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World Youth Day 2016



At the close of the 28th World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Pope Francis announced to an anticipatory audience:

“Dear Young Friends, we have made an appointment to meet at the next World Youth Day in 2016 in Krakow, Poland. Through the intercession of our Lady we pray to the Holy Spirit to light our way which will lead us towards this new stage of joyful celebration of faith and love of Jesus.”

World Youth Day is an exciting opportunity for you and the youth of our Diocese to attend WYD in Poland, 2016. Our diocese will take a 10 day pilgrimage as part of WYD. During this 10 day WYD pilgrimage we will participate in the 6 day WYD program, visit Lagiewniki, Auschwitz & Wadowice.

Lagiewniki

As part of our pilgrimage we will visit the Convent of Sisters of Mercy in Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. We will tour the Convent guided by one of the sisters and Celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Divine Mercy. Faustina was canonized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church on April 30, 2000, having been considered a mystic and visionary. She is known and venerated within the Church as the Apostle of Divine Mercy.

Auschwitz

Our pilgrimage will take us to Auschwitz, the infamous Nazi concentration camp, now preserved as a national monument. We will visit the cell where St. Maximilian Kolbe gave his life to save a fellow prisoner.

Kolbe was canonized on October 10, 1982, by Pope John Paul II, and declared a martyr of charity. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement. John Paul II declared him “The Patron Saint of Our Difficult Century.”

Wadowice

Wadowice is best known as the birth place and early years of Pope John Paul II. We will visit the Holy Father’s House, now a museum, and his home parish church. Wadowice is a small city of 20,000 about 30 miles southwest of Krakow. Pope John Paul II was born in 1920 as Karol Wojtyła. The future Pontiff lived in Wadowice until 1938 when he moved to Krakow to study at the University of Kraków. Yet to his last days the late Holy Father remembered fondly his Wadowice youth and places associated with it, the schoolmates, his teachers, and other local folks he used to know. He would try to include the town, when possible, in his visits to Poland.



The minimum age for youth wishing to attend this event are those who will be entering their Junior Year of High School in the fall of 2016 (current freshmen, basically). This is an amazing opportunity for our youth/young adults to gather with Catholics from across the world and celebrate our faith with our Holy Father, the Pope. You may obtain a brochure and enrollment form on our diocese website: www.dioceseofbaker.org/Youth2.htm

Jacquie Hitzman of Pendleton is coordinating this pilgrimage through the Northern Deanery and you may email her at hitzman4@msn.com or call 541-969-9333 and talk to her directly.



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

The Chrism Mass

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.

The Pope celebrates the Chrism Mass in Rome on the morning of Holy Thursday, the day the priesthood was instituted at the Last Supper. We have the Chrism Mass a week earlier here (March 26th this year) because most priests are too busy during Holy Week to make the long journey to the Cathedral in Baker City.

After the homily, the Bishop asks the priests if they are "resolved to renew" the promises they made on the day of their ordination, when they publicly pledged

- to be faithful to the sacred duties of the priesthood,
- to be "faithful stewards of the mysteries of God," and
- to "discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching."

It is always moving to hear the priests respond with one voice: "I am."

The Holy Oils remind us of the crucial significance of anointing in the life of the Church founded by Christ, whose very name in Greek means, "The Anointed One." From the beginning the Church recognized that the Old Testament practice of anointing priests, prophets, and kings with consecratory oil prefigured The Christ who was to come.

Over the Oil of Catechumens the Bishop prays, "Lord God, protector of all who believe in you, . . . bring [all who are anointed with this Oil in preparation for their Baptism] to a deeper understanding of the Gospel [and] help them to accept the challenge of Christian living." Anointed catechumens receive power from on high to face the challenge of Satan and renounce sin both before and after they are reborn and washed clean. (In the ancient world wrestlers were often anointed with olive oil to be able to slip out of the grip of their opponent.)

As he blesses the Oil of the Sick, the Bishop prays the "God of all consolation" to "send the power of your Holy Spirit, the Consoler, into this . . . soothing ointment" that it may bring healing of body, soul, and spirit to those who suffer serious illness. With the anointing of the sick comes pardon of sin and grace to bear affliction with the patience of Christ.

Sacred Chrism is a sign that Christians—dying, buried, and rising with Christ in Baptism—partake of His kingly and prophetic priesthood and that they share at

Confirmation, as He did at the Jordan River, in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

To consecrate the Holy Chrism the Bishop first pours perfume into the oil and stirs it thoroughly. He then breathes over the vessel as the Breath of God, the Holy Spirit, settled upon the Apostles the night of the Resurrection.

"And so, Father," the Bishop prays, "make this Chrism a sign of life and salvation for those who are . . . anointed [to be] temples of your glory, radiant with the goodness of life that has its source in you. . . . Let the splendor of holiness shine on the world from every place and thing signed with this oil."

As the Mass ends, what lingers is the beautiful fragrance of the freshly blessed Chrism. When the women came to the tomb on Easter morn to anoint the body of Jesus with precious ointments, no odor of corruption did they detect. He had risen. The sweet smell of Resurrection passed into the sacraments of the Church, so that Christians might fill the world with the fragrance of indestructible life.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

La Misa Crismal

Cada año la Misa Crismal expresa bellamente el regalo del sacerdocio de Cristo a su Iglesia. El Obispo, como sumo sacerdote, se reúne con sus sacerdotes en la Catedral para renovar sus promesas sacerdotales y para bendecir los Santos Óleos que van a utilizar para conferir los sacramentos después de la Pascua.

El Papa celebra la Misa Crismal en Roma en la mañana del Jueves Santo, el día en que fue instituido el sacerdocio en la Última Cena. Aquí tenemos la Misa Crismal una semana antes (26 de Marzo este año) porque la mayoría de los sacerdotes están demasiado ocupados durante la Semana Santa para hacer el largo viaje a la Catedral en Baker City.

Después de la homilía, el Obispo le pide a los sacerdotes si ellos están "decididos a renovar" las promesas que hicieron en el día de su ordenación, cuando se comprometieron públicamente:

- a ser fieles a los sagrados deberes del sacerdocio,
- a ser "fieles administradores de los misterios de Dios" y
- a "desempeñar fielmente el sagrado oficio de enseñar."

Siempre es conmovedor escuchar a los sacerdotes responder en una sola voz: "¡ Si, estoy dispuesto !"

Los Santos Óleos nos recuerdan del significado crucial de la unción en la vida de la Iglesia fundada por

Cristo, cuyo nombre en Griego significa, “El Ungido.” Desde el comienzo la Iglesia reconoció que la práctica en el Antiguo Testamento de ungir a los sacerdotes, profetas, y reyes con aceite consagrante prefiguró Al Cristo que había de venir.

Sobre el Óleo de los Catecúmenos el Obispo reza, “Señor Dios, protector de todos los que creen en ti, . . . trae [a todos los que son ungidos con este Óleo en preparación para su Bautismo] a un entendimiento más profundo del Evangelio [y] ayúdalos a aceptar el desafío de la vida Cristiana.” Los catecúmenos ungidos reciben el poder de lo alto para enfrentar el desafío de Satanás y renunciar al pecado tanto antes como después de que son renacidos y lavados. (En el mundo antiguo los luchadores a menudo eran ungidos con aceite de oliva para poder salirse de las garras de su rival.)

Al bendecir el Óleo de los Enfermos, el obispo reza al “Dios de todo consuelo” que “envíe el poder de su Espíritu Santo, el Consolador, en este. . . unguento calmante” para que lleve la curación de cuerpo, alma y espíritu a los que sufren enfermedades graves. Con la unción de los enfermos viene el perdón del pecado y la gracia de soportar la aflicción con la paciencia de Cristo.

El Santo Crisma es una señal de que los Cristianos—muriendo, sepultados y resucitados con Cristo en el bautismo—participan de su Realeza y sacerdocio profético y lo comparten en la Confirmación, como Él lo hizo en el Río Jordán, en la unción del Espíritu Santo.

Para consagrar el Santo Crisma el Obispo primero derrama perfume en el aceite y lo mezcla completamente. Luego sopla sobre la vasija como el Aliento de Dios, el Espíritu Santo, se posó sobre los Apóstoles la noche de la Resurrección.

“Y entonces, Padre,” reza el Obispo, “haz de este Crisma un signo de vida y de salvación para aquellos que son . . . ungidos [para ser] templos de tu gloria, radiantes con la bondad de la vida que tiene su origen en ti. . . . Permite que el esplendor de la santidad brille en el mundo desde cada lugar y cosa sellado con este aceite”

Al terminar la Misa, lo que perdura es la bella fragancia del Crisma recién bendecido. Cuando las mujeres vinieron a la tumba en la mañana de la Pascua para ungir el cuerpo de Jesús con unguentos preciosos, no detectaron ningún olor de corrupción. Él había resucitado. El dulce olor de la Resurrección se pasó a los sacramentos de la Iglesia, para que los Cristianos puedan llenar el mundo con la fragancia de la vida indestructible.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

March 22	Installation of Acolytes in The Dalles
March 23	Reconciliation Service in Madras
March 25	Founders Day Mass for Sisters of Mary of Oregon
March 26	Priest Council meeting in Baker City
March 28	Day of Recollection - Altar Society in Baker City
March 29	Palm Sunday in Baker City
March 31	St. Alphonsus Hospital Group meeting in Baker City
April 2	Holy Thursday in Baker City

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries in April.

Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus Thomas Connolly ordained to Priesthood	April 08, 1947
Reverend Abraham Manthuruthil, SDB, Our Lady of the Valley in La Grande	April 29, 1990
Reverend Anil Kumar Marri, St. Elizabeth in John Day	April 14, 2004

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our priests and bishops. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend



A Missa Cantata with schola will be offered at The Extraordinary Form of the Mass on April 12 and 26 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church. The Celebrant will be Father Andrew Szymakowski.

Confessions will precede Mass from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

For more information, email John Driscoll at johncdiscoll1068@gmail.com or Stephanie Swee at swee0574@gmail.com.

For the most current information on the Mass schedule, “Like” the “Society of St. Gregory the Great” page on Facebook.

Lenten Thoughts A Journey through Lent

Each day of Lent, through prayer, choose a name of a person that surfaces, who has had an impact on your life in some way. Then, take the time to write a handwritten note to that person. Send the note without the expectation of a response. Life is too short—we see that with Jesus—but, we have the opportunity to share our thoughts with those who have made an impact (some don’t even know it, until they receive the note). This embodies the idea of Lent: prayer—praying for a specific person each day; fasting—fasting from negative thoughts; and almsgiving—sending a note with affirmations is a great gift to give.

In Memoriam



Sister Mary Magdalen (1925 - 2015)

Sister Mary Magdalen, of the Hermitage of Our Lady of the Pines (now) in Springfield, Oregon, fell asleep in Christ on February 12, 2015. She was a member of the Nativity of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church. A nun for 65 years, she was 89 years old when she passed into the eternal life.

Sister Mary Magdalen was born on July 1, 1925, in St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada, to Peter and Katherine Zachanko, and baptized as 'Anastasia'. On September 8, 1950, she entered the cloister of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood in Toronto, and professed her final vows there, taking the name of the venerated saint.

Sister Mary Magdalen entered the Hermitage of Our Lady of the Pines, near La Pine, Oregon, in 1976. The Hermitage had been established a year earlier by Bishop Thomas J. Connolly of the Diocese of Baker at the request of Sister Mary Diana, with whom she shared the solitary life for the rest of her years.

In 1998 the Sisters relocated their Hermitage from La Pine to Springfield, Oregon, affiliating themselves with the Ukrainian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite). They joined Nativity of the Mother of God Church, where they renewed their vows.

Sister Mary Magdalen's life motto was, "I Thirst", from Christ's passion on the cross. The cross and ring she wore were among her dearest earthly possessions.

Two older brothers, Victor and Michael, passed prior to her leaving this life.

A *panachida* (funeral) in the Byzantine Rite was offered at Nativity Church in Springfield on Tuesday, February 17. Sister Mary Magdalen asked that any memorial offerings be made to: Nativity of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, 704 Aspen Street, Springfield, Oregon 97477.



September 8, 2010—Sister Mary Magdalen and her fellow hermit, Sister Mary Diana, on the 60th anniversary of Sister Mary's religious profession.



Join us for the
Holy Celebration of the
Chrism Mass
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral
Baker City
Thursday, March 26 - 7:00 PM
Bishop Liam Cary presiding

Schoenstatt Auxiliary Pilgrim Shrine

Parishes in Hermiston, The Dalles, Boardman, Pendleton, and Heppner have welcomed a visit from a Schoenstatt Auxiliary Pilgrim Shrine from Brazil. The Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign originated with John Pozzobon in Brazil in 1950 and this Shrine is an exact replica of the Shrine he carried, on foot, each day from Mass out to homes, hospitals, schools, and prisons. John spent 35 years in this evangelism and teaching of the faith, walking over 85,000 miles! In 1970, smaller replicas were built and began to spread to Argentina, to the United States, and now to more than 100 countries. These smaller traveling shrines began to reach Oregon in 2001. Blessed Mother travels to homes bringing the unique graces of Schoenstatt from her original Shrine in a small chapel in an area called Schoenstatt in Germany, founded in 1914.



Any parish in the Baker Diocese that has the Pilgrim MTA Shrines circulating may want a visit from this unique replica. The Shrine has plaques telling where it has visited thus far with Oregon and Washington being the latest tours.

Father Francisco Rojas will accompany the Shrine from April 8-17 as it continues to circulate in the diocese, explaining the Schoenstatt Covenant of Love to those who have enjoyed these Pilgrim MTA Shrine visitations.

Contact: goodsheep4@gmail.com to schedule a visit to your parish.