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Youth Ministry News: St. Patrick, Madras

On October 24th, 17 youth from St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Madras came together to complete a 19 Hour Fast and Fundraiser. The purpose of the Fast/Fundraiser was to pray for the needs of the Parish, the Diocese and the World, and to raise money for the youth to attend "Day of the Son".

Bishop Cary led the group in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and evening prayers of the Divine Office. The youth spent one-half hour each in Adoration throughout the night. At 6 AM, Bishop Cary returned to repose the Blessed Sacrament and led them in morning prayers of the Divine Office.

With only water to sustain them, the youth participated in a Church building competition; then watched the movie "Do You Believe?". As service to the Church and with only a few hours of sleep and no food, the youth removed gum from the bottom of the Church pews and outside sidewalks. Later while Church members were at Mass, the youth washed their car windows. Ending the 19 Hour Fast and Fundraiser with Mass; the youth ushered and brought up the gifts.

The youth attending were: Jonathan Figueroa, Antonio Sanchez, Amanda Flores, Marlene Beaz, Noe Melgarejo JR, Julio Gutierrez, Noelia Melgarejo, Maria Zavala, Antonio Giron, Osmer Rodriguez, Franklin Pineda, Roberto Garcia, Xenia Figueroa, Natalie Sanchez, Bulmara (Lupita) Orozco, Alexander Sanchez and Esteban Gomez.



Parish News: St. Pius X, Klamath Falls

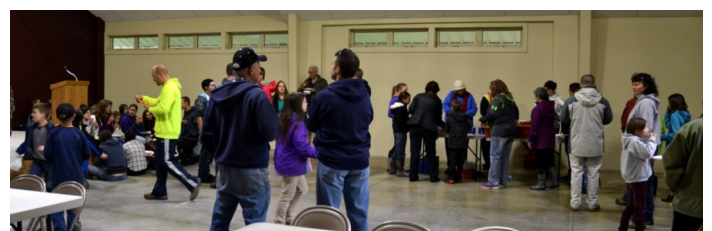


Religious Education Families joined together on All Saints Day for their annual cemetery clean up. Over 80 volunteers showed up to help rake leaves, clean off head stones, and prepare the grounds for winter. The Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery Board of Directors worked alongside the families



during the service project. While the families were busy working, others visiting the cemetery were seen praying for the dead, one visitor in particular had the current chronicle and was praying for all the deceased Bishops and Priests of the Diocese of Baker.

The families were provided a pizza luncheon inside the unfinished chapel after the work was complete.





Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

In the Spotlight

This is the month for the release of *Spotlight*—a much promoted movie about the Boston *Globe*'s explosive disclosure of priestly sex abuse in 2002. Day after day prize-winning reporters brought the horrors to light—physical and psychological violation, betrayal of sacred trust, manipulation of the innocent, scandalous cover-ups on the part of bishops. The crisis was painful to live through then; brought to the screen, it will be painful to sit through now—especially for the many victims whose souls were scarred forever by priests who abused them.

To those of you who bear those wounds I renew and make my own the apologies that have been spoken by popes and bishops in the 13 years since the *Globe* broke the story. As a parish priest I listened as people like you told me what they had suffered, and I can never forget the pain and disappointment, the isolation and confusion which they—and you—went through. I pray and hope that the Church in which you were so deeply wounded can help bring about your continued healing. If you have not yet come forward to make your suffering known, I humbly encourage you to do so.

As the pages of the Boston *Globe* brought the crime and sin of child abuse undeniably and unforgettably to light, the American Bishops approved the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, acknowledged disastrous mistakes, and vowed to deal with sexual abuse by priests “strongly, consistently, and effectively in the future.”

To appreciate the effectiveness of this promise we need only recall the corrective actions the *Charter* brought about in the afterglow of *Spotlight* and which have been put in place here in the Diocese of Baker:

- outreach to victims in a spirit of reconciliation
- establishment of a Diocesan Review Board whose members are professional lay men and women experienced in the protection of children
- prohibition of confidentiality agreements
- mandatory reporting of allegations to public authorities
- zero tolerance of sexual abuse by priests or deacons
- Diocesan code of conduct for all employees and volunteers who work with youth
- open and transparent communication about allegations of abuse
- training of adults to create and maintain safe environments for children and youth
- training children to recognize and report grooming behavior
- background checks on all clergy and lay volunteers who work with children
- prohibition of transfers of clergy who have committed an act of sexual abuse against a minor
- ongoing formation of clergy.

Spotlight highlights the crucial role of the press in bringing about these necessary changes. And they have borne fruit, for reports of child abuse in the Church continue to decline with each passing year. Time does not stand still. The world of 2015 is not the world of 2002. By God's grace and the courage of victims who made injustice known we have been able to create an environment in the Catholic Church that truly is safer for children and worthy of the faith we proclaim. But we must continue to be vigilant to preserve what has been gained at such cost so that those who come after us do not suffer the horrors that came to light in 2002.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

En el Centro de Atención (Spotlight)

Este es el mes para el estreno de *Spotlight*—una película muy promocionada sobre la revelación explosiva del Boston *Globe* sobre el abuso sexual por parte de sacerdotes en el 2002. Día tras día, los periodistas premiados trajeron los horrores a la luz—violación física y psicológica, traición de confianza sagrada, manipulación del inocente, encubrimientos escandalosos por parte de obispos. La crisis fue dolorosa de vivir en ese entonces; traída a la pantalla grande, será doloroso sentarse a verla hoy—especialmente para las muchas víctimas cuyas almas fueron marcadas para siempre por sacerdotes que los abusaron.

Para aquellos de ustedes que llevan estas heridas, renuevo y doy mis propias disculpas que han sido dichas por papas y obispos en los 13 años desde que el *Globe* publicó la historia. Como párroco escuché lo que personas como ustedes me dijeron lo que habían sufrido, y nunca podré olvidar el dolor y decepción, el aislamiento y confusión que ellos—y ustedes—pasaron. Rezo y espero que la Iglesia en la que ustedes fueron tan profundamente heridos pueda ayudarles a lograr su continua recuperación. Si ustedes todavía no se han presentado para dar saber su sufrimiento, humildemente los animo a que lo hagan.

A medida que las páginas del Boston *Globe* trajeron el crimen y el pecado del abuso infantil innegable e inolvidablemente a la luz, los Obispos Estadounidenses aprobaron la *Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes*, reconocieron errores desastrosos, y se comprometieron a hacer frente con al abuso sexual por parte de sacerdotes “fuertemente, consistentemente, y eficazmente en el futuro”.

Para apreciar la eficacia de esta promesa, necesitamos solo recordar las acciones correctivas de la *Carta* que brotaron en el resplandor del *Spotlight* y que se han puesto en marcha aquí en la Diócesis de Baker:

- comunicación con las víctimas en espíritu de reconciliación
- establecimiento de un Junta de Revisión Diocesana cuyos miembros son hombres y mujeres laicos profesionales con experiencia en la protección de los niños
- prohibición de acuerdos de confidencialidad

- notificación obligatoria de alegaciones a las autoridades públicas
- cero tolerancia de abuso sexual por parte de sacerdotes o diáconos
- código de conducta Diocesano para todos los empleados y voluntarios que trabajan con jóvenes
- comunicación abierta y transparente sobre alegaciones de abuso
- entrenamiento de adultos para crear y mantener ambientes seguros para niños y jóvenes
- entrenamiento a niños a reconocer y reportar el comportamiento de engatusamiento
- revisión de antecedentes penales de todo el clero y voluntarios laicos que trabajan con niños
- prohibición de transferencia de clero que han cometido un acto de abuso sexual en contra de un menor
- formación permanente del clero.

Spotlight destaca el papel crucial de la prensa en lograr estos cambios necesarios. Y han dado fruto, por denuncias de abuso de menores en la Iglesia seguirá disminuyendo con cada año que pasa. El tiempo no se detiene. El mundo del 2015 no es el mundo del 2002. Por la gracia de Dios y el valor de las víctimas que han dado a saber las injusticias, hemos podido crear un ambiente en la Iglesia Católica que verdaderamente es más seguro para niños y digno de la fe que proclamamos. Pero debemos seguir vigilantes para perseverar lo que se ha logrado a tal precio para que aquellos que vengan después de nosotros no sufran los horrores que salieron a la luz en el 2002.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

November 29	Masses in Madras
December 2	Confessions at St. Francis in Bend
December 4	Starlight Gala in Redmond
December 5	RCIA Retreat at Powell Butte
December 6	St. Andrews Mission - Meet with youth to be confirmed
December 8	Mass in Madras 7:00 PM
December 12	Jordan Valley: Meet with youth to be confirmed and then with parents
December 12	7:30 PM Mass in Ontario
December 13	Open the Door of Mercy Rite and Mass at 1:30 PM in Baker City
December 13	Ontario: Meet with youth to be confirmed and then with parents

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during December.

Rev. Rob Irwin, Idaho	Dec. 8, 1995
Rev. Eduardo Nebelung, Boardman	Dec. 21, 1984
Rev. Dennis Strachota, Retired, Bend	Dec. 23, 1967
Rev. Thomas Philip, OSH, Pendleton	Dec. 28, 1998
Rev. Saji Thomas, CMI, La Grande	Dec. 31, 2005

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our Priests and Bishops. Please keep them in your prayers.

Stewardship and Thankfulness through the Bishop's Annual Appeal

On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns his disciples about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated only three days ago, but thoughts of thankfulness remains with us. As the end of the Bishop's Annual Appeal draws near, we are so very thankful for the generosity of all who have participated in this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Religious Retirement Collection

Since the National Religious Retirement Office was established in 1988, the annual appeal has collected over \$755 million, and donors often speak of this campaign as a timely response to priests and religious who have ministered throughout their lives to others.

Over the past 27 years the Diocese of Baker has sent \$854,020.83 to the national office for this collection. In 2014 we received \$114,708.49 for the Religious Retirement Collection, and 10 percent was sent to the national office; the remainder stayed in our Diocese. Thank you for your generosity and support. As many of you already know, the Priest's pension plan is significantly under-funded. The Diocese of Baker also makes payments to the dioceses of our foreign-born priests based on years of service in our diocese. Because of our large unfunded pension liability and our out-standing retirement liability for our foreign priests, the diocese will again allocate the majority of this collection to the Priest's Retirement Program. This collection and our own Bishop's Annual Appeal are two of their major funding sources.

Our diocesan and foreign priests have served the Church and they have done so for relatively little material reward. These dedicated priests deserve a just retirement for their committed years of service to the Diocese.

We will continue to support the religious sisters and brothers who have served in our Diocese by remitting a portion of this collection to the national office. We urge you to continue to support this important and necessary collection which will be held at your parish on the weekend of December 12-13.



Northwest Catholic Men's Conference

February 26-27, 2016

Pendleton Convention Center
Pendleton, Oregon

Conference begins Friday at
4 p.m. with registrations
and ends Saturday at 5 p.m.
with a final blessing

Fathers and sons, ages 15 and
up, are welcome



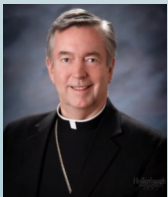
Cost is \$40—includes 3 meals

Registration forms & additional
information available at

www.nwcmg.com

or call St. Mary's Parish
at (541) 276-3615

Conference Speakers:



Most Rev. Peter Christensen
Bishop of Boise



Most Rev. Liam Cary
Bishop of Baker



Fr. Theodore Lange
Oregon State Chaplain of
Knights of Columbus



Fr. Kumar Udagandla
Pastor, St. Mary's
Pendleton



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**PLEASE JOIN
US FOR THE
FIRST ANNUAL**

**Walk
for Life
Northwest**

*The Committee for the Walk for Life Northwest invites you to
Riverfront Park in beautiful downtown Spokane, WA*

January 16, 2016 at 11 a.m.

*Join people of the entire northwest region: Washington, Oregon,
Idaho, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta and more—
gather to witness to the dignity of life.*

Bishop Thomas Daly and visiting bishops will celebrate
Catholic Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes
9 a.m. prior to the Walk **All are welcome to attend!**

We are proud to have **Reverend Walter Hoye II**
Baptist Pastor and Founder of Issues4Life Foundation
and
Bryan Kemper
President of Stand True Ministries
speak before the Walk

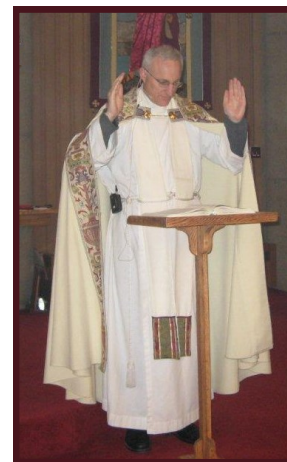
We encourage you to carry banners from your church or
community. Please, no graphic images at this family event.

For more details about the Walk, visit our website at

www.walkforlifenorthwest.org

Contact us at walkforlifenorthwest@yahoo.com

Parish News: St. Peters, The Dalles



Who has the
keys? Yes, it is St.
Peter. The image of
St. Peter is actually
taken from a photo
of the statue that
stands in front of
the Vatican Basilica -
the statue is not
painted, so has only
the natural color
of the stone. The
landscaping behind

the statue is taken from a photo of the Sea of Galilee. The
tapestry was made by Claudia Schon, Virginia Kelly,
Linda Huteson, Barbara Viltz and Mary Zachariesen.

