



# THE DIOCESAN CHRONICLE

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## Diocesan Summer Camps:

Steubenville NW, Spokane, WA July 25-28  
For all incoming/outgoing 9th-12th grade youth.

- ◆ Register now for this awesome experience.
- ◆ The cost is \$350
- ◆ Includes transport, registration, Silverwood Theme Park, and T-Shirt.

**Camp Connolly 2014**  
Adventure awaits in  
**'THE KINGDOM'**  
Virtue Conquers All



- ◆ **High School Leadership Camp:** June 30–July 2  
For all incoming/outgoing 10th-12th grade youth.
- ◆ **Middle School Camp:** July 18–July 21  
For all incoming/outgoing 6th-8th grade youth.
- ◆ **Upper Elementary Camp:** August 1–August 3  
For all incoming/outgoing 4th-6th grade youth.
- ◆ For all camp information go to:  
[www.dioceseofbaker.org/camps.htm](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/camps.htm)

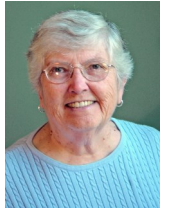
## Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during June:

Rev. Austin Cribbin, Retired	June 03, 1956
Rev. Gerald Condon, Retired	June 12, 1955
Rev. Leo Weckerle, Retired	June 10, 1958
Rev. Noel Hickie, Retired	June 11, 1967
Rev. Cornelius Kiely, Ecuador	June 11, 1967
Very Rev. Stan Strzyz, Burns	June 09, 1968
Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Thomas Connolly, consecrated Bishop of Baker	June 30, 1971
Very Rev. Rick Fischer, Klamath Falls	June 15, 1976
Rev. Joseph Reeves, Retired	June 16, 1976
Rev. Julian Cassar, Bend	June 19, 1977
Rev. Christopher Ehidihamen, Prineville	June 28, 1997
Very Rev. Todd Unger, Redmond	June 29, 1982
Rev. Robert Greiner, Baker City	June 24, 1993
Rev. John Jasper, San Jose, CA	June 23, 2000
Rev. Charles Nnabuife, Milton-Freewater	June 03, 2005
Rev. Luis Flores-Alva, Madras	June 17, 2006
Rev. Arsenius Anachoreta, Annunciation Hermitage, La Pine	June 17, 2006

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

## Sister Mary Catherine Perkins, OP, Celebrates Jubilee



Sister Mary Catherine Perkins, OP, will celebrate her 60th jubilee in June 2014. A Mass will be held in Queen of the Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa Mound on Sunday, June 8, for her and 21 other Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters celebrating 60 years. Her religious name was Sister Mary Cronan.

In the Diocese of Madison, Sister Mary Catherine taught at Edgewood High, Madison, 1966-1982, and ministered as administrator of the motherhouse, Sinsinawa, 1983-1989.

Sister Mary Catherine's home parish is St. Catherine of Siena, Oak Park, in the Chicago Archdiocese. She is the daughter of the late George and Norean (Cronin) Perkins. Sister Mary Catherine's ministry has been dedicated to teaching French, adult faith formation, and administration.

In the Diocese of Baker, Sister Mary Catherine served the Diocese of Baker, Bend, as director of Renew 1990-1994; in adult faith development, 1994-2004; and superintendent of schools, 2000-2004. She ministered as a volunteer with Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Bend, 2004-2007.

She has also ministered in the District of Columbia, Illinois, Connecticut and Iowa.

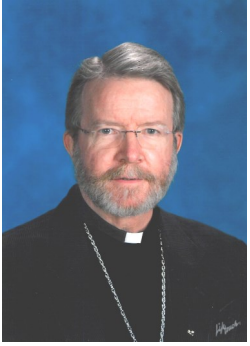
Sister Mary Catherine is living in community at the motherhouse, Sinsinawa. If you would like to honor Sister Mary Catherine on her jubilee, go to the Sinsinawa Dominicans' website at [www.sinsinawa.org/jubilarians](http://www.sinsinawa.org/jubilarians).

## Music Ministry News:



There is a group of pastoral musicians within our diocese exploring the possibility of forming a diocesan chapter for the National Pastoral Musicians. If you are an active cantor, choir member, or musician in the Diocese and would like more information regarding a new NPM chapter in the Diocese of Baker, please contact Nick Wavers at [bakerchapter@gmail.com](mailto:bakerchapter@gmail.com).

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is an organization for anyone who recognizes and supports the value of musical liturgy. They are choir directors, organists, guitarists, pianists, instrumentalists of all kinds, priests, cantors, and pastoral liturgists. You can find more information by visiting their web page at [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org).



## Thoughts Along the Way Bishop Liam Cary

### “Vianney”

Many of us in Klamath Falls, Redmond, Hermiston, Baker City, Ontario, and Burns came to see *Vianney*, Leonardo DiFilippis’ powerful drama about the son of French peasants who became the patron saint of parish priests. With soul-stirring artistry Leonardo brought this amazing story to life in a way that leaves much to remember.

Born in 1786, John Vianney grew up in the decade when the French Revolution brutally persecuted public practice of the Catholic faith. Undeterred and determined, John’s *parents* handed on Catholicism within the family. Their unbending fidelity was the seedbed for their young son’s vocation to the priesthood.

Not well schooled, John was a terrible student. His seminary professors despaired of his chances and sent him home. But he persisted against what seemed impossible odds and was finally ordained at age 32. Expecting the least from this undistinguished new priest, his bishop sent him to the small, out-of-the-way village of Ars, where it was thought he could do little harm. There, for nearly half a century, he did immense, unforgettable good.

When the new Cure of Ars arrived, the spiritual state of his parishioners was as dilapidated as their run-down parish church. Visiting them in their homes, the new pastor noted the toll taken by years of Revolutionary upheaval: Sunday work instead of Sunday Mass; drunken fathers wasting wages in the tavern as wives and children went hungry for bread and religious instruction; young people throwing away their future for the pleasures of the moment at village entertainments.

Father Vianney promptly set to work to rouse his flock from religious and moral slumber. If God exists, the pastor thundered from the pulpit, then hell exists too; and the way to it was being paved by the sins his parishioners had grown used to committing—sins he described with piercing clarity. To make it less easy to commit these sins, the determined shepherd paid the fiddler twice his normal fee *not* to play at the dance and gave the tavern-keeper money to start another business. Before long, these well-worn paths to self-destruction were closed off to the straying of his sheep.

Ridiculed at first, the new priest’s uncompromising preaching began to take hold with the indifferent and with hardened sinners alike. They came to confession and changed their ways. Life in Ars took a notable turn back to the God the Revolution had banished.

France took notice. From across the country pilgrims came in droves to see the humble priest who had changed his village. The pressure of their visitations made John Vianney a willing prisoner of the confessional. For years he would enter it at one o’clock in the morning, and

remain listening, apart from several short breaks, for 15 to 17 hours a day. He was Cure of Ars for 42 years. In 1859, the year of his death, nearly 100,000 pilgrims came to his parish.

They entrusted their secrets to St. John Vianney because they sensed that he could help them change their lives decisively. He said little, but his words struck to the heart of indecisiveness. With an acute sensitivity to *occasions of sin* he quickly brought to light his penitents’ well-disguised weakness of will and elicited from them a life-changing admission: as often as they knowingly put themselves in situations where Satan the Tempter set soul-sapping traps, they would fall into sin. There was no getting around it: to avoid sin they had to avoid the occasions of sin. Countless sinners left his confessional resolved to do just that.

So must we resolve. Whether it be coffee-break character assassination, impulsive shopping with reckless spending, or idle curiosity before a computer primed with pornography, we must attune our souls to sense the danger ahead and turn away before it engulfs us.

Once we admit how familiar we are with occasions of sin and how much we need help to avoid them, we can begin to appreciate why people came in such great numbers to the confessional of the Cure of Ars.

## Pensamientos Del Camino Obispo Liam Cary

### “Vianney”

Muchos de nosotros en Klamath Falls, Redmond, Hermiston, LaGrande, Baker City, y Burns vinieron a ver *Vianney*, poderoso drama de Leonardo DiFilippis sobre el hijo de campesinos franceses que se convirtió en el santo patrono de los párrocos. Con el arte que conmueve el alma Leonardo trajo esta historia increíble a la vida, de una manera que deja muchos recordaderos.

John Vianney nació en 1786, creció en la década, cuando la Revolución Francesa persiguió brutalmente la práctica pública de la fe católica. Sin inmutarse y decididos, los padres de Juan conservaron el catolicismo en la familia. Su fidelidad inquebrantable fue semilla de la vocación de su hijo pequeño al sacerdocio.

No muy buen estudiante, John era un estudiante terrible. Sus profesores del seminario desesperados de sus aptitudes lo enviaron a casa. Pero él persistió en lo que parecía una situación imposible y finalmente fue ordenado a los 32 años. Esperando lo menos desde este nuevo sacerdote mediocre, su obispo lo envió al pequeño, y apartado pueblo de Ars, donde se pensaba que podía hacer poco daño. Allí, durante casi medio siglo, hizo un inmenso bien, inolvidable.

Cuando el nuevo cura de Ars llegó, el estado espiritual de sus feligreses estaba tan deteriorado como su iglesia parroquial. Visitándolos en sus casas, el nuevo

pastor se dio cuenta del precio que los años de revolución habían cobrado: La obras de los domingo en lugar de ser la Misa dominical; eran padres borrachos que dejan sus salarios en la taberna consecuencia de esposas e hijos que pasaban hambre de pan y de instrucción religiosa; los jóvenes dejando su futuro por los placeres del momento en los entretenimientos de la villa.

El padre Vianney rápidamente se puso a trabajar para despertar a su rebaño de su letargo religioso y moral. Si Dios existe, grito el pastor desde el púlpito, entonces el infierno existe también; y el camino hacia él se estaba pavimentando con los pecados de sus feligreses que se habían acostumbrado a cometer pecados-que describió con verdadera claridad. Para que fuera menos fácil el cometerlos, el decidido pastor pago al violinista el doble de su salario para que no tocara en el baile y le dio dinero al tabernero para iniciar otro negocio. En poco tiempo, estos gastados caminos a la autodestrucción estaban cerrados al extravío de sus ovejas.

Ridícula al principio, la predicación intransigente del nuevo sacerdote comenzó a tomar fuerza en los pecadores indiferentes y en los endurecidos por igual. Llegaron a la confesión y cambiaron sus caminos. La vida en Ars dio un giro notable hacia el Dios que la Revolución había desterrado.

Francia lo noto. De todo el país, peregrinos llegaron en masa a ver al humilde sacerdote que había cambiado su aldea. La presión de sus visitantes hizo de John Vianney un prisionero voluntario de la confesión. Durante años, él entraba al confesionario a la una de la mañana, y permanecía confesando, de 15 a 17 horas al día solo interrumpidas por pequeños descansos. Fue cura de Ars durante 42 años. En 1859, el año de su muerte, cerca de 100.000 peregrinos llegaron a su parroquia.

Ellos confiaron sus secretos a San. Juan Vianney porque sentían que podía ayudarles a cambiar sus vidas de manera decisiva. Hablaba poco, pero sus palabras golpeaban al corazón indeciso. Con una aguda sensibilidad a las ocasiones de pecado saco rápidamente a la luz la debilidad de voluntad bien disimulada de sus penitentes y obtuvo de ellos voluntad para cambiar sus vida: sabiendo que con frecuencia caían en las trampas que les pone satanás para que su alma caiga en pecado. No había otra manera de evitar el pecado, solamente desechando las tentaciones al pecado. Innumerables Pecadores dejaron su confesionario resueltos a hacer precisamente eso.

Así que tenemos que resolverlo. Ya sea difamación en el descanso, compras impulsivas, gasto imprudente, o simple curiosidad de pornografía en el internet, debemos sintonizar nuestras almas para detectar el peligro y alejarnos antes de que nos hagan caer.

Una vez que admitimos la familiaridad que tenemos con las ocasiones de pecado y de la gran ayuda que necesitamos para evitarlas, podemos empezar a entender por qué de la gran cantidad de gente que vino a la confesión con el Cura de Ars.

## The Bishop's Annual Appeal: Giving Our Church New Life

The 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal is now in full swing, and although the appeal has just begun the building momentum is encouraging. Early pledge returns coming from Catholic communities such as St. Thomas in Redmond, Holy Trinity in Sunriver, and St. Katherine in Enterprise reveal just how important we believe supporting the Annual Appeal is for our Catholic life of faith in eastern Oregon. Gifts to the Appeal, will support a number of diocesan ministries, programs and services, such as vocations, seminarians, youth and young adults, and will support the spiritual needs of our Hispanic communities.

Being good stewards of the faith-life of our youth is a responsibility of us all, and the Bishop's Annual Appeal provides us with a unique opportunity to support the faith life of our young people and renew our personal commitment to act as good stewards in the mission of our local Church here in the Diocese of Baker. Retreat experiences, offered by the Diocese of Baker at the **Powell Butte Retreat Center**, is precisely the kind of ministerial outreach program that the Bishop's Annual Appeal will fund.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has urged us to support the work of our local church to spread the message of the New Evangelization. The Bishop's Annual Appeal gives us the opportunity to do what Pope Francis is asking us to do: Give our Church "New Life." Pope Francis is calling for a new spirit of generosity that responds to God's generosity to us, and supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal gives us the perfect opportunity to offer this kind of response.

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 by spreading out our gift over several months. If you have already made a gift to the Appeal, you've already embraced that spirit Pope Francis is urging us to take on ourselves.

If you have not made a gift to the Appeal, please review the information that was made available in the last *Chronicle* and make the most generous gift possible as your other obligations and circumstances allow. Let us be able to proclaim that, together, we all helped our Bishop carry out Christ's mission here in the Diocese of Baker, and are doing what Pope Francis is urging us to do: Give our Church New Life!

### Bishop Cary's Schedule

June 1	Confirmation Redmond and Bend
June 4	St. Francis of Assisi School Mass 8:15 AM
June 10-13	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Meeting in New Orleans

# EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 15-17, 2014

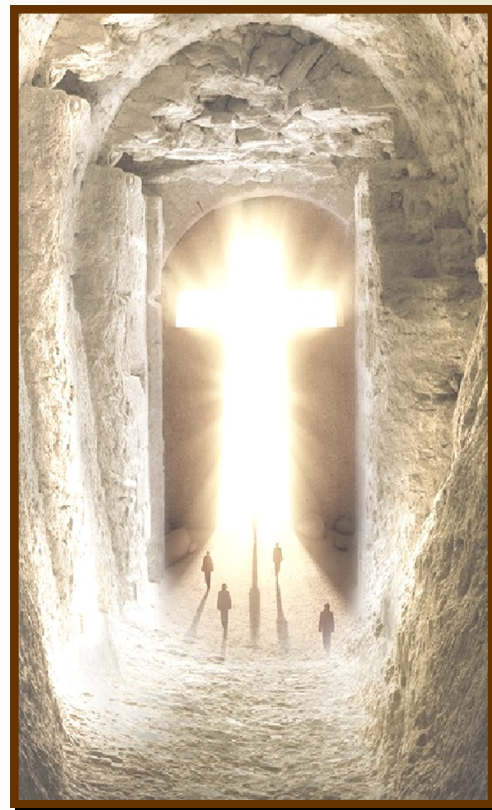
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## JOURNEY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

*My wish is that all of us, after these days of grace, will have the courage, yes, the **courage, to walk in the presence of the Lord**, with the Lord's Cross; to **build the Church** on the Lord's blood which was poured out on the Cross; and to **profess the one glory**: Christ crucified. And in this way, **the Church will go forward**.*

*(Pope Francis' first homily as Pope, March 14, 2013)*

A comprehensive formation experience for all **Catechists, DREs, RCIA Leaders, Teachers, and Youth Ministers** who serve the English and Spanish speaking communities across the Diocese of Baker. **Sesiones de habla Español incluidas!**



### KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

Bishop Liam Cary



**"The real presence of the Lord..."**

Aimee M. Cooper, M.A



Founding Director,  
Catholic Gospel Project  
**"The indwelling presence of the Lord..."**

Chris Kreslins



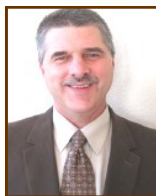
Coordinator,  
Youth & Young Adult Catechesis  
Diocese of Boise  
**"Being the presence of the Lord..."**

### WORKSHOPS



Deacon Gustavo Ruiz  
Director, Hispanic Ministry

**Jornada de catequesis y fe**



Barry Metzentine  
Director, Evangelization & Catechesis

**Evangelization & Catechesis  
as continuum of faith** (Sac. Prep. & RCIA)



David O'Neill  
Director, Youth Ministry

**The youth minister's toolbox**

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