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THE CHRISM MASS OF 2018: St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Baker City



On March 22nd almost all of priests of the Diocese travelled to the Cathedral in Baker City to participate in the Chrism Mass. Some have made many trips for this Mass over the years and for some this was the first time in the Cathedral.

In the tradition of the Diocese, they also look forward to a special dinner prepared and served for the Bishop and his priests by the ladies of the Altar Society.

The Pope celebrates the Chrism Mass in Rome on the morning of Holy Thursday, the day the priesthood was instituted at the Last Supper. We have the Chrism Mass a week earlier here because most priests are too busy during Holy Week to make the long journey to the Cathedral in Baker City.

During the Chrism Mass, after the homily, all of the priests stand and renew their vows of priesthood. This ceremony, while simple and short, is of great importance. They once again commit themselves to service of the Church and to the Bishop. It also shows a solidarity of the priest to the Church, their Bishop, and to each other.

It is also at the Chrism Mass that certain priests are

recognized for their years of service to the priesthood. This year nine priests were honored. **Father Stanislaus Strzyz** was recognized for his 50 years of priestly service. **Father Ron Maag** was recognized for his 40 years of service. **Father Rogatian Urassa** was recognized for his 35 years of service. **Father Lawrence Bowers** and Deacon Paul Hillyer celebrated their 30 years of service. **Father Robert Greiner** celebrated his 25 years of service. **Father Bailey Clemens** and **Father Thomas Philip** celebrated their 20 years of service and **Father Shiju Thuruthiyil** celebrated his 10 years of service. Congratulations to all!



“WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS”

Twenty-two parishioners from St. Augustine Parish in Merrill, processed down Main Street on Good Friday for their first annual “Walking the Way of the Cross”.



“We walked the way of the Cross praying the Stations as we followed the Crucifix.

We made Jesus visible for all to see. We hope to raise awareness of the great love God has

for us, so much that he gave His only Begotten Son. We want to spread the Basic Gospel Message,” said Cindy Taylor, Director of Religious Education at St. Augustine Church.



www.nwcwomen.com

Take Heart

Jun 22 -23 Powell Butte Retreat Center

*A gathering of
Catholic Women to celebrate
faith and friendship.*

*Cost of the Conference is \$60.
Reservations can be made
online at: www.nwcwomen.com.*

*"I have told you
these things
so that in me you
might have
peace. In this world
you will
have trouble,
but take heart,
I have overcome
the world."*
John 16:33



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Sharing Our Faith

Recorded homily given at all Masses
on April 28/29

What would it have been like to sit at Jesus' feet and hear Him teach? That's just what the people are doing in the image on the poster for this year's Bishop's Appeal—eyes riveted on the engaging figure before them, ears wide open to the sound of His voice, hearts burning within them at the words that He speaks. "Faith comes through hearing," St. Paul wrote. He might have had scenes like this in mind.

A close look at this image makes it easy to imagine that Jesus' hearers did not keep what they heard to themselves. Like countless others after them they went and shared the faith they took away from the time spent listening to Him speak. Word got around. Soon enough some Greeks came by and said, "We want to see Jesus."

And on it went. And on it goes. Faith comes through hearing, and it leads to sharing. The faith shared way back then came down through the centuries to us. We too can sit at the Good Teacher's feet and hear the very words that He spoke. They are ours to share with those who have not yet heard or who have not listened carefully.

Paul the Apostle spent the rest of his life sharing the faith that came to him in a sudden flash of light. In the reading from Acts today he reports to the Apostles "how he had seen the Lord" on the road and "how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus"—as he continued to do in Jerusalem, where "he debated with the Hellenists, [who] tried to kill him." As Paul's life unfolds in the pages of Scripture, he never ceases to share his intimate personal experience of the Risen Christ—with fellow believers in the fellowship of the infant Church as well as with antagonistic adversaries in the public square.

Sharing Our Faith is the theme of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. It's called the Bishop's Appeal because I'm asking you as individual parishioners in every parish to contribute directly to diocesan ministries overseen by the bishop that no individual parish has the means to take on.

Let me give you some examples.

Funds from the Bishop's Appeal supported Hermiston parishioner Steve Garza's years of training for the priesthood at St. John XXIII Seminary near Boston. Once Steve is ordained deacon this June 28th, he'll have one more year to go before he comes home to Oregon to share his faith with us as a priest of Baker—no small return on our investment. And the Lord of the Harvest continues to call men from among us to follow the path Steve has trod. They too need help every year from the Bishop's Appeal.

Like our seminarians, your children and grandchildren depend on the Bishop's Annual Appeal too. Diocesan catechetical workshops equip religious education teachers in your parish to share the faith with your children so they'll be ready to receive the sacraments. Diocesan youth retreats and youth conferences bring together middle- and high-school students from many parishes to share the faith with like-minded peers they would not otherwise get to know.

Adult faith formation benefits from diocesan gatherings which the Bishop's Appeal sponsors or from superb on-line Catholic resources which it subsidizes, including FORMED, available free of charge to every household in parishes that enroll.

It turns out that when you donate to the Bishop's Annual Appeal you're indirectly donating to your own parish as well. Your contribution to the Appeal comes back to you as a roundabout contribution to your fellow parishioners.

In the past few years you have given an increasingly generous response to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, even though we set the goal a bit higher each year. We do so in an effort to reduce our dependence on donors outside our borders and thereby to establish greater financial self-sufficiency as a diocese. Grants from such national agencies as Catholic Extension and Catholic Home Missions, for example, regularly total around 25% of diocesan operating income—not far behind the 30% brought in by the Bishop's Appeal. The more we can pay our own way, the freer we are to chart our own course.

Our freedom has limits, however. Like Jesus' hearers on the poster for this year's Appeal we must constantly return to sit at our Master's feet and listen to His words anew. For, as the Gospel tells us today, "a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine." Jesus is the vine; you and I are the branches. Apart from Him we can do nothing. But if we remain in Him, He will remain in us, and we will become His disciples. When we share our faith, we will bear fruit that glorifies the Father.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Homilia grabada dada en todas las Misas
del 28 y 29 de Abril

¿Cómo hubiera sido sentarse a los pies de Jesús y escucharlo enseñar? Eso es exactamente lo que hacen las personas en la imagen del cartel de la Apelación del Obispo de este año: los ojos clavados en la atractiva figura ante ellos, los oídos abiertos al sonido de Su voz, los corazones ardiendo dentro de ellos con las palabras que Él habla. "La fe viene a través del oído", nos dice San Pablo. Él podría haber tenido en mente escenas como esta.

El mirar de cercana esta imagen hace que sea fácil imaginar que los oyentes de Jesús no guardaron a sí mismos lo que escucharon. Al igual que muchos otros atrás de ellos, fueron y compartieron la fe que obtuvieron del tiempo que pasaron escuchándolo hablar. Se corrió la voz. Muy pronto algunos griegos vinieron y dijeron: "Queremos ver a Jesús."

Y en eso fue. Y en eso va. La fe viene a través del oido, y lleva a compartir. A través de los siglos la fe compartida de parte de los primeros Cristianos venía hacia nosotros. Así también nosotros podemos sentarnos a los pies del Buen Maestro y escuchar las mismas palabras que habló. Son nuestras para compartir con aquellos que aún no han escuchado o que no han escuchado atentamente.

Pablo el Apóstol pasó el resto de su vida compartiendo la fe que le llegó en un repentino destello de luz. En la lectura de los *Hechos* de hoy él informa a los Apóstoles "cómo había visto al Señor" en el camino y "cómo en Damasco había hablado con valor en el nombre de Jesús", como continúa haciéndolo en Jerusalén, donde "él discutió con los helenistas, [que] trataron de matarlo." A medida que la vida de Pablo se desarrolla en las páginas de las Escrituras, nunca deja de compartir su experiencia personal de Cristo resucitado—con otros creyentes en la fraternidad de la Iglesia naciente, también como con adversarios antagónicos en la plaza pública.

Compartir Nuestra Fe es el tema de la Apelación Anual del Obispo de 2018. Se llama la Apelación del Obispo porque les pido como parroquianos individuales de cada parroquia que contribuyan directamente a los ministerios *diocesanos* supervisados por el obispo—los ministerios que ninguna parroquia individual tiene los medios para asumir. Dejen a que les dé algunos ejemplos.

Los fondos de la Apelación del Obispo cubrieron los años de formación al sacerdocio del feligres de Hermiston, Steve Garza, en el Seminario San John XXIII cerca de Boston. Una vez que Steve sea ordenado diácono este 28 de junio, tendrá un año más antes de regresar a Oregón para compartir su fe con nosotros como sacerdote de Baker, lo cual representará un gran beneficio para nuestra inversión diocesana. Y el Señor de la Cosecha sigue llamando a hombres de entre nosotros para seguir el camino que Steve ha tomado. Ellos también necesitan ayuda de la Apelación del Obispo.

Al igual que nuestros seminaristas, los hijos y nietos de ustedes también dependen de la Apelación Anual del Obispo. Los talleres de catequesis diocesanos equipan maestros de educación religiosa en su parroquia para compartir la fe con sus hijos para que estén listos a recibir los sacramentos. Los retiros juveniles diocesanos y las conferencias juveniles reúnen a estudiantes de escuela secundaria y Bachillerato de muchas parroquias para compartir la fe con compañeros de otros pueblos afines que de otro modo no conocerían.

La formación de fe para adultos se beneficia de las reuniones diocesanas que patrocina la Apelación del Obispo y los estupendos on-line recursos católicos que subsidia, incluido FORMED, disponibles de forma gratuita para todos los hogares de las parroquias que están subscriptas.

Resulta que cuando usted dona a la Apelación Anual del Obispo, también dona indirectamente a su propia parroquia. Su contribución a la Apelación regresa a usted como una contribución indirecta a sus co-feligreses.

En los últimos años, ustedes han dado una respuesta cada vez más generosa a la Apelación Anual del Obispo, a pesar de que establecemos la meta un poco más alta cada año. Lo hacemos en un esfuerzo por reducir nuestra dependencia de los donantes fuera de nuestras fronteras y así establecer una mayor autosuficiencia financiera como diócesis. Los subsidios de agencias nacionales regularmente suman alrededor del 25 por ciento de los ingresos operativos diocesanos, no muy lejos del 30 por ciento aportado por la Apelación del Obispo. Mientras más nosotros mismos podamos pagar nuestros propios gastos diocesanos, más libres podremos trazar nuestro propio camino diocesano.

Sin embargo nuestra libertad tiene límites. Al igual que las figuras en el cartel de la Apelación de este año, debemos regresar constantemente para sentarnos a los pies de nuestro Maestro y escuchar Sus palabras de nuevo. Porque, como el Evangelio nos dice hoy, "una rama no puede dar fruto por sí misma a menos que permanezca en la vid". Jesús es la vid; tú y yo somos las ramas. A parte de Él, nosotros no podemos hacer nada. Pero si permanecemos en Él, El permanecerá en nosotros y nos haremos sus discípulos.

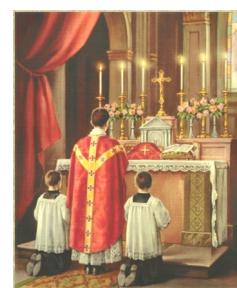
Cuando compartimos nuestra fe damos fruto que glorifica al Padre.

Queridos hermanos, que el Buen Pastor permanezca siempre en sus casas y en sus corazones.

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

May 20–28	Retreat Master, Spokane, Washington
May 31	Neuman Club meeting, Klamath Falls
June 2	5:30 PM Confirmation, Redmond

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS IN BEND



The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass is offered at 1:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at Saint Francis of Assisi Historic Church.

The EF Mass on May 27 will be a Low Mass. We will resume the High Mass (sung) at the June 10th Mass.

Visit www.dioceseofbaker.org for Mass Schedules. Confessions are now available prior to Mass from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

OUR LADY OF ANGELS CELEBRATES GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY



The **WAY OF THE CROSS** was reenacted on Good Friday by volunteers and was attended by many.

La representación del **VIA DEL CRUCIS** el Viernes Santo fue presentado por voluntarios y muchos asistieron.



The parish's Youth Group filled over 2000 plastic eggs for their Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday!

¡El Grupo de Jóvenes de la parroquia llenó más de 2000 huevos de plástico para la búsqueda de Huevos el Domingo de Pascua!



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FREE ADMISSION

Request admission tickets, bulletin inserts, and more at OregonLifeUnited.org/speaklife or call (541) 286-3039.

ABOUT GIANNA JESSEN

Gianna Jessen was intended to be a nameless statistic, just one of a million lives lost to abortion in the United States the year she was born. Instead of death, though, **Gianna survived a late-term saline abortion** and entered the world two months premature and weighing just two-and-a-half pounds.

The failed abortion gave Gianna the "gift" of cerebral palsy, as she calls it: "It allows me to depend on Jesus for everything."

Her story of overcoming unspeakable challenges, and message of hope, has been shared all over the world — including at the British and Australian parliaments, and before the U.S. Congress.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Gianna Jessen and other inspiring speakers will challenge and equip attendees to be a voice for pregnant women and their pre-born babies. Additionally, a remarkable personal testimony will be shared about finding healing and forgiveness after abortion.

After the main program, resources will be made available from local pregnancy centers and other pro-life ministries.

CORVALLIS
Sunday, May 20

- 6:30pm–8:30pm
- Calvary Corvallis church, 2125 NW Lester Ave.



BEND
Monday, May 21

- 6:30pm–8:30pm
- St. Francis of Assisi church, 2450 NE 27th St.



Register in advance at your local parish.
Registration includes t-shirt and lunch.