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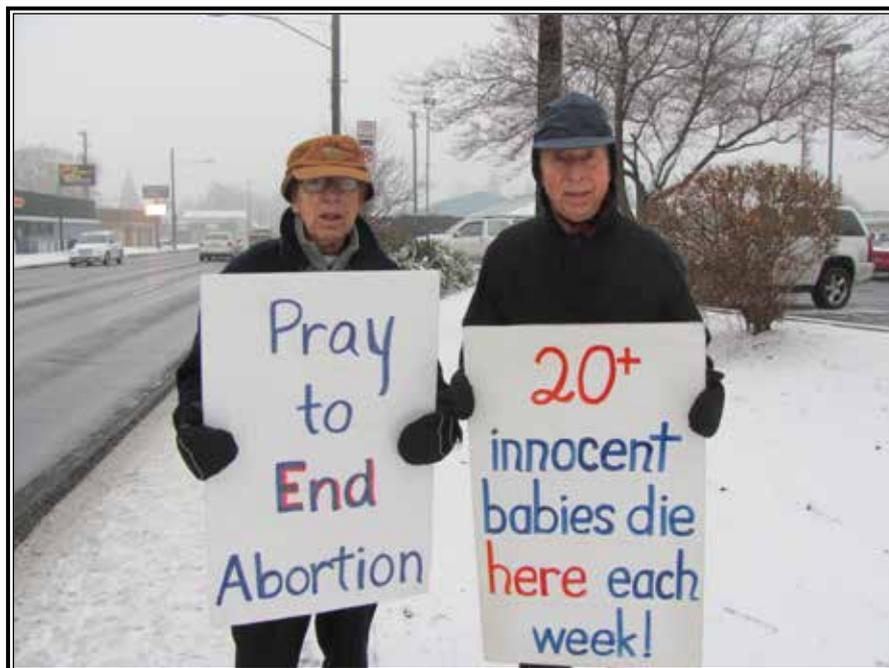
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## Fathers John and Bill Shaw: They're Walking the Pro-life Walk

By Christine Corbett Conklin

Fathers John and William (Bill) Shaw don't just talk the pro-life talk. They also walk the walk. Quite literally!

Most weeks of the year, you can see these two biological brothers walking with a group along the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood on Tieton Drive in Yakima. In the heat waves of summer through snowy winter days, there they are, holding respect-life signs and praying for an end to the abortion of an estimated 1,200 first and second trimester babies at this site each year. Last year, when Father John, 86,



Fathers John (left) and Bill Shaw stood up for life.

through natural death. This year, the event marked the 41st anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the landmark Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States.

"This is important. This is a life and death matter," observed Father Bill, 84, the pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in White Swan. "This is a number one issue for me. We're not just saying we're pro-life, but we're trying to back it up."

Father John, who serves as spiritual director for Native American Ministries in the Yakima Diocese and is in residence at St. Mary's, agreed.

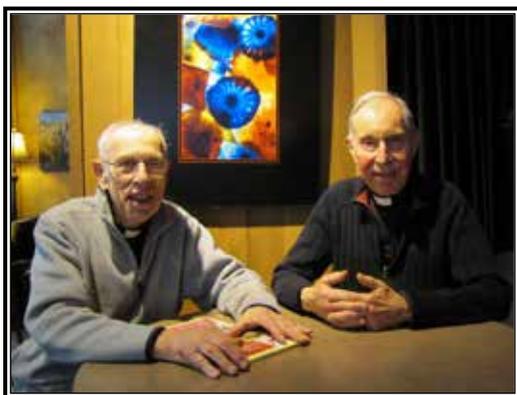
"It's all part of the message," he explained. "It's like evangelization, spreading the pro-life gospel. It doesn't matter what the weather is. Truth is truth and love is love. It's nice to have a passion for something!"

Between Father Bill's pastoral duties and Father John's ministry, the two priests also find other avenues to respect

life every day. A pro-life corner or insert in the parish bulletin. A kind word to a troubled parishioner. A pro-life banner displayed in a church. An open, friendly approach to people in general.

The two brothers credit their parents, John and Leonelda Shaw, with helping to start them on the road to pro-life. Even before the Roe vs. Wade court decision, for example, they went with their parents to the State Capitol in Olympia in 1971 to stand up against a proposed referendum to legalize abortion in Washington State.

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The Fathers Shaw discussed ways in which everyone can promote respect for life.

was hospitalized for a heart procedure, he reluctantly took a short time off and was back on the sidewalk within about 10 days, hardly missing a beat!

The two brothers also have participated each January in a local Walk for Life, joining with hundreds of participants from many faiths who walk along Yakima Avenue in respect for life from conception

### Wenatchee Ad Supports Life

Pro-life advocates in the Wenatchee area are making a bold statement in support of human life! For the second year in a row, they have placed an advertisement in the Wenatchee World newspaper, urging protection of life from conception to natural death.

This year's ad, which ran on January 19, filled two pages of the Wenatchee World, with an impressive 1,989 signatures, including those of many Catholic individuals and families. This is up from last year's ad which had 500 signatures!

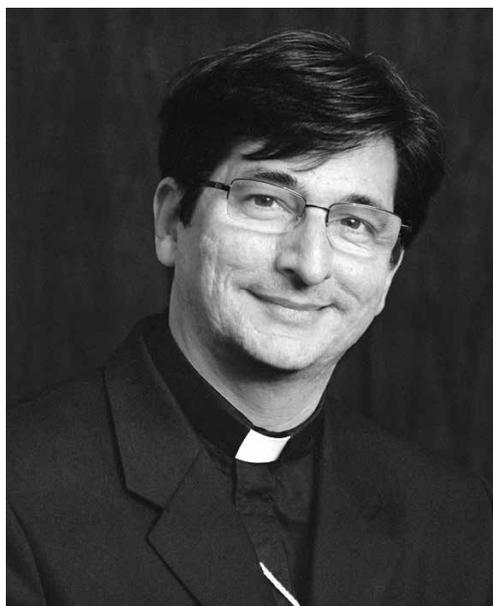
The text stated that: "We the undersigned believe in the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. We pray to God for an end to abortion and that all will recognize through our prayers that abortion is the taking of a human life, resulting in immeasurable suffering and pain throughout our society. Make the choice that protects His precious children. Choose life, and may God bless us all."

# A Message from Bishop Tyson...

Dear Friends,

“The Gospel of Life is at the heart of the message of Jesus.” Those few words are the way our beloved Blessed John Paul II opened his teaching encyclical, “The Gospel of Life.” With its emphasis on the gift of “life,” Pope John Paul II stressed our Church’s positive proposal for human happiness: an embrace and welcome of life, from its first moment of conception to the final moment of natural death.

This month’s Central Washington Catholic features stories that spotlight our efforts to promote a deeper understanding of this Gospel of Life. Certainly, Father William Shaw and Father John Shaw have been two very dedicated priests – blood brothers – who have spent many years teaching about the gift of life. St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wenatchee has been in a leader in promoting the Gospel of Life and – even more – finding partners in the ecumenical



**Bishop Joseph Tyson**

movement who share the Church’s teaching on the gift of life.

This month, we also feature the final four of our vicars: Fathers Chacón, Champoux, Kuykendall and Aguirre. Their ministries in the area of education and outreach serve as a reminder that this Gospel of Life requires ongoing education

and sustained action. Our schools, our parishes as well as the programs and services of Catholic Charities give flesh and blood to our embrace of the “Gospel of Life.”

Of course, all of our efforts occur because of those who have passed on this “Gospel of Life.” Thus, the story mentioning my predecessor Bishop Emeritus Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., who will preside at our annual Mass for Consecrated Life, honoring the women and men religious who have dedicated their lives to teaching so many of us. Bishop Sevilla, himself, completes 25 years as a bishop (and 48 as a priest), having faithfully preached Jesus for all of us.

Taken together, I hope these stories inspire you to find ways in sharing the “Gospel of Life” with those around you.

With every best wish and blessing,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

## Fathers John and Bill Shaw: They’re Walking the Pro-life Walk *Continued from page 1*

“Our Dad was always a Democrat,” recalled Father John. “However when (Presidential candidate Ronald) Reagan said, ‘Abortion is murder,’ he said, ‘I’m gonna vote for that man!’”

Growing up in south Seattle, the Shaw brothers did not go to Catholic schools. Yet there was still a general sense in the community that “abortion was a bad word,” Father Bill recalled.

In contrast, “nowadays, the culture of death is prevalent,” Father John observed. “There is so much indifference, apathy.”

With acceptance of abortion, euthanasia and artificial contraception, there is the tendency for an individual “to become a little god,” Father Bill noted. “It’s all about MY life, my CHOICE.”

Today, there are wonderful opportunities for lay people to become involved, to make a real difference in the battle for life, Father John said.

“There are all kinds of things you can do that are positive,” Father Bill suggested. As a matter of fact, he has a list: Pray for an end to abortion. Wear a pin or symbol of pro-life. Volunteer your time with pro-life groups. Support these groups financially. Start a pro-life group at your church. Share your convictions with your family. Donate pro-life books, (CDs) or fetal models to local libraries and schools. Help out at the Central Washington Fair pro-life booth.

Despite the state of our culture today, statistically, the numbers are “very hopeful” for the future, Father John concluded. A recent survey showed that 51 percent of Americans consider themselves pro-life, he noted.

“This is a priority,” Father Bill said. “If you don’t respect life, what do you have left?”

Pope Francis has the right approach, the brothers agree: “Speak the truth, with love.”

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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# Take Time to Pray for Christian Unity

*Note: January 18-25 is the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, sponsored jointly by the Vatican and the World Council of Churches. The following is a reflection for January 25.*

## DAY 8 Together... we proclaim the gospel

Isaiah 61: 1-4 – The spirit of the Lord God has sent me to bring good news.  
 Psalm 145: 1-7 – One generation shall laud your works to another.  
 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8 – For I handed on to you what I in turn had received.  
 Luke 4: 14-21 – Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

### Three points for reflection

Together we proclaim anew the good news prophesied in Isaiah, fulfilled in our Lord Jesus, preached by the Apostle Paul, and received by the Church. Facing honestly the differences we have and the labels of denomination we embrace, we must never lose sight of the common mandate we have in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul is sent “to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power” (1 Cor 1:17). The path to unity is to be found in the power of the Cross.

The Gospel we proclaim is made tangible and relevant to us as we bear witness to the work of Jesus Christ in our own lives and the life of the Christian community.

### Prayer

Gracious God, you sent your son Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit to redeem your people. Unite us in our diversity, that we might affirm and proclaim together the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Christ for a world in need of His Gospel. Amen.

Has Christ been divided?  
 (1 Cor 1:1-17) 2014

# You Can Help Your Marriage

Twenty-five percent of couples surveyed say that they are happily married. For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille, a successful Catholic program to help those who are experiencing marriage challenges.

Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages. For information or to register for the Retrouvaille program beginning with a weekend on March 7-9, call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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# NEWS

## from Around the Diocese

### Mass Honors Consecrated Life

Everyone is welcome to come to a special Mass at 11 a.m., Sunday, February 2, in St. Paul Cathedral, celebrating the World Day for Consecrated Life. The Mass will honor all Catholic religious and clergy.

The Mass, which will begin with a procession of local religious and clergy who have consecrated their lives to God in service to the Church, will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Carlos Sevilla, S.J., in thanksgiving for his 25 years as a bishop.

During the Mass, all religious and clergy attending will have the opportunity to renew their vows. Afterwards, there will be a reception in the Assembly Place next to the Cathedral.

The World Day for Consecrated Life was begun in 1997 by Pope John Paul II, as a day of prayer in conjunction with the February 2 celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is also known as “Candlemas Day” – the day on which candles are blessed, reminding us that Christ is the light of the world.

### Collection Benefits Native Americans

On the weekend of February 22-23, those who attend Mass throughout Central Washington will have an opportunity to support the Native American people in our Diocese and throughout the country.

That weekend, a collection – the first of two “optional” collections planned for the coming year – will be taken to benefit the Black and Indian Mission Office, established in 1884, which helps to operate schools, parishes and other missionary services in Native American, Alaska Native and Black Catholic communities.

Funding from the collection helps dioceses form lay ministers and catechists to spread the Gospel in their own communities. Supporting the collection helps encourage young African Americans and Native Americans to give their lives to the Lord as priests, brothers, or sisters.

Each year, the Black and Indian Mission Office provides a grant of \$10,000 to assist in ministering to Native Americans in our Diocese.

### Cursillos Scheduled

Two English Cursillos are scheduled for February in East Wenatchee. A Cursillo is a retreat-like experience that provides “a short course in Catholic Christianity.”

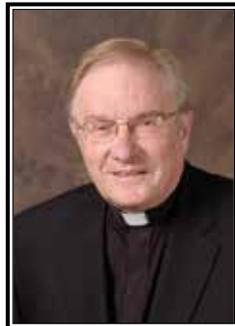
The first session, for men, is slated to run from the evening of Thursday, February 20, through the afternoon of Sunday, February 23. Spiritual directors will be Bishop Emeritus Carlos Sevilla, S.J., and Monsignor Robert Siler. A women’s Cursillo is planned for one week later, from February 27 through March 2, with Father John O’Shea serving as spiritual director.

There is no charge to attend, although a donation is requested. Registration is required by February 8. For more details, contact Dan Sisk at (509) 946-2264, email [cursillo@yakimadiocese.org](mailto:cursillo@yakimadiocese.org) or visit the website at [www.cursillo.org/yakima](http://www.cursillo.org/yakima).

## What’s A Vicar? Who’s A Vicar? Conclusion

*(Over the past months, we have learned about the duties of six of our diocesan vicars. As you may recall, “vicars” are priests who serve as deputies or representatives, acting on behalf of the Bishop in overseeing aspects of diocesan life. Here is what our other four vicars do for the Diocese.)*

In addition to his duties as pastor of Christ the King Church in Richland and Defender of the Bond for the diocesan marriage tribunal, **Father Thomas Champoux** is Vicar for Charity.



Father Champoux

The basic mission here is to “take care of the poor – to reach out to the poor,” he observed. It’s a matter of “bringing hope to life,” as it says in the mission statement for Catholic Family and Child Service, a major provider of services for those in need in our Diocese. (For 17 years now, Father Champoux has also served as Chairman of the board of trustees for Catholic Charities.)

As Vicar for Charity, Father Champoux ultimately has “fiduciary responsibility for millions of dollars of contracts and property in Central Washington,” he explained. This includes contracts with the State of Washington and federal government for services such as mental health. It also includes low-income housing projects in the lower Yakima Valley, Grant and Chelan counties and Tieton, senior

housing in Yakima, plus three St. Vincent Centers.

“The Church always must be of service to people in need. That’s part of our being Catholic,” he observed.

**Father Osmar Aguirre**, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Prosser and director of the diocesan diaconate program, is Vicar for Parish Life.

This is an interesting new area of outreach that will involve learning about and encouraging “best practices” in various aspects of ministry throughout the Diocese, he explained.

When volunteer teams have been trained, under the guidance of Father Aguirre they will “do some parish visitations so we can highlight all the good things happening in the parishes and help with the challenges,” he said. The plan is to visit every parish in the Yakima Diocese over the next six years, and look for effective practices in everything from liturgy to stewardship to accountability.

“What I like the most is that we will learn the good things that are happening. From that, we can build from (these) positive practices,” he observed. “I’m looking forward to that!”



Father Aguirre



Father Chacón

**Father Jaime Chacón**, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church in Yakima, has a double role as vicar. He is Vicar of Faith Education and Hispanic Affairs.

With his Faith Education hat, he coordinates programs such as Magnificat and assists with formation for “catechists” – those preparing to join the Catholic Church. For Hispanic Affairs, Father Chacón coordinates Cursillos and “Catholic ecclesial movements” such as charismatic renewal and “Guadalupanas” (Hispanic groups inspired by Our Lady of Guadalupe who perform a variety of parish services).

“I love teaching the Faith. It’s the best thing, for me,” Father Chacón observed. “I believe that our Faith has to be known. We have to understand what we believe. It’s a mission from Jesus.” In this role, he says that he is encouraged to see more and more volunteers, especially in the Hispanic communities, who are stepping up to take part in sharing the Faith.

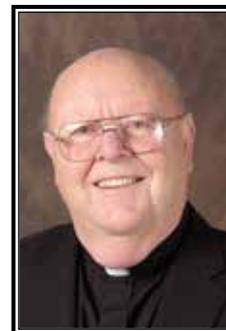
**Father Thomas Kuykendall**, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Wenatchee, serves as Vicar for Schools.

A former public high school teacher for 30 years and himself a product of Catholic education, Father helps oversee the six Catholic diocesan schools: St. Joseph in Wenatchee; Christ the King in Richland; St. Joseph in Kennewick; St. Rose of Lima in Ephrata; and St. Paul Cathedral and St. Joseph in Yakima. (LaSalle High School in Yakima is an independent school.)

“I arrange meetings with the principals, arrange for the annual teachers’ workshop in October and I get called upon from time to time to help mediate disputes,” Father Kuykendall explained. He also will help to oversee the process of accreditation for our six schools by the Western Catholic Education Association, beginning this year with Christ the King.

“I’m happy to be involved,” he noted. “I admire Catholic education. I think it’s important!”

Thank you to all of the vicars of our Diocese for their dedicated service!



Father Kuykendall