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Parish News: Our Lady of the Valley Centennial

On the weekend of August 8-9, Bishop Cary visited La Grande to help the parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley celebrate their 100th Anniversary of the construction of their church.



When the pioneers coming on the Oregon Trail got to the Grande Ronde Valley, they came to the Valley of Peace, as it was named by the Indians. Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, one of the most beautiful churches in Oregon, conveys that same peace. The first Catholic priest for Union County, Father Leopold Dielman, arrived in the area in 1867, but it wasn't until

1914 that the current church was built under the supervision of Father Patrick Driscoll and the hard work and generosity of the people of the parish.

The Centennial Celebration was kicked off on Saturday with the parish's Third Annual AugustFest, a family and community event that included entertainment, food and live music.

On Sunday, Bishop Cary presided at Mass, concelebrating with Father Abraham Manthuruthil, SBD, pastor, and Father Hank Albrecht, the church's retired pastor of 19 years, who returned from his home in Hawaii for the occasion. Deacon Joe Garlitz assisted.

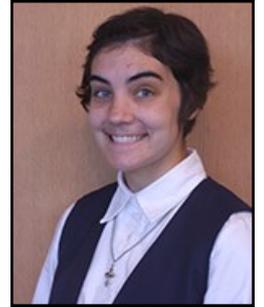


During the Mass, 19 Candidates were confirmed by Bishop Cary. After Mass a Centennial Brunch was held on the campus of Eastern Oregon University with around 220 people attending.



Vocation Discernment: Sr. Jamie Higle, Corvallis, OR

*"...my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior"*
"Oceans" by Hillsong



I was born and raised in Burns, Oregon. I received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation at Holy Family Catholic Church, along with weekly Religious Education classes. These set the foundation of my faith but I was still missing a personal relationship with the Lord.

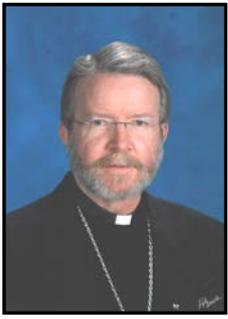
I started college at Oregon State University with a major in Human Development and Family Sciences intending to be a preschool teacher. My older sisters invited me to the Newman Center, OSU's Catholic Campus Ministry, and after attending their Fragua Retreat, my eyes were open to the lukewarmness of my faith.

During a Christmas Eve Mass, when I was back in Burns, Jesus spoke to my heart revealing to me his plan for a religious vocation. I spent one year on a "dating fast" to deepen my relationship with our Lord and to discern this call. Throughout this time, I remained faithful to a weekly Eucharistic Adoration hour during which I kept asking Jesus what He wanted of my life. He continued to call me to be His forever, in which I said "yes" to surrender my life to Him. Three Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist visited OSU's Newman Center and I was instantly drawn to their charism of teaching. I attended their February 2014 vocation retreat and it was in the familiar place of Eucharistic Adoration that God confirmed this was the Community He was calling me to enter!

I am excited to be a religious sister and give my life to spread the Truth. Thanks be to God for conforming my heart to His perfect will!

Bishop Cary's Schedule

- Oct. 4-5 Masses at St. Augustine, Merrill
- Oct. 8-9 Clergy Assembly at Powell Butte
- Oct. 10 Bishop's presentation "Geography of Faith" in Spanish, St. Mary, Hood River
- Oct. 11-12 Masses in Wasco, Grass Valley, Maupin, Dufur
- Oct. 14 Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
- Oct. 16 Spanish Confessions, St. Thomas, Redmond
- Oct. 18 Pro Life Conference at Powell Butte



Thoughts Along the Way Bishop Liam Cary

“2014 Election”

For purposes of adopting official Catholic positions on issues of Oregon public policy the Bishop of Baker and the Archbishop of Portland have long collaborated as members of the Oregon Catholic Conference, which is composed of representatives from both dioceses. For this fall's election the Catholic Conference recommends a Yes vote on Measure 88, which authorizes the issuance of an Oregon Driver Card—a permit to drive legally and get auto insurance.

The Oregon Driver Card is not a driver's *license*. It cannot be used to board a plane, to vote, to buy guns, or to get government benefits. Applicants must provide proof of identity and proof of residence in Oregon for more than one year; and they must pass written and behind-the-wheel driver's tests as well. Making the Oregon Driver Card legally available is an attempt to reduce the number of unlicensed and uninsured motorists and to increase the number of licensed and insured drivers, thereby improving public safety on the open road.

Of course Measure 88 has to do with a more wide-ranging and contentious issue as well: the issue of immigration. The Oregon Driver Card would greatly lessen the anxieties of our neighbors who are here as immigrants without legal authorization. For them, as things stand now, the simple act of driving can result in deportation and the sudden breaking apart of their families. But with the Oregon Driver Card mothers and fathers could drive their children safely and legally to school, to doctor's appointments, to family activities, to church and community events without fear of being stopped, separated, and uprooted.

No one proposes mass deportation of the millions here illegally, so it is only realistic to expect that the vast majority will stay; they will be with us far into the future. Would we not do well to make their lives less difficult by diminishing the threat of individual, family-disrupting deportations when common sense measures allow us to do so?

For too long America has been immobilized by divisive differences over immigration. The search for a one-time, definitive resolution has left us unable to move off square one and make any progress in breaking the logjam. Measure 88 would be a small, voter-endorsed step in the direction of much needed reform. It would give all of us a sense that gradual progress is possible, and for many of our neighbors it would remove a debilitating source of anxiety that serves no useful purpose for anyone.

There are legitimate arguments on both sides of this issue, and Catholics are not obliged to vote in lockstep with their bishop on a matter of prudential judgment. Nonetheless I endorse the recommendation of the Oregon Catholic Conference on Measure 88, and I encourage you to give it your careful consideration.

Pensamientos Del Camino Obispo Liam Cary

“2014 Elección ”

Con el propósito de adoptar posiciones católicas oficiales sobre cuestiones de pólizas públicas de Oregon el Obispo de Baker y el Arzobispo de Portland siempre han colaborado como miembros de la Conferencia Católica de Oregon, que está compuesta por representantes de ambas diócesis. Para las elecciones de este otoño la Conferencia Católica recomienda votar Sí a la Medida 88, que autoriza la emisión de una tarjeta de conducir de Oregon—un permiso para conducir legalmente y obtener un seguro de auto.

La tarjeta de conducir de Oregon no es licencia de conducir. No se puede utilizar para abordar un avión, para votar, para comprar armas, o para obtener beneficios del gobierno. Los solicitantes deben presentar prueba de identidad y prueba de residencia en Oregon durante más de un año; y deben pasar el examen escrito y también el de manejo. El hacer legalmente la tarjeta de conducir de Oregon es un intento de reducir el número de conductores sin licencia y sin seguro y aumentar el número de conductores con licencia y asegurados, lo que mejora la seguridad pública en las carreteras y vía pública.

Por supuesto que la Medida 88 tiene que ver con un tema más amplio y polémico, también: el tema de la inmigración. La tarjeta de conductor de Oregon reduciría en gran medida la preocupación de nuestros vecinos que están aquí como inmigrantes sin autorización legal. Para ellos, como están las cosas ahorita, el simple hecho de conducir puede resultar en deportación y la repentina separación de familias. Pero con la tarjeta de conductor de Oregon las madres y los padres podrían llevar a sus hijos con seguridad y legalmente a la escuela, a las citas médicas, a las actividades de la familia, para eventos de la iglesia y de la comunidad, sin temor a ser detenidos, separados, y deportados.

Nadie propone una deportación masiva de los millones que están aquí ilegalmente, porque la realidad es esperar que la gran mayoría se quedaran; van a estar con nosotros en el futuro. ¿No haríamos bien en hacer su vida más fácil al disminuir las amenazas de deportación, que provocan perturbaciones individuales a las familias cuando el sentido común nos permite hacer eso?

Durante demasiado tiempo, Estados Unidos ha sido inmovilizado por diferencias que dividen en torno a la

inmigración. La búsqueda de una resolución definitiva una sola vez, nos hace incapaces de movernos del primer paso y progresar, romper el bloqueo. Si el votante aprueba La Medida 88 sería un paso pequeño, en la dirección de la muy necesaria reforma. Nos daría a todos nosotros un sentido de que el progreso gradual es posible, y para muchos de nuestros vecinos eliminarían una fuente de ansiedad debilitante que no es útil para nadie.

Hay argumentos legítimos de ambos lados de esta cuestión, y los católicos no están obligados a votar al igual que su obispo en una cuestión de juicio prudencial. Sin embargo estoy de acuerdo con la recomendación de la Conferencia Católica de Oregon en la Medida 88, y los animo a considerarla cuidadosamente.

Your Bishop Annual Appeal Dollars at Work: Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month, a time when the Church invites all Catholics to pray and reflect on how each of us might renew our commitment and witness to respecting, promoting and teaching the transcendent nature of the human person. Saint John Paul II, wrote in the *Gospel of Life* that no single person or group has a responsibility for the defense and promotion of life. This is a task for every Catholic. (see #91).

In a speech to healthcare professionals last year, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminded his audience that those who are vulnerable bear the face of Christ:

Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person...even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ.

Begun in 1972, Respect Life Month stresses the value and dignity of human life. It is observed in every Catholic diocese in the United States.

As part of its observation of Respect Life Month, the Diocese of Baker will host its annual Pro-Life conference at the Powell Butte Retreat Center on Saturday, October 18, 2014, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Supported, in part, by funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the purpose of this conference is to pray, connect and help Catholics remain mindful that Jesus' promise of 'life to the full' is especially poignant today when our culture promotes values that run counter to maintaining the dignity of life.

The October conference will begin with Mass, breakfast, and a morning program that includes a reflection by Bishop Liam Cary on the United States Supreme Court's 1972 *Roe v. Wade* decision. After lunch, the conference attendees will be able to see the documentary film 40. This 90-minute movie makes the case for embracing the sanctity of human life compassionately and effectively. It examines the pro-life

movement forty years after the *Roe v. Wade* decision and serves as a primer on the abortion debate. It has also been said that this film is destined to become the premiere film for educating youth on abortion.

In a society that sees so many aspects of daily life as disposable, Respect Life Month reaffirms the Gospel teaching on the sanctity of life and encourages Catholics to embrace their obligation to give witness to this essential Gospel truth.

After 16 weeks, the faith communities in our diocese are nearing their individual parish goals in the 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please join the effort to support diocesan ministries, programs, and services, and pray for its continued success.

◆ St. Francis de Sales Cathedral	125%
◆ St. Therese in Halfway	115%
◆ St. Francis of Assisi in Bend	120%
◆ Holy Family in Burns	100%
◆ St. Thomas Aquinas in Crane	179%
◆ Our Lady of Loretto in Drewsey	151%
◆ St. John in Condon	125%
◆ St. Francis in Arlington	103%
◆ St. Catherine in Fossil	111%
◆ St. Mary in Maupin	208%
◆ St. Katherine in Enterprise	129%
◆ St. Patrick in Heppner	111%
◆ Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston	105%
◆ St. Elizabeth in John Day	140%
◆ St. Bernard in Jordan Valley	160%
◆ Holy Family in Arock	204%
◆ St. Pius X in Klamath Falls	156%
◆ Sacred Heart in Union	154%
◆ St. Patrick in Lakeview	183%
◆ St. Richard in Adel	220%
◆ St. John in Paisley	161%
◆ St. Thomas in Plush	235%
◆ Holy Family in Christmas Valley	179%
◆ Holy Trinity in Sunriver	161%
◆ St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Warm Springs	103%
◆ St. Helen in Pilot Rock	174%
◆ St. Joseph in Prineville	182%
◆ St. Thomas in Redmond	108%
◆ St. Patrick in Vale	262%
◆ St. Joseph in Unity	144%



Online Giving

Donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal *Forward in Faith* can now be made online at the diocesan website.

Just click the Bishop's Annual Appeal icon on the home page to read about the ministries that your Appeal dollars are supporting, review suggested gift plans, and make your donation online. We appreciate your generosity and support. www.dioceseofbaker.org



Diocese of Baker Annual Pro-Life Conference

The 2014 annual Pro-Life Conference will be held at the Powell Butte Retreat Center on Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This conference is designed for everyone who is actively involved in the pro-life movement in our diocese; however, all people are encouraged to attend as we give witness to the Gospel of Life.

The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM offered for Pro-Life intentions. The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed immediately following Mass.

The conference presentations begin at 10:00 AM and will feature three guest speakers. **The Most Reverend Liam Cary, Bishop of Baker**, will speak on *A New Look Back at Roe v. Wade*; **Colm Willis, PAC Director, Oregon Right to Life**, will speak on *Helping Moms and Dads and Their Babies: The Good News in Oregon*; and following Lunch, there will be a showing of the Documentary “40” with an open discussion afterward. This documentary has been endorsed by **Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago** and **Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life**.

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided and a donation of \$15 is suggested for the conference. To RSVP, please call the Diocesan Office at (541) 388-4004 by October 13. For more information call Father Robert Greiner at (541) 523-4521.

ENDOW Offers Two Retreats in October at the Powell Butte Retreat Center

Endow Women’s Evening provides women a way to explore what it means to be a Catholic woman today and to understand what a gift it is to be a feminine person created in God’s image. This retreat will be held the evening of October 10 from 6:00–9:00 PM.

Girl Genius Retreat for Middle School age girls will explore the answers to questions “Where does my dignity come from? Am I loveable? and What is my purpose?” This Retreat will be held on October 11 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Diocesan Calendar at www.dioceseofbaker.org. (See October 10 and 11, 2014, on the calendar page.)

Parish News: St. Mary, Pendleton



The people of St. Mary’s Parish were pleased to have Bishop Liam Cary celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with them on September 6 and 7 and to celebrate Father Kumar Udagandala’s 20th anniversary to the priesthood. A pot-luck meal was held in honor of both in the parish hall after the 10 AM Mass.

2014 Second Annual Gregorian Chant Conference

Approximately 40 people (11 from the Diocese of Baker, 26 from the Archdiocese of Portland, 2 from the Diocese of Sacramento, and 1 from the Archdiocese of Seattle) attended the Second Annual Gregorian Chant Conference held at Powell Butte from August 21-24.

The Gregorian Chant Conference provided a unique and much needed focus on “Why is Gregorian chant given first place as the music of the liturgy?” Four lectures, four workshops, and a tutorial for Priests and seminarians were offered.

The solemn celebration of Holy Mass was an integral part of the conference because it is impossible to discuss Gregorian chant apart from experiencing the liturgy. The Masses were Sung Masses—Missa Cantata—celebrated in both forms of the Roman Rite—the Ordinary form and the Extraordinary form because there is no opposition between the two forms and both have their rightful place in the Church. Celebrants of the four Masses were Father Daniel Maxwell of our Lady of Angels in Hermiston, Father Theodore Lange, of the Archdiocese of Portland, Father John Boyle, JCL, of the Archdiocese of Portland, and Bishop Liam Cary, Bishop of Baker.

The Schola Cantus Angelorum travelled from the Portland area to provide the Sung Mass in Gregorian chant. Under the direction of Lynne Bissonnette-Pitre, MD, PhD, the Schola has been providing the Sung Mass for the Diocese of Baker at both the Chrism Mass Retreat and the Gregorian Chant Conference for five years. Schola Cantus Angelorum (SCA) was formed in 2007 in response to Pope Benedict XVI’s encouragement to celebrate the liturgy with the beauty and solemnity of Gregorian chant.

