él mientras navegamos nuestros viajes. Recientemente, Nuestra Señora del Valle tuvo un evento, Familias Resucitadas para la comunidad de hispanohablantes. Después de platicar sobre nuestras esperanzas para el evento, a través de la oración, David Bisonó, el director diocesano de Evangelización y Formación de la Fe de Adultos desarrolló el tema.

Una colaboración entre David y Música Teruah de The Dalles, David conectó corazones con la Escritura. Inspiró la reflexión sobre el papel de los padres, los niños y la identidad general como hijos de Dios. Explicó cómo Dios nos proporciona información a través de nuestras experiencias, llevándonos a una nueva perspectiva. Música Teruah ayudó a establecer el ambiente para el evento cantando canciones en momentos claves para hacer una entrada o amplificar el mensaje de David.

Sin embargo, no se trataba solamente del contenido que se transmitían - más se trataba de la gente. Cada uno era un testimonio vivo de glorificar al Señor por sus vidas y de ser buenos administradores de los talentos que Dios ha proporcionado. Después



de brillar en sus papeles respectivos, pedían aplausos para el Señor. A pesar de que los jóvenes llegaron específicamente para proporcionar música, llegaron temprano preguntando qué podían hacer para preparar para el evento y facilitaron las conversaciones en grupos pequeños.

Para La Grande, este evento era intencional en el contexto de las diferentes capas de las experiencias de formación de fe en español, así como el enfoque general de la parroquia sobre el matrimonio y la familia en este año litúrgico. Alrededor de 40 personas asistieron al evento de jóvenes de la escuela intermedia hasta adultos, expresando gratitud y afirmando que era poderoso.

Una vez que tengamos encuentros que revitalizan la fe en nuestras vidas, nos beneficiamos del apoyo de otros para continuar creciendo juntos alimentando las relaciones individuales con Dios e interactuando unos con otros como comunidad.

Our Lady of the Valley Parish Retreat: *Resurrected Families*

We all need anchor experiences — strong encounters with God that keep us tethered to him as we navigate our journeys. In August, Our Lady of the Valley Parish in La Grande, hosted *Resurrected Families*.

A collaboration between David Bisonó, Director of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese, and Música Teruah, of The Dalles, they connected hearts to the Scripture, prompting reflection on the role of parents, children, and overall identity as children of God. David explained how God provides us with information through our experiences, leading to a new perspective. Música Teruah helped set the tone for the event by singing songs at key moments to lead into or enhance David's message. However, it was not only about the content that was conveyed; but more about the people. Each were a living testimony of glorifying the Lord by their lives and of being good stewards of the talents God has provided. After shining in their respective roles, they would request applause for the Lord. Even though the young adults came specifically to provide music, they arrived early, asking what they could do to help set-up and facilitated small group discussion.

Within the La Grande community, this was an intentional event that fit into the context of different layers in place for faith formation experiences in



Spanish, as well as the overall parish focus on marriage and family in this liturgical year. About 40 people attended the event, from middle school youth to adults, all expressing gratitude and affirming that it was powerful.

Once we have encounters that re-invigorate the faith in our lives, we benefit from the support of others to continue to grow together by nurturing individual relationships with God and interacting with each other as a community.