

## Have Courage!

Dear Friend in Christ,

This is the first email in my new endeavor to share occasional messages that I hope will inspire, inform and encourage. I look forward to journeying with you as together we continue to build up the Church of Central and Eastern Oregon!



Just before they entered the Promised Land Moses told the Israelites, "Have no fear... of [your enemies];... do not fear or be dismayed". Twice he says, "Don't be afraid". In other words, leave behind precisely that which has burdened you these last 40 years. You don't need it anymore. You don't need that fear. But if you're going to leave fear behind, you have to have something to put in its

place. "Be strong and steadfast", Moses continues. We have to leave fear behind to enter into freedom. We need courage. The last gift the Lord Jesus gives us in His lifetime, He gives from the Cross. It is the gift of His courage. He gives us the strength not to let evil overcome us through fear.

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In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Liam Cary

P.S. Join us for <u>Day of the Spirit</u> (Middle School: 11/1-3) or <u>Day of the Son</u> (High School: 11/15-17).

P.P.S. Read most recent Diocesan Chronicle.

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