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It All Began With A Request For Help...

By Fr. John McGuire, St. John Church, Condon

Several years ago, while I was assigned to the parish of Holy Name Church in Coquille, Oregon, one of my elderly parishioners called and asked if I would be interested in taking a Stained Glass class with her. The only requirement was that I provide the transportation for us both. I considered her request and agreed. We took the classes together and before long I was hooked, but she had decided she didn't care to pursue this hobby.



While assigned in Coquille and over a couple of years, I would end up making 26 windows -6' by 16 1/2". The first six windows were of the Holy Family, flanked by religious symbols, then followed a window of the blessed Mother, followed by a panel of seven windows of various saints. On the opposite side of the church was a seven panel of Jesus and children. Finally, there was a three piece window behind the statue of the Risen Christ on the back wall of the church. Because I only worked on the windows on my days off, the project lasted two years.

After my retirement, Fr. Rick Fischer contacted me and asked if I would help take care of the parish and its two missions in Condon for a couple of months — and two years later I am still here! While assigned to help out here in eastern Oregon, one of my mission parishes, St. Catherine in Fossil, found out about my hobby and requested me to make windows for their small parish. There are eight windows to be made.

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As of this writing I have finished the lower section of all eight windows, and have completed four of the larger upper sections. My goal is to have all eight windows finished and installed by the end of January or at the latest by the end of February.



And to think it all began with a simple request from an elderly parishioner.

I also made the stained glass window for Saint Kateri Tekakwitha in Warm Springs (right). Former parishioners of mine from my mission parish in Myrtle Point had moved to Madras and sometimes attended Mass at the reservation. The only window in the chapel is located behind the altar, and so my friends asked if I could come up with a design for that rather large window — 10' tall by 33" wide. It was decided that the design would be of the Trinity. The hands at the top represent God, the dove represents the Holy Spirit, and the "Px" at the bottom represents Christ. And, there is a story that goes with this window. If you look closely at the rays that come from the dove, you should notice that the second ray from the right side does not quite match up between the top frame and the middle frame. When the window was installed and I saw this—I was upset because I had made a mistake, but the Native Americans thanked me for this little mistake. They said that whenever they make anything, they purposely make a small mistake because ONLY God is perfect — thus the reason for my small mistake. It sure made me feel a lot better.





Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

The Year of Consecrated Life

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015 "The Year of Consecrated Life." In these reflections I will draw on St. John Paul II's 1996 document, Consecrated Life, to renew our appreciation for the many gifts we receive from the consecrated men and women at work in our diocese who belong to religious orders.

The roots of consecrated religious life in all its rich variety can be traced back to Jesus himself when he called disciples to leave behind their ordinary lives and walk with him in close friendship. Their consecrated successors today promise to make their own the way of life which Jesus himself chose to follow. Intimate friendship with him calls for the total gift of self expressed in the "evangelical counsels"—the public vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

As consecrated men and women live out these vows in the community of their religious family, "the characteristic features of Jesus—the chaste, poor, and obedient one—are made constantly 'visible' in the midst of the world and the eyes of the faithful are directed toward the mystery of the Kingdom of God already at work in history, even as it awaits its full realization in heaven."

When they take the vow of *chastity*, consecrated men and women freely give up, "for the sake of the Kingdom," the right to marry and form a family. Instead, with undivided heart they manifest the pure love of Christ for his Bride, the Church. In St. Thomas Aquinas' phrase, they make themselves "empty for God."

With their vow of *poverty* consecrated religious give up their right to own property and thereby make themselves poor with the poor man of Nazareth who had no place to lay his head. "By imitating Christ's poverty they profess that he is the Son who receives everything from the Father, and gives everything back to the Father in love."

Vowing *obedience* to their religious superior, consecrated men and women freely surrender their right to come and go and do as they wish. Instead, they manifest the humble receptivity of Christ, who preferred the will of the Father to his own and made himself "obedient even unto death."

At the dawn of the life of faith every Christian was consecrated to God in Baptism, and each of us must find our own way to put the evangelical counsels into practice as the circumstances of our lives allow. From this perspective, the profession of religious vows is just "a special and fruitful deepening of the consecration

received in Baptism." On the other hand, "Baptism in itself does not include the call to celibacy or virginity, the renunciation of possessions or obedience to a superior in the form proper to the evangelical counsels." Rather, the call to public consecration in the evangelical counsels "presupposes a particular gift of God not given to everyone, as Jesus himself emphasizes with respect to voluntary celibacy."

God gives the gift of a religious vocation to a person—as he does the gift of a vocation to marriage—for the good of the whole Church. In this Year of Consecrated Life may he sow the seed of this great gift in the hearts of young men and women of the Diocese of Baker and inspire them to imitate the generosity of the consecrated religious in our midst.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

El Año de la Vida Consagrada

El papa Francisco ha proclamado 2015 "El Año de *la* Vida Consagrada." En estas reflexiones me baso en el documento *la vida consagrada*, 1996, de San Juan Pablo II para renovar nuestro agradecimiento por los muchos dones que recibimos del trabajo de los hombres y mujeres consagrados en nuestra diócesis que pertenecen a órdenes religiosas.

Las raíces de la vida religiosa consagrada en toda su rica variedad se remonta al mismo Jesús cuando llamó a los discípulos para dejar atrás su vida ordinaria y caminar con él en estrecha amistad. Sus sucesores consagrados hoy prometen hacer propio el tipo de vida que Jesús mismo eligió seguir. Amistad íntima con Él es un llamado a donarse a sí mismo de acuerdo a las "exhortaciones evangélicas"—los votos públicos de pobreza, castidad y obediencia.

Como hombres y mujeres consagrados hay que vivir estos votos en la comunidad de su familia religiosa, "los rasgos característicos de Jesús-casto, pobre y obediente-se hacen 'visible' constantemente en el mundo y los ojos de los fieles son dirigidos hacia el misterio del Reino de Dios que ya actúa en la historia, pero que espera su plena realización en el cielo".

Cuando hacen el voto de *castidad*, hombres y mujeres consagrados, "por el bien del Reino," renuncian libremente, al derecho a casarse y formar una familia. En cambio, con corazón indivisible ellos manifiestan el amor puro de Cristo por su Esposa, la Iglesia. En frase de Santo Tomás de Aquino, ellos mismos "se vacían para Dios."

Con su voto de pobreza los religiosos consagrados

renuncian a toda propiedad y por lo tanto se hacen pobres con el pobre hombre de Nazaret que no tenía donde reclinar su cabeza. "Al imitar la pobreza de Cristo profesan que Él es el Hijo que recibe todo del Padre, y todo lo devuelve al Padre en amor."

Voto de *obediencia* a su superior religioso, hombres y mujeres consagrados entregan libremente su derecho de ir y venir y hacer lo que quieran. En cambio, manifiestan la humilde receptividad de Cristo, que prefirió la voluntad del Padre a su propia y se hizo "obediente hasta la muerte."

En los albores de la vida de fe cada cristiano fue consagrado a Dios en el bautismo, y cada uno de nosotros debe encontrar su propia manera de poner en práctica las exhortaciones evangélicas como las circunstancias de nuestras vidas lo permitan. Desde esta perspectiva, la profesión de votos religiosos es sólo "una singular y fecunda profundización de la consagración recibida en el bautismo." Por otra parte, "El bautismo en sí no incluye el celibato o la virginidad, la renuncia a las posesiones o la obediencia a un superior de acuerdo a las exhortaciones evangélicas". Más bien, es un llamado a la consagración pública bajo las exhortaciones evangélicas" presupone un don particular de Dios que no se le da a todo el mundo, como el mismo Jesús enfatiza con respecto al celibato voluntario".

Dios da el don de vocación religiosa a una persona como lo hace con el don de vocación al matrimonio para el bien de toda la Iglesia. Que en este Año de la Vida Consagrada Él pueda sembrar la semilla de este gran don en los corazones de los hombres y mujeres jóvenes de la Diócesis de Baker e inspirarlos a imitar la generosidad de la religiosidad consagrada entre nosotros.

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during February.

Rev. Thomas Scanlan on February 2, 1957

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

Vocations Committee News



This weekend, after all Masses, Prayer Request Cards for our Priests, Deacons, Religious, Consecrated Life, and Seminarians will be made available to all parishioners.

Each card will have a name and address of one of the above with the intention that prayers be offered for that selected person throughout the year.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and eternity. AMEN

Bishop Cary's Schedule

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January 25	8:00 AM Mass in Sunriver
January 28	8:15 AM Mass at St. Francis School for Catholic Schools Week
January 28	1:00 PM Meeting with Diocesan Hispanic Ministry
January 29	RCIA - Bend 7:00 PM
January 31	5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary in Wasco
February 1	8:30 AM Mass at St. Alphonsus in Dufur
February 2-6	Dallas, Texas for National Catholic Bioethics Conference
February 8	9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Chiloquin 12:00 PM Mass at St. James in Bly

St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser

Have a Heart for Bend fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at the Bend Elks Lodge from 6-10 PM. Come and enjoy a buffet dinner, beer and wine tasting, dancing to the live band "Out of the Blue", a 50/50 raffle, and auction. Tickets are only \$35 per person to enjoy an evening with friends and support St. Vincent de Paul Bend. All proceeds go to the food pantry.

Event tickets and \$5 raffle tickets will be sold following all St. Francis of Assisi weekend Masses February 7/8 and 14/15, and at the St. Vincent de Paul Social Services offices at 950 SE Third Street in Bend. Event Tickets will also be sold online at http://stvincentdepaulbend.org and at the door — if available.

Thank you to all our donors and volunteers for helping make the 2014 *Have a Heart for Bend* fundraiser such a success! We raised over \$9,000 for our food pantry for our Bend neighbors who would otherwise go without.

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass ("The Latin Mass") will be cele-brated today at 1:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church. The Celebrant will be Father John Boyle from the Archdiocese of Portland. Father Boyle will hear confessions an hour before Mass from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM. The schedule for Masses in February are undetermined at this time and will be posted on the Diocesan website soon.

For additional information, please contact John Driscoll at <u>johncdriscoll1068@gmail.com</u> or Stephanie Swee at <u>swee0574@gmail.com</u>.

If you are interested in singing Gregorian chant at these Masses, please contact Stephanie Swee.

Spanish/Latin books will be available for Mass.

NW CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

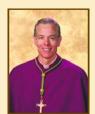
Pendleton Convention Center Pendleton, Oregon February 27-28, 2015

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Breakout Sessions



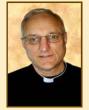
Speakers:



Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample Archbishop of Portland



Most Reverend Liam Cary Bishop of Baker



Rev. Joseph Levine Pastor of St. Peter The Dalles, OR



Rev. Darrin Connall Rector, Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes Spokane, WA



Rev. Kumar Udagandla Pastor of St. Mary Pendleton, OR

Conference begins Friday at 4:00 PM and ends Saturday at 5:00 PM.

Cost is \$40 and includes 3 meals.

Fathers and sons ages 15 and up are welcome.

Registration forms and additional information is available on our website: nwcmg.com or call St. Mary's Parish (541) 276-3615.

The Catholic Daughters Court #2041

Mary Ellen, Jean Tauriello, and Irene Richardson from Court #2041 p r e s e n t e d Grandma's House in Bend with 100% of the proceeds of their annual Bake Sale for Grandma's House. Manager, Woody Medeiros, accepted the check



for \$1,191 with overwhelming gratitude. She explained that the funds for upkeep of the house are sparse at this time.

Grandma's House of Central Oregon is a faith-based, nondenominational, nonprofit home, and outreach ministry, providing safe, nurturing, and stable shelter to homeless and/or abused, pregnant, (whether choosing adoption or parenting), and parenting teens mothers between the ages of 12 to 19 years old and their babies. They are presently the only facilities East of the Cascades meeting the needs of this high-risk population.

The Catholic Daughters of America Court #2041 of Bend/Redmond are making efforts to help them when they can. If you would like to help, please contact Woody at (541) 383-3515 or email grandma@bendcable.com. Their mailing address is Grandma's House of Central Oregon, Inc., PO Box 6372, Bend, Oregon 97708

National Catholic Schools Week 2015

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It begins today and runs all week. Schools typically observe National Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open house and other activities for students, families,



parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2015 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

For more information on ideas for this week, go to http://ncea.org/our-services/catholic-schools-week