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A Youth Retreat
for entering Freshmen
through Seniors
3 p.m. June 20 - June 21 Noon
Powell Butte Retreat Center

God has a plan for everybody in the Church! Dads, Moms, Kids, the Family, Single people, Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests - all working together to maintain and grow this wonderful creation of God.

Do you ever wonder where you fit in and what God's plans are for your life? COME AND SEE!

Music and snacks to welcome you, activities to inspire, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with Bishop Cary. Enjoy supper with the Bishop, Brother Cyril, our Sisters of Kakamega and presenters Jill Wimer and Matt Deppmeier. A movie with small group discussions will be part of the evening. Then join us at the campfire with fun songs, food, activities and the Holy Rosary to conclude the day.

After Sunday breakfast learn about how others have discovered God's plan in their lives presented by people who are living them; and then celebration of the Holy Mass with Bishop Cary.

Grab-and-go lunch bags will be handed out at the Noon departure.

Registration fee is \$30 per person. To reserve your place, go to <http://dioceseofbaker.org/camps.htm>, print a registration form and deliver it to the Diocesan Chancery at 911 SE Armour Road in Bend or mail it to P.O. Box 5999, Bend, OR 97708

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend

The Extraordinary Form Mass (Latin), by direction from Bishop Cary, is said every other Sunday at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church.

Sunday, June 14 High Mass at 1 p.m.
Sunday, June 28 High Mass at 1 p.m.

The celebrant, Father Andrew Szymakowski, will hear confessions after Mass or by appointment. For information or to check Mass times, please contact Stephanie Swee at swee0574@gmail.com or (541-923-0574). The Mass times are also on the diocesan website: <http://dioceseofbaker.org/index.html> and The Society of St. Gregory the Great website: <http://www.ssgg.org>

Scholarship Opportunity to World Youth Day



Youth from various parishes throughout the Baker Diocese would like to attend World Youth Day in 2016. Some of these individuals will be struggling to come up with the full financial commitment of \$3,400. Therefore, the Northern Deanery of the Baker Diocese (ND of BD) would like to set up a scholarship fund to help a few of these youth make this pilgrimage. We would like to be able to offer three \$1,000 scholarships. If you would like to donate a part or all to one of these scholarships you can contact Jacquie Hitzman at: hitzman4@msn.com or mail a check made out to ND of BD to 1403 NW Horn Ave, Pendleton, OR 97801.

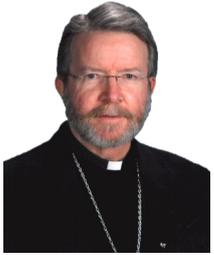
The Scholarship applications will be available in July and will be dependent on the funds raised for the scholarships and applicants ability to come up with the remaining balance of the Pilgrimage to WYD. If you are a youth from the Baker Diocese who would like to attend WYD and feel a scholarship would make a difference in your being able to attend, please send a request for WYD materials and scholarship application to Jacquie at the email address above.

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during June:

Rev. Austin Cribbin, Retired	June 03, 1956
Rev. Gerald Condon, Retired	June 12, 1955
Rev. Noel Hickie, Retired	June 11, 1967
Rev. Cornelius Kiely, Ecuador	June 11, 1967
Very Rev. Stan Strzyz, Burns	June 09, 1968
Very Rev. Rick Fischer, Madras	June 15, 1976
Rev. Joseph Reeves, Retired	June 16, 1976
Rev. Julian Cassar, Bend	June 19, 1977
Rev. Christopher Ehidiamhen, Prineville	June 28, 1997
Very Rev. Todd Unger, Redmond	June 29, 1982
Rev. Robert Greiner, Baker City	June 24, 1993
Rev. John Jasper, San Jose, CA	June 23, 2000
Rev. Charles Nnabuife, Milton-Freewater	June 03, 2005
Rev. Luis Flores-Alva, Hermiston	June 17, 2006
Rev. Arsenius Anachoreta, Annunciation Hermitage, La Pine	June 17, 2006

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our Priests and Bishops. Please keep them in your prayers.



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Loss of Faith and Loss of Family

America “is becoming less religious as a whole,” the respected Pew Survey on religion recently reported, “and it’s happening across the board.” The number of adults who identify themselves as Christian continues its long-noted decline: from 86% in 1990, to 76% in 2008, to 71% in 2014—a 15% drop in the last quarter century, 8% of that in the last seven years.

During that same period the so-called “nones”—people who have no religious affiliation—grew by 8% and now make up 23% of the population. (The Catholic share is 21 %.) And as “nones” age, they become more secular—that is, even less religious. In 2007 25% identified themselves as atheists or agnostics; in 2014, 31% did.

This falling away from faith occurs simultaneously with the falling apart of the family, and not by accident. Sociologists would have us believe that religious decline *precedes* family decline. As Mary Eberstadt puts it, “people *first* lose their Christianity, and *then* change their habits of family formation.”

But society-shaping influence flows the other way as well. Deliberate withdrawal of cultural support for the traditional family fosters and accelerates the withdrawal of personal commitment to traditional faith. In the religiously “neutral” secular state “equality” replaces “responsibility” as the overarching standard to shape expectations for family life. Officially promoted social acceptance of contraception and cohabitation, of easy divorce, of the redefinition of marriage—all encourage young people to sever their connection to traditional family formation and leave their Christianity behind them.

The choice is clear because Christian faith is inextricably embedded in a multi-layered *family* story from beginning to end. The drama of salvation falls into fragility with Adam and Eve, rises on the path to redemption with Abraham and Sarah, rejoices with Mary at the birth of the Christ Child, and exults with the Bridegroom at the wedding feast of the Lamb.

In the world of the fragmented modern family, however, more and more people have less and less personal experience of these biblical bases of faith. Jesus’ trust in the love of His Father will be puzzling to children who grow up without the guidance of a male parent in the home. And people who have never held or cared for a baby in this world of falling birthrates and abortion on demand may not be readily disposed to extend protection to the child in the womb. Loss of family goes hand in hand with loss of faith.

Pew Survey statistics confirm the effectiveness of these secularizing pressures, but they take no account of

features of family life that lead people *toward* church, not away from it—experiencing the sacred in the birth of a child, for example, or feeling the need for moral community to raise children well. Those who are drawn by such attractions to family life constitute a multitude unmeasured by Pew in 2014.

Sometimes a look back helps us to look ahead. What if there had been a Pew Survey of American religion in 1798? It would have shown Catholics to be but 3% of an overwhelmingly Protestant population and would surely have projected a future of Catholic decline. No one reading the results would have predicted that the century to come would see the greatest missionary expansion in the history of the Church and that Catholics would be the most numerous American Christians by 2014. But that is precisely the future that came to be.

The Pew Survey tells us about trends. As Catholics we need to seek the truth beneath the trends—the truth that binds God, marriage, and family together. For it is by living the truth, not by following trends, that we are set free.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Pérdida de la Fe y Pérdida de la Familia

América “es cada vez menos y menos religiosa en su conjunto,” la respectiva Encuesta Pew sobre religión informó recientemente, “y está sucediendo en todos los ámbitos.” El número de adultos quienes se identifican como Cristianos continúa su largamente notada disminución: del 86% en 1990, al 76% en el 2008, del 71% en el 2014 —una caída del 15% en el último cuarto de siglo, el 8% de ello en los últimos siete años.

Durante ese mismo período los llamados “ningunos” (las personas que no tienen afiliación religiosa) creció en un 8% y ahora constituyen el 23% de la población. (La participación Católica es el 21%.) Y con el pasar de los años los “ningunos” se hacen más seculares—es decir, aún menos religiosos. En el 2007 el 25% se identificaron como ateos o agnósticos; en el 2014, 31% lo hicieron.

Este alejamiento de la fe ocurre simultáneamente con la desintegración de la familia, y no por accidente. Los sociólogos nos quieren hacer creer que la disminución religiosa *precede* la disminución de la familia. Como dice Mary Eberstadt, “la gente *primero* pierde su Cristianidad, y *después* cambian sus hábitos de la formación de la familia.”

Pero la influencia fluye también a la inversa. Retiro deliberado al apoyo cultural para la familia tradicional fomenta y acelera el retiro de compromiso personal a la fe tradicional. En el religiosamente “neutral” estado secular la “igualdad” reemplaza la “responsabilidad” como el estándar global para formar las expectativas para la vida

familiar. La aceptación social de la anticoncepción y la convivencia, del divorcio fácil, de la redefinición del matrimonio—todos animan a los jóvenes a romper su conexión a la formación tradicional de la familia y dejar su Cristianismo atrás.

La opción es clara porque la fe Cristiana está indisolublemente prendida en la historia de la familia de principio a fin. El drama de la salvación cae en la fragilidad con Adán y Eva, se eleva en el camino de la redención con Abraham y Sara, se regocija con María en el nacimiento del Niño Jesús, y se goza con el Esposo en las bodas del Cordero.

En el mundo de la familia moderna, sin embargo, más y más personas tienen menos y menos experiencia personal de estas bases bíblicas de fe. La confianza de Jesús en el amor de Su Padre será desconcertante para niños que crecen sin la guía de un progenitor masculino en el hogar. Y las personas que nunca han sostenido o cuidado a un bebé en este mundo del aborto legal no están dispuestas a ampliar la protección al niño en el vientre materno. La pérdida de la familia va de la mano con la pérdida de la fe.

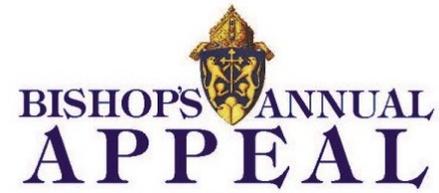
Las estadísticas de la Encuesta Pew confirman la efectividad de estas presiones seculares, pero no toman en cuenta las características de la vida familiar que llevan a las personas hacia la iglesia, no lejos de ella—experimentando lo sagrado en el nacimiento de un niño, por ejemplo, o el sentir la necesidad de una comunidad moral para criar bien a los niños. Aquellos que se sienten atraídos por este tipo de atracciones a la vida familiar constituyen una multitud no medida por Pew en el 2014.

A veces una vista hacia atrás nos ayuda a mirar hacia adelante. ¿Qué tal si hubiera habido una Encuesta Pew sobre la religión Americana en 1798? Habría mostrado que los Católicos eran solamente un 3% de una población mayoritariamente protestante; y seguramente hubría proyectado un futuro de decadencia Católica. Nadie leyendo los resultados hubiera predicho que el siglo por venir vería la mayor expansión misionera en la historia de la Iglesia y que los Católicos serían los más numerosos Cristianos Americanos para el 2014. Pero eso es precisamente el futuro que llegó a ser.

La Encuesta Pew nos dice sobre tendencias. Como Católicos necesitamos buscar la verdad por debajo de las tendencias—la verdad que une a Dios, el matrimonio y la familia juntos. Porque es por vivir la verdad, no por seguir las tendencias, que somos liberados.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

June 14	Confirmation in Burns and Crane
June 20	High School Retreat at Powell Butte
June 21	Retreat at Powell Butte with Mass
June 24	Priest Council Meeting in Klamath Falls
June 25	Installation of Acolytes in Hermiston
June 26-27	Stewardship Conference, Kennewick, WA
June 27-28	Masses at St. Francis de Sales, Baker City



Opening the Eyes of Faith Here in the Diocese of Baker

The 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal is now in full swing, and although the appeal has just begun the building momentum is encouraging. Early pledge returns coming from Catholic communities such as St. Francis of Assisi in Bend, St. Pius X in Klamath Falls, St. Patrick in Heppner, St. St. Mary in Hood River, and St. Thomas in Redmond reveal just how important we believe supporting the Annual Appeal is for our Catholic life of faith in eastern Oregon. Your gifts to the Appeal support a number of diocesan ministries, programs and services such as: adult faith formation, Hispanic ministry, RCIA, youth and young adult ministry, religious education and ongoing evangelization. Your support also funds the Diocesan Priest Health and Retirement Fund, our Catholic schools, seminary formation and the Office of Vocations.

Being good stewards of the faith-life of our youth is a responsibility of us all. The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides us with an unique opportunity to support the faith life of our young people and renew our personal commitment to act as good stewards in the mission of our local Church here in the Diocese of Baker. Retreat and camp experiences, offered by the Diocese of Baker at the **Powell Butte Retreat Center**, are precisely the kind of ministerial outreach program that the Bishop's Annual Appeal will fund. For example, this year we have added a **new Leadership Camp for high school juniors and seniors**. The goal of this camp is to develop life-long authentically Catholic leaders - missionary disciples who, through wherever God leads them in life, bring others to Christ. Training includes topics such as: a relationship with Christ, common objections to the faith, authentic freedom, virtue, practical ways of living a life of faith, my role in the New Evangelization and being people of integrity.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a pledge program, which is an easy way to give and allows us to make a more generous and affordable gift by spreading out our gift over several months. If you have already made a gift to the Appeal, you've already embraced that spirit Pope Francis is urging us to take on ourselves.

If you have not made a gift to the Appeal, please review the information that was made available in the May 17th Chronicle and make the most generous gift possible as your other obligations and circumstances allow. Let us be able to proclaim that, together, we all helped our Bishop carry out Christ's mission here in the Diocese of Baker.

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 - 16, 2015

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BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF OUR CULTURE

Friday

3 - 5 pm: check-in & relax
5 pm: prayer & adoration
6 pm: dinner
7 pm: opening address

Saturday

8 am: Mass w/Bishop Cary
9 am: breakfast
9:45 am: conference begins
10 - 5 pm: talks & shops
5 pm: prayer & adoration
6 pm: dinner
7 pm: **St. Maximilian Kolbe theatrical performance***

Sunday

8 am: Mass w/Bishop Cary
9 am: breakfast
10 - noon: final address and panel discussion

*The Church in the United States is called, in season and out of season, to **proclaim a Gospel** which not only proposes **unchanging moral truths** but proposes them precisely as the **key to human happiness** and social prospering.*
(Pope Benedict XVI, January 19, 2012)

Religion [cannot] be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life.
(Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, no. 183.)

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Bishop Liam Cary



Religious Freedom

Deacon Gustavo Ruiz
Hispanic Ministry



Introducing new RCIA Guidelines and Parent-Child Sac. Prep. Workshops
Introducción a las nuevas directrices de RICA y talleres de preparación Sacramental, padre e hijo

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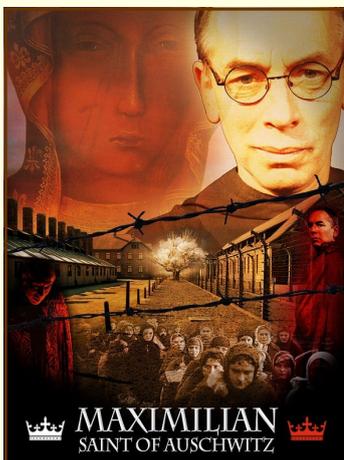


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Saint Maximilian Kolbe is a man for our times. This stunning live performance by actor **Leonardo Defilippis** reveals the fearless defense of religious and moral freedom and life itself in this battle of cosmic proportions. Saint Luke Productions, *Renewing the Culture through Theater and the Media.*

* Attendance open to anyone.
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