



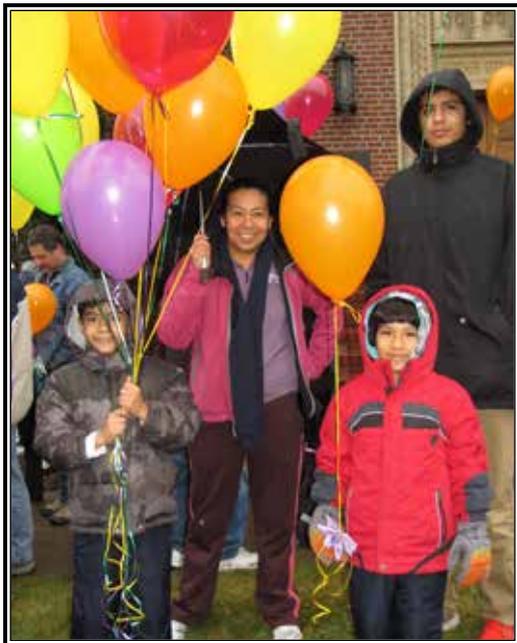
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Yakima Walk for Life Draws Hundreds of Enthusiastic Participants

Armed with umbrellas and raincoats, hundreds of faithful pro-life advocates from the Central Washington area braved rain and near-freezing temperatures on January 17 to take part in Yakima's annual Walk for Life. The event marked the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision



It was a day for families to stand up for life.

which legalized abortion.

Following opening remarks and prayer at Grace of Christ Church, the group proceeded down Yakima Avenue to Millennium Plaza. Led by a sound truck, they carried colorful helium balloons, flags and pro-life signs.

From toddlers in strollers, to a teenage contingent from the Tri-Cities to senior citizens, it was a diverse group representing many area churches and organizations.

Catholic clergy were represented by Father William Shaw, pastor of St. Mary Church in White Swan and Father John Shaw, director of Native American ministries in the Yakima Diocese who is in residence at St. Mary's.



Students from Tri-Cities Prep joined in the walk.

"This shows people that there is a community that supports pro-life in Yakima," observed participant Molly Jo Sevigny of Zillah.

"I just want to support this good cause," added Travis Fitzsimmons of Yakima, a



Father John Shaw and members of the Knights of Columbus waited to begin the walk.

member of the Knights of Columbus whose members both walked the route and helped with crowd control. "It's life!"

Allison Jacobs, who had traveled to Yakima

with a contingent from Tri-Cities Prep in Pasco, said that this was the first time she had joined in this Walk for Life. After hearing a speaker at her school who expressed regrets over an abortion, Jacobs said that she wanted to help prevent other young women from facing the same tragedy.



Even pets got to play a part in the 2015 Walk for Life.

"It supports my idea of pro-life," she said.

In gatherings at the church and, before releasing rain-drenched balloons in Millennium Plaza, participants were commended for standing up for pro-life. They were encouraged to continue their "walk for life" throughout 2015, praying for an end to abortion in Central Washington. They also were urged to reach out to friends and family members to help them understand that abortion is not a reasonable option, and to keep track of legislative bills that involve pro-life issues and make their voices heard through calling, emailing or writing to state legislators.

"Everyone deserves a chance to be born!" emphasized Lenette Lindemann, event organizer, following the walk.

Make Lent Meaningful: Know Rules, Live A 'More Fervent Christian Life'

Lent, the 40-day season of penance in preparation for Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. For special Lenten observances taking place around the Diocese of Yakima, check your parish bulletin or website, or visit www.yakimadiocese.org.

As you review the following Lenten rules, keep in mind that the purpose of fasting, and "indeed of any penitential practice, is to give the faithful the opportunity to reflect on their lives, to express sorrow for sins, and to resolve to live a more fervent Christian life" (HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism, 1995).

Lenten Regulations

The Church specifies certain practices of penance during the season of Lent:

1. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.

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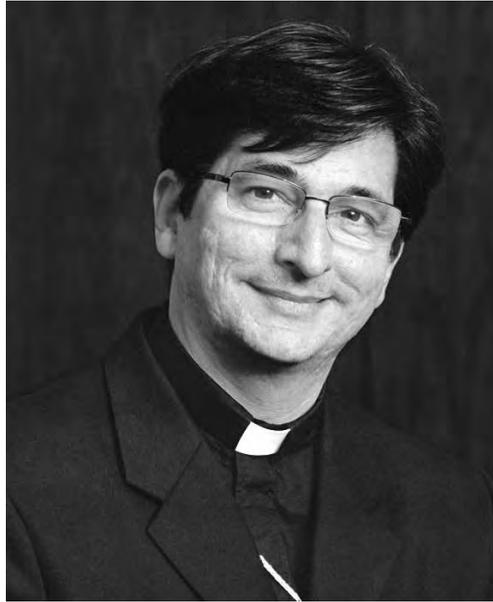
A Message from Bishop Tyson...

Dear Friends,

The three-fold Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are not simply rules that regulate our lives as Catholics but are meant as supports for our spiritual lives, forming us more deeply to become more loving followers of Jesus Christ.

That might be what ties together the articles you will read in this month's Central Washington Catholic. High School students from Tri Cities Prep in Pasco, including some from our Diocese who took part in the annual Walk for Life in Yakima recently, are becoming schooled in a love of life that begins at conception.

The Christians Brothers – even as their two remaining teachers prepare to leave Yakima – will continue to sponsor La Salle High School as a Christian Brothers school, continuing the legacy of their love. Magnificat catechetical formation classes continue to attract new learners



Bishop Joseph Tyson

who bring to their studies their great love for the Church. The Retrouvaille program gives husbands and wives who have

difficulties in their marriage a second chance to renew their love for each other and thus be witnesses of the love we can build up for each other as Church.

In one of his early Lenten talks, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI noted in 2006 that "...there is a divine limit put on evil and that limit is mercy..." Mercy is precisely the doorway our current Holy Father Pope Francis suggests we go through if we are to deepen our own sense of being loved by God.

My hope and prayer is that these various articles inspire your Lenten journey and lead you to a God who – even as He dies on a cross – leaves us himself as the embodiment of love.

With my every best wish and blessing,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

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2. Catholics are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and Good Friday, April 3.
3. The Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
4. Catholics age 14 and older are bound by the law of abstinence, which forbids the eating of meat.
5. The law of fasting is obligatory for Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. The law of fasting prescribes that only one full meal be taken per day; the other meals should be significantly smaller, but in accord with one's health needs. Fasting assumes avoidance of food between meals.

The "substantial observance" of these laws is a grave obligation; that is:

1. Anyone who neglects all forms of penance, or deliberately shows contempt for the Church's penitential discipline, may be guilty of serious sin.
2. Occasional failure to observe penitential regulations is not seriously sinful.
3. Proportionately grave circumstances – sickness, dietary needs, social obligation – excuse from the obligation of fast and abstinence, but not from seeking out other forms of penance.

Diocese Retires Debt to Parishes *Continued from page 4*

Perko, a retired chief finance officer doing volunteer work in the Diocese of Baker, to be its new CFO.

Working with diocesan staff, Perko determined that the Diocese owed CRP participants \$2.2 million in funds that had been spent on diocesan operations, including the care of retired priests and the education of seminarians.

Over the past five years, the debt has been eliminated through a variety of sources, including the sale of some property in the Tri-Cities and Ellensburg areas, and a 50-percent split of the investment income within the CRP between the Diocese and the CRP participants, with the Diocese's share being given back to the parishes and institutions as repayment of the debt.

With the debt eliminated, the Diocese will no longer receive a share of the investment income, but will maintain its own savings accounts with the CRP. Bishop Joseph Tyson is president of the Board that oversees the program. Other members include Monsignors John Ecker and Robert Siler; Father Tomás Vázquez; Merle Pedersen, an accounting manager from Kennewick who is chairman of the Diocesan Finance Council; and Yakima residents Sandy Falon, a banker; and Matt Dhane, an investment adviser who also serves on the Finance Council of Catholic Charities.

Perko, who retired December 31, noted that the elimination of the diocesan debt prior to his departure was particularly satisfying. "We are very grateful to Jim for all he accomplished during his time here," said Bishop Tyson.

Managing the Diocese's finances is now the work of new CFO Bill Alsdurf, a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick with a lengthy history of financial administration in hospitals and health care systems. Also joining the Diocese's finance team in recent months as the Controller is Sue Schoolcraft, a parishioner of Holy Family Parish in Yakima who worked for nearly 20 years with the Moss Adams accounting firm. Both are certified public accountants.

While staffing levels at the Diocese have increased slightly, they remain well below 2008 levels, and the Diocese continues to depend on the volunteer work of priests and deacons to lead most ministries where the layoffs occurred.

If you have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Yakima Diocese has a sexual abuse hotline for those who wish to report some incident concerning that issue as regards a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or volunteer. (888) 276-4490

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Christian Brothers to Leave Yakima Valley for New Assignments

After 18 years of service in the Yakima Valley, the Christian Brothers will be packing up their bags – and their memories – at the end of this school year, to move on to new frontiers.

Two Christian Brothers first came to the Valley in 1997 to lay groundwork for what was to become La Salle High School in Union Gap, recalled Ted Kanelopoulos, the current principal of the school. La Salle opened in 1998 on the grounds of what is now the Holy Family Church complex in Yakima. In 2000, the school relocated to its present site.

In all, there have been 12 Christian Brothers who have served as teachers and administrators at La Salle and/or helped administer St. Joseph School in Sunnyside.

“The Brothers are wonderful teachers. They serve as wonderful mentors to the students,” Kanelopoulos said.

Today, two brothers remain at La Salle: Brother Jack Henderson, who teaches science, and Brother Anthony Lenz, who teaches math.

“The Brothers were only a temporary (means) to help with the founding and establishing of the school,” observed Henderson, who has taught at La Salle since 2000. “The school has a tremendous foundation at this point.”

The Christian Brothers are intended to “live in community,” Henderson explained, yet it has not been possible to have a full religious community here for years. Thus, he and Lenz will receive new assignments within their District of San Francisco New Orleans, as it’s called. They will be sent to communities with at least five Christian Brothers each.

“I’ve appreciated every moment of my time here,” said Henderson. “I’m going to miss the students. I love the students that I teach.” And indeed, over the years, Henderson has created what he calls his “Wall of Fame” on one classroom wall, featuring dozens and dozens of photos and messages from former students.

Lenz said that he, too, has some regrets about leaving.

“I would like to thank Mr. Kanelopoulos, a former Algebra I student of mine (at Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco), for the opportunity to return to the classroom and teach Algebra again,” he said. “I will miss these wonderful students at La Salle and miss accompanying them as they mature into young Christian adults and scholars.”

Kanelopoulos said that the Christian Brothers have been invaluable in upholding the La Sallian tradition of “serving young people, especially the poor,” for a commitment to “serving the diversity of the Valley – socially and economically.”

The goal has been, and will continue to be, to “raise awareness among our young people of their obligation to serve, to live the Gospel,” he said, speaking of both local service projects and “immersion” trips which students take to places such as New Orleans, Seattle, New York and Montana.

As of June, the Christian Brothers may no longer have a day-to-day presence at the school, but they will continue to visit and to work with teachers and students, including professional development opportunities for staff, Kanelopoulos noted.

“It’s going to be a journey,” he said. “We know that they’ll still be with us in spirit – and occasionally, physically.”



Cardinal Francis George and Bishop Joseph Tyson (bottom row) gathered with Christian Brothers during the Cardinal’s recent visit to Yakima. Top row, from left: Brother James Joost (former Principal and current Auxiliary Provincial), Brother Stanislaus Campbell (LHS Board of Trustees Member/former Provincial), Brother Donald Johanson (current Provincial of the District of San Francisco New Orleans), Brother Dan Morgan (former Principal, teacher), and Brother Jack Henderson.

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From Around the Diocese

Foundation Offers Scholarships

The Central Washington Catholic Foundation offers numerous opportunities to make the year brighter for Catholic school students and parishes alike.

Up to three **Celebration of Faith scholarships** will award as much as \$1,500 each to students who are attending, or plan to attend, a Catholic college or university and demonstrate a commitment to serve the Church. Current recipients will be eligible to reapply and will compete with new applicants. The completed application form and accompanying documentation must be mailed to the Central Washington Catholic Foundation and post-marked no later than April 1.

Also, \$130,000 has been allocated for **Tuition Assistance Program grants** for returning TAP recipients and new students in our eight Catholic schools. Deadline for applications for returning TAP students is April 30 and for students new to a Catholic school is August 28.

Finally, the Central Washington Catholic Foundation will assist parishes of the Diocese of Yakima with **Religious Education Program grants**. The application deadline is May 29. Parishes are eligible to apply for funding of up to \$750 to help send RE coordinators to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress; for funding for various needs of RE/RCIA programs that would not otherwise be fulfilled; and for \$500 stipends for volunteer RE coordinators, with a required \$500 match.

Further information on all of these opportunities is available at www.cwatholicfoundation.org or by calling (509) 972-3732.

Retrouvaille Helps Renew Marriages

This Valentine's Day, why not do something wonderful for your marriage? There's still time to register for the February 13-15 Retrouvaille weekend in Spokane.

Retrouvaille is a program designed for any couple who would like to re-awaken the love, trust and commitment in their marriage and to improve communication. It can also help to save hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

For confidential information or to register for the weekend event at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit www.Retrouvaille.org.

Magnificat: Learn About Your Faith

Mark your calendar now for an excellent opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Classes are scheduled for both February and March in the English Magnificat program.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., February 14 in Yakima, and again on February 21 in Quincy, three classes will be offered. Father Miguel Gonzalez will teach about Ministries, Bishop Joseph Tyson will discuss Ecclesiology and Stephanie Bafus will explore Catechesis.

Then, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 14 in Yakima, and again on March 21 in Quincy, another three classes will be presented. Bishop Tyson will teach about Liturgy, Jeff Thompson will explore Spirituality, and Father Osmar Aguirre will discuss the Mission of the Church.

The Magnificat classes are designed for growth in knowledge of our Faith, creed and doctrine of the Church. Classes in Yakima are held at the Pastoral Center, 5301-A Tieton Drive, while classes in Quincy are held in St. Pius X Parish, 805 North Central Avenue.

Pre-registration is not required. There is no charge to attend, although a free-will offering is welcomed.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church: A Treasured Landmark of Goldendale

About 10 miles from the banks of the Columbia River Gorge, in a peaceful setting of trees, Holy Trinity Catholic Church has become a treasured landmark.

The light blue, wooden church has stood its ground at this site since 1905, now serving about 100 families from the Goldendale area. On the church lawn, a large bell which once called people to Mass in nearby Wishram has been installed, further underscoring the Catholic history of this area.

"There's something about these older parishes," observed Father William Byron, who has been pastor of Holy Trinity since 2002. "People have been there for years and there's tremendous loyalty to the church, to keep it going."

This church community includes those of German, Irish, French and Hispanic ancestry, among others, noted Father Byron, who himself grew up near Limerick, Ireland.

"They're very friendly people," he added. "If the church needs something, they're there to do it right off the bat."

Among the most active parish groups in what Father Byron calls a "small, little, tiny parish," are the choir, religious education, Knights of Columbus and RCIA contingents, he says.

With its stained glass windows, statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph inside and statue of Mary in a little garden near the church entrance, Holy Trinity is "a beautiful little church, with a very homey feel, well-kept," added Pat Horn, a parishioner for 17 years.

"We've always found it very congenial there, not just the parish but also the community," said Horn, who, along with her husband, Harry, retired here from Sunnyvale, California.

"It's neat when I go to the big churches, but I really like this little bitty wooden church that my relatives helped build," agreed Bill Dressel, a parishioner for all of his 63 years and a member of the parish council.

"It's pretty special. I walk through there and I can remember my granddad telling a story about helping to build the steeple and dropping his jack knife up in the bell housing," he said. Both sides of Dressel's family claim membership in the parish back to the 1890s.

Holy Trinity actually traces its roots to 1884 and an earlier church in Centerville. The parish maintains a cemetery, about one and a half miles away from the church, with graves dating back to the 1840s.

In more recent years, prior to Father Byron's time here, pastors have included Fathers Patrick Byron (his brother); John Heneghan; John Marasciulo; Vincent Sampietro; Seamus Kerr; and Thomas Lane.

Since his arrival at Holy Trinity, Father Byron has brought a real enthusiasm to his ministry, parishioners say.

"He's brilliant and has given us a lot of (church) history," said Dressel. "He's very loyal to Rome."

"He wants to educate and for you to know your Faith. He's really good at quizzes," observed Sommer Enyeart, who joined the Catholic Church in 2002 and, along with husband, Karl, has eight children. "He also goes to all of the basketball and football games and connects with kids through sports. He's very supportive and encouraging of youth."

The parish itself is family-oriented, she said. "Since we're such a small parish, you're encouraged to be involved."

With a combination of parishioners who have attended Holy Trinity for many years and newer members, including quite a few home-schoolers, the community has a "home-town kind of feel," concluded Lynnette Crow, a parishioner since 1985 and bookkeeper for the church.

"It's a nice big family of people."

Diocese Retires Debt to Parishes

Parishes and institutions that take part in the Diocese of Yakima's Capital Revolving Program (CRP) got a double dose of good news in early January: receipt of a one-time dividend of \$500,000, from strong investment returns, and in the process, the last payment of a debt that stood at \$2.2 million just six years ago.

All diocesan parishes and schools, along with Calvary Cemetery, maintain their savings in the CRP, which is managed by the Diocese. The agencies of Catholic Charities also keep some savings in the program. CRP assets total more than \$15 million, including loans made to parishes and institutions for building projects. Pooling assets and investing them in a variety of ways allows for better rates of return than banks are generally able to provide.

The dividend payment of roughly 3.8 percent resulted from the continued strong performance of investments in the CRP, previously known as the Parish Revolving Fund, which had lost nearly \$1 million in value during the 2007-2009 financial downturn, commonly known as the Great Recession.

The downturn helped reveal a crisis in the diocesan budget, which needed to be cut by \$900,000 in order to bring it into balance.

Then-Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., responded in early 2009 by laying off eight ministry directors, along with eight other part- and full-time support staff. Later in the year, the Diocese hired Jim



Holy Trinity Catholic Church: a landmark of faith.

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