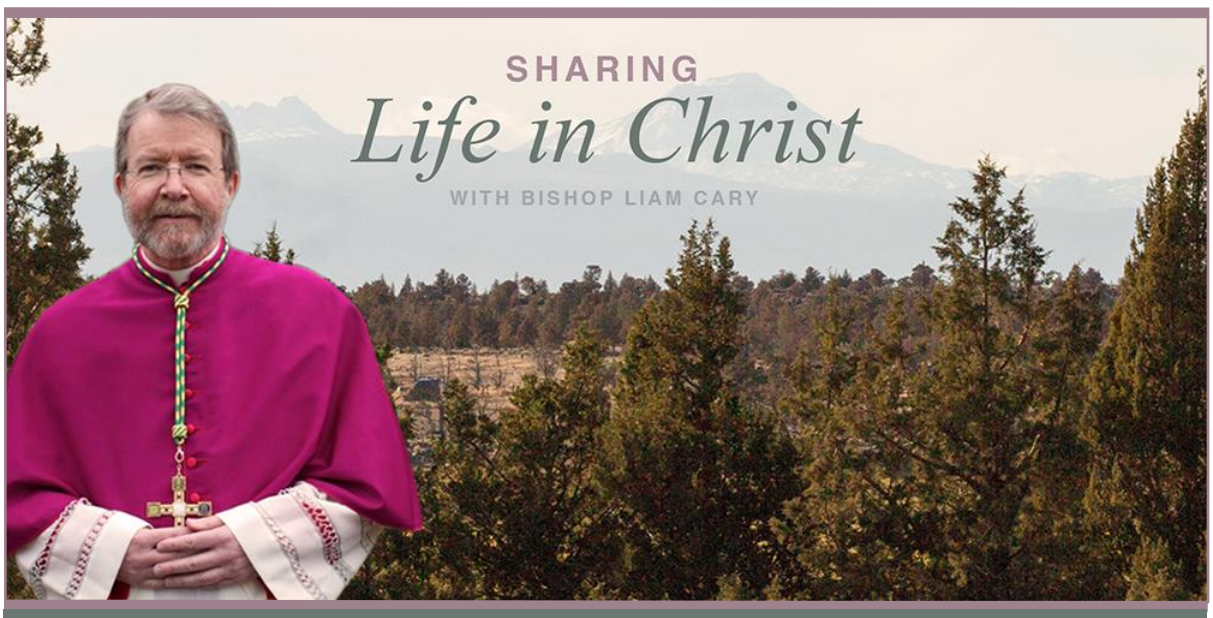

Evidence for the Assumption

Dear Friend in Christ,

Our Lady never lay, as did her Son, in the darkness of the tomb. At the end of her earthly life the Mother of God was taken body and soul directly to heaven—the first to share her Son's victory over death.

Celestial exaltation did not take her light-years away. Assumption brings her nearer to us than she could ever be on earth.

Think of the miraculous image Our Lady left behind at Guadalupe. Think of the miraculous healing waters she made flow at Lourdes. Think of the miracle of the sun she made dance at Fatima.

For Our Lady, the Assumption "happened" to her in the first century—there and then, once and for all. For Saint Juan Diego, Saint Bernadette, and the Portuguese children saints, the Assumption was "happening" to them—here and now, again and again.

Could it not be that way with us?

In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Liam Cary

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