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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS: St. Patrick's, Heppner

Last year during Wednesday night CCD, the Junior High students asked teacher, Mary Ann Elguézabal, why the LDS students were able to get out of school every day for an hour to go to their "Catechism classes" She replied, "First of all, they call their classes "Seminary" and secondly, it's the law." Then they posed the question, "Could we have CCD during the school day too?"

Throughout the summer, Fr. Kumar, Fr. Condon, parents, and teachers met and discussed this amazing opportunity. We invited David O'Neill to present and recommend curriculum for this new adventure. Additionally, Bishop Waite, from the LDS church, spoke to our parents and students about the benefits and also some of the obstacles they have faced with their Seminary.

So on August 26, 2013, the first day of the new school year, we began a new faith journey as our Catholic high school students met 6th Period at the Parish Hall for their first Daily CCD lesson. The students are blessed to have Fr. Condon and Fr. Kumar for their teachers one day a week, and Mary Ann Elguézabal for two days. Fr. Condon is teaching Church History, Fr. Kumar is sharing the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Mary Ann is using Fr. Barron's "Catholicism" series plus some of Scott Hahn's famous speeches.

To make this story even sweeter: when Trish Sweeney heard the LDS students needed a bigger classroom for their Seminary class, she suggested we offer them the use of our Parish Hall. The LDS church was delighted with the offer! On the second day of class, the LDS students brought a beautiful handmade thank-you card and a big batch of sugar cookies—shamrocks, of course—in honor of our Patron Saint, St. Patrick!

The parishioners think this idea of the students has not only been a wonderful addition to our Catechetical Program, but it has also been a small miracle that all the pieces have come together so perfectly.

—Mary Ann Elguézabal



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS:

The new theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2014 is **Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.**

The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education.

First, schools are communities—small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city, and nation. Faith, knowledge, and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

In response to member requests for a theme and logo that would last more than a year, the new theme will be used for at least three years. This will provide opportunities for schools to brand the week and their ongoing marketing activities with repeated mentions and use of a consistent logo. It is especially appropriate that this new brand will mark National Catholic Schools Week 2014—the 40th anniversary of this annual event.

The National Marketing Campaign For Catholic Schools and its centerpiece, National Catholic Schools Week, is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).



PARISH NEWS: St. Bernard, Jordan Valley



St. Bernard Parish hosted a community Interfaith Christmas Program on December 22nd. The church was beautifully decorated and welcomed all the community churches in the area to celebrate this wonderful time of the year with music selections, reflections, and delicious foods afterward at the Parish Hall.

Violinists, Abe Cunningham and Elias Eiguren, accompanied the children. Father Christi Tissera gave a great reflection representative of our Catholic faith.

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY— Bishop Cary

On Roe 41

On January 22nd we mark the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court's game-changing decision on abortion, and we do well to recall the difference *Roe v. Wade* made in our political and social life.

Roe caught everyone by surprise, because by 1973 the political momentum to make state laws on abortion more liberal had stalled. From 1967 to 1970 pro-abortion proponents prevailed in a number of state legislative debates, and by the time of *Roe* 19 states had liberalized their laws (though only four allowed abortion on demand). Then, beginning in 1971, the pro-life movement won a string of legislative victories, defeating abortion legalization bills in all 25 of the state legislatures that considered them. In 1972 the people of Michigan and North Dakota overwhelmingly rejected initiative proposals to loosen their abortion laws. By the end of 1972, only weeks before *Roe*, repeal of New York's unrestricted law seemed only a year away; and Planned Parenthood grew concerned that California's law would not survive 1973.

Then the Court came to the rescue of the abortion cause. Suddenly, throughout the nation, all meaningful limits on abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy were overturned. Statistics hint at the magnitude of the change. In 1972, the year before *Roe*, the number of legal abortions totaled 587,000; in 1973, as the decision began to take effect, the total jumped to 750,000; in 1980 it reached 1.5 million. As the number of clinics increased and made abortion more widely available, markedly higher abortion rates among poor and minority women became apparent. By 2008 55% of abortions were performed on black or Hispanic women, and 42% of women who had abortions were below the poverty line. But these statistics only begin to suggest the devastating social transformation which *Roe* set in motion.

Four decades later the spirit of *Roe v. Wade* lives on in "pro-choice" opposition to any limits on the abortion liberty. Planned Parenthood has tirelessly fought against legal regulation of abortion clinics, against informed consent in abortion decisions, against parental consent for minors, against waiting periods before an abortion, against the ban on partial-birth abortion, and against the mandatory protection of survivors of late-term abortions. The "pro-choice" movement has resolutely set itself against *informed* choice every time it is proposed.

And yet, 41 years after the Justices presumed to settle the abortion debate, *Roe* is increasingly on the defensive. More precise knowledge of human reproduction and gestation has confirmed the humanity of intra-uterine life—a truth the sonogram makes evident to anyone with eyes to see but which the Justices of *Roe* could not. Despite its four-decade dominance, however, there is no respectable legal justification to be found for the reasoning in *Roe*. Even the law clerk to Justice Blackmun, the decision's author, admitted as much: "*Roe*, as constitutional interpretation, is virtually impossible to defend." Nor is its status any more respectable in medicine; even after 40 years of legality abortion has never been accepted as part of mainstream medical practice.

We need to recall *Roe* because we need to be reminded of its four-decade failure to crush opposition to the abortion agenda. We need to remember because we must continue to hope that *Roe* will one day be overturned. We must continue to hope because those whose right to life *Roe* took away depend on us to do so—and to put our hope into action in the defense of life in the womb.

PENSAMIENTOS DEL CAMINO—Obispo Cary

En Roe 41

El 22 de enero celebramos el 41º aniversario del juego de la Corte Suprema que cambió de decisión sobre el aborto, y hacemos bien en recordar la diferencia que *Roe v. Wade* hizo en nuestra vida política y social.

Roe tomó a todos por sorpresa, ya que en 1973 el impulso político para hacer la ley estatal sobre el aborto más liberal se había estancado. De 1967 a 1970 los promotores pro-aborto se impusieron en una serie de debates legislativos de estado, y en el tiempo de *Roe* 19 estados habían liberalizado sus leyes (aunque sólo cuatro permitieron el aborto a petición). Y a partir de 1971, el movimiento pro-vida ganó una serie de victorias legislativas, derrotando a las propuestas de legalización del aborto en 25 de las legislaturas de los estados que lo tomaran en consideración. En 1972 la gente de Michigan y Dakota del Norte rechazaron abrumadoramente las propuestas de iniciativas para liberar su ley de aborto. A finales de 1972, sólo unas semanas antes de *Roe*, la derogación de la ley sin restricciones de Nueva York parecía sólo a un año de distancia, y Planned Parenthood estaba preocupado de que la ley en California no sobreviviera en 1973.

Luego, el Tribunal de Justicia vino al rescate del aborto. De pronto, las limitaciones significativas sobre el aborto durante los nueve meses de embarazo en todo el país, fueron anuladas. Estadísticas muestran la magnitud del cambio. En 1972, un año antes de *Roe*, el número de abortos legales ascendió a 587.000, en 1973, ya que la decisión comenzó a surtir efecto, el total subió a 750.000, y en 1980 llegó a 1,5 millones. A medida que el número de clínicas de aborto aumenta y hace más accesible el aborto, notablemente las tasas de aborto entre las mujeres pobres y de minorías se hicieron evidentes. Para el año 2008 el 55% de los abortos se realizaron en mujeres de raza negra o hispana, y el 42% de las mujeres que abortaron estaban por debajo del límite de pobreza. Sin embargo, estas estadísticas sólo comienzan a mostrar la transformación social devastadora que *Roe* pone en movimiento.

Cuatro décadas después, el espíritu de *Roe v. Wade* sigue vivo en la oposición "pro-elección" sin límites a la libertad de aborto. Planned Parenthood ha luchado incansablemente contra la regulación legal de clínicas de aborto, contra la información antes de tomar la decisión de abortar, contra el consentimiento de los padres para los menores de edad, contra los períodos de espera antes de un aborto, en contra de la prohibición del aborto por nacimiento parcial, y en contra de la protección obligatoria a los sobrevivientes de los abortos de gestación avanzada. El movimiento "pro-elección" se ha puesto decididamente en contra de la información >>>

antes de tomar una decisión cada vez que se ha propuesto.

Sin embargo, 41 años después de que los jueces presuntamente resolvieron el debate sobre el aborto, Roe se pone cada vez más a la defensiva. Un conocimiento más preciso de la reproducción humana y la gestación ha confirmado la verdad de la vida humana intrauterina, el ultrasonido la hace evidente para cualquiera quiera ver, pero los jueces de Roe no quieren ver. A pesar de su dominio de cuatro décadas, no hay ninguna justificación legal respetable para el razonamiento en el caso Roe. Incluso Blackmun asistente de la oficina de ley para la Justicia admitió: “Roe, de acuerdo a la interpretación constitucional, es prácticamente imposible de defender.” Tampoco en el terreno de la medicina incluso después de 40 años de aborto legal nunca ha sido aceptado como parte de la práctica médica.

Necesitamos recordar Roe porque necesitamos recordar su fracaso de cuatro décadas para aplastar a la oposición de la agenda del aborto. Necesitamos recordar porque hay que seguir esperando que Roe algún día se revoque. Tenemos que seguir esperando porque las personas cuyo derecho a la vida Roe quitó dependen de nosotros, necesitamos poner nuestra esperanza en acción a la defensa de la vida del vientre materno.

DIOCESAN NEWS: Roe v. Wade Mass

January 22, 2014, will mark the 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

Join Bishop Cary at St. Mary's Chapel at the Retreat Center for Holy Mass — praying for end to abortion and for the protection of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. **6:00 p.m. January 22nd**

DIOCESAN NEWS: Tribunal Marriage Nullity due to Lack of Canonical Form

“Canon 1108 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law prescribes that, for validity, Catholics must marry using the canonical form of marriage or seek a dispensation thereof. This discipline dates back to the Council of Trent, and its articulation in the present code reflects the nature of marriage as a personal yet public institution, which affects the status of persons in both the Church and civil sphere.”

Visit the Diocesan website www.dioceseofbaker.org and the Tribunal page for more on the law of the canonical form of marriage.

Father Jude Onogbosele, J.C.L., Judge Pro Tem

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE:

Jan. 6-13	Bishop's Retreat
Jan. 16	RCIA, Bend
Jan. 18-19	Confirmation, Bonanza and Merrill
Jan. 21	Review Board Meeting
Jan. 25	Teaching Series “The Hour of Faith” in English and Spanish, Ontario
Jan. 26	Installation of Acolytes and Lectors, Ontario

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Have a Heart for Bend

Have a Heart for Bend fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 1st at the Bend Elks Lodge from 6-10 p.m. Come and enjoy a buffet dinner, beer and wine tasting, dancing, a 50/50 raffle, live auction, and door prizes. Tickets are only \$35 per person to enjoy an evening with friends and support St. Vincent de Paul Bend. All proceeds go to the food pantry. Event tickets and \$5 raffle tickets will be sold following all St. Francis of Assisi Sunday masses during the weekends of January 11/12 and 18/19, and at the St. Vincent de Paul Social Services offices at 950 SE Third Street in Bend. Tickets will also be sold online at <http://stvincentdepaulbend.org> and at the door— if available.

Thank you to all our donors and volunteers for helping make the 2013 **Have a Heart for Bend** fundraiser such a success! They raised enough money to provide approximately 47,000 meals for the Bend neighbors who would otherwise go without.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

January is Celebrate Life Month, reminding everyone that life is a gift from God and that we are stewards of that gift. On January 21, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will host the 35th annual National Prayer Vigil for Life, and the next day is the annual March for Life. Thousands of Catholics from across the United States will descend upon Washington, D.C. for this annual pilgrimage and this year more than a quarter of a million people are expected to march.

Here in the Diocese of Baker, Respect Life Ministry is a vital part of our efforts to educate Catholics and others of good will about a range of life issues. Because Catholics hold life as sacred, this diocesan ministry serves to nurture a loving concern for the gift of life. One aspect of our mission is to open people's hearts to the gospel imperative that every person is deserving of our love and protection, from conception to natural death.

The diocesan Respect Life Ministry which includes the annual Pro-Life Conference held each fall at the Retreat Center will be funded, in part, by your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, to be launched in the spring of 2014. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a pledge program, which is an easy way to give and allows us to make a more generous and affordable gift. Pledging allows us to spread out our gift over several months. Supporting our Respect Life Ministry through the Bishop's Annual Appeal offers all of us an opportunity to fund another important pastoral priority for the diocese.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Rev. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil of Ontario as he celebrates his ordination anniversary on January 28, 2002.

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

PARISH NEWS: Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston

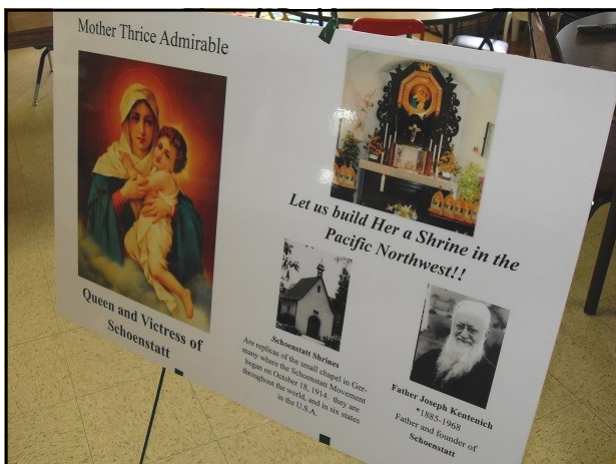
Our Lady of Angels parish hosted Father Francisco Rojas of the Schoenstatt Fathers, December 6-13. Father Rojas is presently involved in teaching missions across the United States. He visited Hermiston and Tri-Cities in June and returned again to involve more Catholic men in the Schoenstatt spirituality. Eighteen men from Hermiston and Heppner met with Father Rojas as he discussed the history of the International Apostolic Movement of Schoenstatt.

Four parishioners celebrated a Covenant of Love with Mother Thrice Admirable of Schoenstatt on December 10 at Our Lady of Angels church. Since 2001, when the Schoenstatt spirituality became available in the parish, many have 'sealed' this Covenant of Love with Mary, and many families, both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking, have welcomed the traveling Pilgrim Mother Shrine into their homes on a monthly basis.

Although the nearest Schoenstatt Shrine and retreat center is in the Midwest, many Catholics in the Pacific Northwest have become attached to Our Lady of Grace of Schoenstatt. They have organized four to five visits annually of Schoenstatt teachers from Wisconsin to Oregon and Washington. They have organized a Girls Youth Camp each summer with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary as facilitators in ten of those camps. Sister M. Petra has given in-depth workshops each year for women.

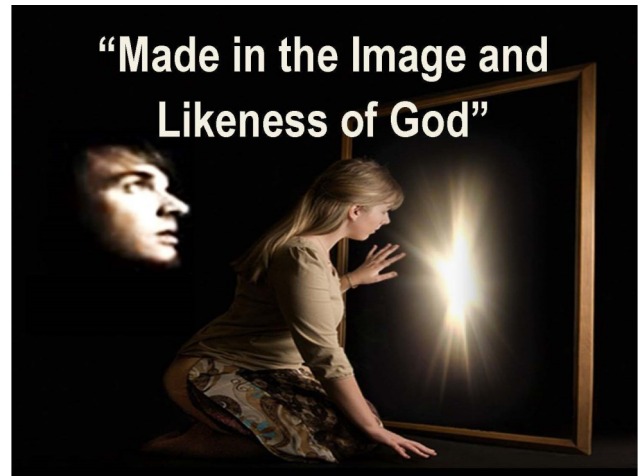
Why this interest? Bishop Robert Vasa endorsed Schoenstatt in 2000 as a "solidly-based Marian spirituality." Our Popes admired and were involved in various ways with Schoenstatt through its last 50 years: Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and now Pope Francis.

The Schoenstatt Apostolate celebrates its 100th anniversary year, October 18, 2013, through October 18, 2014. From a very small beginning near Koblenz, Germany, in 1914, through two World Wars, and to five continents, and over 100 countries, Mother Thrice Admirable has proven the need and the value of her work as educator of the human person in God's image for our times.



To learn more, contact: Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary; W284 N698 Cherry Lane; Waukesha, WI 53188-9402; phone: 262-522-4326; email: rosary@schsrsmary.org

DIOCESE OF BAKER YOUNG ADULT RETREAT



DIOCESE OF BAKER presents the 3rd annual Young Adult retreat, "Made in the image of God".

In the hearts of all people are questions that are often unspoken: who am I, do I matter, what is the purpose of my life? These are universal questions, and yet personal as well. Coming to this weekend retreat will help enlighten you to your deepest identity and purpose in life—the *ultimate truth* of the universe.

Talks and presentations include Bishop Liam Cary, David O'Neill (Director Youth Ministry), and Barry Metzentine (Director of Evangelization & Catechesis). Music and worship provided by Dave & Dawn Bentz. Mass, Adoration, Confessions, fun activities, and personal time are all included.

Date/Time: Friday, Feb. 14, 7 pm - Sunday, Feb. 16, 12 pm

Location: Diocesan Retreat Center, 14427 SW Alfalfa Road, Powell Butte, OR 97753

Cost: \$85 (includes lodging and meals)

Registration Information:

http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/young_adult.htm

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

ICYC 2014: Heroic Love — Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2014



Featuring: Bishop Liam Cary

For all High School students—come celebrate your faith with over 1,500 young Catholics in Boise, Idaho. Speak to your Youth Minister for registration forms.