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## Parish News: Blessed Sacrament, Ontario



The parish community of Blessed Sacrament in Ontario came together to wish Frances Schaffer a very Happy Retirement. Frances has worked for the Blessed Sacrament Church for 33 years under various capacities like Director of Religious Education and pastoral Associate. From the time she started to work for the parish, she successfully transitioned from *manual typewriter-age* to *electronic typewriter-age* to *computer-age* and finally to the *internet-age*.

Frances has done amazing work for the Church and seen a few generations of parishioners. She has been a great blessing to our parish and served it with dedication, commitment and deep faith. She is very cordial to everyone and very welcoming. Frances retired as of January 31st, 2016. The Blessed Sacrament community congratulates her and wishes her many blessings in her retirement years.



We welcome Darlene Woodcock as the new Secretary to Blessed Sacrament Church.

—Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakoydiyil

## Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

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

Rev. Lawrence Bower, Retired	April 06, 1988
Rev. Anil Kumar Marri, St. John, Condon	April 14, 2004
Rev. Shiju Thuruthiyil, OSH, St. Pius X, Klamath Falls	April 23, 2008
Rev. Papa Rao Pasala, St. Patrick, Heppner	April 24, 1997
Rev. Abraham Manthuruthil, SDB, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Chiloquin	April 29, 1990

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

## Parish News: St. Helen, Pilot Rock

St. Helen parishioners recently came together at a special breakfast held in honor of Pat Doherty (pictured here second from left) who recently retired from the church music program after many years of service. Also pictured are Leo Doherty, John Doherty and Packy Doherty. The four gentlemen performed an impromptu concert during the breakfast which was also a fundraiser for Jeremiah GrosJacques, a parishioner who is battling leukemia at the age of 24.



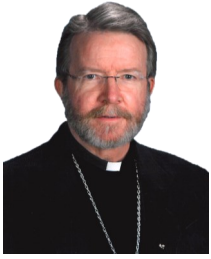
## Parish News: St. Andrew's Mission

There were 55 young people confirmed on February 7, 2016, at St. Andrews in Pendleton. The Most Reverend Bishop Cary conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation and presided at the concelebrated Mass with Father Mike Fitzpatrick, SJ, Deacon Daniel Martinez and acolyte Ren Feller assisting. Fern Oliver, the Director of Religious Education, and Yadira Gonzalez presented the candidates. A celebration reception with cake and gifts followed the Mass.



Congratulations to the newly confirmed!





## Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

### Spotlight on Betrayal

The Catholic Church in the United States observes April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year it comes in the wake of *Spotlight's* winning the Academy Award for Best Picture—a fitting coincidence with this issue's annual update on our Child and Youth Protection Program in the Diocese of Baker.

*Spotlight* artfully and accurately tells the dramatic story of the *Boston Globe's* explosive 2002 exposure of priestly sex abuse. Day after day prize-winning reporters documented physical and psychological violation of young people, and—worst of all—unconscionable cover-ups by bishops. Those whose souls were scarred forever by priestly betrayal must find *Spotlight* a very painful film to sit through. If you are one of them, I pray and hope that the Church in which you were so deeply wounded can help bring about your healing. If you have not yet come forward to make your suffering known, I humbly encourage you to do so.

In the year the *Boston Globe* brought the crime and sin of child abuse undeniably and unforgettably to light, the American Bishops approved the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, acknowledged disastrous mistakes, and vowed to deal “strongly, consistently, and effectively in the future” with sexual abuse by priests. *Spotlight* quite rightly highlights the crucial role of the press in bringing about these necessary changes. And they have borne fruit, for reports of child abuse in the Church continue to decline with each passing year.

Diocesan Review Boards were established to guard against the covering up of abuse and abusers by bishops or other Church authorities. Our Board in the Diocese of Baker is well suited to this task. Its members bring high competency and wide experience to bear on the crucially important task of assuring our children's safety.

On the national level, the Bishops' Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People is charged with ensuring national implementation of and faithful adherence to the 2002 *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. (I just completed my first year as a member.) Composed of 16 bishops and 10 consultants from all around the country, the Committee holds four meetings a year, two of them jointly with the National Review Board of lay Catholic experts which gives its own report each year to all the bishops assembled in Baltimore.

The tragic experience of clergy sexual abuse has taught the Church in the United States a very painful lesson: if we fail to be vigilant in protecting our children, they will suffer dearly from our negligence. We owe it to them to promote an ever-widening awareness of sexual abuse and how it happens. For sexual predators take great pains to

keep their dark purposes hidden from view. Masters of deception and manipulation, they exploit whatever social assets they have to circumvent parental precautions and gain access to the vulnerable. But the prospect of public exposure is a powerful deterrent to those who would prey upon the innocent. Widespread parish (and community) vigilance creates an environment unfriendly to abusers, and precisely such vigilance is what our Child Protection Program is designed to promote.

Time does not stand still. The world of 2015 is not the world of 2002. By God's grace and the courage of victims who made injustice known we have been able to create an environment in the Catholic Church that truly is safer for children and worthy of the faith we proclaim. But we must continue to be vigilant to preserve what has been gained at such cost so that those who come after us do not suffer the horrors which *Spotlight* so effectively dramatizes.

## Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

### Enfrentando la Traición

La Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos observa Abril como el Mes de la Prevención del Abuso de Niños. Este año viene en la estela de *Spotlight* habiendo ganado el Oscar a la Mejor Película—una coincidencia apropiada con la actualización anual de este tema en nuestro Programa de Protección para Niños y Jóvenes en la Diócesis de Baker.

*Spotlight* artística y acertadamente narra la dramática historia del *Boston Globe* sobre la explosiva exposición del abuso sexual sacerdotal del 2002. Día tras día periodistas premiados documentaron la violación física y psicológica de jóvenes, y—lo peor de todo—encubrimientos sin conciencia por parte de obispos. Aquellos cuyas almas fueron marcadas para siempre por la traición sacerdotal deben encontrar en *Spotlight* una película muy dolorosa para sentarse a verla. Si usted es una de ellas, rezo y espero que la Iglesia en la que ustedes fueron tan profundamente heridos pueda ayudarles a lograr su continua recuperación. Si usted todavía no se ha presentado para dar a saber su sufrimiento, humildemente lo animo a que lo hagan.

En el año en que el *Boston Globe* trajo a la luz el crimen y el pecado del abuso infantil innegable e ineludablemente, los Obispos Estadounidenses aprobaron la *Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes*, reconocieron errores desastrosos, y se comprometieron a hacer frente “fuertemente, consistentemente, y eficazmente en el futuro” al abuso sexual por parte de sacerdotes. *Spotlight* destaca el papel crucial de la prensa en lograr estos cambios necesarios. Y han dado fruto, porque denuncias de abuso de menores en la Iglesia seguirá disminuyendo con cada año que pasa.

Mesas Directivas de Revisión Diocesanas fueron esta-

blecidas para evitar el encubrimiento del abuso y abusadores por parte de obispos u otras autoridades de la Iglesia. Nuestra Mesa en la Diócesis de Baker es muy adecuada para esta tarea. Sus miembros son de alta competencia y experiencia amplia para aconsejar en la crucial e importante tarea de ver por la seguridad de nuestros hijos.

En el nivel nacional, la Comisión de Obispos para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes está encargada de asegurar la implementación nacional y la adhesión fiel de la 2002 *Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes*. (Acabo de completar mi primer año como miembro.) Compuesto por 16 obispos y 10 consultantes de todo el país, la Comisión lleva a cabo cuatro reuniones al año, dos de ellas en conjunto con la Mesa Directiva Nacional de Revisión de expertos Católicos laicos, la cual da su propio reporte cada año a todos los obispos reunidos en Baltimore.

La experiencia trágica del abuso sexual del clero ha enseñado la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos una lección muy dolorosa: si fallamos en ser vigilantes en la protección de nuestros hijos, sufrirán un alto precio por nuestra negligencia. Se lo debemos a ellos el promover una conciencia cada vez mayor de los abusos sexuales y cómo suceden. Porque depredadores sexuales hacen grandes esfuerzos para mantener escondidos sus oscuros propósitos. Maestros de decepción y manipulación, ellos explotan cualquier recurso social que tienen para evitar las precauciones de los padres y tener acceso a los vulnerables. Pero la verdadera posibilidad de exposición pública es un poderoso freno para aquellos que se aprovechan de los inocentes. Una extensa vigilancia parroquial (y comunitaria) crea un ambiente hostil a los abusadores, y precisamente esta vigilancia es lo que nuestro Programa de Protección de Niños está diseñado para promover

El tiempo no se queda quieto. El mundo del 2015 no es el mundo del 2002. Por la gracia de Dios y el valor de las víctimas que dieron a conocer la injusticia, hemos podido crear un ambiente en la Iglesia Católica que realmente es más seguro para los niños y dignos de la fe que proclamamos. Pero debemos continuar estar vigilantes para preservar lo que se ha logrado a tal costo para que los que vengan después de nosotros no sufren los horrores, que *Spotlight* dramatiza de manera eficaz.



Bishop Cary's January 1, 2013, Pastoral Letter to Priests, School Principals and Directors of Religious Education clearly states our commitment to 100% compliance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for all staff and volunteers working with our children and youth.

Significant progress has been made towards achieving our goal. However, further diligence is required towards ensuring that our children and youth are receiving the necessary safe-environment awareness training as shown in our 2015 independent audit.

## Safe Environment Audit Results 2013–2015

Ministry Year (July 1-June 30)	2013- 2014	2014- 2015
<i>Criminal Background Checks</i>	95%	99%
<i>Adult Safe-Environment Training</i>	78%	97%
<i>Code of Conduct &amp; Internet Policies</i>	73%	93%
<i>Family &amp; Youth Safe-Environment Training</i>	67%	67%

As stated by Bishop Cary in this issue, “Widespread parish (and community) vigilance creates an environment unfriendly to abusers, and precisely such vigilance is what our Child Protection Program is designed to promote.”

To help ensure parish and diocesan wide awareness and vigilance, we encourage all parishioners (especially parents and catechists of children and youth) to be familiar with the Diocese of Baker Protection of God's Children Charter by reviewing our website ([www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection\\_of\\_children.htm](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection_of_children.htm)). If it is unclear as to the status of the Protection of God's Children in your parish community, please ask your Pastor.

An important aspect of our success in keeping our children safe is knowing who to contact if we know (or suspect) that a child is a victim of abuse.

<sup>1</sup> Bishop Cary's letter and details for diocesan Protection of God's Children training and resources are **available in English and Spanish** online at: [http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection\\_of\\_children.htm](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection_of_children.htm).

<sup>2</sup> Every diocese in the U.S. undergoes an annual audit by a third party national organization.

### Contacts for Reporting Abuse

All allegations or incidents of sexual abuse by anyone (laity or clergy) to anyone under the age of 18 years of age should be reported immediately to the civil authorities: **911** or **Oregon Department of Human Services (1-855-503-7233)**. After reporting any abuse involving a minor to civil authorities, please contact our diocesan **Safe Environment Coordinator Barry Metzentine (541-388-4004)**.

For victim assistance services (e.g. counseling or medical services pertaining to abuse), please contact our Diocesan **Victim Assistance Coordinator, Angelina Montoya, MD (541-678-5652)**.

For allegations against a priest, deacon, seminarian, or adult lay staff of misconduct to an adult (18 years or older), please contact our **Vicar General, Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer, V.G (541-891-9015)**. If criminal behavior is involved (e.g. rape, attempted rape, assault, and stalking), immediately report it to the police (**911**) and then the Vicar General. If in doubt about whether a behavior is criminal, call the police.

If you wish to know more about the Diocese of Baker's Protection of Children policies please contact Barry Metzentine (541-388-4004).

## Parish News: St. Peter's, The Dalles

St. Valentine's Day was a very special day for Senior citizens at St. Peter's Parish in The Dalles.

A very special luncheon, sponsored by St. Peter's Hospitality Committee, was held to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Valentine. Live entertainment was provided by Ted Horwitz of The Dalles with "Oldies from Days Gone By," which brought back many wonderful memories for those attending.

St. Valentine, himself, would have been very happy to be part of this celebration, for Tom and Virginia Lexow, who celebrated 63 years of married life at the event.

Special gifts of hand-made placemats from the St. Mary's School students were presented to the attendees. Each placemat was signed by the student artist and a request that the receiver pray for them all year long was made.

An activity of coloring an Angel, which they exchanged with each other for Prayer partners, completed the afternoon's festivity.

St. Peter's youth also participated by serving the food and drink while visiting with the guests. All who attended, young and old, took home fond memories of a wonderful day of sharing and laughter.



## Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Bend/Redmond Court #2041

Catholic Daughters of The Americas, Bend/Redmond Court #2041 presented Karen Mannix, parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi, with the **Catholic Daughter of the Year Award**. In addition to the many duties Karen accepted upon her reception into the membership, her accomplishments, in one year, would fill an entire page of volunteer events. Karen can always be counted on to assist in any project or court event. She exemplifies the Catholic Daughters Mission Statement of participating and developing their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all the people throughout the world.



In Redmond, another special event for the Catholic Daughters of Court #2041 was held in honor of Margaret Lehnertz, a very active and dedicated member for 35 years. Margaret has served as an officer of the board and has been very active in the fund raising events. "She may be a little slower than in her earlier years but her heart is still with us and we are especially happy and proud to honor her. God has blessed this Court with her presence," said Irene Richardson. Fr. Todd Unger, pastor at St. Thomas, presented the 35 year pin to Margaret.



## The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend

Beginning in April, the Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass will be offered every other weekend at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church at the **new time of 1:00 p.m.**

In April and May, the dates for the Latin Mass are **April 03** (Low Mass), **April 17** (High Mass), **May 1** (Low Mass), **May 15** (High Mass), and **May 29** (Low Mass).

For information, contact either John Driscoll at [johncdriscoll1068@gmail.com](mailto:johncdriscoll1068@gmail.com) or Stephanie Swee at [swee0574@gmail.com](mailto:swee0574@gmail.com)



## Bishop Cary's Schedule

- Apr. 4-8 Priest Retreat
- Apr. 9 Confessions and 5PM Mass, St. Francis, Bend
- Apr. 10 10 AM Mass and 12 PM Spanish Mass, St. Francis, Bend
- Apr. 10 Inaugural Mass for new Radio Station KFDS 4:30 Mass at Historical Church, Bend
- Apr. 12-14 Region XII Canon Law Society Conference, Bend
- Apr. 13 Meet with Confirmande Parents and Sponsors, Bend
- Apr. 15 Consecration of new altar, St. Edwards, Sisters
- Apr. 16 Confirmation at St. Bernard, Jordan Valley
- Apr. 17 Confirmation at St. Bridget of Kildare, Nyssa