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St. Francis de Sales Cathedral Gets a New Boiler

After going through the winter of 2019-2020 with only intermittent heat, St. Francis de Sales Cathedral finally has a new boiler. The old boiler, installed in the 1980's, quit working in late winter 2020.

Thanks to the generosity of all who gave to the Cathedral Conservation Fund, we were able to install a new, more efficient boiler and mark one of the impending major repairs as complete!



Removing the old boiler piece by piece proved to be quite the chore and installing the new boiler one piece at a time took longer than anticipated due to delayed delivery dates contributed to COVID19. But YMC Mechanical finished the job for us just in time for the cold weather in Eastern Oregon. Thanks to their fine work, the new boiler provides heat to the Cathedral proper, Parish Hall, and the offices.

No more space heaters!



You are invited to visit the Cathedral any time you are in Baker City and with the new boiler you will be toasty warm while visiting.

Submitted by Ann Kniesel,
St. Francis de Sales Office



Goodbye old boiler.
You served us well.

Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary



The Judgement That Awaits Us

The Love that moves the sun and the stars loves us with a love that is completely free and freely complete. Nothing forced our Creator to love us into being in the beginning, nor did anyone compel our Redeemer to love us “to the end,” as He did on the Cross—giving everything away for us and holding onto nothing for Himself. God loves us freely and completely, and He wants us to love Him freely and completely in return.

Scripture reveals this divine design for our happiness when God commands us to love Him “with all [our] heart, with all [our] soul, and with all [our] might,” not because we *have to*, but because we *want to*. “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free,” St. Paul says. In the Word made Flesh the love of God breaks into human freedom as its Way, its Truth, and its Life.

Our last breath will deliver us into the presence of our Maker to give an account of our stewardship for the years He gratuitously entrusted to us. That impending Judgement casts a purgatorial shadow backwards onto the deeds and misdeeds of this life. Shameful memories of what I’ve done wrong and what I’ve failed to do right give me ample reason to tremble for my fate. If my memory locks down onto my sin-filled past, though, I align myself with the merciless judgement of Satan, the Great Accuser, who knows only the language of damnation.

Faith lifts my gaze upward in hope, for the Judge before Whom I will stand speaks the language of mercy. He has shown us His face—the Holy Face of the Redeemer—and He asks the

Father for “another Paraclete,” the Holy Spirit, to come to our side and defend us. What kind of a case can the Spirit make for me?

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you,” the Prodigal says in the parable. “I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” Having willfully distanced himself from the freedom of sonship, he can claim no share in the family inheritance. Then, astonishingly, his father’s forgiveness ushers him back into it in full.

The Holy Spirit pleads for us, St. Paul says, “in sighs too deep for words.” Our merciful Jesus does not fail to heed this plea from the depths on behalf of my wounded freedom. He knows how I’ve *sinned*, and He knows how I’ve been *sinned against*—what others *did* to me that they *shouldn’t* have done, and what they *didn’t* do for me that they *should* have done. Only He Who was crucified for me can assess the extent to which the sins of others built up fear and ignorance within me, diminished my freedom, and drove me away from my Heavenly Father. None but the Just Judge can weigh my sinfulness on a scale rightly balanced. For only against the backdrop of His crucified love for me can I see the full truth of my life and say “yes” to it wholeheartedly.

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,” the Nazarene said as He was nailed to the Cross. Three hours later the Good Thief beside Him mustered all the freedom he could summon to make a life-ending request: “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” A gasping reply brought home to his heart the truth that set him free forever: “This day you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Bishop Cary’s Schedule

11/14-18 Virtual United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops (USCCB) General
Assembly and Committee Meetings

Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

El Juicio que Nos Espera

El amor que mueve el sol y las estrellas nos ama con un amor que es completamente libre y libremente completo. Nada obligó a nuestro Creador a amarnos en el principio, ni nadie obligó a nuestro Redentor a amarnos “hasta el fin”, como lo hizo en la Cruz, entregando todo por nosotros y aferrándose a nada para Él. Dios nos ama libre y completamente, Él quiere que lo amemos libre y completamente a cambio.

Las Escrituras revelan este diseño divino para nuestra felicidad cuando Dios nos ordena amarlos “con todo [nuestro] corazón, con todo [nuestra] alma, y con todas [nuestras] fuerzas”, no porque *tengamos que hacerlo*, sino porque *queremos hacerlo*. “Es por la libertad que Cristo nos ha hecho libres”, dice San Pablo. En el Verbo hecho carne, el amor de Dios irrumpe en la libertad humana como su Camino, su Verdad y su Vida.

Nuestro último aliento nos entregará a la presencia de nuestro Hacedor para dar cuenta de nuestra administración que por años Él nos confió gratuitamente. Ese Juicio inminente proyecta una sombra purgatoria hacia atrás en los hechos y fechorías de esta vida. Los recuerdos vergonzosos de lo que hice mal y de lo que no hice bien me dan amplias razones para temblar por mi destino. Si mi memoria se fija en mi pasado lleno de pecados, sin embargo, me alinee con el juicio despiadado de Satanás, el Gran Acusador, que solo conoce el lenguaje de la condenación.

La fe levanta mi mirada hacia arriba con esperanza, porque el Juez ante el cual estaré de frente habla el lenguaje de misericordia. El nos ha mostrado Su rostro, el Santo Rostro del Redentor, y le pide al Padre “otro Paráclito”, el Espíritu Santo, que venga a nuestro lado y nos defienda. ¿Qué tipo de caso puede presentar por mí el Espíritu?

“Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti”, dice el hijo pródigo en la parábola. “Ya no soy digno de ser llamado hijo tuyo”. Habiéndose distanciado voluntariamente de la libertad de filiación, no puede reclamar ninguna parte en la herencia familiar. Entonces, sorprendentemente, el perdón de su padre lo lleva de nuevo a ello por completo.

El Espíritu Santo suplica por nosotros, dice San Pablo, “con suspiros demasiado profundos para las palabras”. Nuestro Jesús misericordioso no deja de escuchar esta súplica desde lo profundo en favor de mi libertad herida. Él sabe cómo *he pecado*, y Él sabe cómo me he *pecado contra-lo* que otros me *hicieron* que *no deberían* haber hecho, y lo que *no hicieron* para mí que deberían haber hecho. Solo Aquel Que fue crucificado por mí puede evaluar hasta qué punto los pecados de los demás acumularon miedo e ignorancia dentro de mí, disminuyeron mi libertad y me alejaron de mi Padre Celestial. Ninguno, sino el Justo Juez puede pesar mi pecado en una balanza correctamente equilibrada. Porque solo contra el fondo de Su amor crucificado por mí puedo ver la verdad completa de mi vida y decirle “sí” de todo corazón.

“Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen”. dijo el Nazareno cuando fue clavado en la Cruz. Tres horas más tarde, el Buen Ladrón que estaba a su lado reunió toda la libertad que pudo reunir para hacer una petición que puso fin a su vida: “Jesús, acuérdate de mí cuando entres en Tu Reino”. Una respuesta jadeante trajo a casa la verdad que lo liberó para siempre: “Este día estarás Conmigo en el Paraíso”.

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

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

Rev. Joseph Kunnelaya, Prineville	Nov 05, 1984
Rev. Mr. Stephen McGlone, Bend	Nov 10, 2007
Very Rev. Rogatian Urassa, Klamath Falls	Nov 20, 1983

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



RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

In 1988, Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious collection to address the profound deficit in retirement savings among US religious congregations. Since the first appeal, the NRRO has distributed \$863 million to congregations across the nation.

Donors often speak of this campaign as a timely response to priests and religious who have ministered throughout their lives to others. Our diocesan and international priests have served the Church for relatively little material reward. These dedicated priests deserve a just retirement for their committed years of service to the diocese. While we understand the importance of supporting the national collection, we too must take care of our own priests who have served so faithfully in the Diocese of Baker. Over the past 32 years parishioners in our diocese have donated \$1,303,376 to this collection.

In 2019, we received \$118,447 for the Religious Retirement Collection and 10% was sent to the national office; the remainder stayed in our diocese.

As many of you already know, the Priest's pension plan is significantly underfunded. The Diocese of Baker also makes payments to the dioceses of our international priests based on years of service in our diocese. Because of our large unfunded pension liability and our outstanding retirement liability for our international priests, the diocese will again allocate the majority of this collection to the Priest's Retirement Program. This collection and our own Bishop's Annual Appeal are two of their major funding sources.

We will continue to support the religious sisters and brothers who have served in our diocese by remitting a portion of this collection to the national office. We urge you to continue to support this important and necessary collection. **The annual collection for the Retirement Fund will be conducted in our diocese on the weekend of December 12-13** to correspond with all other dioceses across the nation as we have typically done in years past.

Please pray for the success of the collection. Thank you for your generosity and support.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Leaving a Legacy for your Parish

One of the most unique and impactful ways of ensuring the future of your parish is through a legacy gift. A legacy gift can take many forms such as a simple bequest as a part of your estate plans and can be of great benefit in helping fulfill your personal financial objectives. It is our sincere hope that you will give prayerful consideration to partnering with us in support of our Catholic mission that our children, grandchildren and future generations experience.

Gifts from a Will or Trust

Gifts from a Will or Living Trust are two of the most common ways to create a legacy gift for the benefit of the Catholic Church. A bequest may include cash, specific property, or a share of the estate.

Gifts of Stock and Appreciated Assets

Donating stocks, bonds or mutual funds directly to a Parish significantly increases your tax deduction and the amount of income it receives.

Gifts from your Retirement Plan

Gifts of retirement assets are another simple way to leave a gift by naming a Parish as beneficiary of a percent or full amount of your Individual Retirement Account, 401k, or other qualified retirement plan.

Gifts of Life Insurance

There are many ways in which life insurance policies can be used to make a contribution, all of which provide tax deductions and the opportunity to make a more substantial gift than otherwise possible. It is easy to name a Parish as the beneficiary of a policy or transfer ownership of a paid-up policy to our parish.

Gifts of Real Estate

A Parish may be named as beneficiary or co-beneficiary to almost any type of personal property or real estate.

If you are interested in more information or would like to let us know of plans already in motion, please contact Mark French, Executive Director of the Legacy of Faith Foundation, at (541) 388-4004. Visit the diocesan website's *Ways to Give* page for more information on the Legacy of Faith Foundation to view the different ways you can create a legacy gift.



Bishop Liam Cary, several priests, and approximately 50 onsite participants held prayerful protest in front of Planned Parenthood in Bend promoting the sanctity of life. Others throughout the diocese joined in prayer and adoration including Klamath Falls' Life Chain prayer rally drawing almost 60 people for an hour of prayer.

Thank you for your support in making this the best 40 Days for Life Campaign ever!



Life Chain in Klamath Falls



IN MEMORIAM
DECEASED BISHOPS AND PRIESTS OF
THE DIOCESE OF BAKER

Jan.	5, 1908	Very Rev. John Heinrich	17, 2020	Rev. Charles Dreisbach
	5, 1955	Rev. Edward O'D Hynes	18, 1965	Rev. John T. Curran
	6, 1985	Rev. William Coughlin, OFM Cap.	28, 1943	Rev. Denis Sheedy
	9, 2018	Rev. John R. Jasper		
	17, 1981	Most Rev. Francis P. Leipzig*	July 6, 1975	Rev. Donal Sullivan, OFM Cap.
	17, 2002	Rev. Robert E. Simard	10, 1973	Rev. Msgr. Michael J. McMahon
	20, 1971	Rev. William Roden	10, 1989	Rev. A. Robert Miller
	23, 1934	Rev. Joseph Schmidt	12, 2017	Rev. Austin Cribbin
	24, 1950	Rev. John Delahunty	13, 1920	Rev. Patrick Driscoll
	31, 1937	Rev. M.J. Kelly	14, 1988	Rev. Leo Stupfel
	31, 1975	Rev. Peter J. Duignan	24, 1977	Rev. John M. Kenney
			27, 1946	Rev. James H. Maloney
Feb.	1, 1958	Rev. Patrick J. Stack		
	4, 1983	Rev. David J. Hazen	Aug. 3, 1995	Rev. Joseph B. Hayes
	8, 1934	Rev. Thomas M. Neate, S.J.	10, 1992	Rev. Charles Graves
	9, 1997	Rev. John Baumgartner	10, 2012	Rev. Fintan Whelan, OFM, Cap.
	11, 1937	Rev. Luke Sheehan, OFM, Cap.	15, 2013	Rev. Ed O'Keefe
	11, 2007	Rev. Timothy Collins	26, 2005	Rev. John F. Cunningham
	13, 1959	Rev. Felix Geis		
	14, 1948	Rev. John O'Donovan	Sept. 6, 1978	Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Gaire
	16, 2004	Rev. Msgr. Bernard Keating	13, 2006	Rev. Joseph Kelbel
	18, 2011	Rev. Robert Van Sickler	16, 1964	Rev. Vincent Egan
	22, 1952	Rev. Thomas Brady	19, 1964	Rev. Michael Ahearne
	25, 2005	Rev. Cletus Kirkpatrick	22, 1992	Rev. Jocelyn St. Arnaud
			24, 2009	Rev. Msgr. Matthew Crotty
Mar.	7, 2020	Rev. Gerald Condon	27, 2004	Rev. Carl H. Gillen
	9, 1929	Rev. Hugh Marshall	29, 1975	Rev. Simon Coughlan, OFM Cap.
	15, 2000	Rev. Juan Turula, S.J.	30, 1958	Rev. Robert Kennedy
	21, 1978	Rev. Edmund M. Fern		
	22, 2010	Rev. Evangelist Kelly, OFM, Cap.	Oct. 2, 1980	Rev. John B. O'Connor
	23, 2015	Rev. Leo Weckerle	15, 2001	Rev. Msgr. William S. Stone
	24, 1988	Rev. Patrick J. Lunham	17, 1935	Rev. Dominic O'Connor, OFM, Cap
	24, 1991	Rev. Thomas Endel	24, 1908	Rev. John Joseph Landry, S.J.
	26, 1909	Rev. John Bradley	24, 2014	Rev. Joseph Reinig
	31, 1950	Most Rev. Leo F. Fahey*	28, 1918	Rev. John Moriarity
			31, 1996	Rev. Henry A. Beegan
Apr.	3, 1933	Rev. Patrick O'Rourke		
	3, 1978	Rev. James M. O'Connor	Nov. 2, 1942	Rev. Michael Dalton
	8, 1942	Rev. John Wand	10, 1976	Rev. Thomas J. Moore
	9, 1928	Rev. Joseph M. Cataldo, S.J.	14, 1977	Rev. Francis McCormick
	11, 1967	Rev. Otto Nooy	15, 1975	Rev. George French, S.J.
	12, 1950	Most Rev. Joseph F. McGrath*	22, 1999	Rev. Msgr. John F. Phelan
	19, 1995	Rev. John Murphy M.Afr	22, 2007	Rev. Francis Hebert
	24, 2015	Most Rev. Thomas J. Connolly*		
	26, 1993	Rev. Msgr. Timothy Casey	Dec. 2, 1918	Rev. Msgr. Alphonse Bronsgeest
			2, 1941	Rev. James L. McKenna, S.J.
May	4, 2011	Rev. W. Raymond Jarboe	2, 1971	Rev. Benjamin Kiernan
	6, 1984	Rev. Msgr. George A. Murphy	3, 1927	Rev. Thomas Cantwell
	7, 1919	Rev. John Kerr	4, 2017	Rev. Flavian Welstead, OFM, Cap.
	21, 2007	Rev. Martin Quigley	8, 1970	Rev. Celestin Quinlan, OFM Cap.
	23, 2015	Rev. Thomas Scanlan	11, 1993	Rev. Msgr. Charles Timothy Grant
	24, 2006	Rev. Richard J. Conway	14, 1967	Rev. Daniel Duffy, OFM Cap.
	27, 1936	Rev. Joseph Schell	15, 1960	Rev. Thomas McTeigue
			16, 1982	Rev. John A. O'Brien
June	1, 2012	Rev. Daniel Ochiabuto, SMMM	22, 1937	Rev. James Walsh
	3, 1939	Rev. Harold A. Reiley, S.J.	23, 2007	Rev. Msgr. Raymond Beard
	4, 1945	Rev. August F. Loeser		