



The DIOCESAN CHRONICLE

News of the Diocese of Baker

June 5, 2022 • Vol. 13, No. 12

Thoughts Along the Way Confirmation 2022

Throughout the diocese hundreds step forward to be sealed; then they step back into the oneness of their own lives to become themselves before God. Their personal integrity, however, is now life-givingly linked to the “many parts” of the body of Christ by the grace of the Creator Spirit.

Whether we were confirmed yesterday or years ago, we should always desire to be more worthy of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit—and not just for our own sake. For, as St. Cyril of Jerusalem reminds us, the Holy Spirit “comes to enlighten the mind first of the one who receives Him, and then, through him or her, the minds of others as well.”

May those who are sealed with the Spirit this year have their faith in Christ confirmed and live it in a way that confirms the faith of others.

.....

*Pensamientos A
Lo Largo Del Camino*

Confirmación 2022

A lo largo de la diócesis, cientos dan un paso al frente para ser sellados; luego retroceden a la unidad de sus propias vidas para convertirse en ellos mismos ante Dios. Pero su integridad personal ahora está vinculada a las “muchas partes” del Cuerpo de Cristo por la gracia del Espíritu Creador.

Ya sea que hayamos sido confirmados ayer o hace años, siempre debemos desear ser más dignos de la presencia del Espíritu Santo que mora en nosotros—y no solo por nuestro propio bien. Porque, como nos recuerda San Cirilo de Jerusalén, el Espíritu Santo “viene a iluminar primero la mente de quien Lo recibe, y luego, a través de él o ella, la mente de los demás también”.

Que aquellos que son sellados con el Espíritu este año vean confirmada su fe en Cristo y la vivan de una manera que confirme la fe de los demás.



Clockwise from right:
Bishop Liam Cary celebrates confirmation
at St. John in Condon, St. Patrick in Lakeview, and
St. Peter in The Dalles. Additional photos on the next page >>

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries in June.

Very Rev. Charles Nnabuife

St. Francis-Milton, Freewater.....June 03, 2005

Rev. Stan Strzyz

*St. Helen-Pilot Rock, St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
.....June 09, 1968*

Very Rev. Richard Fischer, VG

Diocese of Baker.....June 15, 1976

Rev. Luis Flores-Alva

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Boardman.....June 17, 2006

Very Rev. Robert Greiner

St. John, Condon.....June 24, 1993

Rev. Steve Garza

St. Francis of Assisi, Bend.....June 27, 2019

Rev. Victor Mena

St. Patrick, Madras.....June 29, 2017

Very Rev. Todd Unger

St. Thomas, Redmond.....June 29, 1982

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

*Bishop Liam Cary celebrates confirmation at St. Thomas in Redmond (top)
and at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend.*



Bishop Cary's Schedule

June 4-10

Archdiocese of San Francisco Priest Retreat

June 13-17

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
(USCCB) - Special Assembly in San Diego, CA



St. Vincent de Paul District Council

Front Row: Linda Linton, Susan Sisco, Leah Bickett

Back Row: Bill Oster, Cole Gayheart,

Tom Majchrowski, John Hedin, Ed Cheeney, Barry Greig

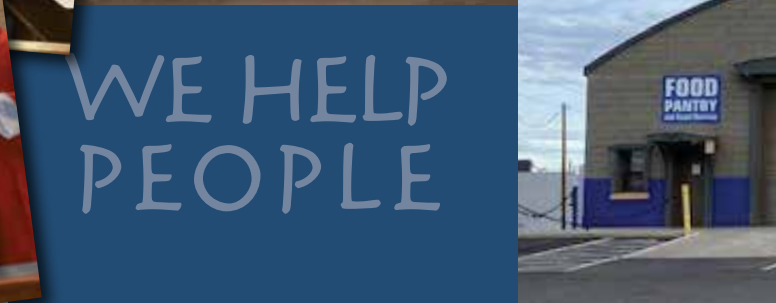
Not pictured: Connie Busse



Delivery & Donation Truck



New Food Pantry Freezers



St. Vincent de Paul-We Help People!

Redmond Conference

Spirituality – Friendship – Service

PART 2

Submitted by **Leah Bickett**, SVdP Redmond, Secretary

Hiring a grant writer proved to be a great success. We applied for \$275,000 in grants and received \$84,000. Facilities and resource improvements were the focus of the grant funds. First, the Social Services and Thrift Store received much needed building signage, upgraded energy-efficient lighting, and new freezers for food storage, and they were able to update the food pantry workflow to accommodate the client-shopping concept. Then, the building received an overdue coat of paint and a computer upgrade, which included a server, three computers, and three remote access links. Efficiency in client services improved through the implementation of the Link 2 Feed software, which eliminates redundant data entry and networks client services with other providers in central Oregon. This improvement led to the reduction and shredding of 12 years of documents! Through the generosity of the Santa Rosa SVdP, we received a new delivery and donation truck that we put into use in 2021.



The SVdP thrift store employs approximately 10 full-time and 7 part-time employees. The Thrift Store had a record year when combined with grants, donations, and Federal Payroll Protection Programs, resulting in revenues exceeding \$1,000,000.00. This success allowed SVdP to provide \$278,402 in financial assistance expense, as well as non-cash assistance in the form of food and thrift store vouchers totaling \$683,722. Every dollar earned is truly a labor of love!

Recognizing the vital role employees offer to our organization, the finance and personnel committees worked together finding ways to appreciate staff. Since

employee retention and job satisfaction is critical, SVdP took advantage of the Federal Payroll Protection Program allowing them to continue paying employees during the COVID shut down. In return, the employees served as the primary providers in the food pantry when many of our volunteers were staying home to avoid illness. We now offer company-paid dental insurance to full-time employees, provided new lunch/break room, Christmas gift checks for all employees, and approved a newly updated compensation scale. The committee also reviewed and updated workplace discrimination policies to ensure compliance with current laws.

In an effort to share the message of hope with those we serve and volunteer with, the personnel team created visual reminders of why we serve, (e.g. a St. Vincent de Paul statue, a prayer box, and prayer coins for volunteers and clients, and development of recognition levels for volunteers and employees are in the works). We look forward to sharing the results with you in a later update.

Networking with and learning from fellow Vincentians led to the development of a SVdP District Council. All active SVdP councils in the Diocese of Baker (Klamath Falls, La Pine, Bend, Prineville, The Dalles, and Redmond) now meet regularly and share information. Annual updates on their efforts in fulfilling the Corporal Works of Mercy are provided to Bishop Cary.

Over the past two years, the board designated time for the review of “The Rule” and Ozanam Orientation during our monthly meetings. Board members realized the importance of spiritual fellowship and now attend a monthly Mass together, held for the intentions of the SVdP staff, volunteers, and clients. After Mass, the board members join in fellowship for breakfast. This small yet significant change has led to the development of spirituality and fellowship among Vincentians.

We are looking forward to another great year and opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship. Thank you to all who have been such an integral part of our success.



Improved signage includes dedication of the building to Norm Czerwinka, past SVdP President, who was instrumental in the development of the thrift store.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL

JULY 29 - AUGUST 8, 2023

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Airfare from/to Boise, ID
- WYD 2023, Aug. 1-6 in Lisbon
- Aug. 7 in Fatima & Santarem
- For additional detail, see:
www.dioceseofbaker.org

**Estimated cost per pilgrim*:
~\$3600**

Airline & WYD 2023 fees are only an estimate until Fall 2022

PEREGRINAJE A PORTUGAL

JULIO 29 - AGOSTO 8, 2023

EL PAQUETE INCLUYE:

- Pasaje aéreo desde/hacia Boise, ID
- JMJ 2023, Agosto 1-6 en Lisboa
- Agosto 7 en Fatima y Santaré
- Para mas detalles, vean:
www.dioceseofbaker.org

**Costo estimado por peregrino*:
~\$3600**

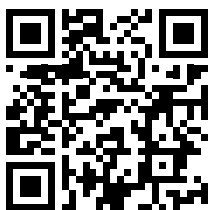
Las tarifas de aerolíneas y JMJ 2023 son solo una estimación hasta el otoño del 2022

Scan Here Or Register at:

www.dioceseofbaker.org/world-youth-day

*\$500 non-refundable deposit
due with registration*

**Registration ends:
July 5, 2022**



Escanea Aquí o Regístrese en:

www.dioceseofbaker.org/world-youth-day

*\$500 depósito no reembolsable
se debe pagar con la registraci3n*

**Registraci3n termina:
Julio 5, 2022**

**SEE YOUR PARISH OFFICE
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**VEAN PARROQUIAVEAN LA
OFICINA DE SU PARROQUIA PARA
INFORMACI3N PARA M3S INFORMACI3N**



made possible by:
**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
DIOCESE of BAKER**

