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## World Youth Day: A Pilgrimage of Faith

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Twenty youth, young adults, and adults from Klamath Falls (7), Hood River (2), Boardman (4), La Grande (3), Baker City (1), Enterprise (1), Eugene (1), and the Pastoral Center (1), began their pilgrimage to World Youth Day (WYD) with a journey to Boise, Idaho. They joined up with 35 pilgrims of the Diocese of Boise for a shared pilgrimage to Portugal. This larger group, affectionately nicknamed “Boise-Baker” by the pilgrimage guide, was a continuation of an inter-diocesan relationship forged through the annual Idaho Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC). It was beautiful to witness how well the two groups blended together, forming new friendships and connections through the shared experiences.

Spiritual experiences were the core of this pilgrimage, as it is for most pilgrimages to a World Youth Day. We enjoyed daily Mass with many, celebrated by two priests from the Diocese of Boise, Fr. Camiio García (Rupert), and Fr. Nelson Cintra, newly ordained. Both became our spiritual guides who blessed and enhanced our experience.

Many pilgrims shared about their experiences of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at various churches in Lisbon.

One noted the profound difference from the noise of so many people outside to the reverent peace and silence, only steps always, inside a church. Others shared experiences of finding unexpected relics of saints, having unexpected conversations with religious sisters or priests, and of accidentally being in the right place at the right time. One pilgrim put it this way, “*I was in a place I wasn’t supposed to be, I met someone I wasn’t supposed to meet, and I had a conversation I wasn’t supposed to have, and I heard exactly what I needed to hear.*” Another said, “*We would start off with a plan, then get distracted or lost, and wind up someplace better. God was helping us to see that no matter what we plan, He always knows what we need. When we trust Him, it is better than anything we can plan for ourselves.*” And another, “*I have been learning to let go, and let God lead.*”

All pilgrimages are a combination of the “amazing” or “fantastic” and the “trial and tribulation”. A profound sense among all pilgrims was the presence of God in the hardest trials as well as the greatest joys. We had been counseled and encouraged to have an intention for the pilgrimage, whether for ourselves, our family, someone in particular,

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Sue Barcik, Fr. Thomas D'Souza, Nancy Coddington at the fundraiser in Enterprise. Father cooked an Indian dinner to raise funds for a WYD pilgrim.



WYD Pilgrim Retreat.





*Bishop Burns leads Eucharistic procession and Adoration at national gathering of US pilgrims.*

our vocation, or a question we were seeking an answer. And every one of us experienced the strength of carrying and praying for an intention in those moments of trial, or exhaustion, or aches and pains, or stress in a large crowd ... It didn't matter the trial - carrying an intention is what carried each one through adversity.

The highlight of any World Youth Day is the experience of the larger Church. Pilgrims gathered with hundreds of thousands of other Catholic pilgrims for the Opening Mass, a national gathering of US pilgrims, Welcoming Pope Francis, Stations of the Cross, and the overnight vigil and closing Mass with Pope Francis. The ending gathering was an overnight camp-out in a large area. There were musicians, speakers, prayer, Adoration, and the Pope. Being in the presence of the successor of Peter is an experience that is hard to put to words, and when that experience is shared with half a million to a million and a half other Catholics, there is only wonder and awe! One pilgrim whose faith was strengthened in the midst of this experience shared, "And for every one pilgrim here, there are more than 1,000 other Catholics in the world!"

At the national gathering of US pilgrims, Bishop Burn of Dallas, Texas, said 38% of priests and women and men in religious life attended a World Youth Day. Fr. Nelson Cintra, who was ordained this past June, is one of those priests. Twelve years ago he attended World Youth Day in Madrid and it changed his faith and his life. While only God knows the seeds of Vocations He planted in hearts at this World Youth Day, every one of the pilgrims from the Diocese of Baker has brought back an experience of faith they are eager to share with their parishes, with fellow students at college, with co-workers, and with anyone God brings their way!

We want to thank Bishop Cary, the pastors, the parishes, the pilgrim's families, and all who support the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for helping make this amazing experience possible. Faith was indeed strengthened, hearts were filled, and souls were blessed. And how many more will be strengthened, filled, and blessed by the experiences shared in the following days? If you know someone who attended this, or any other, World Youth Day, be sure to have a conversation with them – it could change your faith as well.



*500,000+ of the faithful welcoming Pope Francis to WYD!*



**August 3**



*Sunday morning at Parque Tejo after sleeping the night under an overpass.*

**August 7**

*The Baker Group at Fatima, Portugal.*



**August 8**

*Early morning at the Lisbon Airport.*





# Pray-4-Life

## ONTARIO PILGRIMAGE 2023

SEPTEMBER 27 - NOVEMBER 5



### JOURNEY WITH US

Parishioners from across the Diocese of Baker will be taking pilgrimages to Ontario to pray peacefully for this clinic to close and for the conversion of the people who work inside it, to the cause of life. Check with your parish priest to find out when your parish pilgrimage will be.

*We hope you can join us!*

### PRAY WITH US

Please join us for **40 Days of Life**, as we pray and fast for the end to abortion and to Planned Parenthood, especially in Ontario, Oregon. *Please pray each day for greater respect for every human life.*

#### ONTARIO / JERICHO PRAYER

Father most merciful,  
Maker and Master of all that lives,  
You knit us together in our mother's womb  
and impart the breath of life  
as we come forth into the light.

Lord of Light,  
from Your presence  
no one can flee,  
for darkness is not dark for You.  
Call forth from the gloom of abortion  
those who live in the shadow of death.  
Guide their feet into the way  
of pardon and peace.

Redeemer of the lost,  
for You night shines as day.  
Grant us, the children of light,  
courage and compassion  
to cherish and defend  
the wondrous work of Your hands.

Amen.

- Composed by Bishop Liam Cary



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# Rezard por la Vida

## Pray-4-Life

### PEREGRINAJE A ONTARIO 2023

SEPTIEMBRE 27 - NOVIEMBRE 5



## VIAJEN CON NOSOTROS

Los feligreses de toda la Diócesis de Baker realizarán peregrinaciones a Ontario para rezar en paz por el cierre de esta clínica y por la conversión de las personas que trabajan dentro de ella. Consulten con su párroco para saber cuándo será su peregrinación parroquial.

*Esperamos que puedan  
unirse a nosotros.*

## OREN CON NOSOTROS

Por favor, únase a nosotros para los 40 Días de Vida, mientras oramos y ayunamos por el fin del aborto y de Planned Parenthood, especialmente en Ontario, Oregon.  
*Por favor oren cada día por un mayor respeto por cada vida humana.*

### ORACIÓN DE ONTARIO / JERICÓ

Padre misericordioso,  
Hacedor y Maestro de todo lo que vive,  
Nos tejes juntos en el vientre de nuestra madre  
e impartes el aliento de vida  
a medida que salimos a la luz.

Señor de la Luz,  
de Tu presencia  
nadie puede huir,  
porque la oscuridad no es oscura para Ti.  
Llama desde la oscuridad del aborto  
a aquellos que viven a la sombra de la muerte.  
Guía sus pies por el camino  
de perdón y paz.

Redentor de los perdidos,  
Para Ti la noche resplandece como el día.  
Concédenos a nosotros, los hijos de la luz,  
coraje y compasión  
para apreciar y defender  
la maravillosa obra de Tus manos.

*Amén.*

*- Compuesta por el Obispo Liam Cary*



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