



A Trip to the Cathedral

By Todd & Ann SeCoy, St. James Parish, Bly, OR

My husband and I have had a tradition to explore a different part of Oregon to celebrate our wedding anniversary. This year's emphasis on our diocesan cathedral prompted our interest in visiting Baker City, with the intention of touring the city's museums, antique stores, the Adler House and, of course, participating at Mass at St. Francis de Sales.

There is, unfortunately, no direct route from the Klamath Falls area to Baker City. And, with our anniversary in February, the nearly 8-hour drive in between snow storms was ... adventurous. But Baker City is a charming area, full of friendly people, fabulous restaurants, and interesting historical sites as the Chinese Community Cemetery and an Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. In fact, the cemetery and the cathedral were nearly the only places "open for business." Even though Todd did his on-line research, the Adler House and the city's main museum were "closed for the season", along with many antique stores. It became our joke!

But the cathedral was open, and it is glorious.



A traditionally European Gothic style not often seen on the west coast, made of local "tuff" stone, the exterior doors are of brushed metal and very (appropriately) grand.

The interior of the church is breath-taking and awe-inspiring. Not only are the pews, kneelers and stairs made of solid wood (oak?), but the paint theme on the walls serves to highlight the breath-taking stained glass windows.

A kindly Knight of Columbus handed us a leaflet on the history of the church as well as its stained-glass windows. Each of the numerous windows depict a scene from the Bible. The artists who created these windows were not only talented, but clearly inspired by the Holy Spirit. Where else could one be so affected by a depiction of Jesus welcoming children, or Mary's Assumption?



The reverence shown in the way the altar area has been updated in its design, then painted and restored has such an impact on your physical being that it is hard to describe. Contemplative prayer is not difficult to achieve in these surroundings! A visit to our cathedral should be on everyone's "bucket list". Once experienced, it is clear why Bishop Cary had the foresight to create an annual appeal to maintain this marvelous "sacrifice of praise" in the form of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral.

We strongly encourage everyone to experience this for themselves. It is most assuredly worth the drive.



Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Feast of the Spirit



Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Festividad del Espíritu

In the years I've been bishop my appreciation of Pentecost has deepened considerably, because each spring the Sacrament of Confirmation takes control of my calendar. Night after night I see the Holy Spirit fashion unity out of multiplicity as hundreds of young people come before me to be sealed with the sweet-smelling chrism. As they step away from the center of attention, I say to each of them what the risen Jesus said to His Apostles as He breathed His Spirit upon them that first Easter eve: "Peace be with you." Into each of them that peace will enter in a distinctively different way. But it will be the peace of the One Christ and the One Spirit.

Centuries ago, St. Cyril of Jerusalem pondered Christ's promise to give "a fountain of living water, welling up into eternal life." Why did He use water to describe the grace of the Holy Spirit? Cyril wondered. "Because all things are dependent on water," he answered. "Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same itself, it produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation. It does not come down, now as one thing, now as another, but while remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it." So it is, St. Cyril says, with the working of the Holy Spirit. Like the rain, "the Spirit never changes"; but His grace brings about vastly different effects in those on whom it falls. "His action is different in different people, but the Spirit Himself is always the same."

Christ offered this great Gift of God in its fullness to anyone who would come to Him and drink. "It is everywhere available," St. Hilary notes, "but it is given to each man in proportion to his readiness to receive it. Its presence is the fuller, the greater a man's desire to be worthy of it."

Whether we were confirmed yesterday or years ago, we should always desire to be more worthy of the indwelling presence of the Spirit of God—and not just for our own sake. For, as St. Cyril reminds us, the Holy Spirit "comes to enlighten the mind first of the one who receives Him, and then, through him or her, the minds of others as well." May all of us whose faith in Christ has been sealed by the Spirit live it in a way that confirms the faith of others.

Durante mis años de obispo mi apreciación de Pentecostés se ha profundizado considerablemente, porque cada primavera el Sacramento de Confirmación toma control de mi calendario. Noche tras noche veo al Espíritu Santo modela la unidad de la multiplicidad a medida que cientos de jóvenes se presentan ante mí para ser sellados con el crisma de olor dulce. Al alejarse del centro de atención, le dije a cada uno de ellos lo que Jesús resucitado le dijo a Sus Apóstoles al soplar Su Espíritu sobre ellos en esa primera víspera de Pascua: "La paz esté con ustedes". En cada uno de ellos, esta paz entrará de una manera distintivamente diferente. Pero será la paz del Único Cristo y del Único Espíritu.

Hace siglos San Cirilo de Jerusalén reflexionó sobre la promesa de Cristo de dar "una fuente de agua viva para la vida eterna." ¿Por qué Jesús usó agua para describir la gracia del Espíritu Santo? "Porque todas las cosas dependen del agua", Cirilo respondió. "El agua baja del cielo en forma de lluvia, y aunque siempre es la misma agua, produce muy diferentes efectos, uno en la palma, otro en la vid, y así sucesivamente a lo largo de toda la creación. No viene ahora como una cosa, luego como otra; más bien, siendo esencialmente la misma, se adapta a las necesidades de cada criatura que la recibe." Así es, dice San Cirilo, de las obras del Espíritu Santo. Al igual que la lluvia, "el Espíritu nunca cambia"; pero Su gracia hace efectos muy diferentes en aquellos que la reciben. "Su acción es diferente en diferentes personas, pero el Espíritu es siempre el mismo."

Cristo ofreció este gran regalo de Dios en toda su plenitud a todo el que viniera a Él a beber. "Está disponible en todas partes," San. Hilario dice, "pero se da a cada hombre en proporción a su disposición para recibirlo. Su presencia es más plena, lo más grande es el deseo del hombre de ser digno de ella".

Si fuimos confirmados ayer o hace años, siempre debemos querer ser dignos de la presencia interior del Espíritu de Dios—y no sólo por nuestro propio bien. Porque, como nos dice San Cirilo, el Espíritu Santo "viene a iluminar la mente primero de quien lo recibe, y luego, a través de él, la mente de los demás." Que todos nosotros, cuya fe en Cristo ha sido sellada por el Espíritu, la vivamos en una manera que confirme la fe de otros.

"The Priest is not a priest for himself - he is for You. After God, the Priest is everything,"

St. John Vianney



"The Priesthood is the most interesting of adventures and the most necessary for the world. I trust in the Lord, who is my God, who saved me, and has given me new life and mission through His Son, Jesus. God's love is marvelous and His grace, through the Holy Spirit, has guided me in my priestly life for all these 25 years. It is the time for me to praise the Father Almighty, through His Son, Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit.

The Year of Jubilee, also called The Holy Year in the Roman Catholic Church, is a celebration that is observed on certain special occasions. And for one year every 25 years, it is called the Silver Jubilee. From August 22, 2018, to August 22, 2019, is my Silver Jubilee Year. It is a great joy for me.

I was born a Catholic, my parents and my great-great-grandparents were Catholics. I was born in 1968 on June 2nd. I have one elder brother and one younger sister; we are three children to my parents. My father worked for the railroad and my mother was a housewife, taking care of the children. All my school years, I spent in the Catholic boys boarding home. My parents had strong faith that one of the two boys should become a priest. God selected me to work in His vineyard.

I completed the priestly studies December 1993, and was ordained as a Deacon for the Diocese of Nellore, India. I did seven months ministry as a deacon and was then ordained as a Priest for the same diocese on August 22, 1994. This year 2019 is the Jubilee year of my priestly life.

I am excited and happy to share this joyful news with you. On February 7th I celebrated my Silver Jubilee along with two of my classmates in our cathedral church. To be a Priest is a gift and a blessing."

—Fr. Kumar Udagandla, St. Mary Catholic Church, Pendleton



BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

June 2 10:00 AM Confirmation, LaPine
 June 2 3:30 PM Confirmation, Christmas Valley
 June 7 "Rite of Reception" Mass for
 Archbishop Paul D Etienne,
 Coadjutor Archbishop, Archdiocese of Seattle
 June 9-12 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
 (USCCB) Meeting, Baltimore

NEW ACOLYTE INSTITUTED IN REDMOND

April 7th was a special day for Scott Jackson as Bishop Cary instituted him an acolyte at St. Thomas Church in Redmond during the 8:00 a.m. Mass.



The word acolyte is derived from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning an attendant. An acolyte serves at the altar, assists the priest and deacon and prepares the altar and the sacred vessels.

Please keep all acolytes in your prayers.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during the month of June:

Rev. Gerald Condon, Retired, Heppner	June 12, 1955
Rev. Noel Hickie, Retired, Eugene	June 11, 1967
Rev. Cornelius Kiely, Retired, Ireland	June 11, 1967
Very Rev. Stan Strzyz, Burns	June 09, 1968
Rev. Joseph Reeves, Retired, Redmond	June 16, 1976
Very Rev. Richard Fischer, Diocese	June 15, 1976
Rev. Julian Cassar, Retired, Malta	June 19, 1977
Very Rev. Todd Unger, Redmond	June 29, 1982
Rev. Robert Greiner, Condon	June 24, 1993
Very Rev. Charles Nnabuife, Milton-Freewater	June 03, 2005
Rev. Luis Flores-Alva, Boardman	June 17, 2006
Rev. Arsenius Anachoreta, La Pine	June 17, 2006
Rev. Victor Mena, Madras	June 29, 2017

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our clergy and bishop. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019

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Youth from throughout the Diocese of Baker attended ICYC in March in Nampa, Idaho.



The Idaho Catholic Youth Conference kicked-off March 8th, and continued through Sunday, March 10th, at the Ford Idaho Sports Center in Nampa, Idaho. The weekend featured Catholic speakers from around the country, music, and Prayer. Bishop Cary celebrated Mass Saturday morning for over 2,000 participants at this Year's ICYC, and Bishop Christensen celebrated the closing Mass on Sunday. ICYC is a yearly gathering for Catholic youth hosted by the Diocese of Boise. Over the years ICYC has grown in popularity, and now includes youth from Oregon and Washington as well. It is a phenomenal opportunity for young people to experience the faith through dynamic speakers, moving worship, powerful testimonies, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and celebration of the Holy Mass. ICYC is a great opportunity for youth from around the Northwest to gather together to grow in and celebrate our beautiful Catholic Faith.



DIOCESE OF BAKER CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP CONNOLLY

ENCOUNTER

The Diocese of Baker 2019 summer camps bring Catholic youth together to enjoy four days of fun under the sun enjoying God's creation, growing in prayer, and deepening their relationship with Christ through the Eucharist.

June 19-22: High School (Grades 9-12)

July 10-13: Upper Elementary (Grades 4-6)

July 17-20: Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Confirmations in Enterprise and Wallowa



Congratulations are extended to the Confirmands of Saint Katherine and Saint Pius X. Next to Bishop Liam Cary, left to right: Jasmine and Jose Mendez; Front row: Kaed Thorne, Jonah Lyman, Tylee Evans and Daisy Mendez.

St. Mary Church in Hood River Celebrates 102 Confirmations

Confirmation at St. Mary Church in Hood River was celebrated on Saturday, May 4th, and Sunday, May 5th, with three Confirmation Masses. With Bishop Liam Cary presiding and Fr. Tomy Chowaran concelebrating, 102 candidates were confirmed.

We welcome our newly Confirmed members as part of our Catholic community. We also thank Bishop Cary for coming to Hood River to perform the Sacrament for our youth. Submitted by Amanda Schrauth, Director of Faith Formation / Directora de Formación de Fe



Confirmation May 4, 2019, 10:00 AM Mass



Confirmation May 4, 2019, 7:00 PM Mass



Confirmation May 5, 2019, 10:00 AM Mass