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Sacred Heart Feast Day, 90th Anniversary and Volunteer Celebration



Fr. Urassa presented Manuel Ibarra with a miniature chair so he can "take it easy".

Sacred Heart Catholic Church recently celebrated the Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus and the 90th anniversary of the church building at a reception in the gymnasium. Displays featured pictures, uniforms, yearbooks and audio/visuals of the church and school. Special guest was Manuel Ibarra, who retired as maintenance supervisor of the historic building after nearly 15 years of service.

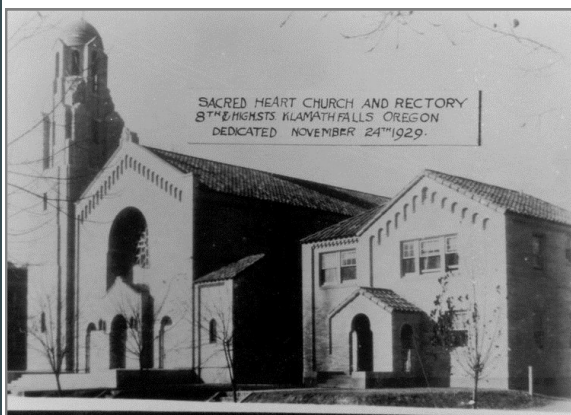
The Very Reverend Rogatian Urassa, pastor, also thanked scores of volunteers who serve in various lay ministries, including extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at Mass, in the



hospital and to the homebound; instructors in religious education, youth group, and adult faith formation; those at Mass such as lectors, acolytes, altar servers, choir members, ushers and altar society; and those who serve others at funeral dinners, PALM dinners, food pantries and Thanksgiving baskets, prayer chain, special events, and devotions.

Pastoral Council members who organized the event included President Bonita Fillmore, Vice President Melissa Cooke, Martha Decker-Hall and Marty Weissinger, who interviewed two centenarians and other past and present parishioners and teachers for an engaging video. Catholic Daughters Court Klamath, led by Regent Marcia Pistone Metzler and Vice Regent Sharleen Hutchison, assisted with setup, food service and cleanup.

Past President Lynne Butterworth, emcee, recognized Fr. Rogatian's 15th anniversary as Sacred Heart's pastor. She read Luke's Gospel for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Jesus's Parable of the Good Shepherd, who left his large flock of sheep to search for the one who was lost.



The original Sacred Heart Church was founded in Klamath Falls in 1905. In 1910, the church was enlarged and a room for the priest was added, then in 1916, property was purchased at 8th and High Street. Due to the coming of the railroad and expansion of the lumber industry, a drive for a new church and rectory began in 1928. Construction started June 18, 1929 and was completed in October. The total cost of both buildings was \$87,168.97. The earthquake on Sept. 20, 1993, caused nearly \$250,000 in damage. Restoration included large steel beams in the bell tower and the addition of geothermal heat.

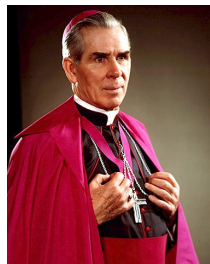
Sacred Heart School, founded in 1917, was staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, who were succeeded in 1924 by the Sisters of St. Francis. Thousands of children in the Basin attended the K-12 school until

it closed after the 1992-93 academic year. Today, school buildings that were not damaged in the 1993 earthquake are used for children's Sunday school and adult education classes. The auditorium and gymnasium are available for rental.

Many Catholic churches are named for the Sacred Heart around the world. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began in the 11th and 12th centuries in Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries. Specific devotions became popular after St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a Visitation nun, had a series of visions of Christ, who "disclosed to me the marvels of his Love and the inexplicable secrets of his Sacred Heart," according to the Catholic News Agency. Contemporary Catholic Christians view her Sacred Heart visions as another sign of Jesus's love for humanity and a call to live and share it with others.

Submitted by Lynne Butterworth

Humor – Human and Divine



An edited version of an article
by Joseph Pronechen
in the *National Catholic Register*
of 21 July 2019 on

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Archbishop Fulton Sheen devoted one show [of his highly popular television series] to the “Divine Sense of Humor.”

He did not use notes of any kind, including a teleprompter. “I always loved that old Irish woman who when she saw a bishop reading a speech said, ‘Glory be to God! If he can’t remember it, how did he expect us to?’”

Meals played a part in his humor. “Not very long ago I went into the Grand Central Station in New York for breakfast. And I said to the waitress, ‘Would you kindly give me a cup of coffee, toast, a boiled egg, and a few kind words?’ She brought me the coffee, and the toast. ‘And don’t you have a few kind words?’ She said, ‘Don’t – eat – the – egg.’”

“We generally say a person has a sense of humor if he can see through things.

... A person who has a sense of humor sees the world as something like a window. It’s transparent. It looks out into another world. The words he hears, the things he sees, tell him about something else.”

Sheen recited a line from [Francis Thompson’s] poetry dramatically: To him the sun “was a host and the day a priest. And each morn the priest goes to the Orient Tabernacle, lifts from it the Host, raises it in benediction over the world, and at night sets it in the flaming monstrance of the West.”

“When our Blessed Lord came to this earth he had the divine sense of humor. There was nothing in this world that he ever took seriously except . . . the salvation of the soul.”

“Our Blessed Lord never took a camel very seriously,” Sheen said. “It was to him a description of how difficult it is for rich people to maintain a really fine spiritual character. That *it’s easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle – than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.*”

And the lily? . . . “He said, *Solomon and all his glory was not arrayed as one of these.* The humor that he got out of it was that the Father cares for the lily, the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is not. *How much more you, oh ye of little faith!*”

Then Jesus explained to Nicodemus who . . . took very seriously the brass serpent in the time his people were led out of slavery in Egypt and bitten by poisonous serpents. “God said to Moses, *Make a serpent of brass, hang it up on a tree, and everybody who looks upon that serpent of brass will be healed . . .* Now there was nothing in a serpent of brass to heal anyone. Simply because they were obedient to God they were healed. Our Blessed Lord never took that serpent seriously. . . . He meant that that serpent of brass looked

like the serpent that stung the people. But that brass serpent had no poison in him, and all who looked upon him were healed.

“So he said, *I will be lifted up on a tree too – and when I am lifted up on a tree I would look as if I were guilty, and I were full of sin, and I were a criminal. But there’ll be no more sin in me than there was poison in that serpent of brass. All who look upon me . . . will be healed.*”

“That was the divine sense of humor in an eminent degree.”

Sheen concluded that Our Lord showed omnipotence, . . . wisdom, . . . compassion, . . . [and] patience under suffering.

“But there was one thing that he saved for those who have a divine sense of humor. It was one thing he saved for heaven that will make heaven, heaven. And that was . . . his smile.”

For the full article please go to:

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/fulton-sheen-on-humor-human-and-divine>

Humor – Humano y Divino

Una versión editada de un artículo por Joseph Pronechen en el
National Catholic Register el 21 de Julio, 2019 sobre el

Venerable Arzobispo Fulton Sheen

El Arzobispo Fulton Sheen dedicó un programa [de su muy popular serie de televisión] al “Divino Sentido del Humor”.

No usó ningún tipo de notas, incluyendo teleprompter. “Siempre amé esa anciana Irlandesa quien cuando veía a un obispo leer su discurso decía, ‘¡Gloria a Dios! Si él no puede recordarlo, ¿cómo espera que lo hagamos nosotros?’”

Las comidas jugaron un papel importante en su humor. “No hace mucho tiempo, entré a la Estación Gran Central en Nueva York para desayunar. Y le dijo a la mesera, ‘¿Podría darme una taza de café, pan tostado, un huevo hervido, y unas palabras amables?’ Ella me trajo café, y un pan tostado, ‘Y no tiene unas palabras amables?’ Ella me dijo, ‘No – se coma – el huevo’”.

“Generalmente decimos que una persona tiene sentido del humor si puede ver a través de las cosas. . . . Una persona quien tiene sentido del humor ve el mundo como algo así como una ventana. Es transparente. Mira hacia otro mundo. Las palabras que escucha, las cosas que ve, le dicen algo más”.

Sheen recitó dramáticamente una línea de la poesía de [Francis Thompson]: Para él el sol “era una hostia y el día un sacerdote. Y cada mañana el sacerdote va hacia el Tabernáculo de Oriente, levanta de él la Hostia, la eleva en bendición sobre el mundo, y por la noche la pone en la custodia flameante del oeste.”

Cuando nuestro Santísimo Señor vino a este mundo, él tenía el divino sentido del humor. No había nada en este

mundo que alguna vez tomara en serio, excepto . . . la salvación del alma ”.

“Nuestro Santísimo Señor nunca tomó a un camello muy en serio”, dijo Sheen. “Era para él una descripción de cuan difícil es para la gente rica mantener un carácter espiritual realmente bueno. *Que es más fácil para un camello pasar por el ojo de una aguja – que un rico entrar en el Reino de los cielos*”.

¿Y el lirio? . . . “Él dijo, *Salomón y toda su Gloria no estaban dispuestos como uno de estos*. El humor que obtuvo de ello fue que el Padre cuida del lirio, la hierba del campo, que hoy es, y el mañana no. *¿Cuánto más tú, oh, de poca fe?*”

Cuando Jesús le explicó a Nicodemo quien . . . tomó muy en serio a la serpiente de bronce en el tiempo en que su gente fue sacada de la esclavitud en Egipto y mordida por serpientes venenosas. “Dios le dijo a Moisés, *Haz una serpiente de bronce, cuélgala de un árbol, y todos los que miren a esa serpiente de bronce serán sanados . . .* Ahora, no había nada en la serpiente de bronce para sanar a nadie. Simplemente porque fueron obedientes a Dios es que fueron sanados. Nuestro Santísimo Señor nunca tomó en serio a esa serpiente. . . . Él quiso decir que esa serpiente de bronce se parecía a la serpiente que picaba a la gente. Pero esa serpiente de bronce no tenía veneno en él, y todos los que lo miraron fueron sanados.

“Así que él dijo, *seré levantado en un árbol también – y cuando me levanten en un árbol me veré como si fuera culpable, y estuviera lleno de pecado, y fuera un criminal. Pero no habrá más pecado en mí que veneno en esa serpiente de bronce. Todos los que me miren . . . serán sanados*.

“Ese era el divino sentido de humor en un grado eminente”.

Sheen concluyó que Nuestro Señor mostró omnipotencia, . . . sabiduría, . . . compasión, . . . [y] paciencia bajo el sufrimiento.

“Pero había una cosa que El guardó para aquellos que tienen divino sentido del humor. Fue una cosa que El guardó para el cielo que hará el cielo ser el cielo. Y eso fue. . . su sonrisa.”

Para el artículo completo por favor vaya a:

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/fulton-sheen-on-humor-human-and-divine>

BISHOP CARY’S SCHEDULE

Aug 24	Symposium, Diocesan Retreat Center
Aug 24	04:00 PM Confessions, Hood River 05:00 PM Mass, Hood River 07:00 PM Spanish Mass, Hood River
Aug 25	08:00 AM Spanish Mass, Hood River 10:00 AM Mass, Hood River 01:00 PM Spanish Mass, Hood River

2019 BISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL

Supporting Vocations through the Appeal

Your gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal support a number of diocesan ministries, programs and services, such as the promotion of vocations and ongoing support of our three seminarians.

In 2015 Pope Francis stated that a “radical approach is required of all Christians, but religious persons are called upon to follow the Lord in a special way. They are men and woman who can awaken the world.”

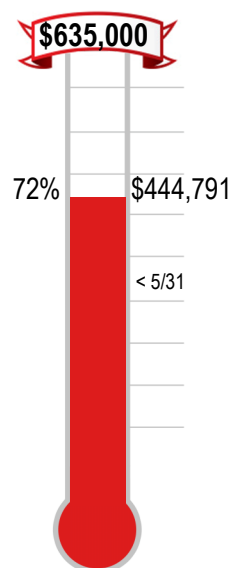
We are all called to support vocations. We can do that through prayer and actively promoting vocations and ensuring that our three seminarians are afforded the necessary education and spiritual formation in preparation for serving Mother Church through the holy priesthood. Your support of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps us to do just that.

Besides our prayers, promoting vocations in our homes and parishes offers young people the kind of affirmation needed to discern a vocation.

The stronger the faith of our Catholic community, and this includes the family, the “domestic Church,” the more we will see vocations flourish. So, as we continue our spiritual journey together, let us **pray** for an increase in vocations, do what we can to **promote** vocations, and prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal in **support** of our diocesan vocation efforts.

-----BAA 2019 UPDATE-----

Thank you to all who have participated so far in the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The Appeal continues its upward momentum each day with contributions from all over the diocese and beyond. As of the 3rd week of July, almost 1,800 families have made donations and/or pledges, achieving 73% of our \$635,000 goal. We are happy to recognize these parishes and missions that have **exceeded** their parish goal:



Our Lady of Snows—Gilchrist
Our Lady of the Valley—La Grande
Sacred Heart—Klamath Falls
Sacred Heart—Union
St. Elizabeth—John Day
St. Helen—Pilot Rock
St. James—Bly
St. John—Paisley
St. Kateri—Warm Springs
St. Mary—Elgin
St. Patrick—Lakeview
St. Pius X—Klamath Falls
St. Richard—Adel
St. Thomas—Crane
St. Thomas—Plush
St. William—Ione

Participation is key — any contribution, large or small, will have a significant impact. Thank you!

Institution of a new Acolyte in Sunriver



Saturday, July 6th, was a very special day at Holy Trinity mission church in Sunriver.

In the presence of parishioners and numerous visiting Catholics, Most Reverend Bishop Liam Cary celebrated the Holy Eucharist and instituted Doug Doerfler as an acolyte for Holy Redeemer Roman

Catholic Parish in LaPine. Acolyte Jim Engels assisted the newly instituted acolyte at the Holy Eucharist. The ceremony was the 'first of its kind' for a good many of the visiting Catholics who were in Sunriver to enjoy the Independence weekend and were highly appreciative of the entire service.

As we congratulate Doug, we also thank Bishop Cary for blessing our parish with yet another acolyte.

Join us in praying for Doug as he continues serving the Lord Jesus Christ and for more enthusiastic men to respond to His calling.

Submitted by Father Paul Antao, Pastor



Save a Stray Benefit with Father Ray Kelly Cancelled

Father Ray Kelly has had to postpone his three USA concerts this September, which included his performance in Burns on September 26th.

"I promise, I promise, if those three cancelled locations will still have me back next year I will be there," wrote Father Kelly in his June 6th Facebook posting.



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SYMPOSIUM

**Aug. 23-25, 2019
at the Diocese of Baker
Retreat Center**

This year's symposium will focus on helping families bring Faith into the home, classroom strategies and skills.

DREs, Youth Ministers, and Catechists, come join us for these days of growth and community.

Registration form can be found online at <https://www.dioceseofbaker.org/evangelization-catechesis-home-1>

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**TRAUMA EN AL CICLO DE VIDA:
JUVENTUD TEMPRANA,
MEDIA & TERCERA EDAD
Sábado, Agosto 17
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

8:30am; Celebración de la Santa Misa
10:00am-12:00pm: Charla en el Vestíbulo.

Presentado por la Dra. Claudia Bisso-Fetzer

**Aquí en la Iglesia Católica Santo Thomas
1720 SW 17th St, Redmond, OR 97756**

La registración es gratis para todos en la Comunidad
Todos son bienvenidos, pero se sugiere registrarse con
anticipación en la oficina de la Parroquia con
Donna Jensen 541-923-2100.
(Tendremos cuidado de niños y refrigerio).



First Holy Communion in Merrill

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Augustine in Merrill on Sunday, May 19th. After Mass, the Women's Club hosted a cake and punch reception.

Thank you to Father Francis Obijekwu, Catechist Tom Taylor, our Parents, the Women's Club, and all who were involved in the preparation and celebration!

Submitted by Cynthia R Cowan-Taylor

