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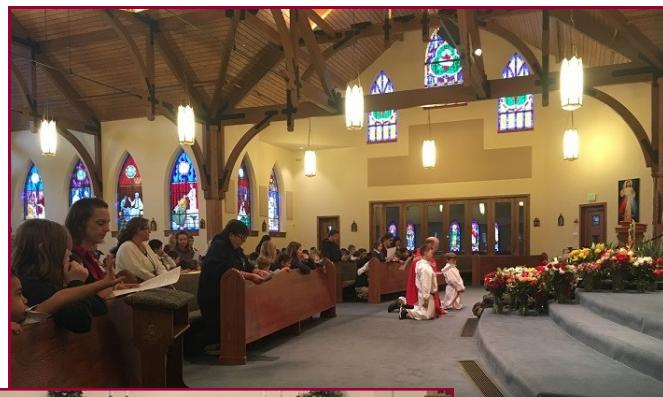
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# THE DIOCESAN CHRONICLE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: ST. THOMAS ACADEMY



St. Thomas Church in Redmond was beautifully decorated for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



"St. Thomas Academy students participate in a Padre Pio prayer group on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, so

the School Mass on those days are followed by adoration," said Lisa Velasquez, Administrative Assistant at St. Thomas Academy.

Dr. Dennis Dempsey, Superintendent, started the Padre Pio groups initially at St. Thomas Academy and it is now in all the Diocesan Catholic Schools. The Padre Pio groups started with the teachers first and was extended to include the students as well. For more information, contact any of our Catholic schools.



## PARISH NEWS: SACRED HEART, KLAMATH FALLS



Sacred Heart holds a time honored event where children from grades PreK–12 can dress up and play out the nativity scene as told in Luke 2 and in Matthew 2 – "The Children's Christmas Pageant".

Children are full of hope and wonderment, especially during Christmas. Having the children play out the nativity scene can help the



adults see Advent and Christmas in a new light. Plus, children have a lot of fun dressing up and playing out the stories. They all did a wonderful job!

Did you know St. Francis of Assisi created the first nativity scene on Christmas Eve of the year 1223?

*"I want to do something that will recall the memory of that child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of his infancy, how he lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by."* —St. Francis of Assisi

Submitted by Kandace Earhart, Director of Religious Education



## Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

### Remembering Roe

A revised version of a column published January 11, 2015

The time has come round once again to commemorate the sad anniversary of legalized abortion in our land – the day when two revolutionary Supreme Court decisions transformed America’s moral landscape overnight.

On 22 January 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* were announced to the world. Abortionists came forth from the shadows with no fear of prosecution, for abortion laws in all 50 states were no longer enforceable. Within a month, in major cities, stand-alone abortion clinics opened up, because the *Doe* decision invalidated laws that required abortions to be performed only in hospitals. Clinic operators did not need to be concerned about oversight from local health officials, for *Roe* barred them from enforcing health and safety regulations on the new clinics during the first trimester of pregnancy. And *Doe*’s unlimited interpretation of “the health of the mother” undercut the authority of the states to outlaw abortions after “viability”—a term redefined by the Justices to describe the time when the fetus could survive outside the womb on its own.

The result was abortion on demand. Under *Roe* and *Doe* the United States became one of only nine countries to allow abortion after 14 weeks and one of only four countries to allow abortion for any reason after viability. The others are China, North Korea, and Canada.

Advocates for legalization wanted the law to protect women from having to turn to illegal “back alley” abortions, which were said to cause the deaths of 5,000 women annually. This number, regularly repeated in the media from the late 1930s to the late 1960s, implanted the false impression that anti-abortion laws were both ineffective and counterproductive. But the figure was so highly inflated that prominent abortion advocates publicly discredited it. Planned Parenthood’s Medical Director stated that only 260 deaths in the whole country could be attributed to abortion in 1957. Ten years later another leading activist noted that, of 1,500 annual pregnancy deaths, probably no more than 500 resulted from abortion—a mere ten percent of the figure which *Newsweek*, *Time*, and *CBS News* continually reported.

Just as advocates untruthfully maximized the dangers of keeping abortion illegal, so did they misleadingly minimize the risks of making it legal. “Abortion is safer than childbirth,” the 1960s mantra claimed; and much of the judicial decision-making in *Roe* was guided by this

unfounded assumption. To forestall the supposedly greater dangers of childbirth, the Justices took the extraordinary step of extending the “right” to abortion to the very term of pregnancy.

They did so with no reliable medical data to support them. Of the nine medical articles the Justices relied on, not a single one claimed that abortion was safer than childbirth; nor did any obstetrical text published before 1972. Legal briefs filed with the Court documented concerns about the risks of abortion, and the Justices heard oral arguments which bolstered these concerns, but they paid them no heed. Despite warning signs sufficient to justify a very narrow ruling, the Court issued a more sweeping decision than even the most fervent abortion advocates dared hope for. Forty-one years later it still maintains its tenacious grip on America’s soul.

Over the years opinion polling data have shown that only 7% of Americans support abortion for any reason at any time in pregnancy. But the extreme view of this tiny minority is the one the Supreme Court imposed on the vast majority who favor more stringent limitations. To this sampling of public opinion the defenseless unborn are unable to add their voices. It is up to us to reclaim for them the right to life which *Roe* unjustly stripped away.

## Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

### Recordando Roe

Una versión revisada de una columna publicada el 11 de Enero, 2015.

Ha llegado de nuevo el tiempo de conmemorar el triste aniversario de la legalización del aborto en nuestra tierra – el día cuando dos decisiones revolucionarias de la Corte Suprema transformaron la perspectiva moral de América de la noche a la mañana.

El 22 de enero 1973 *Roe v. Wade* y *Doe v. Bolton* se anunciaron al mundo. Los abortistas salieron de las sombras sin temor a ser procesados, pues las leyes de aborto ya no pueden ser ejecutadas en los 50 estados. En término de un mes, en las principales ciudades, abrieron clínicas independientes-únicamente de aborto, porque la decisión *Doe* invalidó las leyes que requerían que los abortos se realizaran sólo en los hospitales. Los Operadores de Clínicas no tenían que preocuparse de la supervisión de los funcionarios locales de salud, pues *Roe* les impedía hacer cumplir las normas de salud y seguridad en las nuevas clínicas durante el primer trimestre del embarazo. Y la interpretación ilimitada de *Doe* a “la salud de la madre” reducía la autoridad de los estados para prohibir abortos después de la “posibilidad”~un término redefinido por los jueces para describir el momento en

que el feto podría sobrevivir fuera del útero por sí solo.

El resultado fue el aborto a petición. Bajo Roe y Doe Estados Unidos se convirtió en uno de los nueve países que permiten el aborto después de 14 semanas y uno de los únicos cuatro países que permiten el aborto por cualquier motivo después de la posibilidad. Los otros son China, Corea del Norte y Canadá.

Los defensores de la legalización querían la ley para proteger a las mujeres que recurrían a “abortos clandestinos”, que se decía ser la causa de 5.000 muertes de mujeres al año. Este número, que se repite regularmente en medios de comunicación desde finales de 1930 a finales de 1960, implantó la falsa impresión de que las leyes anti-aborto eran ineficaces y contraproducentes. Pero la cifra era tan altamente inflada que la publicidad de los defensores prominentes del aborto la desacreditaron. El Director Médico de Planned Parenthood dijo que sólo 260 muertes en todo el país podrían ser atribuidas al aborto en 1957. Diez años más tarde, otro destacado activista señaló que, de 1.500 muertes anuales de embarazo, probablemente no más de 500 fueron resultado de aborto-un mero diez por ciento de la cifra que Newsweek, Time, y CBS News informaron continuamente.

Así como los abogados faltando a la verdad maximizando los peligros de mantener el aborto ilegal, así lo hicieron engañosamente minimizando los riesgos de hacerlo legal. “El Aborto es más seguro que el parto”, afirmaba el lema de los 60s; y gran parte de la toma de decisiones judiciales en el caso Roe fue guiada por esta suposición infundada. Para prevenir los supuestamente mayores peligros del parto, los jueces tomaron la medida extraordinaria de extender el “derecho” al aborto hasta el término del embarazo.

Lo hicieron sin apoyo de datos médicos confiables. De los nueve artículos médicos en que la justicia se apoyó, ni uno solo afirmó que el aborto sea más seguro que el parto; ni tampoco ningún texto obstetra publicado antes de 1972. Las alegaciones jurídicas presentadas y documentadas ante el Tribunal acerca de los riesgos de aborto, y los argumentos orales que los jueces escucharon reforzaban estas preocupaciones, pero no les prestaron atención. A pesar de las señales de advertencia suficientes para justificar una decisión muy estrecha, la Corte emitió una decisión más radical que incluso los defensores del aborto más fervientes no se atrevían a esperar. Cuarenta y un años después todavía mantiene tenazmente aprisionada el alma de América.

A través de los años las encuestas han demostrado que sólo el 7% de los estadounidenses apoyan el aborto por cualquier motivo y en cualquier momento del embarazo. Pero el punto de vista extremo de esta pequeña minoría es la que el Tribunal Supremo impuso a la gran mayoría que favorece limitaciones más estrictas. Para esta muestra de la opinión pública los indefensos no nacidos son incapaces de sumar sus voces. Depende de nosotros el

reclamar para ellos el derecho a la vida que Roe injustamente despojó.

## BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

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
Feb 1	10:00 AM, Presbyteral Council Meeting, Redmond
Feb 5	Mount Angel Seminary, Seminary Evaluations
Feb 9	9:00 AM, Mass, Knights of Holy Sepulchre, Portland

## THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS IN BEND

The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass is offered every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church. **In February, there will be EF Masses on the 11th and 25th.** 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).



### *On Memoriam:*

Reverend  
Flavian Welstead  
1939 - 2017

Father Flavian Welstead, passed away Monday, December 4, 2017, at Peninsula Hospital in Burlingame, California. Born in Douglas, Cork, Ireland, on September 24, 1939, to John and Eileen Welstead, Fr. Flavian was received as a Capuchin Franciscan on October 3, 1959, in Rochestown, County Cork. In the Diocese of Baker, he served at Our Lady of Angels Parish in Hermiston in 1973 for one year. In 1981, he returned to the Diocese as Associate Pastor for St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Bend. After a mini-sabbatical in the last half of the year 2002, he returned to Burlingame as the associate pastor of Our Lady of Angels Parish where he remained until His Lord and Master called him home December 4, 2017, at Peninsula Hospital in Burlingame, California.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Order, 1345 Cortez Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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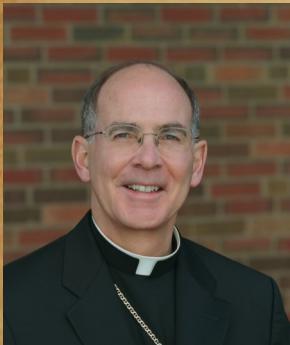


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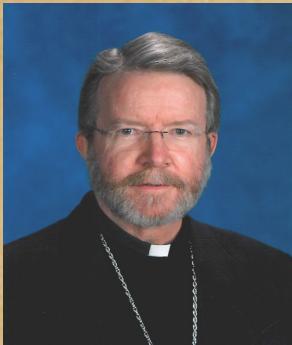
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*The Lord is Merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.* Psalm 103:8

FEATURING



Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain  
Archbishop of Seattle



Most Rev. Liam Cary  
Bishop of Baker



Fr. Kumar Udagandla  
Pastor, St. Mary's  
Pendleton, OR



Fr. Luis Alva  
Pastor, Our Lady of  
Guadalupe, Boardman, OR



Dr. Luke Murry, PhD  
Systematic Theology

Breakout Sessions to promote discussion of issues relevant to Catholics and other Christian men.

*Holy Sacrifice  
of the Mass*

Find direction through engaging talks.

Receive His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Find strength in Fraternity.

Spend quite time in Adoration.

- The conference begins Friday at 4:00 pm with registrations and ends Saturday at 5:00 pm with a final blessing.
  - Cost is \$40 and includes 3 meals.
  - Fathers and sons ages 15 and up are welcome.
  - Registration forms and additional information is available on our website: [nwcmg.com](http://nwcmg.com)
  - Call St. Mary's Parish (541)-276-3615.
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- La conferencia comenzará el viernes a las 4:00 de la tarde con las inscripciones y terminará el Sábado a las 5:00 de la tarde con una bendición.
  - El costo es de \$40 e incluye 3 comidas.
  - Padres e hijos mayores de 15 años son bienvenidos.
  - Formularios de registro e información adicional están disponible en nuestro sitio web: [nwcmg.com](http://nwcmg.com)
  - Llamando a la Parroquia Santa María (541)-276-3615.