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Parish News: St. John, Condon



Incorporating a hand-stitched quilt and a collage of children and rural images, a pro-life booth at the Gilliam County Fair on Labor Day weekend proclaimed "Country Ways and Summer Days...for all."

St. John parishioners assembled the display, which also featured thought-provoking posters from Feminists for Life.

It was the fourth year that Gilliam County Right to Life, an ecumenical group, has had a presence at the fair.

Fall Retreat: Blessed Sacrament, Ontario with PATTY SCHNEIER



**Dating? Engaged? Married? A parent?
Or just want to attend a Retreat?**

Blessed Sacrament is sponsoring a one-day Retreat for Couples on Saturday, October 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Registration needed. Options for registering:
Call: 541-889-8469

Email: ontario.blessedsacrament@gmail.com

Online at: www.blessedsacramentontario.com

Fill out a registration form after Mass

In Middle School or High School?

This afternoon Retreat is just for you from 1-4 p.m.
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Highlights:

Baby care provided—please call ahead to 541-889-8469

Breakfast—8 a.m.

Lunch—noon for both groups

Cost is Free (donations will be accepted) All are welcome.

To read more about Patti Schneier, visit www.pattyschneier.com

Fall Retreats for Diocesan Youth Check out our new Youth Ministry website!

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WHERE: POWELL BUTTE RETREAT CENTER
WHEN: NOVEMBER 20TH (STARTING AT 6 PM) TILL NOVEMBER 22ND (ENDING AT 1)
COST: \$70

QUESTIONS? ASK YOUR YOUTH MINISTER OR VISIT WWW.YOUTH.DIOCESEOFBAKER.ORG



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

One Church

The third of a series of columns on the
“Marks” of the Church

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever,” St. Paul tells us. The Jesus who taught and healed, who died and rose, 2000 years ago is the same Jesus who teaches and heals today, the same Jesus who hands over his dying and rising to us in the Eucharist and draws us into communion with the Church he established there and then for here and now. “Behold, I will be with you all days,” he promised, “even to the end of the world.”

But except for the Church that he founded there would be no memory of this Jesus; his promise would have foundered long ago. Except for his Church, there would be no record of his words and deeds in the Gospels which his Spirit inspired the evangelists to write and the Church to adopt as her own. Except for his Church, the “living water” of sacramental life would not flow into our lives again and again to wash away our sins and set us free.

But the saving waters do flow; his saving Word does resound; we do break the bread in memory of him. Jesus is true to his promise to be with us always, because in every succeeding generation his Spirit has never failed to move the Church to carry out the command he left his apostles: “Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

At first hearing his teachings can be hard to take. When he spoke of his intention to give his body as the Bread of Life, many of his disciples reacted sharply: “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” And many of them “drew back and no longer walked with him.” “Will you also go away?” a disappointed Jesus asked his Apostles. St. Peter voiced the response of the Church's faith from that day to this: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Peter's question confronts every Catholic who comes under pressure to “go away,” to depart from communion with the Catholic Church. If we too cease to walk with him in his Church on account of one or another “hard saying” of his, where else will we go to find him who has promised to remain with his Church forever? When we break communion with Peter and the apostles, what are we saying to the Jesus who entrusted his words and his sacraments to their care? Has his promise to be with his Church to the end of the world ceased to be true?

The faithful transmission of the Gospel has always been betrayed by the unfaithful behavior of Catholic Christians. In the face of longstanding corruption in the Catholic Church, sincere and well-meaning Protestants in

the 1500s chose to “go away” and establish new churches reformed to meet the needs and dictates of the times. In their eyes the Catholic Church could no longer offer authentic witness to the Gospel of “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

But breaking the ancient Catholic unity did not suffice to fashion Protestant unity. Divisions multiplied and hardened among the baptismal heirs of the Lord who willed all to be one. From that day to this Peter's question has come to the fore in every succeeding generation: “Lord, to whom shall we go?” By what divinely-revealed authority did Martin Luther, John Calvin, King Henry VIII, and countless others step out of Catholic unity to establish a church of their own making? To whom shall we go when their claims differ so markedly one from another?

For 500 years now Christians in the West have lived with this painful division. In the past century the Holy Spirit has brought considerable healing to the wound of division by inspiring much clearer understanding of what keeps us apart and much greater respect for what brings us together. This has been an enormous gain for all concerned. But the basic issues that divided us in the 1500s still divide us today. And when they surface publicly, Catholics still need to take their bearing from St. Peter: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Una Iglesia

El tercero de una serie de columnas sobre las
“Marcas” de la Iglesia

Jesucristo es el mismo ayer, hoy y siempre”, San Pablo nos dice. El Jesús que nos enseñó y sanó, que murió y resucitó, hace 2000 años es el mismo Jesús que nos enseña y nos sana hoy, el mismo Jesús que entrega su muerte y resurrección por nosotros en la Eucaristía y nos lleva a la comunión aquí y ahora con la Iglesia que Él estableció allá y luego. “He aquí que yo estaré con ustedes todos los días”, prometió “aún hasta el fin del mundo”.

Pero a excepción de la Iglesia que fundó, no habría memoria de este Jesús; su promesa habría naufragado hace mucho tiempo. A excepción de su Iglesia, no habría registro de sus palabras y obras en los Evangelios que su Espíritu inspiró a los evangelistas a escribir y a la Iglesia a adoptar como propios. A excepción de su Iglesia, el “agua viva” de la vida sacramental no fluiría en nuestras vidas una y otra vez para lavar nuestros pecados y hacernos libres.

Pero las aguas salvadoras sí fluyen; su Palabra salvadora sí hace resonar; sí partimos el pan en memoria de Él. Jesús es fiel a su promesa de estar con nosotros siempre, porque en cada generación sucesiva su Espíritu nunca ha dejado de mover a la Iglesia para llevar a cabo el mandato que les dejó

a los apóstoles: “Vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, enseñándoles a guardar todo lo que les he mandado”.

Al oír sus enseñanzas por primera vez pueden ser difícil de aceptar. Cuando Jesús habló de su intención de dar su cuerpo como el Pan de Vida, varios de sus discípulos reaccionaron fuertemente: “Este es un dicho duro; ¿quién puede escucharlo”? Y varios de ellos “retrocedieron y ya no caminaron con Él”. ¿“También ustedes se irán”? un decepcionado Jesús les preguntó a sus Apóstoles. Con su respuesta San Pedro expresó la fe de la Iglesia desde ese día hasta este: “Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes las palabras de vida eterna”.

La pregunta de Pedro confronta a todo Católico que siente presión para “irse”, de apartarse de la comunión con la Iglesia Católica. Si nosotros también dejamos de caminar con Él en su Iglesia por causa de uno u otro “dicho duro” suyo, ¿a dónde más iremos para encontrarlo a Él quien ha prometido permanecer con su Iglesia para siempre? Cuando rompemos la comunión con Pedro y los Apóstoles, ¿qué le estamos diciendo a Jesús quien ha confiado sus palabras y sacramentos al cuidado de ellos? ¿Ha dejado de ser verdadera su promesa de estar con su Iglesia hasta el fin del mundo?

La transmisión fiel del Evangelio siempre ha sido traicionada por el comportamiento infiel de los Católicos Cristianos. En la cara de la corrupción de muchos años en la Iglesia Católica, los Protestantes sinceros y bien intencionados en los años 1500 decidieron “irse” y establecer nuevas iglesias, reformadas para satisfacer las necesidades y exigencias de su tiempo. En sus ojos, la Iglesia Católica ya no podía ofrecer testimonio auténtico del Evangelio de “un Señor, una fe, un bautismo”.

Pero rompiendo la antigua unidad Católica no fue suficiente para forjar la unidad Protestante. Las divisiones se multiplicaron y endurecieron entre los herederos del bautismo del Señor quien quiso que todos fueran uno. Desde ese día hasta este, la pregunta de Pedro ha pasado a primer plano en cada generación sucesiva: “Señor, ¿a quién iremos?” No existe ninguna autoridad divina que se haya revelada a Martín Lutero, a Juan Calvino, al rey Enrique VIII, y a muchos otros para romper la unidad Católica y establecer otras iglesias de su propia creación? ¿A quién vamos cuando sus enseñanzas difieren tan marcadamente unas de otras?

Por 500 años ya, los Cristianos en el Oeste han vivido con esta dolorosa división. En el pasado siglo, el Espíritu Santo ha traído sanación considerable a la herida de la división Cristiana por inspirar un entendimiento más claro de lo que nos mantiene apartados y un respeto mayor por lo que nos une. Este ha sido una enorme ganancia para todos los interesados. Pero las cuestiones básicas que nos dividieron en los años 1500 todavía nos dividen hoy. Y cuando salen a la superficie públicamente, los Católicos todavía necesitan tomar su rumbo desde San Pedro: “Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes las palabras de vida eterna”.

Your Bishop's 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 value of each human life. As Saint John Paul II wrote in the *Gospel of Life*, no single person or group has the responsibility to defend innocent life. It is the task for every Catholic.

This year's Respect Life Month begins October 5. Its theme is inspired by Pope Francis: “Every Life is Worth Living.”

Since the Respect Life Program began in 1972, the American bishops have furnished materials for priests, parish groups, schools, and other organizations to promote respect for human life from conception to death.

In observance of Respect Life Month, the **Diocese of Baker will host its annual Pro-Life conference at the Powell Butte Retreat Center on Saturday, October 17, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Supported in part by funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the conference brings Catholics together to pray, to connect with one another, and to remain actively mindful of Jesus' promise to bring “life to the full” to those made in the image and likeness of God.

The October conference will begin with Mass, followed by breakfast and a morning program that includes presentations by Bishop Liam Cary on *The Freedom to Defend Life* and by Colm Willis, PAC Director, Oregon Right to Life, on *Wins and Losses for Life in the 2015 Oregon Legislature*. After lunch, the program will resume with a presentation by Liberty Pike, Director of Communications, Oregon Right to Life, on *The Planned Parenthood Videos: Implications for the Pro-Life Movement*.

In the midst of a society which increasingly treats human life as disposable, Respect Life Month reaffirms Gospel teaching on the sanctity of life and encourages Catholics to give effective witness to this essential Christian truth.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

- October 5–9 Clergy Assembly at Powell Butte
- October 14 Meet with Holy Spirit Fathers
- October 17 Pro–Life Conference at Powell Butte
- October 18 Masses at St. James, Bly and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Chiloquin

Just for Giggles

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the Offertory baskets. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, “Don't pay for me daddy, I'm under five.”



Parish Updates:

As of September 17th, the following parishes have met and exceeded their goals for the Bishop's Annual Appeal:

- ◆ St. Richard in Adel
- ◆ St. Francis in Arlington
- ◆ Holy Family in Arock
- ◆ St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City
- ◆ St. Francis of Assisi in Bend
- ◆ Sacred Heart in Athena
- ◆ St. James in Bly
- ◆ St. Thomas Aquinas in Crane
- ◆ St. Katherine of Siena in Dale
- ◆ St. Mary in Elgin
- ◆ St. Katherine in Enterprise
- ◆ St. Catherine in Fossil
- ◆ St. Patrick in Heppner
- ◆ Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston
- ◆ St. William in Ione
- ◆ St. Elizabeth of Hungary in John Day
- ◆ St. Bernard in Jordan Valley
- ◆ St. Charles in Juntura
- ◆ St. Pius X in Klamath Falls
- ◆ Our Lady of the Valley in LaGrande
- ◆ St. Patrick in Lakeview
- ◆ St. Patrick in Madras
- ◆ St. Mary in Maupin
- ◆ St. Anthony in North Powder
- ◆ St. John in Paisley
- ◆ St. Helen in Pilot Rock
- ◆ St. Thomas in Plush
- ◆ St. Joseph in Prineville
- ◆ St. Edward the Martyr in Sisters
- ◆ Sacred Heart in Union
- ◆ St. Patrick in Vale
- ◆ St. Pius X in Wallowa
- ◆ St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Warm Springs
- ◆ St. Mary in Wasco

Muchas
Gracias

Thank
You!

Father Hopp, 2015 Round-Up Grand Marshal for Lake County

Firmly entrenched as a judge for the annual Labor Day Parade in Lakeview for the past two decades, Father Ray Hopp took on a new and unexpected role this year—as Lake County Round-Up Grand Marshal. The Round-Up took place Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 7 at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Fr. Hopp, now retired, spent 12 years at St. Patrick Church while also traveling around Lake County to serve in Adel, Plush and Paisley. He is a well-known figure across Lake County for his legendary sense of humor and caring demeanor, which contributed greatly to his selection as the 2015 Grand Marshal.

“When they first called me in April I thought it was a joke,” laughed Fr. Hopp. “I’ve been here for 21 years; there are people who have been here their whole lives that are real cowboys and deserve it a whole lot more than me. I was proud as punch to say yes, and the parade is on my birthday, so what a great birthday present.”

It was the priesthood that initially brought Fr. Hopp to Lake County. A native of Los Angeles, Calif., his first post was in Northridge, Calif., which introduced him to riding horses and the rural lifestyle, but with over 2,900 families in the parish he found it difficult to establish meaningful relationships with members. A request to come to Oregon to find a smaller parish was granted, leading him to work with churches in Pendleton, Fossil and Enterprise before arriving in Lakeview.

Fr. Hopp has attended every Lake County Round-Up since his arrival. He rode a horse in his first Labor Day Parade, and has acted as a judge for the parade every year since alongside fellow judging partner Will Cahill. Now as Grand Marshal, he wasn’t quite sure what he was supposed to do, but bought brand new boots just for the occasion. He also presided over the two-day PRCA rodeo held at the fairgrounds.

“The Round-Up has grown in so many ways because of those that are involved in it,” said Fr. Hopp. “I love the whole thing, I love the Round-Up. It’s a great family affair. The people involved do such a great job because they love what they do. I’m not sure if it grows because of that, but it remains strong because of it.” Fr. Hopp’s role in this year’s Round-Up almost didn’t happen, as only a week after being notified he was selected as Grand Marshal he entered Lake District Hospital with a serious ailment that kept him there for six weeks. Now better, Fr. Hopp addressed the matter in his typical self-deprecating manner.

“I guess I tried my best to get out of being Grand Marshal, but the doctors here are too good,” he joked. “The board would have had some serious guilt this year otherwise. I think because I was in the hospital they took it easy on me with preparations.”

Father Hopp is an avid photographer who enters images in the fair every year, and dabbles in cowboy poetry. This year marked his 50th anniversary in the priesthood. Due to having two hip replacements he was unsure if he would be able to ride a horse in the parade or simply ride in a wagon, but regardless he was thrilled to represent the Lake County spirit.



“The Round-Up embodies a spirit of pride in living here,” said Father Hopp. “It’s a spirit of love for country, county and family.”

Courtesy of Kurt Liedtke, Lake County Examiner