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Drawing Near to the Lord This Holy Week

Holy Week is a time to reflect, pray, and draw closer to God. It spans from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, encompassing both the Church's most somber observances and its most joyous celebrations. The unique and beautiful liturgies throughout this week invite us to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

In preparation for Holy Week and Easter Vigil, Bishop Cary celebrated the Chrism Mass this past Thursday. This annual Mass highlights Christ's gift of priesthood to His Church. During the celebration, the Bishop gathers with his priests to renew their promises and bless the Holy Oils used in sacraments throughout the year. Just as the women found no scent of corruption at Christ's tomb on Easter morning, His Resurrection has infused the sacraments with the fragrance of eternal life, which Christians are called to spread throughout the world.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, Holy Week commemorates the final seven days leading up to Easter. On Palm Sunday, we remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Wednesday, known as Spy Wednesday, marks Jesus' betrayal. Maundy Thursday (the ending of Lent and the beginning of the Triduum) observes the Last Supper, followed by Good Friday, which recalls Jesus' Passion. The Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday is the pinnacle of this week, transitioning from the solemnity of the Triduum to the glorious celebration of Easter Sunday. It is a celebration in which all who have completed their formation as catechumens are received into the church. It's often considered the most important liturgy of the year.

May the Risen Lord answer your prayers and give you an ever deepening share in his victory over death.

Be sure to check your parish for the schedule of services during this sacred week.

Acercándonos al Señor esta Semana Santa

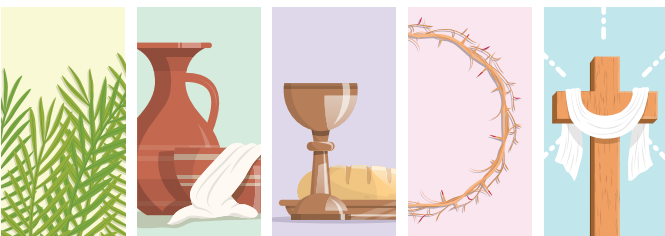
La Semana Santa es un tiempo para reflexionar, orar y acercarnos a Dios. Abarca desde el Domingo de Ramos hasta el Domingo de Pascua, abarcando tanto las celebraciones más solemnes de la Iglesia como sus celebraciones más alegres. Las únicas y hermosas liturgias de esta semana nos invitan a profundizar nuestra relación con el Señor.

En preparación para la Semana Santa y la Vigilia Pascual, el Obispo Cary celebró la Misa Crismal este pasado Jueves. Esta Misa anual resalta el regalo de Cristo del sacerdocio a Su Iglesia. Durante la celebración, el Obispo se reúne con sus sacerdotes para renovar sus promesas y bendecir los Santos Óleos usados en los sacramentos a lo largo del año. Así como las mujeres no hallaron olor a corrupción en la tumba de Cristo la mañana de Pascua, su Resurrección ha impregnado los sacramentos con la fragancia de la vida eterna, que los Cristianos están llamados a difundir.

Comenzando con el Domingo de Ramos, la Semana Santa conmemora los últimos siete días previos a la Pascua. El Domingo de Ramos, recordamos la entrada triunfal de Cristo en Jerusalén. El Miércoles, conocido como el Miércoles del Espionaje (Spy Wednesday), conmemora la traición a Jesús. El Jueves Santo (final de la Cuaresma y comienzo del Triduo) celebra la Última Cena, seguido del Viernes Santo, que recuerda la Pasión de Jesús. La Vigilia Pascual el Sábado Santo es el punto culminante de esta semana, cambiando de la solemnidad del Triduo Pascual a la gloriosa celebración del Domingo de Pascua. Es una celebración en la que todos los que han completado su formación como catecúmenos son recibidos en la iglesia. A menudo se considera la liturgia más importante del año.

Que el Señor Resucitado responda a sus oraciones y les conceda una participación cada vez más profunda en su victoria sobre la muerte.

Asegúrese de consultar en su parroquia el horario de servicios durante esta semana sagrada.



Fostering the Next Generation of Pro-Life Advocates

This year, the Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Baker facilitated the attendance of two mothers and three students to the *Together We Advocate* Pro-Life Conference in Tualatin by providing accommodations, tickets, and meals.

The students and mothers were able to talk to guest speakers and Oregon Right To Life staff, posing questions and participating in one-on-one discussions with Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor and founder of the Abortion Survivor Network (ASN). The students expressed profound inspiration to engage in the Pro-Life movement and one has initiated a Pro-Life ministry, "Be Loved," at her parish in Klamath Falls, while the other two are contributing at their local Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) by assisting with laundering baby clothes.

This journey was made possible through contributions to the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*. We couldn't do this without your faithful support, kindness, and generosity. Thank you!



"It was extremely moving to be around so many Pro-Life advocates. I am proud to be part of the next generation of Pro-Life women."

- Emerson, age 19

"The Pro-Life Conference was an amazing opportunity to learn about the Pro-Life cause. After so much new information, I feel incredibly inspired to do whatever I can to impact the Pro-Life fight for LIFE!" - Katryn, age 15

"I am grateful for the opportunity to have attended the Pro-Life Conference. I was moved by the Abortion Survivors Network (ASN) and was stunned at the amount of babies who survive abortion." - Ensley, age 14



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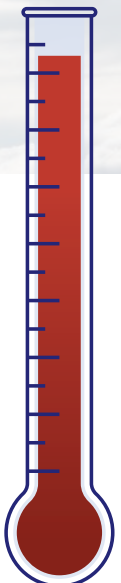
THANK YOU to all the donors for supporting the 2024 *Bishop's Annual Appeal* and its mission. Your generosity will go a long way in supporting our priests, parish ministry leadership, family life, youth, young adults, and outreach.

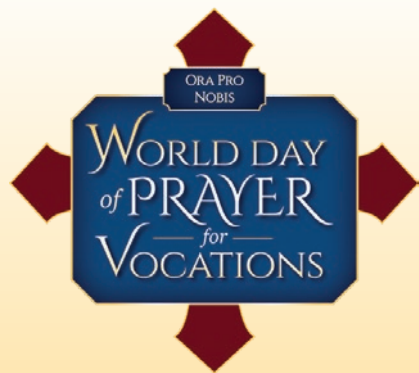
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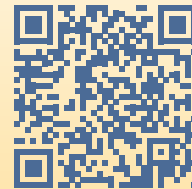
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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 11, 2025 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

World Day of Prayer will be observed on the 4th Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Throughout the world, on this day we will publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). In the Diocese of Baker, we ask the faithful to pray for our priests, active and retired, and to pray for the young men and women to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood or religious life. Please visit DioceseofBaker.org/Vocations-Office for the Prayer for Priestly Vocations and other vocation prayers.



A New Year Ignited by the Holy Spirit: Reflections on SEEK25

Submitted by Jesse Stokes, FOCUS Parish Missionary

We began this new year by celebrating the Church and being set afire by the Holy Spirit at the SEEK25 conference. SEEK is an annual conference organized by FOCUS. It is for people of all ages desiring to encounter Christ and His Church and to be re-inspired for greatness. Bishop Cary and parishioners from St. Francis of Assisi (Bend), St. Thomas (Redmond), St. Pius X (Klamath Falls), and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Boardman) gathered together in Salt Lake City with over 17,000 other people to participate in SEEK.

We heard talks from renown speakers like Arthur Brooks, a Harvard professor of business and

happiness, who taught us about how to be truly joyful Catholics on mission for the Lord. And from Monsignor Shea, the president of the University of Mary, who taught us about the effects of the fall and answered the question: why does God care for us? There were opportunities to meet people from hundreds of other Catholic organizations and religious orders, and to converse with other parishioners hoping to return home to proclaim the Gospel. But the best part was the opportunity to visit the Lord in adoration at any time of the day. To pray shoulder to shoulder and to witness confessions happening in every corner of the convention center.

We came home changed and ignited. Jesus Christ gives in abundance so that our joy may be full and that we may help others obtain the same joy in His name.

The talks from SEEK25 are posted and are available for free on seekreplay.com. But we would also love for you to join us next year in Denver! SEEK26 registration is open and is at the lowest price it will be all year. If you have any questions about joining us for SEEK26 please email jesse.stokes@focus.org.



▶ Everyone from the Diocese of Baker that attended SEEK25 in Salt Lake City, UT.

▶ Over 17,000 people gathering for one of the many keynotes throughout the week.

ANNUAL DISCIPLESHIP SYMPOSIUM

♦ **I Believe** ♦

Inviting parish ministry teams & everyone (16-106) who wants to grow & learn.

Be Inspired - Connect - Bring Home New Ideas!

Join Bishop Cary and his guests:

2 Options this Year!

SIMPOSIO ANUAL DE DISCIPULADO

♦ **Creo** ♦

Invitamos a los equipos de ministerio parroquial y a todos (edades 16-106) los que deseen crecer y aprender.

¡Inspírate, conecta y trae nuevas ideas a casa!

Únete al Obispo Cary y sus invitados:

¡2 opciones este año!

› SYMPOSIUM EAST ›

At St. Francis de Sales Cathedral,
in Baker City, OR

**Saturday, September 6th
8:30am-6:30pm (PT)**

Sept 5th - Special Fri. Night Gathering
for Parish Ministry Leaders.

Presented in English and Spanish
Please register by Aug 22

› SIMPOSIO DEL ESTE ›

En la catedral de San Francisco de Sales,
en Baker City, OR

**Sábado el 6 de septiembre
8:30am-6:30pm (hora del Pacífico)**

5 de septiembre - Reunión especial del viernes por la
noche para líderes del ministerio parroquial.

Presentado en inglés y español
Por favor, regístrate antes del 22 de agosto

‹ SYMPOSIUM WEST ‹

At St. Patrick's Church, in Madras, OR

**Saturday, September 20th
8:30am-6:30pm (PT)**

Sept 19th - Special Friday Night Gathering
for Parish Ministry Leaders.

Presented in English and Spanish
Please register by Sept 5th

‹ SIMPOSIO DEL OESTE ‹

En la Iglesia de San Patricio, en Madras, OR

**Sábado el 20 de septiembre
8:30am-6:30pm (hora del Pacífico)**

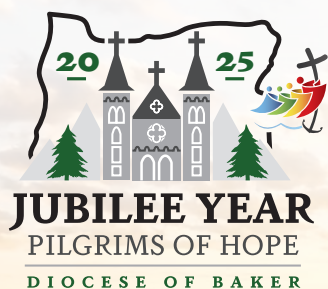
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noche para líderes del ministerio parroquial.

Presentado en inglés y español
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For More Information & to Register:
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