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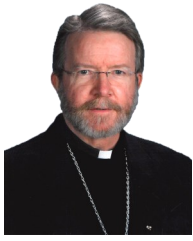
# THE DIOCESAN CHRONICLE

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



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May His Coming bring you peace and blessings  
so that you may live the joy of the Christmas Gospel all year long!  
Bishop Liam Cary and the Diocesan Staff



## Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

In the November 19th issue of the *Diocesan Chronicle*, my article "Living Toward Death" encouraged parishioners to obtain copies of the National Catholic Bioethics Center's *Advance Medical Directive* and *Health Care Proxy* forms. However, I neglected to give the contact information that I should have provided.

To locate and order these forms go to:

- [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org)
- Home page
- "Store" (Top right)
- "Books"
- 2nd row left: "A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions" (\$2.50 per copy).

In addition to the directive and proxy forms, the *Guide* gives an excellent overview of Catholic end-of-life teaching that will help you decide in advance on foreseeable treatment options as your life draws to a close.

It is true that each state's laws are different, so the NCBC forms by themselves may not fully satisfy Oregon's requirements. However, with legal assistance you can customize the NCBC documents by writing in your own specific preferences for end-of-life care to make them compatible with Oregon law or attach them to other legally binding documents in clarification of your personal wishes.

Legality aside, I have found that when uncertain (and disagreeing) family members meet to discuss a loved one's final treatment options, a comprehensive statement of intention and will like the NCBC *Advance Directive* and *Health Care Proxy*, personally annotated and signed, carries a lot of moral weight. It makes it easier for decision makers to respect the sick person's wishes and more difficult to disregard them out of hand. I know of no other equally comprehensive and reliable statements of Catholic guidance for these situations.

## THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS IN BEND

The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass is offered every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month (beginning in September) at 1:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church. In January, there will be Masses on the 14th and 28th. All Masses are sung Masses.

Father Andrew Szymakowski will hear confessions after Mass upon request.

If you would like to be added to a Mass schedule notification email list, please send your request to [johncdriscoll1068@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:swee0574@gmail.com).



*Wishing you a  
Happy New Year!*

The Chancery Offices will be closed  
for New Year's Day.  
We will return to the office January 2nd.

## BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

Jan 1-8	Northwest Bishops' Annual Retreat
Jan 10	7:30 AM Daily Mass, Bend
Jan 11	12:15 PM Daily Mass, Bend
Jan 13	3:00 PM Confessions, Bend
Jan 13	5:00 PM Mass, Bend
Jan 14	12:30 PM Spanish Mass, Bend
Jan 14	4:30 PM Mass, Bend
Jan 17	7:30 AM Daily Mass, Bend
Jan 18	12:15 PM Daily Mass, Bend
Jan 20	9:30-12:00 Mass, Pro Life Talk & Rosary, New St. Francis of Assisi, Bend
Jan 21	9:00 AM Mass, Sisters
Jan 21	12:00 PM Spanish Mass, Redmond
Jan 24	7:30 AM Daily Mass, Bend
Jan 25	12:15 PM Daily Mass, Bend
Jan 26	Oregon Catholic Press Board Meeting, Portland
Jan 28	7:30 AM Mass, Bend
Jan 28	10:00 AM Mass, Bend
Jan 30	9:00-11:00 AM St. Thomas Academy, Redmond
Jan 31	8:15 AM St. Francis School Mass, Bend

## PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during January.

Rev. Thomas Puduppulliparamban, Enterprise	Jan 01, 2000
Rev. Mr. Gustavo Ruiz, Redmond	Jan 02, 2000
Rev. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil, Bend	Jan 28, 2002

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our Priests and Bishop. Please keep them in your prayers and pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious in the Diocese of Baker.



## POTTER'S FIELD DEDICATION AND BURIAL

On November 18, 2017, Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Klamath Falls, provided a final resting place for 148 abandoned or unclaimed cremains. One year earlier, cemetery leaders learned that approximately 30 sets of unclaimed cremains had been stored at a local funeral home. The Board of Directors and employees of Mt. Calvary voted unanimously to dedicate a portion of the cemetery as a Potter's Field to allow these cremains to receive a proper burial. Everyone involved with Mt. Calvary perceives their activities as a ministry exercising one of the Corporal Works of Mercy, to 'Bury the Dead.' After contacting a second funeral home regarding the Potter's Field, both funeral homes identified the 148 sets of cremains which were abandoned or unclaimed.

In a moving ceremony, an estimated 160 people attended the dedication of the Potter's Field and burial. Eleven veterans were among the cremains; therefore, the ceremony began with Military Honors rendered by the combined Veterans of Foreign Wars and Marine Corps League Color Guard. Following Military Honors, Father Shiju Thuruthiyil of St. Pius X Catholic Church presided over the Catholic Rite of Christian Burial.

The Knights of Columbus, Civic Leaders, including Mayor Carol Westfall, and many Faith Community Leaders assisted in the internment of the cremains. The desire was to bring together a community, an ecumenical event, promoting unity among the Klamath Falls Christian community in the burial of our brothers and sisters. We feel this was accomplished. Feedback has been extremely positive with most people expressing how wonderful it was to see community leaders and pastors from several denominations come together to pay final respects for the abandoned and unclaimed cremains. Fifteen below ground ossuaries were placed, each of which held 10 sets of cremains. In a solemn manner, fifteen pastors and community leaders were invited to read ten names, lower them into the ossuary, and offer a prayer. It was truly a moving process, expressing everyone's respect and desire to provide a proper burial for these brothers and sisters.

The local newspaper and a few television news outlets, including EWTN have reported the event. The advertisement has allowed several of the cremains to be reunited with their families. We must give thanks to God for allowing us the opportunity to perform this Corporal Work of Mercy.



**Knights of Columbus moving cremains next to the burial plot.**



**Cremains in shrouds**



**Cremains inside Ossuaries**



**Jimmy Ortiz, Cemetery Caretaker placing caps on Ossuaries**



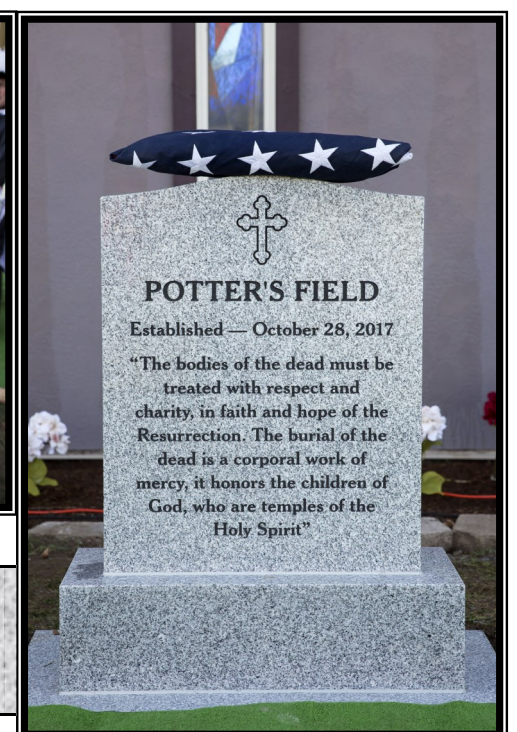
**A time for silent prayer**



**Ben Quen, Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery President addressing the attendees**



**U.S. Flag from Military Honors and Dedication Marker**



"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Submitted by Benjamin Quen, President – Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery



“Hoy les ha nacido, en la ciudad de David, un salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor. Esto les servirá de señal: encontrarán al niño envuelto en pañales y recostado en un pesebre”. - Lc 2, 11-12



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Que la Venida del Santo Niño les traiga paz y bendiciones para vivir la alegría del Evangelio de Navidad por todo el año!

Obispo Don Liam Cary y el personal de la Diócesis de Baker