



# The DIOCESAN CHRONICLE

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## SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION COLLECTION

PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THE FOURTH ANNUAL CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION COLLECTION BY USING THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED BY YOUR PARISH.

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City, is the cathedral parish of the Diocese of Baker, the eastern two-thirds of the State of Oregon. Consecrated and almost dedicated 116 years ago; 37 years after the first Catholic priests arrived in Baker Valley, the Cathedral continues to operate as our diocesan community's spiritual home. She stands as a gift that has been passed down from one generation to the next.

Maintaining the historic Cathedral will preserve our diocesan community's spiritual home for another century and beyond. Your donation to the **Cathedral Conservation Campaign**, started in 2020, continues to support repairs, restoration, and preservation of the Cathedral. *The Fund will be held in trust by the Diocese of Baker for the conservation of the Cathedral building only.*

La Catedral de San Francisco de Sales en Baker City, es la catedral de la Diócesis de Baker, las dos terceras partes orientales del estado de Oregón. Consagrada y dedicada hace 116 años; 37 años después de que los primeros sacerdotes Católicos llegaron al Valle de Baker, la Catedral continúa funcionando como el hogar espiritual de nuestra comunidad diocesana. Ella se presenta como un regalo que se ha transmitido de generación.

Manteniendo la Catedral histórica preservará la casa espiritual de nuestra comunidad diocesana por otro siglo y más allá. Su donación a la **Campaña de la Conservación de la Catedral** que comenzó en 2020, continúa apoyando las reparaciones, la restauración y la preservación de la Catedral. *El fondo será mantenido en fideicomiso por la Diócesis de Baker para la conservación del edificio de la Catedral solamente.*



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the diocese...it belongs to you!"***

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¡Les pertenece a ustedes!*



# 2023 Cathedral Conservation Collection

Since its inception, this collection has assisted the Cathedral in two major projects. Last year, through your generosity, the fund received an additional \$106,468 bringing the current balance to \$232,000. There was no work assigned for 2022 in anticipation of the next major project which will be the replacement of the front steps and sidewalks.

If you look at the photos at right and below you can see that this is going to be a structural challenge. Fr. Suresh Telagani has already consulted an architect. It was quickly determined that structural engineers need to be involved in the process as the front of the cathedral is supported by the steps needing to be replaced. Although actual construction estimates have not yet been finalized, initial projections for the cost could be in excess of \$1,000,000. Your help is greatly needed.

Let us continue our commitment to our beloved cathedral and to keep it in the best condition we can for future generations of Catholics.



**CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION COLLECTION**  
*Colecta para la Conservación de la Catedral*  
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Name/Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address/Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Ciudad: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount/Cantidad: \_\_\_\_\_

Check/Cheque

Please make checks payable to your local parish and place them in offertory basket.  
Por favor haga los cheques a nombre de su parroquia local y colóquelos en la cesta del ofertorio

*Saint Francis de Sales Cathedral*  
April 9, 1908



## CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION COLLECTION

Please join us in supporting our Cathedral  
by using the yellow envelope provided at your parish.

*Por favor acompañenos a apoyar a su Catedral usando el sobre proporcionado en sus parroquial.*

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# Our Patron Saint

The patron saint of the Diocese of Baker is St. Francis de Sales. His feast day is January 24, the anniversary of his burial. People and places with a devotion to a particular saint often pray a novena in preparation for that saint's feast day.

A novena is a kind of devotional prayer that is prayed publicly or privately over nine consecutive days or weeks. A novena for St. Francis de Sales' intercession is prayed January 15-23. Included below is Bishop Cary's favorite novena to St. Francis de Sales.

Please visit [DioceseofBaker.org](http://DioceseofBaker.org) for more information about our patron saint.



Stain glass window at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Baker City

## St. Francis de Sales Novena (A prayer written by St. Francis)

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;  
rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,*

*God, whose very own you are,  
will lead you safely through all things;  
and when you cannot stand it,  
God will carry you in His arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow,  
the same understanding Father  
who cares for you today  
will take care of you then  
and every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering  
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace, and put aside  
all anxious thoughts and imaginations.*

*(Mention your request here)*

*Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory Be . . .*





## Students Put Their Faith into Practice

Our Lady of Angels 5th grade religious education class has been learning how to put faith into practice this year to help save unborn babies. During a Bottle Drive to support the TruCare Pregnancy Center in Hermiston, the students brought in \$45! Their catechist, Kristi Smalley, modeled her faith to the students by matching their funds.

## St. Mary's Feeds the Needy in Hood River

St. Mary's Hood River initiated a Christmas Ham project this past holiday season. Parishioners raised more than \$1,540 to purchase 100 hams for local families in need. The hams were distributed through the Hood River FISH Food Bank by volunteers pictured below.

*Pictured (top, left to right): Marianne Durkan, Becky Bugge, Alondra Garcia, Father Tomy Chowaran, Jovil Galvez, and Chuck Bugge*



## Reflecting the Heart of God

Submitted by **Mary Lou Kranenburg**

In October nearly 100 women from 24 different churches attended the 7th annual women's retreat hosted by St. Pius X Parish in Klamath Falls. The retreat provided opportunity for spiritual growth by including Mass/Adoration, and 3 talks by our guest Lisa Hendey, well known author and speaker. Discussions over meals, and in small group sharing, provided impactful fellowship. New this year we included a track for high school through young adult women with speaker Kayla Garrison, an employee of Focus Missionaries from

Spokane, WA. The young women added energy and their own special expression of faith to our gathering. We are praying special blessings from the Holy Spirit upon each woman who attended. It is our hope that they and many new "sisters" will join us for our 2023 retreat, scheduled for Oct. 13-14, 2023.

Thank you to God for His blessings and to our dedicated retreat team: Mary Ross, Mary Beard, Deb Scaravilli, Jeannette Hopper, Susie Teamey and Terri Pang.

