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PARISH NEWS: ST. ELIZABETH AND ST. ANNE, JOHN DAY AND MONUMENT



Father Christie Tissera honors and thanks the mothers and fathers of Saint Elizabeth and Saint Ann parishes during their special holidays.



Be Still and
Know that I am
God

Psalm 46:10

Catholic Women's Retreat

Save the Date: October 19-20
 St. Pius X Catholic Church, Klamath Falls
 Guest Speaker: **Heather Renshaw**
 Visit www.catholic speakers.com
 to read about Ms Renshaw
 Contact: Mary Lou Kranenburg kmkranenburg@gmail.com
 or go to Parish website for Retreat information

ST. MARY, HOOD RIVER, CELEBRATES CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday, April 14th, St. Mary's Parish was pleased to welcome Bishop Liam Cary, who sealed 47 of our youth in Confirmation. The sacrament was conferred over two separate celebrations of Holy Mass, in both Spanish and English. Joyous receptions followed which capped-off a beautiful day. Thank you, Bishop Cary and all the instructors who prepared our youth throughout the year, making them ready for the life changing sacraments.



The weekend of May 12th was another great day for St. Mary's Parish as 57 children received their First Holy Communion. Thanks to all the catechists who prepared the children to receive this sacrament.

Submitted by Father Tomy Chowaran, Pastor



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Cardinal Corruption

On June 20th allegations that retired Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington, DC, sexually abused a 16-year-old boy in 1971 were found “credible and substantiated” by a New York investigative panel empowered by Pope Francis. In quick succession the pope removed the cardinal from ministry, sentenced him to penitential seclusion, and accepted his resignation from the cardinalate. As additional victims stepped forward, it became clear that the long-ago incidents in New York were but the tip of an iceberg of deception in a very dark sea. An underworld of exploitation came to the surface, unprecedented in its nature, extent, and duration.

Astonishingly, the New Jersey prelate made his predatory desires apparent to his associates for decades, cunningly weaving his seminarians and priests into a widening web of complicity. To his beach house he would frequently invite a group of seminarians for an overnight stay—but always one too many for the available beds. Word got around among his future priests that their bishop would make one of them sleep with him in his.

Father John De Celles has described the heavy toll this bizarre behavior took on clergy morale: “I hardly knew Bishop McCarrick, but since I entered the seminary, I and most of my clerical friends knew the accusations against him. There was no evidence—most of his victims were too afraid to go public, and the ones who did were ignored. So nothing could be done: you can’t accuse someone publicly on hearsay. But the thing is—everybody knew.”

Priests like Father De Celles watched “in disbelief” as the Bishop of Metuchen (since 1982) was promoted to Archbishop of Newark in 1986 and to Cardinal Archbishop of Washington in 2000. Even after retirement in 2006 the cardinal’s upward path continued unimpeded as he became an influential advisor to Pope Francis.

It is now known that the McCarrick outreach extended beyond priests and seminarians. In 1969, the then 39-year-old Father McCarrick exposed himself to “James,” an 11-year-old boy whom he had baptized two weeks after his priestly ordination in 1958. The abuse went on for 20 years in hotel rooms across the country. “He had chosen me to be his special boy,” James recounted this summer. “If I go back to my family, they tell me that it’s good for you to be with him. And if you try to tell somebody [as James tried to tell his father], they say, ‘I think you are mistaken.’ So . . . you clam up, and you stay inside your own little shoe box, and you don’t come out for 40 years.”

Reporter Julia Duin tried to get victims like James to come out and speak up, but she “ran into . . . blockages everywhere.” She found “priests and laity alike for whom McCarrick’s predilections were an open secret, but no one

wanted to go after him.” Numerous other journalists say the same.

As the enormity of the McCarrick corruption sinks in, question upon question arises about how we bishops consciously or unconsciously played along with this diabolic assault on our apostolic integrity. How did Theodore McCarrick so effortlessly climb the ladder of promotion when “everybody knew” of his brazen homosexual pursuits? Who protected and promoted the scandal maker—and whom did he protect and promote in return?

If we are to restore our shattered credibility as a body of bishops, we must immediately seek to answer these questions and pull up the McCarrick corruption by the roots. To do that we urgently need to know how wide they run and deep.

In collaboration with Pope Francis we should appoint an independent commission of lay men and women of impeccable reputation and significant investigative experience to track down the truth wherever it leads. Empowered to obtain testimony from bishops and documents from chanceries, the commission would make a public report to the body of bishops of their findings and recommendations. We can hope they would place in our hands a powerful antidote to episcopal corruption. If we administer the medicine well, our lay people and our clergy would have reason to be confident that we are determined to deter.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Corrupción Cardenal

El 20 de Junio, acusaciones de que el Cardenal retirado Theodore McCarrick de Washington, DC, abusó sexualmente a un niño de 16 años en 1971 fueron consideradas “creíbles y fundamentadas” por un panel de investigación de New York facultado por el Papa Francisco. En una rápida sucesión el papa removió al cardenal del ministerio, lo sentenció a la reclusión penitencial, y aceptó su renuncia del cardenalato. A medida de que víctimas adicionales se presentaron, quedó claro que los incidentes de hace mucho tiempo en New York fueron solo la punta del iceberg de engaño en un mar muy oscuro. Un submundo de explotación salió a la superficie, sin precedentes en su naturaleza, extensión y duración.

Asombrosamente, el prelado de New Jersey hizo sus deseos depredadores aparentes a sus asociados por décadas, tejiendo astutamente a sus seminaristas y sacerdotes en una amplia red de complicidad. A su casa en la playa con frecuencia invitaba a un grupo de seminaristas para pasar la noche—pero siempre uno demás para las camas disponibles. Se corrió la voz entre sus futuros sacerdotes que su obispo haría que uno de ellos durmiera

con él en la suya.

El Padre John De Celles ha descrito la gran carga que este extraño comportamiento tuvo en la moral del clero: “Yo apenas conocía al Obispo McCarrick, pero desde que ingresé al seminario, yo y la mayoría de mis amigos clericales conocíamos las acusaciones en contra de él. No había evidencia—la mayoría de sus víctimas tenían demasiado miedo de hacerlo público, y los que lo hicieron fueron ignorados. Así que nada se podía hacer: no se puede acusar a alguien públicamente de rumores. Pero el asunto es que—todos lo sabían”.

Sacerdotes como el Padre De Celles vio “con incredulidad” mientras el Obispo de Metuchen (desde 1982) fue promovido a Arzobispo de New York en 1986 y a Cardenal Arzobispo de Washington en el 2000. Aún después de su retiro en el 2006 el camino ascendente del cardenal continuó sin impedimentos ya que se convirtió en un influyente consejero del Papa Francisco.

Ahora se sabe que el alcance de McCarrick se extendió más allá de los sacerdotes y seminaristas. En 1969, el entonces Padre McCarrick de 39 años de edad se expuso a “James”, un niño de 11 años de edad, a quien había bautizado tan solo dos semanas después de su ordenación sacerdotal en 1958. El abuso continuó por 20 años en cuartos de hotel a través del país. “Él me había escogido a mí para ser su niño especial”, James contó este verano. “Si vas de regreso a tu familia, ellos me dicen que es bueno que estés con él. Y si intento decirle a alguien [como James intentó decirle a su padre], ellos dicen, ‘creo que está equivocado’. Así que . . . te callas y te quedas dentro de tu pequeña caja de zapatos y no sales durante 40 años”.

La reportera Julia Duin trató de hacer que las víctimas como James salieran y hablaran, pero ella “se topó con . . . bloqueos en todas partes”. Ella encontró “sacerdotes y laicos por igual para quienes las predilecciones de McCarrick eran un secreto a voces, pero nadie quería ir tras él”. Muchos otros periodistas dicen lo mismo.

A medida que la enormidad de la corrupción de McCarrick causa impresión, pregunta tras pregunta surge sobre cómo nosotros los obispos actuamos consciente e inconscientemente con este asalto diabólico en nuestra integridad apostólica. ¿De qué manera Theodore McCarrick escaló sin esfuerzo la escalera de la promoción cuando “todos lo sabían” de sus descarados trajes homosexuales? ¿Quién protegió y promovió al creador de escándalos? ¿A quién protegió y promovió a cambio?

Si podemos restaurar nuestra credibilidad destrozada como un cuerpo de obispos, debemos inmediatamente buscar la respuesta a estas preguntas y sacar de raíz la corrupción de McCarrick. Para hacer eso, necesitamos saber con urgencia qué tan amplios y profundos son.

En colaboración con el Papa Francisco debemos asignar una comisión independiente de hombres y mujeres laicos de impecable reputación y experiencia significativa de investigación para rastrear la verdad donde sea que lleve. Con el poder de obtener testimonio de obispos y documentos de cancillerías, la comisión haría un reporte

público de sus hallazgos y recomendaciones al cuerpo de obispos. Podemos esperar que los miembros de la comisión pongan en nuestras manos un confiable antídoto contra la corrupción episcopal. Si administramos bien la medicina, nuestros laicos y nuestro clero tendrían razones para estar seguros de que estamos decididos a disuadir.

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

Aug 26 8:45 AM Mass, Ione

Aug 26 11:00 AM Mass, Heppner

Sept 1 3:00 PM Confessions, Bend

Sept 2 All Masses, Bend



CLERGY ASSIGNMENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF BAKER



Father Michael Nwokocha, former Pastor of St. Bridget of Kildare in Nyssa, has relocated to West Virginia to work in Hospital Ministry. Father Michael served the Diocese of Baker for six years.



Father Anish Philip moved from his temporary assignment as priest in residence in Hood River to become the Administrator of St. Bridget of Kildare, effective August 17.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to our Clergy who will celebrate their ordination anniversaries in September:

Most Reverend Liam Cary, Bishop of Baker

Ordained Priest September 05, 1992

Reverend Joseph Levine, The Dalles September 14, 2010

*We are most grateful for the years of service of our
Priests and Bishop. Please keep them in your prayers.*



Sharing Our Faith Appeal Update

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal to date. The Appeal continues its upward momentum each day with contributions from all over the diocese and beyond. As of the first week of August, over 1,750 families had made donations and/or pledges, achieving 78% of our \$625,000 goal. 58 parishes and missions have participated, 21 had met and exceeded their parish goal, and 5 are almost there!

For your convenience, donations to the Appeal can also be made online at www.dioceseofbaker.org. However large or small your contribution might be, it will help us to reach our goal. We appreciate your generosity.

Upper Elementary Camp 2018

Upper Elementary Camp 2018 is in the books and was a huge success!! Even though we had a smaller group this year, that did not effect the energy level or God's ability to touch hearts. A lot of our campers were first timers, so for those of us who have been coming for years it was refreshing to experience camp through new eyes again. Everything was a new, fun experience whether it was Marci's delicious food (GOD BLESS THE COOKS!!), Adoration, "Super Hero Saint" talks, playing field games, spending time in the chapel praying the rosary, water balloon fights, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, hanging out at the water slide, s'mores at the evening campfire,

Mass, star gazing after lights out or "secret" ninja raids on the kitchen for brownie treats after lights out, the kids had a blast!! It is an amazing thing to watch kids connect from throughout our vast diocese to share God and themselves. Everyone even got to take home a cement garden cross with embedded mementos they gathered up from their surroundings from their time at camp. A big shout out to Josh Schaan for hitting the ground running and making it all happen. You succeeded and did an AMAZING job!! Thank you.

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