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Redmond St. Vincent de Paul New Facility - Record Growth

The Redmond St. Vincent de Paul Conference has been able to greatly expand services since the purchase of their store and social services (food bank) facility. During the past fiscal year (Oct.1–Sept.30) assistance was provided to 11,220 adults and 6,031 children – 1,935 of these individuals were homeless! Monetary assistance in the form of utilities, rent assistance and other necessities came to \$118,000. A total of 258,765 meals were provided. In addition, the Thrift Store provided a total of \$186,607 in material items to the needy, such as clothing and household items.

St. Thomas parishioners were a big partner in this ministry through their monthly “Reverse Collection” in which 15,094 lbs. of food was donated. Parishioners draw a slip of paper with a needed food item from a collection basket, and then bring the food item indicated to St. Thomas. Volunteers also contributed approximately 6,000 hours of service!

The Redmond Conference has an outstanding balance of \$156,123 on its mortgage; however, the monthly mortgage payments are considerably less than lease payments prior to the purchase of the building. The property purchase was made possible through the assistance of donors and grants, which allowed for greatly enhanced assistance to the needy as evidenced above. It is hoped the remaining balance on the mortgage can be paid off soon, so the current mortgage payments can go towards providing additional services to the needy.

Thanks to all who have in any way contributed to this great Ministry. Corporal works of mercy are truly the Lord’s work.



*“I was hungry and you gave me food;
thirsty and you gave me drink;
a stranger and you welcomed me;
naked and you clothed me;
sick and you cared for me;
in prison and you visited me.”*

(Matthew 25: 35-36)

Parish News: St. Augustine, Merrill



The St. Augustine Youth Group sponsored a Respect Life March in the 79th annual Klamath Basin Potato Festival parade on October 15th in Merrill.



Annual St. Francis Christmas Faire St. Francis of Assisi, Bend

Join us Saturday, November 19, 2016
from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

“After Faire” on Sunday, November 20th
following morning Masses.



Come join the fun!



There’s great Silent Auction tables
and items for Sale Tables.

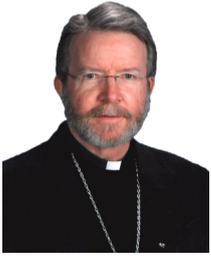
Kid’s \$1 Store

Buy \$1 raffle tickets for a chance to win
a \$300 Visa Card, Restaurant Gift Cards,
and a Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue.

Santa will visit and choirs will sing!

Be sure to grab a bowl of chili or soup, a hot dog, a
tamale and more.

All proceeds go to our New Church mortgage.



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Merciful Like The Father

At 9:00 in the morning of 19 April 1995 Bud Welch's home shook to its foundations as windows cracked twenty-five miles away. He stared in amazement as TV news cameras zoomed in on an all-too-familiar site. "You could see that on the north side . . . there was nothing there. It was just gone." There and then he "pretty much gave up all hope." For the Murrah Federal Office Building in Oklahoma City was the workplace of his only daughter, Julie Marie. "She was killed on the Wednesday morning. Her body was found on the Saturday."

Three days after the bombing Bud watched as the accused bomber, Timothy McVeigh, was led out of the courthouse. "I hoped someone in a high building with a rifle would shoot him dead," he remembers. "I wanted him to fry. In fact, I'd have killed him myself if I'd had the chance."

Bud visited the bomb site every day and heavily "self-medicated" his grief with alcohol during a ten-month period of "wanting retribution." One day, in January 1996, his head splitting from the previous night's drinking and every muscle in his body aching, he realized that he had not moved one step forward since the blast. "I have to do something different," he thought, "because what I'm doing isn't working."

Over several weeks of intensive reflection Bud came to see that his daughter and the other 167 victims had been killed by hatred and revenge. The Murrah Building explosion was Timothy McVeigh's and Terry Nichols' retaliation for the Government's violent suppression of the Branch Davidian sect at Waco, Texas, in 1993. To Bud the trajectory of violence was clear. "Seeing what they'd done with their vengeance, I knew I had to send mine in a different direction." He began to speak out against the death penalty.

After Timothy McVeigh was sentenced to death, Bud arranged to meet his father, Bill, in Buffalo, New York, to show him that he did not blame him for Julie Marie's death. As it happened, Bill's daughter, Jennifer, joined them. "I can't cry," Bill said as they walked in the garden, "even though I've got a lot to cry about." Inside, looking up at Tim's graduation picture over the kitchen table, Bud remarked, "God, what a good-looking kid." Bill looked up too, and "a big tear rolled down his face. It was the love of a father for a son."

There was to be more. "When I got ready to leave, I shook Bill's hand, then extended it to Jennifer, but she just grabbed me and threw her arms around me. She was

the same sort of age as Julie . . . I don't know which one of us started crying first. Then I held her face in my hands and said, 'Look, honey, the three of us are in this for the rest of our lives. I don't want your brother to die and I'll do everything I can to prevent it.'"

"As I walked away from the house, I realized that until that moment I had walked alone, but now a tremendous weight had lifted from my shoulders. I had found someone who was a bigger victim of the Oklahoma bombing than I was, because while I can speak in front of thousands of people . . . about Julie, if Bill McVeigh meets a stranger he probably doesn't even say he had a son." Perhaps this is why Bud Welch takes time each year to renew his friendship with the father of the man who killed his daughter.

Something happened to give Bud the strength to bridge this divide. "About a year before the execution I found it in my heart to forgive Tim McVeigh. It was a release for me, rather than for him."

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Misericordia Entre Padres

A las 9:00 de la mañana del 19 de Abril 1995 la casa de Bud Welch se sacudió hasta los cimientos mientras ventanas se estrellaban a veinticinco millas de distancia. Él miraba asombrado cómo cámaras de noticias de televisión se enfocaban en un sitio muy familiar. "Tú podía ver que en el lado norte. . . no había nada. Solo había desaparecido". Ahí y entonces él "perdió toda esperanza". Por el edificio de la Oficina Federal Murrah en Oklahoma City que era el lugar de trabajo de su única hija, Julie Marie. "Ella fue asesinada el Miércoles por la mañana. Su cuerpo fue encontrado el Sábado".

Tres días después del bombardeo, Bud vio como el bombardero acusado, Timothy McVeigh, era sacado de la corte. "Yo tenía la esperanza que alguien desde un edificio alto lo matara de un tiro", recuerdo, "yo quería que él se quemara. De hecho, yo mismo lo hubiera matado si hubiera tenido la oportunidad".

Bud visitaba a diario el sitio del bombardeo y grandemente "auto-medica" su dolor con alcohol durante un período de diez meses de "querer venganza". Un día, en Enero de 1996, con un terrible dolor de cabeza por beber tanto la noche anterior y cada músculo de su cuerpo adolorido, se dio cuenta que él no había conseguido nada positivo desde la explosión. "Tengo que hacer algo diferente", pensó, "porque lo que estoy haciendo no está funcionando".

Después de varias semanas de intensa reflexión, Bud llegó a ver que su hija y las otras 167 víctimas habían sido

asesinadas por el odio y la venganza. La explosión del Edificio Murrah fue la represalia de Timothy McVeigh y Terry Nichols por la violenta represión del Gobierno a la secta de los Davidianos en Waco, Texas, en 1993. Para Bud la trayectoria de violencia era clara. “Viendo lo que habían hecho con su venganza, yo sabía que debía dirigir la mía en una dirección diferente”. Empezó a hablar en contra de la pena de muerte.

Después de que Timothy McVeigh fue sentenciado a muerte, Bud hizo arreglos para reunirse con su padre, Bill, en Buffalo, Nueva York, para mostrarle que él no lo culpaba por la muerte de Julie Marie. Como sucedió, la hija de Bill, Jennifer, los acompañó. “No puedo llorar”, dijo Bill al entrar en el jardín, “a pesar de tengo mucho por qué llorar”. Adentro, mirando la fotografía de graduación de Tim sobre la mesa de la cocina, Bud comentó, “Dios, que chico tan bien parecido”. Bill miró hacia arriba también, y “una gran lágrima rodó por su mejilla. Era el amor del padre por un hijo”.

Iba a haber más. “Cuando me estaba preparando para salir, le estreche la mano a Bill, después la extendí a Jennifer, pero ella solo me abrazó. Ella era casi de la misma edad que Julie . . . Yo no supe cual de los dos comenzó a llorar primero. Luego tomé su cara en mis manos y le dije, ‘Mira, hija, los tres estamos en esto por el resto de nuestras vidas. No quiero que tu hermano muera y voy a hacer todo lo posible para evitarlo’”.

“Mientras me alejaba de la casa, me di cuenta que hasta ese momento había caminado solo, pero ahora un enorme peso había sido quitado de mis hombros. Había encontrado a una víctima del bombardeo de Oklahoma más grande que yo, porque yo puedo hablar en frente de miles de personas . . . sobre Julie, si Bill McVeigh se encuentra con un extraño probablemente ni siquiera dice que tenía un hijo”. Tal vez es por eso que Bud Welch se toma el tiempo cada año de renovar su amistad con el padre del hombre que asesinó a su hija.

Algo sucedió para darle la fuerza a Bud para unir esta división. “Como un año antes de la ejecución, encontré dentro de mi corazón el poder de perdonar a Tim McVeigh. Fue una liberación para mí, más que para él”.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

Nov 13-18	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) meeting in Baltimore
Nov 19-20	Closing the Door's of Mercy at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City
Nov 27	Bible Study Special Mass at St. Thomas in Redmond

Getting a Good Start on Planned Giving Efforts for End-of-Year

All sorts of assets make good year-end gifts to benefit the Catholic Church. This includes cash, shares of stock or mutual funds, mineral interests (oil, gas, coal, etc.) and bonus/royalty payments. These assets can be given outright and most may also be used to fund a planned gift in your will or revocable trust or as a beneficiary of your IRA(s). For those over the age of 70, you can now make lifetime gifts direct from your IRA to a qualified charity which can help you meet your annual required minimum distribution. This is great for those individuals who do not itemize deductions on Federal and State tax returns.

If you want your gift to be structured in the form of a Planned Gift for increased tax or income benefits, arrangements can be made after December 31. However, the asset you are giving MUST be received by your parish, the Diocese, or The Legacy of Faith Foundation (LFF) by December 31st for a 2016 deduction. One Planned Gift that gets both a current income tax deduction and future planned gift is a contribution to the Bishop Connolly Income Fund.

Any gift you make through LFF may be given as a memorial to a loved one or in honor of someone living. A bequest allows you to honor a loved one, while providing critical support to the church. Those who make lifetime or planned gifts greater than \$20,000, are added to our Cathedral Rock Society and will receive a watercolor or oil print of Cathedral Rock near Monument, OR, as a token of appreciation.

With Planned Giving, decisions are spiritual before they become financial. *We are stewards of all God has given us. How will we answer to God when asked how we used all we were given?*

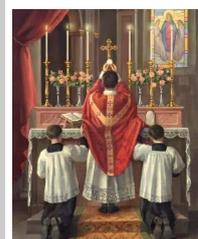


There are considerable tax advantages in making a legacy gift to the church. We encourage you to explore the various gift options with your financial planner or legal counsel. Call the Diocesan Office to be referred to a Legacy of Faith Board Member to answer any questions on lifetime and planned giving.

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend

The Extraordinary Form Mass is offered every other weekend at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church.

To be added to the email list for Mass schedule notifications, please send your request to John Driscoll at johncdriscoll1068@gmail.com.



Mass Schedules –1:00 PM High Mass

November 13 December 11

November 27 January 8

Confession will be available before Mass from 12:00-12:45 PM.



Diocesan Catechetical Workshops

Dozens of catechists gather from across the diocese for annual regional workshops to receive catechetical instructions and spiritual inspiration equipping them "to go and bear fruit that will remain." - John 15:16



Thanks to your ongoing donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis offers five regional workshops each year at no cost for the attendees. The primary audience of these workshops is parish staff and volunteers who teach any aspect of the Catholic faith to adults, children, and youth; however, anyone may attend.

"Since launching these workshops in 2013, we see a continued rise in recurring and new individuals each year," says Barry Metzentine, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Baker. "The workshops are proving to be a tremendous blessing for hundreds of parish catechists, most of who are volunteers and would not otherwise have access to catechetical training." Barry adds, "I am blessed by these workshops as I meet the good people across our dispersed, largely rural diocesan territory. It is inspiring to experience the generosity of so many who give of their time and talent towards building up the kingdom of God!"

In 2014-15, with the help of Deacon Gustavo Ruiz (Director of Hispanic Ministry), we began offering the regional workshops in Spanish. With the addition of David Bisono, who is fully bi-lingual, as Associate Director of Evangelization and Catechesis (May 2016), we are able to ensure equal availability of all catechetical materials and training in Spanish. "The needs of our Spanish speaking evangelization and catechesis capabilities are greater than any one person can justly serve. Having both Deacon Gustavo and David on our diocesan team positions us to grow and mature both our English and Spanish materials, resources and training more than ever before," says Barry.

Southern Deanery Workshop Sept. 17 (over 20 in attendance)
St. Pius X in Klamath Falls



**Central Deanery
Workshop Dec. 3, 2016**
Diocesan
Retreat Center
See your pastor or
DRE for details!

The purpose of the regional workshops is to **train**, **equip**, and **resource** all laity involved in evangelization, catechesis and faith formation programs throughout the Diocese of Baker. The practical goals of the workshops are:

- ◆ Improving competency (knowledge)
- ◆ Establishing consistency (application)
- ◆ Ensuring continuity (enduring growth)

The principal goal is to lead people to a deepening conversion in Christ; a profound change of mind and heart compelling us to witness (live) and testify (share) the Good News of God's Mercy and Love fully revealed in Jesus Christ and fully realized in His Church. May we all bring this message of Good News to a world seeking just that, good news. Our Lady of Good Help, pray for us!



Eastern Deanery Workshop Oct. 1
Blessed Sacrament in Ontario (over 30 in attendance)



Northern Deanery Workshop Oct. 16
St. Mary in Pendleton (over 20 in attendance)



(not pictured) Western Deanery Workshop Oct. 15
St. Peter in The Dalles (over 40 in attendance)