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“Come and See”

New campaign-based program for the New Evangelization: pilot phase is deemed a success!



As was highlighted by Bishop Cary in our previous Chronicle, the Diocese of Baker piloted a new campaign-based program entitled “Come and See.” The two parishes involved were St. Thomas in Redmond (in English) and St. Patrick in Madras (in Spanish).

This initiative draws its inspiration from the story where Philip finds Nathanael sitting under a tree and says to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael responds, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip replies, “Come and see.” (John 1:45-46)



Throughout the season of Advent, St. Thomas and St. Patrick parishioners were encouraged by their pastor to prayerfully consider inviting fallen-away Catholics (friends or family members) to accompany them to a one-time special event, by echoing the words of Philip to Nathanael. St. Patrick parish held their event January 10th and St. Thomas parish had theirs January 12th. The results were commendable;

approximately 245 people attended! (165 in Madras and 80 in Redmond)

Of those that attended, a notable number (double-digits) from each parish community have chosen to attend a six-week follow-up series. The follow-up series is designed to present, in more detail, key aspects of the Catholic faith in an environment that builds relationships and fosters authentic dialogue.

Topics in the follow-up series include:

- ◆ Stories of faith and conversion
- ◆ A presentation of the Gospel Story
- ◆ Teachings on the nature and mission of Jesus Christ and the Church
- ◆ What Catholics believe, celebrate, live, and pray – and why
- ◆ When heaven and earth meet: an explanation and benefits of Holy Mass

The *Come and See* campaign is part of our Diocesan Strategic Plan for Evangelization and Catechesis. Over the next several years our intent is to select two or three parishes each Advent and Lent as one way to reach out to our fallen-away brothers and sisters.

St. Peter (The Dalles) and Sacred Heart (Klamath Falls) will be the next two parishes to run with this campaign in Lent this year. Both parishes will be reaching out to fallen-away Catholics simultaneously in English and Spanish. Doing so, we are able to truly make this an all-inclusive event.

As we move forward with this initiative we are incorporating feedback from participating pastors and parishioner core teams on what works and what doesn't so as to build momentum throughout the Diocese. Can anything good come out of this? We pray it be so – come and see!

If you are interested in learning more about this developing initiative, please contact me either via email (barry@dioceseofbaker.org) or phone 541-388-4004.

Barry Metzentine,
Director of Evangelization and Catechesis

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY—Bishop Cary

Saint Francis de Sales

January 24th marked the feast of the patron of our Diocese, St. Francis de Sales. He is a very good man to have on our side. In the three centuries since his death, the gentleness and practical wisdom of his teaching have spread throughout the Church, and his influence is very much alive today. Every morning I take strength from his words.

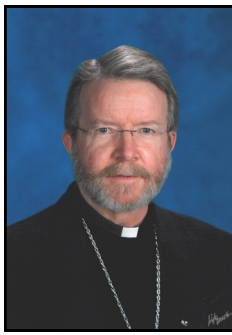
Born in France of a noble family in 1567 and very well educated, Francis surprised his father (who had definite plans for his highly talented son) by becoming a priest and then bishop (at age 35). At that time the line of division between Catholics and Protestants was less than 100 years old, but the young and genial Bishop of Geneva fearlessly crossed over it to engage his opponents in respectful dialogue that drew thousands back to the Church. His peaceful spirit prepared the way for the ecumenical openness that flowed from the Second Vatican Council 350 years later.

Our patron was party to one of the great friendships of Christian history—the one he enjoyed with St. Jane de Chantal. With her as leader he founded and guided the Sisters of the Visitation. Their many letters to each other reveal how their deep mutual affection drew them to become ever more truly themselves in Christ, the Friend of the friends of God.

St. Francis' best-known writing is to be found in his classic *Introduction to the Devout Life*. Unlike previous spiritual works, it was not written for priests or religious. Rather, St. Francis composed it specifically for lay people, to invite them to seek holiness amid the concrete circumstances of ordinary daily life. Its chapters are short enough to be fit into a busy daily schedule, and they are filled with examples from nature and neighborhood that bring his wisdom home and make it imitable. If you're looking for direction in your spiritual life, you cannot do better than to take this book in hand. By the time you set it down, you will have Francis de Sales for a friend.

The effect St. Francis had on others can be seen in the testimony of a very good judge of character who knew him briefly near the end of his life (he died in 1622 at the age of 55). "This servant of God conformed so well to the divine pattern," St. Vincent de Paul said, "that often I asked myself with amazement how a created being . . . could reach so high a degree of perfection. Going over his words in my mind, I have been filled with such admiration that I am moved to see in him the man who, of all others, has most faithfully reproduced the love of the Son of God on earth."

High praise indeed for the saint God has given to be our patron in the Diocese of Baker. What if we could get to know him better? What if we could see in him what St. Vincent saw?



PENSAMIENTOS DEL CAMINO—Obispo Cary

San Francisco de Sales

El 24 de enero fue la fiesta del patrón de nuestra Diócesis, San Francisco de Sales. Hombre muy bueno tener de nuestro lado. En los tres siglos posteriores a su muerte, la gentileza y la sabiduría práctica de su enseñanza se han extendido por toda la Iglesia, y su influencia es hoy muy clara. Cada mañana tomo fortaleza de sus palabras.

Nacido en Francia en 1567 de una familia noble y muy bien educada, Francisco sorprendió a su padre (que tenía planes definidos para su talentoso hijo) haciéndose sacerdote y después obispo (a los 35 años). En ese tiempo la división entre católicos y protestantes era menor a los 100 años, pero el joven y genial obispo de Ginebra sin miedo cruzó la zanja para dialogar respetuosamente con sus oponentes, y esto hizo que miles regresaran de nuevo a la Iglesia. Su espíritu pacífico preparó el camino para la apertura ecuménica que fluye desde el Concilio Vaticano II, 350 años después.

Nuestro patrón fue parte en una de las grandes amistades de la historia cristiana la que disfrutó con Santa Juan de Chantal. Con ella como líder fundó y guio a las Hermanas de la Visitación. Sus muchas cartas entre si revelan cómo su profundo y mutuo afecto les llevó a ser cada vez más reales a sí mismos en Cristo, el Amigo de los amigos de Dios.

El escrito más conocido de San Francisco se encuentra en su introducción clásica a la vida devota. A diferencia de las obras espirituales anteriores, no fue escrito para sacerdotes o religiosos. Por el contrario, San Francisco lo escribió específicamente para los laicos, para invitarlos a buscar la santidad en medio de las circunstancias concretas de la vida cotidiana normal. Sus capítulos son lo suficientemente cortos como para introducirlos en el horario de día a día, y están llenos de ejemplos de la naturaleza y el pueblo que nos trae su sabiduría para hacerla nuestra e imitarla. Si usted está buscando dirección en su vida espiritual, no puede hacer nada mejor que tomar este libro en su mano. En cuanto usted termine de leerlo usted, tendrá a Francisco de Sales como su amigo.

El efecto que San Francisco tuvo en otros se puede ver en el testimonio de alguien con muy buen juicio en general que le conoció brevemente cerca del final de su vida (murió en 1622 a la edad de 55). "Este siervo de Dios se acoplaba muy bien al modelo divino", San Vicente de Paul dijo, "a menudo me preguntó con asombro cómo un ser creado. . . podría llegar a tan alto grado de perfección. Repasando sus palabras en mi mente, me han llenado de tanta admiración que me conmueve ver en él al hombre que, de todos los otros, ha reproducido fielmente el amor del Hijo de Dios en la tierra.

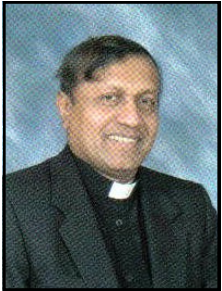
Un gran elogio para el santo que Dios ha dado para que sea nuestro patrón en la Diócesis de Baker. ¿Y si pudiéramos llegar a conocerlo mejor? ¿Y si pudiéramos ver en él lo que vio San Vicente?

VOCATION DISCERNMENT

"The discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call."

—Pope Benedict XVI, *Response to questions by the bishops of the United States in Washington, D.C., April 16, 2008*

We are pleased to present the third Vocation story in our series of our Clergy testimonials.



FR. CAMILLUS FERNANDO is Pastor at St. Patrick's in Vale.

I'm from Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is an island in South Asia. Sri Lanka is a multi-religious country: 70% are Buddhists. Hinduism is the second most prevalent religion at 12%, Islam is the 3rd most dominant religion in the country at 9%, with Christianity at 7%. Christianity was brought into the country by the Portuguese. Most of the Christians live in the western coast of the island. My hometown is 100% Catholic. Even today it remains 100% Catholic and every day the church bell rings for Angelus at 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

I started serving Mass immediately following my First Holy Communion. Each day, before I went to school I attended and served daily Mass. I remember the priests visiting our Parish and when they asked me about my future career, I always told them I wanted to become a Priest.

I think my mom must have put this idea into my mind. She had a special devotion to our Blessed Mother and her favorite Marian prayer was the Memorare. We had a family Rosary every day before dinner. She was very protective of me and never allowed me to go swimming in the sea with the other boys even though the sea was only two miles from my home.

I joined the minor seminary at the age of 17 and attended college and completed my higher education at the Seminary. After completing the minor seminary program, I was sent to India with three other companions to do my philosophy. I completed my theology at the National Seminary in Sri Lanka. I was ordained a priest with five companions from the same diocese on July 12, 1980. That year 31 were ordained from different dioceses and religious orders. My first assignment was associate pastor to the second largest National Shrine in Sri Lanka. After a year I was promoted to be a pastor of a parish. Thereafter, I served in five parishes.

I was sent to India again to follow a Catechetical diploma course. Later I was appointed as the diocesan director of Catechetics. After completing my five-year term I was sent to the Philippines to do Liturgy. Then I was appointed as the Director of Liturgy of the Diocese. At that time there was an understanding in my diocese

after serving 15 years we were allowed to go out of the country and work in parishes for 2 or 3 years.

After working in the diocese for 22 years I asked my Bishop permission to come to the United States. He gladly approved my request. While I was looking for a parish I contacted Father Peter Fernando who was the pastor in Enterprise. He made arrangements to have an interview over the phone with Bishop Robert Vasa. He welcomed me to the Diocese of Baker. I'm grateful to Bishop Vasa for accepting me to this Diocese.

My first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City in 2004. After serving there I was assigned by Bishop Vasa as the pastor of St. Patrick parish in Vale in 2007, taking care also of St. Joseph, the mission church in Unity.

DIOCESE OF BAKER YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Last Chance to Register

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

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

SAVE THE DATE: Tenth Marian Chrism Mass Retreat and Pilgrimage—2014

A Marian Retreat—Praying for the power of the Priesthood and the priestly people

RETREAT: Friday, April 4 - Sunday, April 6

WHERE: Diocesan Retreat Center, Powell Butte to the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, Baker City Tuesday, April 8

CHRISM MASS: Thursday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

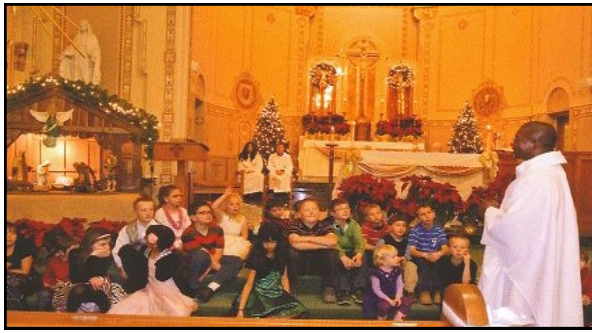
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BISHOP CARY'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

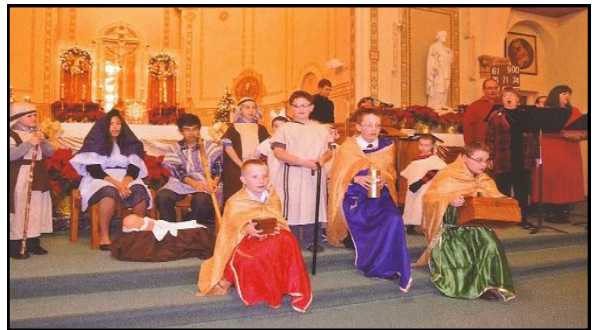
Feb. 9-12 Ordination in Marquette, Michigan
Feb. 12-14 Symposium: Pastoral Issues in Science and Human Dignity, Notre Dame
Feb. 15-16 Young Adult Retreat, Diocesan Retreat Center
Feb. 19 Invocation at Legislature, Salem
Feb. 22-23 Confirmation at St. Andrew's Mission, Pendleton

PARISH NEWS: Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls

Various Reenactments Prepare Sacred Heart Youth & Families For The Coming Of Our Lord



Parishioners of Sacred Heart started the Advent festivities with “Las Posadas”, a traditional Hispanic celebration reenacting the journey of Mary and Joseph trying to find an establishment to stay for the night. Those in attendance traveled along a lit walkway, singing, moving from door to door around the church grounds, trying to find refuge. But, just like Mary and Joseph, they were constantly being turned away until they ultimately found refuge in the Fr. Dreisbach Gymnasium. The families enjoyed many festive treats and activities once inside including a traditional Seven Point Piñata. In a Seven Point Piñata, each point represents one of the Seven Sins. The destruction of each point symbolizes the defeat of that individual Sin. Once the Piñata has been completely destroyed the “Sweetness of Life” represented by the candy within the piñata pours out. The Hispanic Minister, Ana Mercado-Ratliff, said “It was great to see everyone coming together from different cultures to celebrate Las Posadas. Everyone was full of energy and cheer.”



On Christmas Eve, the youth of Sacred Heart helped celebrate the arrival of our Lord with a very special performance. Thirty-five children of Sacred Heart Parish prepared those in attendance for the Christmas Vigil Mass by performing in Sacred Heart’s annual Christmas Pageant. The children had been preparing for the pageant throughout Advent by practicing traditional Christmas Carols and Hymns.



Sharla Bishop, DRE, directed the pageant and the music was conducted by Meredith Hoffman. The pageant was a huge success and warmed the hearts of those who attended the before Mass. Misty Cooley, who’s children, Daniel and Chloe, were in the pageant said, “It is touching, as a parent, to see our young ones involved in a pageant such as this. It helps them really understand, first hand, what Christmas is all about.”

**NORTHWEST
CATHOLIC MEN’S
CONFERENCE**
Pendleton Convention Center
Pendleton, Oregon
February 21-22, 2014

The Conference begins Friday at 4:00 pm with registration and ends Saturday at 5:00 pm with a final blessing. Father and sons ages 15 and up are welcome. Cost is \$40 for registration and 3 meals.

Registration forms are available online via download. If you cannot download and complete the form please call St. Mary’s Parish in Pendleton at 541-276-3615. <http://gowestcatholicmen.com/mens-conference.html>

Important! If submitting registration form after February 12th cost is \$45 for each person.

What can I expect at the Northwest Men's Catholic Conference?

◆ Speakers and multi-media presentations throughout the two days will help men develop a deeper relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and also with their family and friends, and all of God’s people.

Speakers:

- ◆ Fr. Antoine Thomas, Brothers of St. John
- ◆ Fr. Paul Marie, Brothers of St. John
- ◆ Fr. Bailey Clemens, St. Mary’s Pastor

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Confessions

Adoration

Devotions

TALKS

Fraternity

“As for you, man of God, shun all this... Fight the good fight of faith... Take hold of eternal life.” 1 Timothy 6:11-1

◆ Men will be instructed on God’s Mercy, prayer, the sacraments, saints and angels and their fight against evil.

◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a special Live Stations of the Cross will be presented.

◆ Breakout sessions will promote discussion of issues relevant to Catholics and other Christian men.