Fun, Food, Friends
And Jesus

Where:
Diocesan Retreat Center
in Powell Butte
Cost: $155 per event
(partial scholarships available)
Online Registration
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July 7 - 9    High School Retreat
“Why do questionings rise in your heart?”
Luke 24:38

July 13 - 16  Middle School Camp (6 - 8 grade)
“...opened minds...hearts burned.”
Luke 24:32,45

July 20 - 23  Upper Elementary Camp (4 - 6 grade)
“...and they recognized him.”
Luke 24:31
Thoughts Along the Way  
Bishop Liam Cary  

A Fresh Voice for Life  

As her audience looked on, Margot Loza took out her tiny, life-sized model of a three-month-old fetus. She then applied a suction catheter and graphically demonstrated what an abortionist does. As Margot maneuvered the deadly tools, sadness enveloped the room. Margot’s voice grew softer as the impact of what they were witnessing sank in with her listeners: this is what abortion actually does to a human being.

Most of her audience had never before given thought to the fate of the little victims of abortion. For the first time many listeners heard that babies are fully human at conception, that their tiny hearts are beating at only 18 days, that their little bodies feel pain only 20 weeks into the pregnancy. Margot’s first-time viewers were stunned to see how brutally the abortionist rips these tiny beings out of their mother’s womb, the place designed by God to be the safest home in the world for His most defenseless human creatures.

Margot Loza is the young Latino Outreach Director of Oregon Derecho a la Vida (the Hispanic branch of Oregon Right to Life). From March 6 – 9 she gave Spanish and English pro-life presentations to more than 175 youth and adults at Catholic and Protestant parishes in Hermiston and Boardman.

“She’s waking up peoples’ consciences to save the most vulnerable of our society,” said Maria Mejia after Margot’s presentation at Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston. Similar admiration was voiced by Father Luis Flores-Alva, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Boardman: “Her passion and her knowledge of the right to life will continue to make a difference, especially among the new generation. She is an inspiration for both youth and adults!” Veronica Alvarez from Boardman was one of the inspired. “The talk made me put more importance on abortion,” she said, “because it does happen every day. It made me want to participate in the prayers my church does for the pro-life cause.”

After one of her presentations a gentleman told Margot he had sent his girlfriend to get an abortion when he was younger. Until Margot’s talk, however, he had never realized that his unthinking encouragement brought about the death of his own child. His eyes grew solemn as he thanked Margot for awakening him with information that men like him need to have to keep from making the same dreadful mistake.

Margot agrees. “It’s important for people to know what’s going on in their own country,” she says. “These babies’ can’t scream for help. They can’t yell to their mom, telling her they feel the pain. Many people don’t know about this horror, which is why we need to educate our families, friends, and parishes, so we can grow the body of people that prays and fights for the lives of our youngest brothers and sisters.”

Margot welcomes company in her life-saving mission. She is happy to be invited to speak to parish youth groups and women’s groups, especially in Spanish. For her, these are all opportunities to “create more advocates for the unborn, for those who do not have a voice.”

Margot can be reached by phone at 503-463-8563 or via email at Margot@ortl.org or (in Spanish) at Margot@ORDerechoalaVida.org.

Pensamientos Del Camino  
Obispo Liam Cary  

Una Voz Fresca para la Vida  

Mientras su audiencia miraba, Margot Loza sacó su pequeño modelo de tamaño natural de un feto de tres meses de edad. Enseguida, aplicó un catéter de succión y demostró gráficamente lo que hace un abortista. Mientras Margot maniobraba las herramientas mortales, la tristeza envolvía la habitación. La voz de Margot se hizo más suave a medida que el impacto de lo que estaban presenciando se hundió en sus oyentes: esto es lo que el aborto hace a un ser humano. La mayor parte de su audiencia nunca había pensado en el destino de las pequeñas víctimas del aborto. Por primera vez varios oyentes escucharon que los bebés son completamente humanos en la concepción, que sus diminutos corazones están latiendo a solo 18 días, que sus pequeños cuerpos sienten dolor a las 20 semanas de embarazo. Los espectadores quedaron atónitos al ver como brutalmente el abortista arranca a estos diminutos seres fuera del vientre de su madre, el lugar diseñado por Dios para ser el hogar más seguro del mundo para sus criaturas humanas más indefensas.

Margot Loza es una joven Latina, Directora del Oregon Derecho a la Vida (la rama Hispana del Oregon Right to Life). Del 6 al 9 de Marzo ella dio unas presentaciones pro-vida en Español e Inglés a más de 175 jóvenes y adultos en las iglesias Católicas y Protestantes en Hermiston y Boardman.

“Ella está despertando las conciencias de las personas para salvar a los más vulnerables de nuestra sociedad”, dijo María Mejía después de la presentación de Margot en Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles en Hermiston. Una admiración similar fue expresada por el Padre Luis Flores-
Bishop Cary’s Schedule:

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Celebrating Our Lady of Fatima in the Baker Diocese

Bishop Cary invites you to participate in the diocesan celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

In August the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be carried to three locations in our diocese:

- **August 3rd**
  St. Peter’s Church
  in The Dalles

- **August 7th**
  St. Thomas the Apostle Church
  in Redmond

- **August 8th**
  Sacred Heart Church
  in Klamath Falls

Our Lady of Fatima calls us still to pray and sacrifice for an end to wars, and for blessings on our country, our diocese, and our families. Bishop Cary hopes that you will come with your families and friends to pay respect to her statue.
**PARISH NEWS: St. Pius X, Klamath Falls**

**Journey with us through Holy Week to Easter:**

Holy Thursday marked the Commemoration of the Last Supper. Father Shiju Thuruthiyil began the commemoration by sharing a meal with 12 parish volunteers, a representation of Christ and the 12 Disciples. The parishioners also took part in the traditional **Washing of Feet** during Mass. Father Shiju spoke of the importance of the Last Supper, the day Christ established the priesthood for His Disciples who became the first priests. In addition, he pontificated the importance of breaking bread together in memory of the Last Supper.

On Saturday at the Easter Vigil, lighting a fire in the new Brazier ensued on the east side of the church. Significant meaning is in the construction, starting at the concrete base: the stone entrance at the Entombment of Christ reveals rough and polished places - an illustration of us all - beautifully polished and rough all at once. Next, the Crown of Thorns, which Jesus willfully took upon His head: on the crown sits forty thorns - symbolic of forty days in the desert, as well as forty days of Lent leading up to the Easter celebration. The use of the crown as support for the fire basin is profound in that without His suffering we cannot experience the manifestation of His mission and glory - the fire rests above it all. The subsequent Ascension and Salvation from His sacrifice is blazing for all to see and feel from the all-consuming flames. Finally, the engraving on one of the plaques is a quote from Pope Pius X: “Hope is the sole companion of my life, the greatest support in uncertainty, the strongest power in situations of weakness.”

A parishioner’s son, Rob, custom-made the brazier for St. Pius X.

The Easter Vigil began with a sealed tomb and dimmed lights in a barren sanctuary. During the singing of the Gloria, the lights kindled, children decorated the sanctuary with flowers, and the Acolyte rolled the stone from the tomb unveiling the new statue of the Risen Jesus. Another parishioner, Ben, hand-made the tomb, and the Altar Society purchased the statue.

Written by Mary Holder,
Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry

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**CONFIRMATION RETREAT: St. Edward the Martyr, Sisters & St. Francis of Assisi, Bend**

The youth of St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bend and St. Edward in Sisters combined forces for our annual Confirmation Retreat at the Diocesan Retreat Center on Saturday, March 4th. With an incredible group of 83 youth and 17 adult chaperones, we gathered for four talks: **Confirmation, Holy Heroes, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, and Prayer.** We prayed the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary—one decade after each break-out session. Our adult leaders made it possible to break out into 14 small groups for discussion, sharing and skits. Marcy’s snack and lunch kept us fueled for the day. Thank you to our two youth helpers, Sam and Martha, who led the large group games: “Do You Love Your Neighbor?” “The Priest of the Parish Lost His Considering Cap” and “Roaming Pictionary.”

As the end of the day drew near, parents arrived to see youth scrambling in and out of the JPII Conference Center looking for the next Pictionary word for their team and overhearing youth conversations: “What’s a Monstrance?” and “Is a Pope Mobile a real thing?”

Written by Janet Schwarz, Youth Ministry