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*Thoughts Along the Way*

## The Face of Failure

*A homily given the first Sunday of July  
in Bend, Sunriver, and LaPine*

In last week's Gospel our Lord "set His face to go to Jerusalem," because it was there He had been "sent" by the Father—"sent" to suffer and die in total defeat. To all who looked at the Man on the Cross, His failure seemed complete.

In the Gospel today Jesus sends seventy-two disciples "like lambs among wolves" to announce that the Kingdom of God has come. Lambs do not fare well when they go up against wolves. Nonetheless, with the mighty deeds of their Master fresh in mind, the enthusiastic disciples set off, forewarned that their prospects for success were not high. Like them, if you and I are to take up our cross and spread the Good News, we must be willing to follow Jesus into failure.

But not failure as the world sees it—unforgettable, unforgiveable. Christian failing turns worldly failure inside out, because for Christians failure has a Face. It is the Face of the Christ Who failed to win the favor of the crowd in His humiliating Passion. It is the Face of the blood-soaked Victim on Golgotha, Whose death-soaked failure in Good Friday's crucifixion led to life-giving Victory in Easter Sunday's resurrection. For Christians failure has a face: the Holy Face of the Redeemer of Failure.

To the seventy-two Jesus says, "Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you"—that is, when you fail to win them over to you—"go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet . . . we shake off against you.'" His disciples must not let failure cling to them, diminish their hope of living out the Gospel. To redeem failure, we must shake its dust from our feet.

Great athletes know this. If Tiger Woods makes a triple bogey on the first hole of the Masters, he doesn't carry it with him to the second hole or the fifth or the seventh. He shakes it off with the next drive. If Mike Trout strikes

out with the bases loaded in the second inning, he doesn't turn it over in his mind when he comes to the plate in the ninth with the World Series on the line. If Tom Brady throws three interceptions in the first quarter of the Super Bowl, he doesn't spend half time re-playing his mistakes; he'll be looking ahead to doing things right.

Great athletes of the spirit know this too. Jesus had to flee a Nazareth mob, but it didn't stop Him from going on to "the other towns." The Holy Spirit prevented St. Paul from following a much-desired preaching path, only to re-direct his steps in an entirely unexpected direction that proved immensely fruitful.

Time and time again the saints shook off shattered expectations in the calm confidence that the apparent failure of their plans did not signal the failure of God's plan. As Mother Teresa learned, "We are not called to be successful. We are called to be faithful." There is no better teacher of this invaluable lesson than the bitter experience of failure.

As today's opening prayer reminds us, we live in a "fallen world," a world overflowing with failure. When we fail, we fall down into failure's miserable aftermath: anger, frustration, self-loathing, desperation, depression.

In striking contrast, "The seventy-two returned rejoicing" from their evangelizing mission because Jesus' promise had proved true. "Lord," they reported, "even the demons are subject to us because of Your name. "Behold," He replied, "I have given you the power to tread upon . . . the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you." Being sent to fail for Christ, they learned the difference it makes to have the power to face failure and shake it off.

We learn it too—in the Sacrament of Penance. For to confess our sins, we must face up to our most intimate failures—our failures to be faithful, our failures to be grateful, our failures to be true to the person God wills us to be. As we walk away from the confessional into the peace of forgiveness, we feel the power to tread upon Satan. Our sins no longer cling to us because the Redeemer of Failure has washed them away, off our back, out of our life. The testimony of the Gospel rings in our heart like new: "The Kingdom of God is at hand for you."

# Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

# El Rostro del Fracaso

*Una homilía dada en el primer Domingo de Julio  
en Bend, Sunriver, y LaPine*

En el Evangelio de la semana pasada, nuestro Señor “puso Su rostro para ir a Jerusalén”, porque allí había sido “enviado” por el Padre, “enviado” para sufrir y morir en total derrota. Para todos los que miraban al Hombre en la Cruz, Su fracaso parecía completo.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús envía setenta y dos discípulos “como corderos entre lobos” para anunciar que el Reino de Dios ha llegado. A los corderos no les va bien cuando se enfrentan a los lobos. Sin embargo, con los grandes hechos de su Maestro frescos en la mente, los entusiastas discípulos partieron, advertidos de que sus perspectivas de éxito no eran altas. Al igual que ellos, si ustedes y yo vamos a tomar nuestra cruz y difundir la Buena Nueva, debemos estar dispuestos a seguir a Jesús hasta el fracaso.

Pero no el fracaso como lo ve el mundo — inolvidable, imperdonable. El fracaso Cristiano convierte el fracaso mundial al revés, porque para los Cristianos el fracaso tiene un Rostro. Es el Rostro de Cristo que no logró ganarse el favor de la multitud en Su humillante Pasión. Es el Rostro de la Víctima empapada de sangre en el Gólgota, cuyo fracaso empapado de muerte en la Crucifixión del Viernes Santo condujo a la Victoria vivificante en la Resurrección del Domingo de Pascua. Para los Cristianos el fracaso tiene un rostro: el Santo Rostro del Redentor del Fracaso.

A los setenta y dos Jesús les dice, “A cualquier ciudad que entren y no los reciben”—es decir, cuando no consigan ganárselos—“salgan por las calles y digan, “Hasta el polvo de esta ciudad, que se nos ha pegado a los pies, nos lo sacudimos en señal de protesta contra ustedes”. Sus discípulos no deben dejar que el fracaso se pegue a ellos y disminuya su esperanza de vivir el Evangelio. Para redimir el fracaso, debemos sacudirnos el polvo de los pies.

Los grandes atletas saben esto. Si Tiger Woods hace un triple bogey en el primer hoyo del Masters, no se lo lleva al segundo hoyo ni al quinto ni al séptimo. Se sacude con el



*Bishop/Obispo Liam Cary*

siguiente impulso. Si Mike Trout se poncha con las bases llenas en la segunda entrada, no le da vueltas en la cabeza cuando llega a la base en la novena entrada con la Serie Mundial en juego. Si Tom Brady lanza tres intercepciones en el primer cuarto del Super Bowl, no pasa el medio tiempo repitiendo sus errores; él mirará hacia adelante para hacer las cosas bien.

Los grandes atletas del espíritu también lo saben. Jesús tuvo que huir de una multitud de Nazaret, pero no le impidió ir a “las otras ciudades”. El Espíritu Santo impidió

a San Pablo seguir un camino de predicación muy deseado, sólo para redirigir sus pasos en una dirección totalmente inesperada que resultó inmensamente fructífera.

Una y otra vez los santos se sacudieron las expectativas rotas con la tranquila confianza de que el aparente fracaso de sus planes no indicaba el fracaso del plan de Dios. Como aprendió la Madre Teresa: “No estamos llamados a tener éxito. Estamos llamados a ser fieles”. No hay mejor maestro de esta lección invaluable que la amarga experiencia del fracaso.

Como nos recuerda la oración inicial de hoy, vivimos en un “mundo caído”, un mundo rebosante de fracasos.

Cuando fallamos, caemos en las consecuencias miserables del fracaso: ira, frustración, autodesprecio, depresión.

En un marcado contraste, “los setenta y dos volvieron gozosos” de su misión evangelizadora porque la promesa de Jesús se había cumplido. “Señor”, informaron, “hasta los demonios se nos someten a causa de Tu nombre. “He aquí”, respondió, “les he dado el poder de aplastar . . . toda la fuerza del enemigo y nada les hará daño”. Siendo enviados a fracasar para Cristo, aprendieron la diferencia que hace tener el poder de enfrentar el fracaso y sacudirlo.

Nosotros también lo aprendemos—en el Sacramento de la Penitencia. Para confesar nuestros pecados, debemos enfrentar nuestros fracasos más íntimos—nuestros fracasos de ser fieles, nuestros fracasos de ser agradecidos, nuestros fracasos de ser fiel a la persona que Dios quiere que seamos. A medida que nos alejamos del confesionario hacia la paz del perdón, sentimos el poder de pisotear a Satanás. Nuestros pecados ya no se aferran a nosotros porque el Redentor del Fracaso los ha lavado de nuestra espalda, de nuestra vida. El testimonio del Evangelio resuena en nuestro corazón como nuevo: “El Reino de Dios está cerca de ustedes”.

# Blessing of the New Rectory

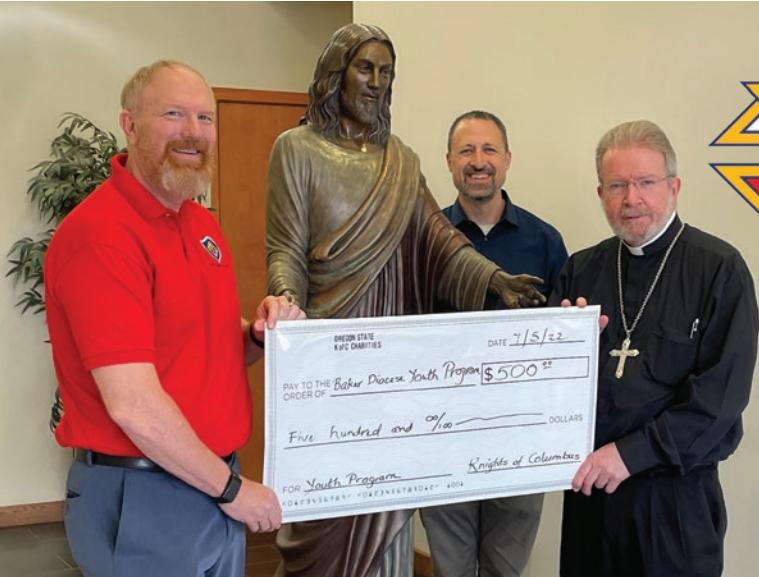
## Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

On June 27, 2022, Bishop Cary joined the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi in Bend to celebrate Mass and bless the newly constructed rectory. Around 40 parishioners participated in the blessing and a tour of the facility. An open house was held after all the Sunday Masses.

The rectory was built with two suites, two guest rooms, a library and a three-car garage.

Karie Minzey, Mary Myers, Sue Rosa, and St. Clare's Helpers set up furnishings, organized gifts from the parishioners, served light refreshments, and prepared the rectory for the event.

A special thanks to Frank and Julia Jungers, George and Conn Slape, John Schimmoller, Simplicity Homes, and Tri-County Paving for their help in constructing the new rectory.



## Knights of Columbus Charities

Ron Boyce (left) Immediate Past State Deputy, presents a donation from the Knights of Columbus Charities to Bishop Cary (right) and Bryce Herrmann (middle) to support diocesan Youth Ministry programs.

## Bishop Cary's Schedule

**July 31**

NAPA Institute Conference

**August 5-7**

Annual Catechetical Symposium,  
Cascade View Retreat Center

**August 13** St. Patrick, Lakeview

**3:30 p.m.** Confessions

**5:00 p.m.** Mass

**7:00 p.m.** Spanish Mass

**August 14**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass @ St. Patrick, Lakeview

**11:30 a.m.** Mass @ St. Thomas, Plush



## Pro-Life Corner

Before Roe vs Wade was reversed, the United States was one of six countries that allowed elective abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy, according to the Family Research Council. The United States was in the company of China, North Korea, South Korea, Canada, and Vietnam. Several organizations report the same statistics, which are easily verified.

58 countries restrict abortion after 14 weeks of gestation - with 12 to 14 weeks being the average cut-off limit globally. By contrast, Oregon's abortion laws are among the most extreme in the nation.

Submitted by **Christine Simone**,  
Pro-Life Office, Diocese of Baker

## A Visitation in the Southern Deanery

Submitted by Very Reverend  
**Rogatian Urassa**, Pastor of Sacred  
Heart, Klamath Falls and Dean of The  
Southern Deanery.

Early in July, our group of Southern deanery presbyters gathered for a meeting and unanimously decided that we would first pay a visit to our fellow and senior retired priest, Reverend Raymond Hopp, who lives not too far from St. Patrick Church. He was delighted to see us and received us joyfully! We were accompanied by two other priests: Father Rene Labrador, who is temporarily in residence at Sacred Heart of Klamath Falls, and Father Ashok Stephen, OMI, the pastor of Sacred Heart Church of Alturas, CA.

Happy to be together for the second time this year, we shared what is going on in our local churches and our experiences. Our meals for the day were provided by our day host, Father Thomas, who was the perfect host for the summer meeting. He cooked and served us in grand style, with a variety of choices on the menu. We had a lot of fun in sharing our ministry and a sense of fraternal unity.



*Standing, left to right:*

Fr. Ildefonse Mapara, OSB (Klamath Falls), Fr. Francis Objekwu of St. Augustine's Church (Merrill), Fr. Shiju Thiruthiyil of St. Pius X (Klamath Falls), Fr. Rogatian Urassa of Sacred Heart Church (Klamath Falls), Fr. Rene Labrador of Sacred Heart Church (Klamath Falls), Fr. Richard Migodela, OSB (Klamath Falls), Fr. Thomas Polimeta of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Chiloquin)

*Sitting, left to right:*

Fr. Raymond Hopp, in his residence (Lakeview), Fr. Ashok Stephen of Sacred Heart Church (Alturas, CA), Fr. Thomas Phillip of St. Patrick's Church (Lakeview)