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Faith 'Comes to Life' At St. Andrew Church

Parishioners of St. Andrew Parish in Ellensburg saw firsthand the fulfillment of faith, during this Easter season. Father Tomás Vázquez, pastor, gave them the opportunity to plant wheat seeds in a cross-shaped form containing soil. He explained that, like our need to accept with faith that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, it requires faith to believe that plants will spring from the tiny seeds we plant. On Palm Sunday (far left), there was not yet any sign of life. On Easter Sunday (center), Father Vázquez stood next to the green sprouts that were beginning to grow. By Divine Mercy Sunday (near left), the wheat was flourishing, just as our faith in the Resurrected Christ should flourish.

Karlo Broussard: 'Cajun Super Apologist' Spreads the Word

By Christine Corbett Conklin

Karlo Broussard is on a mission in Central Washington.

"My hope and prayer is to enkindle a fire within Catholics to desire to know the Lord, in order to better love Him and serve Him," said the 31-year-old native of Crowley, Louisiana, who moved to Wenatchee two years ago with his family.

Based in Wenatchee at the Divine Child Institute he founded, Broussard travels throughout the Diocese of Yakima, giving seminars for adults and sometimes speaking with teenagers and younger children. Thus far, he has spoken in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Quincy, Moses Lake, Ephrata, Chelan, Leavenworth, Ellensburg, Yakima, Selah and Richland.

Dubbed by some as the "Cajun Super Apologist," Broussard enlightens his audiences on the four Pillars of Catholic teaching: creed, sacraments, morality and prayer. He covers everything from the Mass as a "sharing in heavenly liturgy" to Catholic teaching on social issues.

"For many, there is a lack of understanding of the Church's teaching," Broussard observed. "Many have a 'Catholic heart' – they're docile enough to love the Lord and the Church – but, in

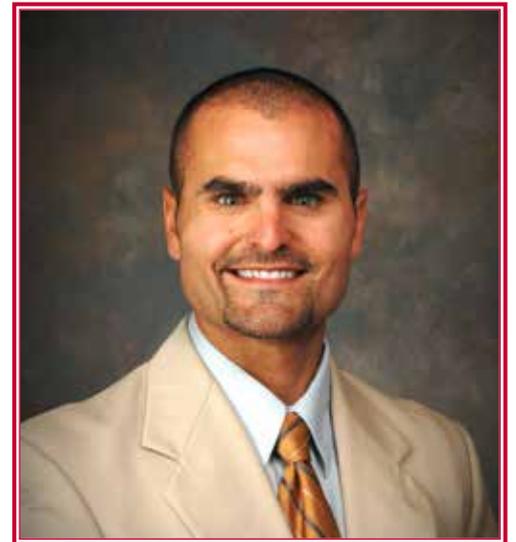
their minds, they hold to world views that are not necessarily Catholic. They may be misinformed. If given the truth, they will accept the truth."

Referring to paragraph 158 of the Catholic Catechism, Broussard points out that, "It is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom he has put his faith, and to understand better what He has revealed; a more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love."

In teaching of the beauty and depth of our Catholic heritage, Broussard often has lifelong Catholics come up to him and say, "Wow, I never heard of that!" or "I thought this way, but now I understand that the Church teaches this other way and I've changed my thinking!"

Helping adults to understand their faith has another important side benefit, Broussard emphasized.

"Well-informed and well-trained adults in the faith are absolutely necessary to have credible witness to youth," he said. "As soon as a young person sees that a Catholic adult can't answer his questions and/or is not interested in finding the answers, the adult loses credibility as a



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source for information. So, instead, the young person will turn to adults outside of the Church for answers, such as unbelieving professors in college or high school."

You don't need to search far in the popular culture – movies, TV or videos, for example – to see that adults are painted as "numbskulls" who have no clue as to what is going on in the lives of

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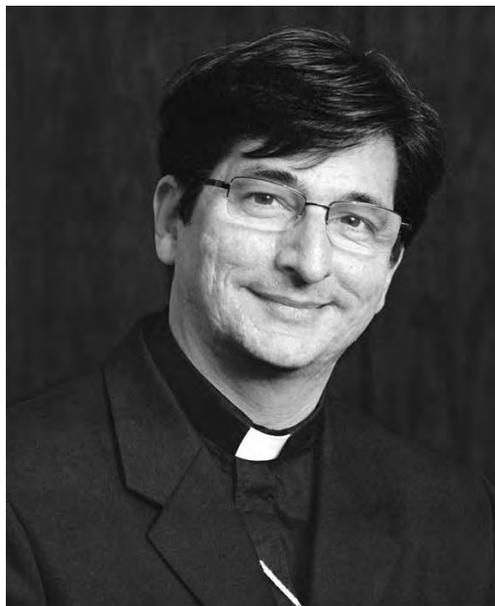
A Message from Bishop Tyson...

Dear Friends,

The Marian month of May can point all of us to ponder anew the mysteries of faith as did Mary. How appropriate that the articles in this month's issue of the Central Washington Catholic invite us to do so!

Karlo Broussard has been inviting parishioners across Central Washington to ponder the great truths of our faith through his talks, retreats and presentations. Now, he also will be working with one of our friends, Father Robert Spitzer, S.J., at the Magis Institute, promoting some of the educational curricula available to our parishes and schools.

Similarly, our articles on the Engaged Encounter, the Dominican Sisters' anniversary, and the new priest assignments can help us ponder the gift of consecration. Engaged Encounter helps young couples to prepare for the consecration of Holy Matrimony. The Dominican Sisters' anniversary speaks of the past history of women religious who consecrated their lives through poverty, chastity and obedience to build up our parishes and schools here in Central Washington. Our article on the new priest assignments speaks to the future of our Church, as our more recently ordained take on new learning



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opportunities in their new parishes, thus deepening the consecration they first received on the day of their ordination.

Our article on "Take 25" underscores the quality of our ministry and the sacred obligation we have to the young and the vulnerable to make sure we do everything we can to provide a "safe environment" that especially is meant to prevent sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults. "Take 25" is but one of the many initiatives here in the Diocese of Yakima that equip our clergy

and laity involved in any kind of Church work with tools to enhance the excellence of their ministry to our people.

Taken together, I hope these articles spur your own Marian reflection. It's often been said that life is not a problem to be solved but a mystery to be lived. We all face challenges in passing on our faith. Frequently, these challenges concern those closest to us: a son or daughter who doesn't go to church anymore, a parent, co-worker or friend who's grown distant from the life of faith.

When we consider the life of the Church captured in this mosaic of articles, perhaps we'll be able to glance at those around us who've left our path or have never had a path of faith at all. Perhaps we can find a way through our actions and words to consider their life as a mystery, too – a mystery that blossoms and grows in the same way as Mary's: through the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. Perhaps we'll pass along this copy of the Central Washington Catholic to someone else as a small invitation to a deeper life of faith.

With every best wish and blessing,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

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young people, Broussard said.

"However, adults who are well trained intellectually and spiritually can persuade young people (for the good)," he said.

Broussard, who holds B.A. and Master's degrees in theology, decided to devote his life to the Lord at about age 18 when he heard about Tim Staples, an individual who now works for Catholic Answers in California. Once very strong in his anti-Catholic views, Staples met a man in the Marine Corps who "really knew his faith," Broussard recounts. This man led Staples to convert to the Catholic faith and become one of the nation's leading apologists (or teachers of Catholic doctrine).

That was enough to convince Broussard to put aside his career in playing the Cajun accordion (which sometimes took him to less-than-desirable taverns) and to begin work for the Church, with a priority on adult education. Prior to moving to Wenatchee with his wife, Jacqueline, and his three children (a fourth child was born earlier this month), Broussard worked as a Director of Religious Education and speaker in Louisiana.

The Divine Child Institute, which was founded through the generosity of a group of supporters in the Wenatchee area, is named in honor of the Child Jesus who taught His elders in the Temple. Broussard has also begun some work with Father Robert Spitzer's Magis Institute, further spreading the Word of God.

"I'm very impressed with him," observed Father Thomas Kuykendall, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Wenatchee and director of schools for the Yakima Diocese. "People really love his talks. He's well, well educated in Scripture and theology. He's a very enthusiastic speaker. He lives the faith."

For more information about Broussard, his work and upcoming programs, visit divinechildinstitute.com.

(Coming Next Month: How You Can Become More Effective in Sharing the Faith.)

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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Diocesan Schools to Participate in Take 25 Campaign

The Diocese of Yakima, in partnership with The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), will be observing National Missing Children's Day this year by participating in the national Take 25 child safety campaign.

During the month of May, the six Catholic elementary and middle schools in the Diocese will be offering safety education provided by the NCMEC to students at all grades levels. Many parish religious education programs will be doing so as well. Students will take safety information home to their parents for further discussion.

May 25 has been observed as National Missing Children's Day since it was first recognized in 1983. National Missing Children's Day serves as an annual reminder that there are thousands of children who are still missing and stresses the importance of making child protection a national priority.

The Take 25 campaign is a national child safety public awareness campaign created in 2007 by NCMEC. The campaign encourages parents to take 25 minutes to talk to their children about safety and ways to prevent abduction. The campaign begins on May 1 and continues through May 25 every year in communities throughout the country.

"Every day we hear stories about children who escaped a would-be abductor because someone talked to them about what they should do in that type of situation," said CEO John Ryan of NCMEC. "Education and open communication are key to keeping children safer. Take 25 minutes and talk to your child."

"As Bishop of Yakima, I am committed that our schools and parishes provide safe environments for everyone, especially our children, youth and vulnerable adults," said Bishop Joseph Tyson. "Take 25 is an excellent supplement to our existing programs."

Every year in America, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing, more than approximately 2,000 each day. Of that number, it is estimated that 200,000 are abducted by family members and approximately 58,000 are abducted by non-family members. Each year, it is estimated that 115 children are the victims of the most serious abductions; they are taken by non-family members and either murdered, ransomed or taken with the intent to keep.

An analysis of attempted abduction cases by NCMEC found that in 84 percent of cases, the children escaped through their own actions. Teaching children about safety works. It saves lives.

More information will be available on the Diocesan website, www.yakimadiocese.org, later this month.



Catholic Engaged Encounter Helps Pave the Road to Happily Ever After

"Because your wedding is a day, your marriage is a lifetime," Catholic Engaged Encounter of Central Washington offers weekend sessions designed to help couples live more happily ever after.

Focusing on personal reflection and discussion as a couple, each Engaged Encounter offers couples the opportunity to discuss key issues such as attitudes about money, sexual relations, children, family, God and goals, which will play a major role in marriage.

The weekend, offered in English, provides the time to talk honestly and in depth about a couple's future, free from the distractions of everyday life. In addition, couples will be taught techniques for better communication and solving disagreements.

If you or someone you know would like to attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter, you may contact Paul or Pegi Ackerman at (509) 528-4653, email yakimae@yahoo.com or visit <http://ecentralwa.org>.

The next Engaged Encounter is scheduled for June 28-30 at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center in Ellensburg. The cost is \$295 per couple, which includes housing and meals. Registration is required at least 14 days prior to the event, though six weeks in advance is ideal.

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from Around the Diocese

Priests Receive New Assignments —

Bishop Joseph Tyson has announced the following new assignments for priests of our Diocese. The assignments will be effective on or close to July 1:

Father Francisco Gutiérrez, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Yakima, will be in studies at Mundelein Seminary, located just north of Chicago, for one year.

Father Jaime Chacón, pastor at Grandview and Mabton, will become pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Yakima.

Father José Herrera, parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Yakima, will become pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Grandview.

Father Mario Salazar will continue as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Granger, and also become pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Mabton.

Father Tomás Vidal, parochial vicar for Grandview and Mabton, will become parochial vicar for St. Joseph Parish, Kennewick, and St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Benton City.

Father Rafael Hinojosa, parochial vicar for St. Joseph Parish, Kennewick, and St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Benton City, will become parochial vicar for St. Joseph Parish, Wenatchee.

Father Rogelio Gutiérrez, parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Wenatchee, will become parochial vicar at St. Paul Cathedral, Yakima.

Father Eleazar Díaz, parochial vicar at St. Paul Cathedral, will become parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Yakima.

May God bless all of these dedicated priests of our Diocese, as they make the transition to their new assignments.

Mass Offered at Ahtanum Mission —

With the coming of spring, monthly Mass has returned to the St. Joseph Mission at the Ahtanum, 17740 Ahtanum Road, near Yakima (six miles north of 90th Avenue). Mass is celebrated at 9 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month, from April to November or December. The Very Rev. Michael Ibach, judicial vicar of the Diocese, is the usual celebrant.

Founded in 1852 by four French priests of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the land was given to the Catholic Church by Chief Kamiakin of the Yakamas. The priests accepted the land for a mission to teach the tribe about the Catholic faith.

Besides the mission church, there is a small museum, and a 13-acre park with picnic grounds and restrooms. All are welcome.



Do you remember any of these faces?

Standing, left to right: Sisters Mary James, Mary Agatha, Mary Consuela, Mary Alberta, Mary Patricia, Mary Alacoque, Mary Fidelis. Seated: Sisters Mary Dorothea, Mary Sabina, Mary Rosena, Mary Vincent, Mary Amata

Dominican Sisters Honored for 125 Years of Service —

The Dominican Sisters of Tacoma, Washington, are celebrating 125 years since their founding in Pomeroy, Washington Territory, in 1888.

Coming West to educate the children of immigrants by opening schools, they established their Motherhouse in Tacoma and from there the small community spread throughout the state. Their roots run deep in Eastern Washington, having established Lourdes Academy in Ellensburg in 1908 and St. Paul's School in Yakima in 1914. In 1957, they staffed the newly opened Yakima Central Catholic High School and in 1963, the sisters opened Holy Family School adjacent to the high school. The sisters also taught at Carroll High School and in religious education classes.

Elsewhere in the Diocese, they taught at Immaculate Conception in Roslyn, St. John the Baptist in Cle Elum, St. Aloysius in Toppenish and St. Joseph's in Sunnyside.

For many years, the Tacoma Dominicans, through the presence of Sister Mary James Laviolette and Sister Maria Jesus Ybarra, also worked in the Diocesan Religious Education Office.

The Dominican Sisters plan to return to each of the areas where they staffed schools in order to celebrate with their former students and friends. **The sisters invite you to attend a Mass in recognition of their service at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 28, at St. Paul Cathedral followed by a parish reception in the Assembly Place.** This follows a visit to St. Andrew's Parish in Ellensburg on Sunday, April 21

Today, the Tacoma Dominicans continue their mission, primarily by their active participation in Mercy Housing Northwest and the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center. They are also involved in working against human trafficking and for immigration reform.

MAY *is the Month of Mary*

During the Easter Season, it is customary to sing the hymn "Regina Caeli" (Queen of Heaven) after Night Prayer.

Here are the words which you can sing or say to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during her special month of May:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia, has risen as He said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.



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