



News of the Diocese of Baker

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# THE DIOCESAN CHRONICLE

## Save the Date!

St. Thomas Church in Redmond will be hosting a  
**SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP**  
October 5, 2019 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Sponsored by The Society of St. Gregory the Great



### Guest Speakers:

Judith Goff, St. Francis of Assisi, Bend  
Stephanie Swee, Our Lady of the Snows, Gilchrist  
Terri Isom, St. Thomas, Redmond

No Registration Fee! Materials and lunch included. More to follow.

## Save the Date!

**FUN IN THE SON Youth BBQ**  
September 29th 3-6 PM

Where? Knights of Columbus Hall in Klamath Falls  
—All are Welcome—



## Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

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

Most Reverend Liam Cary, Ordained Priest Sept 5, 1992  
Reverend Joseph Levine, The Dalles Sept 14, 2010

We are most grateful for their years of service.  
Please keep our bishop and priests in your daily prayers.

## Recognizing 30 Years of Faithful Service

Following Sunday Mass held earlier in the day, a family-friendly celebration marking Father Christie Tissera's 30th Anniversary of Ordination was enjoyed by more than 40 parishioners the evening of July 21, 2019, at a local restaurant.

Many came to honor Fr. Christie's faithful service over a span of three decades and shared meaningful accounts highlighting special ways Father has touched lives and enriched the parish during the two years he has been pastor at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church. In turn, Father shared insight into his formative influences as a young man entering the priesthood at age 30. It was a joyful and memorable evening of celebration, sharing, and community development.

Congratulations, Father Christie, on your 30-year milestone as ordained priest.

Submitted by Liz Aleman





# Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary

## The McCarrick Scandal —A Year Later

In June of last year a story like none other burst into the headlines and shook the faith of Catholics throughout the Church. For decades as a bishop Cardinal Theodore McCarrick had been abusing and intimidating seminarians and priests under his authority. To make matters worse, the prelate's brazen behavior had been widely known in priestly and journalistic circles, and word of it had even made its way to his superiors in Rome—but to no avail. Nothing slowed his steady ascent to positions of ever-greater national and international influence.

The summer of 2018 put a stop to it at last. McCarrick resigned from the cardinalate, was banished to a Franciscan friary in the Midwest, and was expelled from the priesthood within a year of the day that his notorious ways came to light.

But justice is far from fully done, for not a word of repentance has accompanied these drastic changes in the former cardinal's institutional identity and life setting. Theodore McCarrick "has never publicly admitted his guilt in the face of the overwhelming evidence of his crimes," Father Gerald Murray noted. "He has not asked forgiveness of his victims, nor made monetary reparations . . . for the grave harm he inflicted . . . ; his expulsion from the priesthood has not resulted in any change in his Church-provided living arrangements."

The McCarrick case, then, is resolved but not closed. The three dioceses where he served—Metuchen, Newark, and Washington, DC—have yet to make known the findings of their internal investigations into his conduct. Nor has the Vatican released a report on its review of the archives in Rome. Cumulatively, these inquiries could cast light on vitally important questions. Who sponsored and protected McCarrick through the years, both in the US and in Rome? Who financed his national and international projects? Whom did he promote and protect in return? Such questions need to be asked about the McCarrick-like behavior of bishops in other countries as well, for the past year has shown that this is not a unique instance of Apostolic betrayal. What we learn about him can have valuable application elsewhere.

In the wake of the scandal, we American bishops attempted, belatedly, to address our vulnerabilities to episcopal corruption and try to right the badly swaying ship of the Church. In a column earlier this summer I wrote of the concrete remedies we would vote on at our upcoming meeting in Baltimore that had been developed with last summer's fiasco in mind. All of them passed with overwhelming majorities. Let me briefly review them here.

First of all, we affirmed our commitment "to respond directly and appropriately to cases of sexual abuse of minors

or vulnerable persons, [to] sexual misconduct, and [to] the mishandling of such cases by bishops."

To undergird this promise we voted to implement a third-party system—Independent and easily accessible—for reporting allegations of sexual assault or cover-up against bishops.

And this effort to ensure transparency will be bolstered by the strategic involvement of skilled lay people throughout the process: "... when we receive or when we are authorized [by the Vatican] to investigate such cases," we commit ourselves "to include the counsel of lay men and women whose professional backgrounds are indispensable."

Finally, we adopted for the United States the directives Pope Francis put in place this past spring to govern the Church throughout the world. These specify that bishops will be held accountable, not only for the sexual abuse of minors, but also for the sexual exploitation of adults by the abuse of power, for not reporting incidents of such abuse, and for failing to follow civil law or canon law in such cases.

It is important to note that civil law holds bishops and priests to be mandatory reporters of the sexual abuse of minors. Whatever knowledge we have that such a crime has been committed we are obligated to report immediately to civil authorities for their investigation and possible prosecution.

In late September the bishops of Portland, Baker, Boise, Helena, and Great Falls-Billings will meet in Idaho to decide on measures to implement these new decrees in our province. It is to be hoped that they will effectively deter the dreadful deeds of bishops that put the Church through the shameful summer of 2018.

## Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

## El Escándalo McCarrick —Un Año Después

En Junio del año pasado, una historia como ningún otra estalló en los titulares y estremeció la fe de Católicos en toda la Iglesia. Por décadas como obispo el Cardenal Theodore McCarrick había estado abusando e intimidando a seminaristas y sacerdotes bajo su autoridad. Para empeorar las cosas, el comportamiento descarado del prelado había sido ampliamente conocido en los círculos sacerdotales y periodísticos, y la noticia incluso llegó a sus superiores en Roma—pero fue en vano. Nada frenó su constante asenso a posiciones de gran influencia nacional e internacional.

El verano del 2018 por fin lo detuvo. McCarrick renunció el cardinalato, fue alejado al monasterio Franciscano del medio oeste, y fue expulsado del sacerdocio

dentro del año a partir del día que sus formas notorias salieron a la luz.

Pero la justicia está lejos de estar completamente hecha, porque ninguna palabra de arrepentimiento ha acompañado estos cambios drásticos en la identidad institucional y el entorno de vida del ex cardenal. Theodore McCarrick “nunca ha admitido públicamente su culpa frente a la abrumadora evidencia de sus crímenes”, señaló el Padre Gerald Murray. “Él no ha pedido perdón a sus víctimas, ni ha hecho reparaciones monetarias . . . por el grave daño que infligió . . . ; su expulsión del sacerdocio no ha resultado en ningún cambio en sus arreglos de vivienda proporcionados por la Iglesia.”

El caso McCarrick, entonces, está resuelto pero no cerrado. Las tres diócesis donde sirvió—Metuchen, Newark, y Washington, DC—todavía no se han dado a conocer los resultados de sus investigaciones internas sobre su conducta. Tampoco el Vaticano ha publicado un informe sobre su revisión de los archivos en Roma. Acumulativamente, estas investigaciones podrían echar luz sobre preguntas vitalmente importantes. ¿Quién patrocinó y protegió a McCarrick a través de los años, ambos en Estados Unidos y en Roma? ¿Quién financió sus proyectos nacionales e internacionales? ¿A quién promovió y protegió a cambio? Tales preguntas necesitan hacerse sobre el comportamiento de los obispos como McCarrick en otros países también, porque el año pasado ha demostrado que su comportamiento no es una instancia única de traición Apostólica. Lo que aprendemos sobre él puede tener una valiosa aplicación en otros lugares.

A raíz del escándalo, nosotros los obispos estadounidenses intentamos, con retraso, abordar nuestras vulnerabilidades a la corrupción episcopal y tratar de corregir el mal balanceo del barco de la Iglesia. En una columna anterior este verano, escribí de unos remedios concretos de los que votaríamos en nuestra próxima reunión en Baltimore que se había desarrollado teniendo en cuenta el fiasco del verano pasado. Todos ellos pasaron con mayorías abrumadoras. Permitanme repasarlas brevemente aquí.

Ante todo, afirmamos nuestro compromiso “de responder directamente y apropiadamente a casos de abuso sexual de menores o personas vulnerables, [a] conducta sexual inapropiada, y [al] mal manejo de tales casos por parte de los obispos”.

Para respaldar esta promesa, votamos para implementar un sistema de terceros—independiente y fácilmente accesible—para reportar acusaciones de agresión sexual o encubrimiento contra los obispos.

Y este esfuerzo para asegurar transparencia será reforzado durante todo el proceso por la participación estratégica de personas laicas calificadas: “...cuando recibamos o cuando seamos autorizados [por el Vaticano] para investigar tales casos”, nos comprometemos “a incluir el consejo de hombres y mujeres laicos cuyos antecedentes profesionales son indispensables”.

Finalmente, adoptamos para los Estados Unidos, las directivas que el Papa Francisco puso en práctica la primavera pasada para gobernar la Iglesia en todo el mundo. Específican que los obispos serán responsables, no solo por el abuso sexual de los menores, sino también por la explotación sexual de adultos por el abuso de poder, por no denunciar incidentes de tal abuso sexual, y por no seguir la ley civil o ley canónica en tales casos.

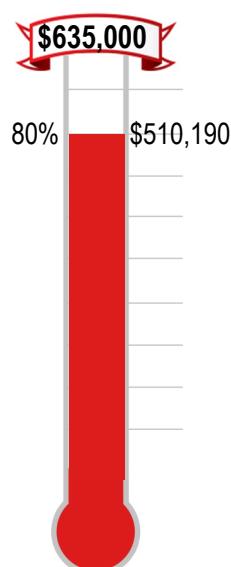
Es importante hacer nota que la ley civil hace que los obispos y sacerdotes sean reporteros obligatorios del abuso sexual de menores. Cualquier conocimiento que tengamos que tal crimen se ha cometido, estamos obligados a reportar inmediatamente a las autoridades civiles para su investigación y posible enjuiciamiento.

En los fines de septiembre los obispos de Portland, Baker, Boise, Helena, y Great Falls-Billings se reunirán en Idaho para decidir sobre medidas a implementar estos nuevos decretos en nuestra provincia. Es de esperar que efectivamente disuadirán el comportamiento terrible de los obispos que llevaron a la Iglesia al vergonzoso verano de 2018.

## BISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who have participated so far in the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Funds received through the Appeal are essential to the functioning of diocesan ministries that impact the daily spiritual lives of people in our parishes. As of August 7, we have received donations and pledges from 1,964 families, achieving 80% of our \$635,000 goal. We are happy to recognize these parishes and missions who have exceeded their parish goal:

Holy Trinity—Sunriver  
Our Lady of Snows—Gilchrist  
Our Lady of the Valley—La Grande  
Sacred Heart—Klamath Falls  
Sacred Heart—Union  
Saint Alphonsus—Dufur  
Saint Anne—Monument  
Saint Elizabeth—John Day  
Saint Helen—Pilot Rock  
Saint James—Bly  
Saint John—Paisley  
Saint Joseph—Prineville  
Saint Kateri—Warm Springs  
Saint Katherine—Enterprise  
Saint Mary—Elgin  
Saint Patrick—Lakeview  
Saint Pius X—Klamath Falls  
Saint Richard—Adel  
Saint Thomas—Crane  
Saint Thomas—Plush  
Saint William—Ione





## Bring Peace!

... IN OUR HEARTS – OUR HOMES –  
OUR NATION AND ALL THE NATIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD  
— HEAR THE STORY

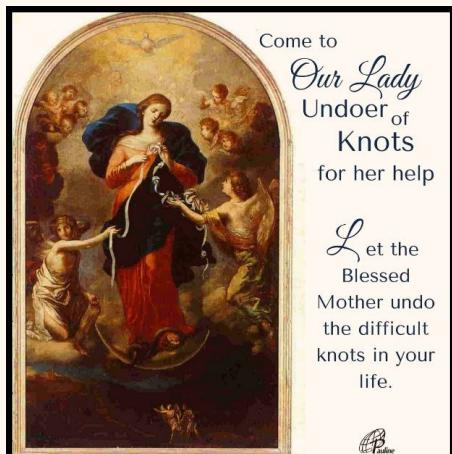
**"TALK LESS and  
PRAY MORE"**

In honor of our Bishop Liam Cary,  
all priests and future priests in our diocese,  
the Sacrament of Holy Orders, our religious and consecrated,  
and us, the priestly people.

Starting AUGUST 30th at 2:00 PM in Redmond at St. Thomas Church and traveling during SEPTEMBER throughout the Western, Northern, Eastern, and Southern deaneries.  
In OCTOBER - the Southern and Central Deaneries - ending at St. Thomas in Redmond on October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, who is Our Lady Undoer of Knots.

Please refer to the diocesan website and your parish websites for scheduled dates in each deanery.

(Schedules subject to change)



Contact Judy Newport by email at [mothermarysdhtrs@aol.com](mailto:mothermarysdhtrs@aol.com) or call (541) 923-6946 for more information.

### Diocesan Job Opening: Tribunal Coordinator

The Matrimonial Tribunal of the Diocese of Baker is seeking a Tribunal Coordinator. The Coordinator works under the direction of the Judicial Vicar to maintain Tribunal documents, promote timely processing of cases and effective communication with all parties. Qualified candidates must possess excellent written communication skills and the ability to prioritize matters in an environment of the strictest confidentiality. The candidate must also be a practicing Catholic in good standing. For more complete information please refer to the Diocese of Baker website: [www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org)

### BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

<b>Aug 25 Hood River:</b>	Masses: 8AM and 1PM Spanish, 10AM English
<b>Aug 31 Hermiston:</b>	3:30PM Confessions and 5PM Mass
<b>Sept 1 Hermiston:</b>	Masses: 9AM English, 11AM Spanish
<b>Sept 7 Bend:</b>	3PM Confessions, 5PM Mass



**THE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS  
PRESENTS**

## Guadalupe Encounter Encuentro Guadalupano

### THE GROTTO

*The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother • El Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Madre Dolorosa  
A ministry of the Servite Friars • Un ministerio de los Frailes Servitas*

**September 14, 2019 • 9:00 am–3:00 pm**

**Exhibits  
Conferences  
Entertainment**  
*This is a free event*

**Exhibiciones  
Conferencias  
Entretenimiento**  
*Este evento es gratis*

Principal Speaker    Orador Principal



Monsignor  
Eduardo Chavez  
*Postulator of the cause  
for sainthood  
of Juan Diego  
and Director  
of the Superior Institute  
of Guadalupan Studies  
in Mexico*

Monseñor  
Eduardo Chavez  
*Postulador  
para la santificación  
de Juan Diego y  
Confundador y Rector  
del Instituto Superior de  
Estudios Guadalupanos  
en México*



**NE 85th and Sandy Boulevard in Portland, Oregon**

Presented by Knights of Columbus • Oregon State Council  
For more information: KOFC-OR.ORG • Para más información: Ricardo Hernandez, 503.351.0613



The special event features an inspirational speaker, sensational music, and reverent prayer all in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **It will include:**

- ◆ Monsignor Eduardo Chávez, Postulator for the Cause for Canonization of St. Juan Diego
- ◆ Marian Prayer Hour Devoted to the Holy Family
- ◆ The relics of the Knights of Columbus Priest Martyrs of Mexico.

The Guadalupe Encounter, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is a special opportunity for the faithful of Oregon to come together and be a powerful witness to their Marian devotion and Catholic faith in their communities. With Monsignor Chávez, performers, and exhibits, the Guadalupe Encounter promises to be a momentous occasion.

A Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto at 8:00 AM, and the event will begin at 9:00 with seating limited. It will be on a first-come basis. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best seating.