

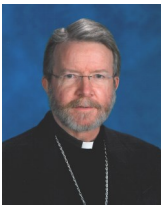
News of the Diocese of Baker

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2018 PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE

St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bend, in order to observe this year's 45th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973, hosted this year's Central Oregon Pro-Life Conference on Saturday, January 21st. The Conference began with Mass concelebrated by Bishop Liam Cary and Fr. Richard Fischer. After Mass, 125 people gathered for a two-hour conference in the Community Room with three interesting, emotional and informative speakers.



Bishop Cary opened the conference with a talk about the convergence of three important anniversaries in 2018: the 50th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's encyclical "Humane Vitae" on contraception and of the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968 and the 45th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision on abortion in 1973. Tying these events together, the bishop quoted writer Wendell Berry: "The ... sexual revolution seems to have fostered the idea that one has a right from puberty until death to be sexually careless, and then a right to remedy that carelessness by acting with carelessness toward another life."

The second speaker, Deborah Tilden, a native Oregonian, is recognized nationally in the post-abortion arena. Out of her own post-abortion healing journey, Tilden developed LifeVictory Healing & Recovery, a non-profit, where her coaching work is to incorporate the post-abortion recovery ministry into a model for positive social change to promote life.



The final speaker, Dr. Richard Thorne, a St. Thomas Church parishioner, is a retired OB/GYN. Dr. Thorne serves on the Board of Directors for *Birthright*, was President of Oregon Right to Life for six years, and is currently the Respect For Life Ministry Head at St. Thomas in Redmond. Dr. Thorne's presentation was on how abortion became known as a legalized "right", the many "myths" of "choice", and the real medical and psychological risks of abortion to the mother. In his talk he also listed many "Catholic pro-choice" organizations. Dr. Thorne concluded with "... the Church states that the human embryo must be treated as if ensoulment has already occurred", with the relevant Catechism of the

Catholic Church Para.s355 through Para.s368.

The event was concluded with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet lead by Bishop Cary.

Submitted by Chris Simone, Pro-Life, St. Francis of Assisi



SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE - CATHOLIC STYLE!

April 14th – St Thomas, Redmond

What is "Saturday Night Live - Catholic Style" you ask? In a nutshell, it's a wonderful evening built around the Saturday Vigil Mass and includes a delicious meal and a live speaker. The theme for the upcoming April 14th event is "Holy Hoedown"! Wear your cowboy boots and hat, if you'd like, while you enjoy the cowboy menu including pulled pork, beans, potato salad, pie and ice cream and local Kraft Beer. And be sure to get in on the 50/50 Raffle.

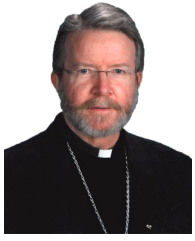
Our speaker, Dr. Ray Guarendi, is a Catholic father of 10, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 440 stations and SiriusXM® channel 130. His EWTN television series, "Living Right with Dr. Ray" is aired in 140 countries. Dr. Ray has given over 3,000 talks on various topics including parenting, marriage, family and the Catholic faith. He captivates audiences with his compelling humor-laced presentations providing practical advice and proven techniques. Dr. Ray will talk to us about "Parenting Then and Now" which will be a topic that *everyone* can relate to no matter what stage of life you are in.



Tickets will be sold after Mass at St. Thomas the weekends of March 17/18, 23/24, and April 7/8, as the Parish Office. You may also reserve them through Will Call by calling (541) 923-3390. Free childcare is available by calling the Parish Office at least *two weeks in advance*.

Not only are "Saturday Night Live" events thought provoking, inspirational, and fun – they are the best bargain in town! These bi-annual events fill up fast, so be sure to get your tickets soon. See you there Pardner!

Submitted by Barry and Penny Greig, Bible Study Coordinators



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

The Tempter's Path

Leaving my sister's house in Portland early one morning last month, I opened the car door to signs of an uninvited visitor: glove compartment wide open, motorcycle jacket across the front seat, canvas zipper bag underneath the steering wheel with a couple syringes and injectable vials inside.

I had left the car unlocked, and I paid the price for my negligence. The dim streetlight was enough to expose the upright button to the sidewalk gaze of my nocturnal intruder. He saw a one-time, risk-free opportunity. It was a temptation he couldn't resist. He opened the door and crawled in.

He thought he was merely crossing a line he could step back over just as easily as he had stepped in. In a matter of minutes he would walk away unscathed and unchanged with no repercussions to fear. It didn't occur to him that instead of just taking a step he might be setting out on a path—a path of ever more serious temptation and ever easier yielding. The next night on the next block he might spy a purse on a front seat and break the window to take it. The night after that on a block further down he might glimpse a set of keys in the ignition and be on his way.

That's how it must have been for the thief I met in the Lane County Jail when he first set out to steal. Again and again the Tempter's suggestions lured him on: easy in, easy out; no pain, good gain. Before long, the scarcely perceptible *path* of temptation turned into a well-trodden *way* of life settled in sin, paved tight with stones of self-justification. He made a "career" of robbing banks. At age 62, after a shoot-out with police, he was arrested and put in jail, where I visited him for several months. His faith was strikingly selective; he acknowledged God but did not fear Him. He did not repent because he had long before justified his way of life to his satisfaction. But self-justification won him no mercy in court. The easy way out was closed to him at last. He spent the rest of his years behind bars.

The Tempter behind our temptations brings us down by the simple method of getting us to blur distinctions. Confused by the Serpent's cunning, Eve disastrously failed to distinguish the two trees God had placed in the Garden. On a darkened Portland street, Satan's prompting to plunder my car broke down a passing pedestrian's willingness to distinguish my space from his. Over a lifetime of temptation the Great Deceiver convinced a bank robber to dismiss the distinction between what belonged to others and what belonged to him.

Lenten fasting gives us *strength to distinguish*. When we deny ourselves food and drink, we strike a blow against the first desire to demand satisfaction—our newborn cry to be fed. It is a demand that must be met if we are to live; we *need* to eat and drink. But we are tempted every day to overeat because we *want* to eat and drink to the full, even to our physical detriment. After a few weeks in the school of fasting we learn by bites not taken to reign in our desire for what we *want*, and we grow grateful to be given what we *need*. This saving distinction is one the Tempter will do everything to keep us from making, for he knows we can employ it in mastering other overreaching desires as well. And that could bring all his efforts to ruin.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

El Sendero del Tentador

El mes pasado, saliendo de la casa de mi hermana en Portland una mañana, abrí la puerta del auto a descubrir señales de un visitante no invitado: la guantera abierta, la chamarra de motocicleta en el asiento delantero, una bolsa de lona debajo del volante con un par de jeringas y viales inyectables adentro.

Había dejado la puerta sin seguro, y pagué el precio por mi negligencia. La penumbrosa luz de la calle fue suficiente para exponer el botón vertical a la mirada de mi intruso nocturno desde la banqueta. Él vio una oportunidad única, libre de riesgo. Fue una tentación que no pudo resistir. Abrió la puerta y se arrastró hacia dentro.

Pensó que simplemente estaba cruzando una línea por la que podía retroceder tan fácilmente como había entrado. En cuestión de minutos se iría ileso e inalterado sin ninguna repercusión que temer. No se le ocurrió que, en lugar de solo dar un paso, estuvo por seguir un sendero: un sendero de tentación cada vez más grave y una rendición cada vez más fácil. La noche siguiente en la cuadra proxima podría espiar un bolso en el asiento delantero y romper la ventana para tomarlo. La noche tercera, en una cuadra aún más abajo, podía ver un juego de llaves en el encendido y seguir su camino manejando.

Así es como debe haber sido al comienzo de su vida de robos para el ladrón que conocí. Una y otra vez las sugerencias del Tentador lo atrajo: entrada fácil, salida fácil; ningún dolor, buena ganancia. En poco tiempo, el *sendero* de la tentación, apenas perceptible, se convirtió en un trillado *camino* de vida, pavimentado con piedras de auto justificación. Hizo una "carrera" de robar bancos. A la edad de 62 años, después de un tiroteo con la policía, él fue arrestado y puesto en la cárcel, donde lo visité por

varios meses. Su fe era sorprendentemente selectiva; él reconocía a Dios pero no le temía. No se arrepintió porque hacía tiempo que había justificado su forma de vida completamente a su satisfacción. Pero la auto justificación no le ganó misericordia en el tribunal. Por fin la salida más fácil estaba cerrada para él. Pasó el resto de sus años detrás las rejas.

El Tentador detrás de nuestras tentaciones nos derriba por el simple método de hacernos empañar distinciones. Confundida por la astucia de la Serpiente, Eva desastrosamente no pudo distinguir los dos árboles que Dios había colocado en el Jardín. En una oscura calle de Portland, la incitación de Satanás a saquear mi automóvil rompió la disposición de un viandante a distinguir mi espacio del suyo. Durante toda una vida de tentación, el Gran Engañador convenció a un ladrón de bancos a desestimar la distinción entre lo que pertenecía a otros y lo que le pertenecía a él.

El ayuno Cuaresmal nos da *fuera para distinguir*. Cuando nos negamos a comer y beber, damos un golpe contra el primer deseo de exigir satisfacción, nuestro llanto recién nacido para ser alimentados. Es una demanda que debe cumplirse si queremos vivir; necesitamos comer y beber. Pero todos los días nos sentimos tentados a comer en exceso porque queremos comer y beber a plenitud, aún al nuestro detrimento físico. Después de algunas semanas en la escuela de ayuno, aprendemos a través de mordidas que no se toman a controlar nuestro deseo para lo que *queremos*, y nos sentimos agradecidos de tener lo que *necesitamos*. Esta distinción salvadora es una que el Tentador hará todo lo posible para evitar que hagamos, porque sabe que podemos emplearla para dominar también otros deseos de superación. Y eso podría llevar todos sus esfuerzos a la ruina.

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

Mar 11-14	Administrative Committee Meeting, Washington, DC
Mar 18	9:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses, Prineville
Mar 19	6:30 PM Penance Service, Redmond
Mar 20	6:30 PM Penance Service, Madras
Mar 22	7:00 PM Chrism Mass, Baker City

LITURGICAL OBSERVANCE FOR HOLY WEEK

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, March 25, and includes *Holy Thursday, *Good Friday, and The Easter Vigil on *Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday is April 1.

Check with your parish for schedule of services and Penance Service. (*Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

As we wind down the 2017 Appeal, we wish to share how we did as a Diocese. Achieving 96% of the overall goal we reached a total of \$576,122. Thank you to all who donated or pledged. Your support has opened a window for the Lord to touch many hearts through the programs the Appeal supports.

Parish:	Located:	% Goal:	% of Participation:
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral	Baker City	85%	27%
St. Therese	Halfway	63%	60%
St. Anthony	North Powder	100%	15%
St. Francis of Assisi	Bend	100%	22%
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Boardman	36%	11%
Holy Family	Burns	52%	14%
St. Thomas Aquinas	Crane	96%	67%
St. Charles	Juntura	91%	33%
Our Lady of Loretto	Drewsey	12%	7%
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Chiloquin	100%	44%
St. James	Bly	100%	25%
St. John	Condon	100%	88%
St. Francis	Arlington	85%	60%
St. Catherine	Fossil	100%	41%
St. Alphonsus	Dufur	41%	67%
St. Mary	Maupin	100%	35%
St. Katherine	Enterprise	100%	47%
St. Pius X	Wallowa	71%	13%
St. Patrick	Heppner	100%	47%
St. William	Ione	100%	19%
Our Lady of Angels	Hermiston	100%	5%
St. Mary	Hood River	54%	15%
St. Elizabeth of Hungary	John Day	100%	41%
St. Katherine of Siena	Dale/Long Creek	89%	50%
St. Anne	Monument	34%	40%
St. Bernard	Jordan Valley	53%	28%
Holy Family	Arock	87%	100%
Sacred Heart	Klamath Falls	100%	24%
St. Pius X	Klamath Falls	100%	23%
Our Lady of the Valley	La Grande	100%	15%
St. Mary	Elgin	100%	39%
Sacred Heart	Union	100%	46%
St. Patrick	Lakeview	100%	25%
St. Richard	Adel	60%	8%
St. John	Paisley	100%	29%
St. Thomas	Plush	100%	50%
Holy Redeemer	La Pine	73%	39%
Holy Trinity	Sunriver	100%	35%
Holy Family	Fort Rock	100%	26%
Our Lady of the Snows	Gilchrist	100%	17%
St. Patrick	Madras	100%	19%
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	Warm Springs	100%	20%
St. Augustine	Merrill	100%	35%
St. Frances Cabrini	Bonanza	73%	34%
St. Francis of Assisi	Milton-Freewater	34%	13%
St. Bridget of Kildare	Nyssa	33%	17%
Blessed Sacrament	Ontario	59%	11%
St. Mary	Pendleton	55%	14%
St. Helen	Pilot Rock	100%	40%
St. Joseph	Prineville	100%	14%
St. Thomas	Redmond	100%	21%
St. Andrew's Mission	St. Andrews	82%	11%
Sacred Heart	Athena	93%	41%
St. Edward, the Martyr	Sisters	100%	17%
St. Peter	The Dalles	75%	28%
St. Patrick	Vale	100%	46%
St. Joseph	Unity	85%	75%
St. Mary	Wasco	89%	13%
St. John the Baptist	Grass Valley	63%	13%
GRAND TOTAL		94.35%	18%

We are presently working towards the launch of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal this spring. This year our focus is in growing our ministries to include new and much needed services to our parishioners. If you didn't read David Bisono's article in the last issue, you can find it on the diocesan website. More to come in the weeks ahead.

Pilgrimage to SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Featuring 3 nights in Fatima!

September 24 - October 3, 2018

LED BY:

Fr. Joseph Levine, Pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church,
The Dalles and Fr. Daniel Maxwell, Pastor of
Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston.

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT SELECTED SITES.

\$2,895 Cost per person from Portland



Includes: Round trip air transportation from Portland (PDX); 8 nights first class hotel accommodations sharing twin-bedded rooms with private bath; breakfast and dinner daily including festive farewell dinner with wine Oct 2nd in Lisbon; comprehensive sightseeing by private deluxe motor coach; professional English speaking tour manager; local guides; entrance fees to sites visited; hotel taxes & service charges; portage of one bag per person; air taxes and fuel charges of \$475 (price subject to change until tickets issued in August 2018) *Single Room Supplement: \$500 (limited availability)*

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:
Deposit \$500+ \$180 per person
for optional travel insurance
by Monday, May 21, 2018.

(If in single room, insurance is \$210)

Final payment due on receipt of invoice in June 2018.

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Taunia Canchola
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Phone: (541) 296-2026

For the full flyer and complete information and registration form
go to Diocese of Baker at www.dioceseofbaker.org



QUO VADIS AND COME & SEE DAYS



By the grace and mercy of God last year's, Quo Vadis Days was a success. Thank you for all who prayed and helped so that 30 young men could spend time discerning, discovering and deepening their relationship with God. This year we are adding a new component, "Come and See".



"Come and See" is designed so that young men can visit Mt. Angel Seminary and spend time with seminarians. The day starts Thursday evening when they will have a meet and greet with the seminarians and Friday they spend part of the day in class with them as well. Saturday they go on a hike and Sunday comes to an end with Mass at 9:00 a.m. Please note they will be doing other things as well, but we have not yet put the schedule together. Our own seminarians, Caleb and Daniel, will be with them from arrival until departure on Sunday.

There is a limit of 10 kids with two chaperones and there is no cost involved for those who attend. The date we have reserved is April 12-15, 2018. If you are interested in registering, please let us know by emailing Patti at patti@dioceseofbaker.org. If, by chance, we get more than 10 kids we will schedule another visit for them. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from.

Now let's talk "Quo Vadis Days". . .

This year's Quo Vadis will be on the weekend of October 12-14, which coincides with the week of the Clergy Assembly. It is our hope and prayer that some of the priests would stay behind after the assembly and have dinner with the young men who will be arriving from all over the diocese to cease this opportunity not just as a meet, eat and greet, but even more importantly a time of encouragement, connection, and prayer.



I leave you with this quote from Thomas Merton, *"A man knows when he has found his vocation when he stops thinking about how to live and begins to live."*

Great things are happening in our beautiful diocese! Let us continue Walking in Faith!

David Bisoño

Director of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation