



## Klamath Tribal Health Reaches out to Share COVID-19 Vaccine

On Sunday, February 7th, I woke up early to prepare myself for Sunday Mass. I followed my regular routine, checking my emails, preparing for the Mass reading of the day, and posting our Sunday Bulletin in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/St. James's Facebook page. When I opened the Facebook page, I noticed a message stating that the Emergency Management Team of the Klamath Tribal Health in Chiloquin was holding a Covid-19 vaccine clinic on February 9th in Klamath Falls. They were inviting members of our parish who live in Chiloquin, Bly, Beatty, and Sprague River, to receive the vaccine.

Being skeptical at first, I decided it wouldn't hurt to reply, and within an hour I was convinced that the offer was genuine. After attending Mass, I spent the rest of the day signing up members of our parishes who were interested in receiving the vaccine.

Twenty members accepted the invitation from Klamath Tribal Health and two days later we received our first dose of the vaccine at the new Klamath Tribal Health facility in Klamath Falls. On March 9th - four weeks later - we received our second dose.

Even though a formal written thank you has been sent, we would like to further extend a sincere 'Thank you' to the Klamath Tribal Health organization of Chiloquin for showing that we are all in this together, helping one another to get through this pandemic. Their offer to share the vaccine made it possible for many of us to receive the vaccine earlier than expected.

*Submitted by Rosemarie Dobbs, Parish Secretary*

**Right:** Father Thomas Polimetla, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, receives his first COVID19 vaccination.



# 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal Update and Thank you

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My brothers and sisters in the Lord, this is Thank You Weekend where I'm able to provide your first update on how the Appeal is going and to say thanks very much for your help.

Your contribution to *Free to be Faithful* helps to spread Catholic truth and witness throughout Central and Eastern Oregon. Funds that flow into the Appeal from all over our vast diocese make it possible for us to share the treasure of our faith and pass on that same freedom to those who follow in our footsteps.

I'm pleased to say that as of 25 May, we reached \$521,000 (87%) of our \$600,000 target. So those of you that have supported our mission, I want to say thank you very much indeed.

10 of our 57 parishes and missions have exceeded their financial target. That's 18% of our parishes and missions. And everyone's been very generous indeed that have contributed, in fact, more of you have become Sustaining Donors this year than ever before.

Special thanks goes to John Day, Bend, Prineville, Enterprise, Pilot Rock, Paisley, Plush, Elgin, Halfway, and Ione, which were the first to meet their financial target. This is a great encouragement to me and to all of us working here at the diocese.

Again, thank you very much and God bless you very much.



*Bishop Liam Cary*  
*Obispo Liam Cary*

# Actualización de la Apelación Anual del Obispo 2021 y Gracias

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Mis hermanos y hermanas en el Señor, este es el Fin de Semana de Agradecimiento, donde puedo brindarles su primera actualización sobre cómo va la Campaña de Apelación y agradecerles mucho su ayuda.

Su contribución a *Libres para ser Fiel* ayuda a difundir la verdad y el testimonio Católico en todo el Centro y Este de Oregon. Los fondos que fluyen hacia la Campaña de Apelación desde todas partes de nuestra vasta diócesis nos permiten compartir el tesoro de nuestra fe y transmitir esa misma libertad a quienes siguen nuestros pasos.

Me complace decir que a partir del 25 de Mayo, alcanzamos \$521,000 (87%) de nuestro objetivo de \$600,000. Entonces, aquellos de ustedes que han apoyado nuestra misión, quiero agradecerles mucho.

10 de nuestras 57 parroquias y misiones han superado su objetivo financiero. Eso es el 18% de nuestras parroquias y misiones. Y todos los que han contribuido, han sido muy generosos, de hecho, más de ustedes se han convertido en Donantes Sustentadores en este año más que nunca.

Un agradecimiento especial para John Day, Bend, Prineville, Enterprise, Pilot Rock, Paisley, Plush, Elgin, Halfway e Ione, que fueron los primeros en alcanzar su objetivo financiero. Entonces, esto es un gran estímulo para mí y para todos los que trabajamos aquí en la diócesis.

Nuevamente, muchas gracias y que Dios los bendiga mucho.

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## Bishop Cary's Schedule

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**June 14**  
3:00-5:30 p.m. Promotion & Defense of Marriage Committee Meeting *via Zoom*

**June 16**  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. USCCB General Assembly Meeting *via Zoom*  
2:00-4:00 p.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting

**June 17**  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. USCCB General Assembly Meeting *via Zoom*

**June 18**  
10:00-11:30 a.m. USCCB General Assembly Meeting *via Zoom*  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. USCCB Executive Session Meeting *via Zoom*

**June 20-21**  
Our Lady of Peace Retreat House, Beaverton – *Retreat Speaker*

# The Chrism Mass

On March 24th, Bishop Cary and the clergy celebrated the 2021 Chrism Mass when almost all the priests of the Diocese travel to the Cathedral in Baker City to participate. Some have made many trips for this Mass over the years and for some it was their first time in the Cathedral. Each year the Chrism Mass beautifully expresses Christ's gift of priesthood to his Church. As high priest of the flock he is appointed to shepherd. The Bishop gathers with his priests in the Cathedral to renew their priestly promises and to bless the Holy Oils they will use in conferring the sacraments after Easter.

During the Chrism Mass, after the homily, all the priests stand and renew their vows of priesthood. This ceremony, while simple and short, is of great importance. They once again commit themselves to service of the Church and to the Bishop. It also shows a solidarity of the priest to the Church, their Bishop, and to each other. And it is at the Chrism Mass that certain priests are recognized for their years of service to the priesthood. This year six were honored. Reverend A.J. Fisher for his 65 years of service. Very Reverend Richard Fisher, VG and Reverend Joseph Reeves for their 45 years of service. Reverend Louis Albrecht for his 35 years of service. Reverend Luis Flores-Alva and Reverend Francis Obijekwu for their 15 years of service. Congratulations to all for their many years of priestly service!

This year, the diocese was hopeful that many would want to attend this beautiful Mass and make their first trip

to see the Mother Church of the Diocese. Due to social distancing, seating was limited and all pastors were asked to inquire in their parishes if anyone was interested in attending. Those names and numbers were forwarded to the Parish Office in Baker City. In all, approximately 225 attended, 40 priests were present, and many more watched via Live-Stream on the diocesan website.



*Above: Shawn and Jennifer Snoozy of Klamath Falls and their three sons.*



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Diocese of Baker  
Redmond, OR



## Evangelization & Catechesis Team Member

The Diocese of Baker in Central & Eastern Oregon is looking for an integral, collaborative, dynamic team player who can bring the necessary skill set to evaluate and inspire further evangelization and catechesis.

This role provides a unique opportunity for an employee who is committed to the New Evangelization and driven to serve in an expansive and dynamic way. Working in alignment with the Bishop's vision, this person will have both ministry and administrative responsibilities. Examples of the ministry responsibilities are: developing, communicating and implementing diocesan initiatives in the areas of faith formation, sacramental living and outreach as a trusted advisor to parish leaders. While the administrative responsibilities are: scheduling, communicating and managing logistics for all Evangelization and Catechetical events and developing and promoting new online media tools in collaboration with the ministry team.

*This position requires a Catholic in good standing. Interested applicants can send a resume and cover letter to Mark French, Chief Operating Officer - electronically to [Mark@Dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:Mark@Dioceseofbaker.org)*

## Diocesan Data & Tribunal Admin

Are you looking to serve God and the Church in an intentional way while fueling your spirituality and growth? Then join us in this exciting opportunity with the Diocese of Baker in Central/Eastern Oregon. This tight knit group is looking for an integral, collaborative, dynamic team player who can bring the necessary skill set to provide confidential data management and administrative assistance to the Tribunal.

This role provides a unique opportunity for a person who is able to multi task while maintaining information accuracy, effective communication skills and case administration. Working in alignment with the Stewardship leadership and Judicial Vicar, this person will have both donor record and judicial administrative responsibilities.

*The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. For more complete information, go to [Dioceseofbaker.org](http://Dioceseofbaker.org) or contact Mark French at [Mark@Dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:Mark@Dioceseofbaker.org)*

