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Patriotic Rosary Held on 9/11

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On September 11th, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the northeastern USA, Catholic Daughters Court Klamath #1295 and the Knights of Columbus in Klamath Falls presented a Patriotic Rosary to pray for all those who perished that day or whose lives were forever changed. About 70 people prayed each Lord's Prayer and decade for a different branch or level of government, and a Hail Mary for each state and every soul in it.



*Photos by CDA Court Klamath Regent
Marcia Pistone Metzler, event organizer.*

In the above photo, the group sings patriotic hymns led by Holly Fields, a new Court Klamath member. Members of CDA Court St. Pius X and parishioners from Sacred Heart, St. Pius X, and St. Augustine parishes also participated in the devotion at the KC Hall and enjoyed refreshments afterwards.

In the photo at left, Sir Knights Dave Taylor and Mike Swanson read quotes from history and prayer intentions for various branches and levels of government.

What is a Tribunal?

The Office of Canonical Affairs and Matrimonial Tribunal is one Office of the Chancery of the Diocese of Baker. Its staff members are appointed by Bishop Cary and have received special training to represent him and the Church in judicial proceedings for marriage cases and matters of Canon law. Most of its work involves assisting divorced people who are interested in proving the nullity of a prior marriage bond, allowing them to remarry in the Church. As such, the Tribunal has a three-fold function:

- Protecting the integrity and indissolubility of marriage as Christ taught;
- Assisting in the exercise of rights given in Church law for those who are seeking possible remarriage in the Catholic Church; and
- Serving with justice, charity, and compassion those who seek clarity about their standing in the practice of the faith.

More information about how this ministry serves members of the diocese can be found on our website, dioceseofbaker.org, under the Tribunal Office heading.

What God Has Joined Together

When the Pharisees test Jesus about divorce, He doesn't mince words in reply. God designed marriage between man and woman to be indissoluble—“What God has joined together, man must not divide”—and fruitful—“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them.” When a man and woman promise themselves in marriage, they form a one-flesh bond, which God seals with His life-giving blessing for the continuance of the human race.

Many of our Lord's teachings sparked controversy in His day, as they do in ours. More than a few of His hearers then said what many think now: “This is a hard saying; who can accept it?”

Such resistance did not lead Jesus to soften His words in order to make them easier to swallow. Instead, He challenged those who heard Him to adopt a completely new standpoint: “Whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God *like a child* will not enter it.”

What is there about our childhood experience that prepares us to enter into marriage in the Lord?

I think of an infant I baptized years ago whose adoptive parents first laid eyes on their new daughter at an orphanage in China. There she had passed her first years unnoticed, unaccepted, unattended, and unloved. More quickly than most, this little girl learned what the Creator observed of Adam before he made Eve's acquaintance: “It is not good for man to be alone.”

One biblical insight points ahead to another. “*This* is why a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife”: to overcome the hardness of heart that locks us humans into loneliness. “And God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply.’” Over time, children absorb the lesson from their parents and married relatives: husband and wife cling to each other to strengthen each other, to release one another to the widening circle of companionship and

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Lo Que Dios Ha Unido

Cuando los Fariseos prueban a Jesús sobre el divorcio, Él no se anda con rodeos en la respuesta. Dios diseñó el matrimonio entre el hombre y la mujer para que sea indisoluble—“Lo que Dios ha unido, el hombre no debe dividirlo”—y fructífero—“Dejen que los niños vengan a mí; no se lo impidan”. Cuando un hombre y una mujer se prometen en matrimonio, forman un vínculo de una sola carne, que Dios sella

con Su bendición vivificante para la continuidad de la raza humana.

Muchas de las enseñanzas de nuestro Señor provocaron controversia en Su época, al igual que en la nuestra. Más de unos pocos de Sus oyentes dijeron entonces lo que muchos piensan ahora: “Es un dicho difícil; ¿quién puede aceptarlo?”

Tal resistencia no llevó a Jesús a suavizar sus palabras para hacerlas más fáciles de pasar. En cambio, desafió a quienes lo

escucharon adoptar un punto de vista completamente nuevo: “Quien no reciba el Reino de Dios *como un niño*, no entrará en él”.

¿Qué hay en nuestra experiencia de la niñez que nos prepara para contraer matrimonio en el Señor?

Pienso en un bebé que bauticé hace años cuyos padres adoptivos vieron por primera vez a su nueva hija en un orfanato en China. Allí había pasado sus primeros años desapercibida, inaceptada, desatendida, y no amada. Más rápidamente que la mayoría, esta niña aprendió lo que el Creador observó de Adán antes de que él conocía a Eva: “No es bueno que el hombre esté solo”.

El remedio bíblico es el matrimonio. “Por eso el hombre deja a su padre ya su madre y se une a su mujer”: para superar la dureza del corazón que nos encierra a los humanos en la soledad. “Y Dios los bendijo y les dijo: ‘Sean fructíferos y multiplíquense’”.

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Bishop Liam Cary
Obispo Liam Cary

What God Has Joined Together, *continued*

care that we experience throughout childhood and youth. The indispensable originators of our life become the irreplaceable providers for our life at every turn along the way. Mother and father teach daughter and son to be sister and brother and thereby overcome loneliness with love. In the words of Leonard Cohen, “It begins with your family, and soon it comes ‘round to your soul.”

Jesus explicitly extracts His teaching on marriage from the biblical account of “the beginning of creation” in the Book of Genesis. The world comes to be as God patiently and repeatedly creates *distinctions*: light and darkness, evening and morning, sun and moon, earth and sea, birds and fish, man and woman.

According to Genesis, “The Lord God built up into a woman the rib that He had taken from the man.” God deliberately *distinguished* woman from man to set the stage for man’s work of *recognition* of his human partner: “*This one...* is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh,” Adam says, as Eve’s shared humanity comes into focus.

Recognition comes to completion in the *marital* distinction: “*This one is irreplaceable* in my life; no one else can take her place at my side.” The mutually acknowledged irreplaceability of husband and wife extends itself in loving recognition to the circle of irreplaceability we call the family. In the words of St. Augustine, “God established marriage so that the chastity of women might make children known to their fathers and fathers to their children.”

Lo Que Dios Ha Unido, *continúa*

Con el tiempo, los niños absorben la lección de sus padres y parientes casados: marido y mujer se aferran el uno al otro para fortalecerse mutuamente, para liberarse mutuamente en el círculo cada vez más amplio de compañerismo y cuidado que experimentamos a lo largo de la niñez y la juventud. Los creadores indispensables de nuestra vida se convierten en proveedores insustituibles de nuestra vida en cada paso del camino. Madre y padre enseñan a hija e hijo a ser hermana y hermano y, por lo tanto, a superar la soledad con amor. En palabras de Leonard Cohen, “Comienza con tu familia, y pronto llega a tu alma”.

Jesús extrae explícitamente Su enseñanza sobre el matrimonio del relato bíblico del “comienzo de la creación” en el Libro de Génesis. El mundo llega a ser, mientras Dios repetidamente crea distinciones: luz y oscuridad, tarde y mañana, sol y luna, tierra y mar, pájaros y peces, hombre y mujer.

De acuerdo al Génesis, “el Señor Dios formó en una mujer la costilla que le había quitado al hombre”. Dios deliberadamente *distinguió* a la mujer del hombre para preparar el escenario para el trabajo del hombre, el trabajo de *reconocimiento* de su pareja humana: “*Esta...* es hueso de mis huesos y carne de mi carne”, dice Adán, mientras se asombra a la humanidad compartida de Eva.

El reconocimiento llega a su fin en la distinción *marital*: “*Esta es irremplazable* en mi vida; nadie más puede ocupar su lugar a mi lado”. La irremplazabilidad mutuamente reconocida del esposo y la esposa se extiende en reconocimiento amoroso al círculo de irremplazabilidad que llamamos la familia. En palabras de San Agustín, “Dios estableció el matrimonio para que la castidad de la mujer pudiera dar a conocer los hijos a sus padres y los padres a sus hijos”.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

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October 24 - 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Bend

October 25 - Teams of Our Lady Retreat and Mass,
Cascade View Retreat Center

October 26

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Bend

5:30 p.m. Review Board Meeting

October 30

5:00 p.m. Mass, Ontario

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass, Ontario

October 31

8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Mass, Ontario

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Ontario

November 7

8:00 a.m. Mass, Sunriver

11:00 a.m. Mass, Fort Rock

A Light Among Us: The Angel of Mercy

Submitted by **Fr. Thankachan Joseph SDB**,
St. Patrick Church, Heppner

The Light of Christ has always shown in Mary Ann Elguézabal. Mary Ann Dority was born and raised in Nyssa. Her parent's strong Catholic faith was instilled in her at a very young age. The Dority family always found ways to help others.

Mary Ann married Juan Elguézabal in 1973 at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Nyssa. As newlyweds they quickly began volunteering in their parish. They helped with CCD Program, youth group, summer school and the cleanup of the yard and church facilities. When their children were born, they quickly became part of the 'team'. I am sure they were all on the Pastors' speed-dial list! MaryAnn has always found ways to help others, especially those in need. While living in Nyssa the family took in several young people who were struggling and needed a safe place to stay.

In 1997 their family moved to Heppner and quickly became part of St. Patrick's parish. There Mary Ann has served as the Religious Education teacher for 15 years and the RE Coordinator for over 10 years. She also worked on the famous St. Patrick's Day Play, produced each year by Father Gerald Condon. Mary Ann still serves as a substitute teacher, greeter, and lector and has been active in altar societies at both St. Bridget and St. Patrick. During her time as a teacher, Mary Ann found many ways to bring the light of Christ into her students. She is always passionate about the Catholic faith and loves sharing her faith and knowledge with the children. It brings her great joy when children share that light with her.

Mary Ann even finds joy in yard work and for years has helped rake leaves, shovel snow, mow grass and pull weeds for neighbors no longer able. More recently, during the pandemic, she picked up a small group of parishioners who, each week, clean-up the yards of neighbors needing that help. Many times you will find her doing the little things for others that make their lives easier such as, picking up their mail, prescriptions, or groceries. These

small acts of kindness
brighten everyone's lives.

Some say that food is comfort for the soul. MaryAnn is an amazing cook and delivers her home-cooked meals to many people who are going through difficult times. She has donated numerous meals for fundraisers that benefit the schools and Church and for five years she was the co-chairman for



our annual ham dinner at the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Mary Ann serves on the board for Community Counseling. It is important to her that all who struggle with mental health issues are serviced and get the help they need. Mary Ann was a teacher at Heppner Elementary School for 20 years and was recognized as Teacher of the Year. She helped children find the joy of reading and was also the Chess Club coach, taking many children to the regional and state tournaments.

Mary Ann was a wonderful friend to the late Fr. Condon, especially during his last few years, taking him to doctor appointments, cooking, cleaning, and accompanying him when and where needed.

In July of 2000, she lost her husband, Juan, to cancer, leaving her with six children to raise. Mary Ann's steadfast faith, trust, and love for Jesus and Mary has enabled her to continue to be an inspiration to all those around her. Her life has truly been one of service guided by Faith and she illuminates the town of Heppner with the Light of Christ among all the inhabitants.

Through her own loss she has learned a special gift - the gift of time, presence, and prayer. Mary Ann knows what others who are experiencing loss and hardship need and is the first to respond.

When someone has lost a loved one, she is the first to visit. She knows just what to say or not to say. When someone is sick or recovering from surgery, she sits by their bedside so that they are not alone. Mary Ann visits the elderly and those who are alone and afraid and offers them friendship. When you are in the dark she brings you light.

"I should describe her as the Mother Theresa of Heppner. The recent saint of the Catholic Church is Mother Theresa of Calcutta; she is also known as the Angel of Mercy. This is what I have summarized here about Mary Ann Elguézabal," said Father Thankachan Joseph.

