PARISH NEWS: St. Pius X, Klamath Falls

The Catholic Daughters hosted a fun afternoon on June 30th as a fundraiser. Part of the day included a “best hat” contest. Each year the ladies get more and more creative with their hats. Pretty, funny and silly, they had them on as you can tell from the picture. The other part of the afternoon includes a raffle for purses. There were many purses displayed around the Parish Hall that were available through the Raffle. If you won the raffle for a purse, you not only got the purse, but the surprise gift hidden inside. The youth of the parish had a great time also and we all look forward to the luncheon each year.

SonRise National Park Summer Bible Camp was held June 25-29 at St. Pius X. 103 children attended the week long day camp. The children enjoyed learning about their faith through songs, bible readings, skits, arts & crafts, fun games and activities. In addition to the participants, 33 Jr. High and Sr. High Youth volunteered as camp leaders.

David Jones (pictured with the children), is a seminarian from our Diocese, who joined in the festivities on Friday. He spoke to the group regarding vocations, what it is like to be a Seminarian, and the great need for Priests in our Diocese. Two High School youth members also “played the role” for Religious Life and did presentations to the group.

Their final day of camp was celebrated with a special Children’s Mass followed by a potluck and music program for the parents & families. It was a great success!

PARISH NEWS: Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston

“The Life of Jesus” was the theme for Our Lady of Angels’ Vacation Bible School held June 25 - June 29. 138 students, grades Preschool through Fifth grade, participated in the event. Participants wore tee shirts depicting the theme which was designed by a talented parishioner.

Many adult and youth volunteers joined together to provide an outstanding week filled with outdoor activities, including a water game day, singing, crafts, and daily lessons featuring the different stages of the life of Jesus. Each group was also given a teaching tour of the church. Children were divided into groups by grade level. After starting the day with prayer, they were moved from activity to activity through the morning. At the end of each day the children gathered together to enjoy a video of Jesus’ life. On the last day the volunteers and children were all thanked and celebrated with a picnic lunch.

Our Lady of Angels staff is greatly appreciative of all who donated their time, talents, and treasure to provide the children of the Parish a wonderful Vacation Bible School experience. Thank you all so much and God bless you.

BISHOP CARY’S UPCOMING SCHEDULE:
August 5: Mass at St. Francis of Assisi, Bend
August 5-9: KC Convention in Anaheim, CA
August 11 & 12: in Fairbanks, AK for their 50th Anniversary
August 14: Lunch meeting-St. Alphonsus-Health System
August 17 & 18: Spanish Family Camp at Powell Butte
August 19-21: Thomas Aquinas College-Santa Paula, CA-Convocation Ceremonies
August 24: Dinner with State KC’s Officers
August 26: Mass for Catechetical Conf at Powell Butte
August 29: Department Head Meeting
September 1: Pastoral Visit, St. Peter’s, The Dalles
Thoughts Along the Way
from Bishop Cary

St. Patrick Church in Lakeview celebrated its centenary on July 14th and it was my good fortune to take part in the festivities. I confirmed a number of the parishioners, as Bishop O'Reilly had done a hundred years ago on the day of the church's dedication. So St. Patrick's first and second centuries have both quite fittingly begun with the celebration of the Church's “birthday” sacrament. For the Church was born when the Holy Spirit came in power upon the disciples in Jerusalem that first Pentecost day, and the same Spirit came in 1912 as the Catholic community in Lakeview was just coming to birth. In the century since then the “Giver of Life” has never ceased to come, and He brings the same spiritual gifts in 2012. Confirmation makes Pentecost personal because the Church must be re-born in every generation.

It is humbling and instructive for all of us to look back on Lakeview's Catholic beginnings, for they bring to mind the enormous obstacles of terrain, climate and distance our ancestors had to face throughout Eastern Oregon as they labored to bring the faith to birth here. In 1880 a Catholic cavalry officer reported meeting Archbishop Charles Seghers twelve miles west of Lakeview - “a tall, erect and slender man, dressed in dark clothes and carrying on his back a bundle of clothing and provisions.” He was visiting the parishes of his enormous, multi-state archdiocese, then the only one in the Northwest. Perhaps he had been walking from Klamath Falls or even Jacksonville. Though the officer “offered to send ten men and wagons with him on his journey,” the archbishop refused. He did, however, accept a horse from the admiring soldiers and continued alone on his mission.

The day I read this account I had ridden from Portland to Lakeview in an air-conditioned car with my bundle of clothing stowed on the seat, not on my back. In an age of rapidly accelerating technical progress the latest version is always the best, and we tend to regard the past as very quickly out of date. It is not so with the people of the past, as Archbishop Seghers’ dedication makes clear. But the men and women and children he walked so far to meet must have been of the same mettle as he - faithful, determined, hard-working, and generous - or they would never have sacrificed so much of the little they had to establish the Church here and leave us so rich an inheritance. Will we do the same for those who come after us? That’s the question such a centenary poses for us all.

Congratulations to the parishioners of Lakeview (and Paisley and Plush and Adel) on your first 100 years. May your second century bring you an ever-expanding share of life in the Spirit.

Pensamientos del Camino
por el Obispo Cary

La Iglesia de San Patricio en Lakeview celebró su centenario el 14 de julio y fue mi buena suerte el participar en las festividades. Confiere a varios de los feligreses, como el Obispo O’Reilly lo hizo hace cien años en el día de la dedicación de la Iglesia. Así San Patricio ha comenzado el su primer y segundo siglo muy apropiadamente con la celebración del Sacramento de cumpleaños de la Iglesia. Ya que la Iglesia nació cuando el Espíritu Santo vino con poder sobre los discípulos en Jerusalén, el primer Pentecostés, y el mismo Espíritu vino en 1912 en el nacimiento de la Comunidad Católica en Lakeview. Y en el siglo transcurrido el “dador de vida” nunca ha dejado de venir, y Él trae los mismos dones espirituales en el año 2012. La confirmación hace a Pentecostés personal, porque la Iglesia renace en cada generación.

Es trascendental e instructivo para todos nosotros mirar los comienzos de los Católicos de Lakeview, por que vemos los enormes obstáculos que nuestros antepasados tuvieron que enfrentar a lo largo del este de Oregon, como son el territorio, el clima y la distancia el trabajo que pasaron para lograr el nacimiento de la fe aquí. En 1880 un oficial de caballería católico informó del encuentro con el arzobispo Charles Seghers doce millas al oeste de Lakeview, “un hombre alto, erguido y esbelto, vestido de negro y llevando sobre su espalda un bulto de ropa y provisiones.” Andaba visitando las parroquias de su enorme, arquidiócesis, multi-estatal el único en el Noroeste en ese tiempo. Tal vez había estado caminando desde Klamath Falls, o incluso desde Jacksonville. Aunque el oficial “se ofreció a enviar a diez hombres y unos carros para que lo escoltaran en su viaje”, el arzobispo rehusó la ayuda. Sin embargo él, aceptó un caballo del admirado soldado y continuó solo en su misión.

El día que leí este suceso fui de Portland a Lakeview en un automóvil con aire acondicionado con mi maleta de ropa en el asiento, no en mi espalda. En una época de rápido y acelerado progreso mi versión de viajar es siempre la mejor, tendemos a juzgar el pasado como algo fuera de lugar. No es así con la gente del pasado, al ver la dedicación del arzobispo Seghers’ queda claro. pero, para los hombres, mujeres y niños por los que camino para ver; su trabajo, dedicación y generosidad hacia ellos debe haber sido de gran valía, o nunca hubieran sacrificado tanto de lo poco que tenían para establecer la Iglesia aquí y dejarnos tan rica herencia. ¿haremos lo mismo por aquellos que vendrán después de nosotros? Esa es la pregunta que el centenario tiene para todos nosotros.

Felicitaciones a los feligreses de Lakeview (y Paisley y felpa y Adel) en sus primeros 100 años. Que su segundo siglo traiga cada vez más vida en el Espíritu.
BISHOP CONNOLLY - OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS
Pastors, Administrators and Parochial Vicars:
Below are the new appointments which will take effect on August 17th.

- Father Joseph Levine will go to St. Peter, The Dalles as Pastor.
- Father Charles Nnabuife will go to St. Francis of Assisi, Milton-Freewater as Pastor.
- Father Juan Carlos Chiarinoti will go to St. Francis, Bend as Parochial Vicar.
- Father Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil will go to Blessed Sacrament, Ontario as Pastor.
- Father Francis Akano will go to St. Patrick, Lakeview as Pastor.
- Father Gabriel Ezeh will go to Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston as Associate Pastor.
- Father Theodore Nnabugo will go to Holy Redeemer, La Pine as Pastor.
- Father Michael Nwokocha will remain in Nyssa as the new Pastor.
- Father Rick Fischer will take over St. Augustine, Merrill and St. Frances Cabrini, Bonanza as Administrator while remaining as Pastor of St. Pius X of Klamath Falls and Vicar General of the Diocese.

Bishop Connolly celebrated his 90th birthday on July 18, 2012.
He lives in the memory care unit of Maryville Nursing Home there, under the care of the Sisters of Saint Mary of Oregon.

Sister Elizabeth Sohler is his advocate and visits him at least once a day. Father Leo Weckerle and former diocesan chancellor Mary Ann Davis take care of legal and business needs and visit him at least once a month. Over the past five months, Father Weckerle has anointed Bishop Connolly on each visit.

“Bishop Connolly is still remembered and loved by the people of the Diocese of Baker as well as from other areas of Nevada, California and Idaho,” Davis says. “I am often asked about him. I feel he has truly lived up to his motto in his love and care of people, ‘I am spent and will be spent for you.’”

THE LEGACY OF FAITH
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The dictionary defines a legacy as a gift by will of money or property, something transmitted by an ancestor or someone from our past. The lasting imprint can be one of money, or a building, or a tree for that matter. The key is it lives on past the one leaving the legacy to benefit a neighbor whom we may or may not know. It might be a future scholarship for an immigrant from Spain, Germany, Mexico, China or Brazil. It may be a high school, hospital, college or rest home to educate, heal or give solitude at the end of an earthly life. It may be just a tree to give shade to a stranger passing through who needs a break from the heat of the day. What it is to me is selfless acts that will last forever and be seen by God as fulfilling one of the most important challenges he gave us – to love one another as ourselves. Like the Good Samaritan we are challenged to think beyond ourselves and to do something for others, especially those we may never know or meet.

So, what is the Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation and how can it help plant some trees for sustaining our Catholic Virtues for tomorrow and forever? We are blessed to have a separate Non-Profit Corporation, established in 2007, called the Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation or, as we call it, LFF. The Foundation has been blessed and grown to over $3 million in assets over the past five years, including two Endowments for Schools in Central Oregon that total just under $1 million. The Foundation manages and administers a Charitable Gift Annuity program for the Diocese of Baker which totals over $450,000 and has over 20 annuities and 10 annuitants of which the first just passed away in Pendleton. We also have several designated accounts and a couple of Donor Advised Funds.

One designated account was that of Lowell and Helen Jensen who originally gifted $20,000 to his beloved fellow Knights of Columbus back in 1994 to support the local St. Vincent De Paul Society. Lowell and Helen were married for 72 years, he was a 73 year member of the Knights of Columbus and he passed at the age of 99, but their legacy to the poor and needy served by St. Vincent De Paul will live on forever.

Let us all consider taking time to reflect on what God has given us and continues to bestow upon us. Let us consider making a gift during life or through our estate that leaves a lasting impression that honors our Faith, our Parish, Our School, our Town, and our Family. Do we really think that if our heirs inherit 90 percent of what we have the other 10 percent will make a material difference in their lives? Just think, if one more soul enters eternity because we chose to leave a Legacy - especially a Catholic Legacy.

- Kevin Freihoefer, Vice-President

Happy 90th Birthday
Bishop Connolly
In 1910, a lot was purchased for a new church in Lakeview for $2000 by Mrs. W. K. Barry who was instrumental in collecting funds from Irish sheep owners and shepherders. Dr. Bernard Daly donated funds for the bell. The first mass was offered at Christmas in 1911. Bishop Charles O'Reilly dedicated St. Patrick Church on July 14, 1912 and conducted confirmation there, just as was done by Bishop Liam Cary 100 years later! In the early 1960's, Jerry P. Egan purchased a home next to the Parish Hall in memory of his wife and son. This home served as the convent for three Sisters of the Atonement who were recruited by Fr. John Phelan to teach catechism to the parish children. This property now serves as a rectory.

The land for St. Richard Church in Adel was donated by John Lane. In 1956, the church was dedicated by Bishop Francis Leipzig.

The first space used for worship in Paisley was the old Paisley School building. It was moved in 1918 from the school site to property donated by the O'Callahan brothers. In 1960, a new church was built on land donated by Daniel and Beatrice O'Connor. The new church was dedicated to St. John the Apostle and remains a Mission of Lakeview.

St. Thomas Mission Church in Plush was built from a $15,000 donation by Daisy Murphy given in memory of her husband Thomas. The Catholics of Plush raised funds to furnish pews, kneelers and carpet. Every fall, the women of St. Thomas would put on a harvest dance to make money for the church.

The Richie Nav Band (pictured below) provided entertainment at the Concert/Dance Saturday evening. The Navarette Family are especially devoted parishioners at Blessed Sacrament Church in Ontario. They have become very popular throughout the diocese with the youth and come highly recommended. “I learned about them through Sacred Heart in Klamath Falls and I hope every parish can support and experience these wonderful young and faithful men as they forge ahead in their music careers,” said Suzanne Steward, Parish Secretary at St. Patrick Church.

Showing off their skills! Nice!

Six year old Jayla Jackson sings with the choir.

Children enjoying games at the Carnival.

The cake was made by Nikki Albertson. The steeple is an exact replica of St. Patrick's steeple.

Pat Patla, Centennial Chairperson, accepts flowers from fellow parishioners.

Fr. Austin Cribbins presents some history and jokes.

Singing an Irish ballad.

Jim Flynn presents award to Fr. Anthony Mbaegbu, Pastor.

Knights of Columbus hamburger booth.

Richie Nav