The Central Washington Catholic Foundation will sponsor the second annual Celebration of Faith on Saturday evening, October 12, at the Yakima Convention Center. In line with the Foundation’s mission to support Catholic education in Central Washington, this event is the primary fundraiser for the Celebration of Faith Fund.

Due to the generosity of many, the Central Washington Catholic Foundation has awarded $60,500 in tuition assistance grants to 45 new students in our Catholic schools! That’s 45 empty seats that will be filled during the 2013-2014 academic year. These grants are awarded to new students in our schools all over Central Washington: Ephrata, Wenatchee, Yakima, and Tri-Cities. The Foundation is also awarding $30,000 to parish religious education programs. Every child has the right to learn about Jesus and our faith, whether in a Catholic school or parish religious education program.

The 2013 Celebration of Faith event will include a banquet and program. The keynote speaker is Father Joe Corpora, CSC, from the University of Notre Dame. He is the director of University-School Partnerships in Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE). Father Corpora works to build lasting alliances with schools and dioceses as leader of ACE’s Catholic School Advantage campaign.

Jeff Charbonneau, National Teacher of the Year, will share his journey and announce the first-ever Champions of Catholic Education awards. Jeff is from Zillah and is a member of Resurrection Parish. Bishop Joseph Tyson will present the awards: the St. Thomas Aquinas Award to a benefactor, the St. John Baptist de La Salle Award to an educator, and the St. Elizabeth Ann...
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

A Message from Bishop Tyson...

Dear Friends,

With the beginning of the school year near, this issue of the Central Washington Catholic features our support for learning in a variety of ways. The big event of the fall here in the Diocese of Yakima is the Catechetical Congress this coming October 12 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Yakima. It attracts upwards of 400 folks from across the Diocese to deepen their knowledge of the faith so that they can better share it in our parishes.

That same evening, the Central Washington Catholic Foundation holds its Celebration of Faith event, to honor “Champions of Catholic Education” and to raise funds for our Catholic schools and parish religious education programs. I’m very grateful to the leaders of the Foundation for making the support of Catholic education so central to their mission.

The features on Father Richard Keolker’s 50th anniversary of priesthood, as well as the annual collection for retired religious, remind us of how much of our education has been built on seminary teachers such as Father Keolker as well as the dozens of women religious who once taught in our Catholic schools across Central Washington.

Our seminarians playing soccer as well as our new principal at St. Paul Cathedral School point to the future of the Church and its mission in educating the next generation.

Even the recent grant awarded to Catholic Charities in the Tri-Cities for Maternity Services speaks to the special role we have as a Church reaching out to women facing pregnancy alone and without support and teaching them basic life skills.

I hope these articles inspire you to be a lifelong learner too. Ultimately it’s “back to school” for me and you as we open our minds and hearts to all Christ teaches us through the community of believers that is His Church.

With every best wish and blessing,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

Catholic Foundation Schedules 2013 Celebration of Faith

Seton Award to a religious education leader.

The final speaker will be Mary Lindquist Herche. Mary grew up in Yakima and attended St. Paul Cathedral School. She is now a Regent at Gonzaga University.

Reservations for the event are available through www.cwcatholicfoundation.org/celebration-of-faith-2013 or by calling the office at (509) 972-3732. Tickets are $100 each, or $1,000 for a table of 10 people. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 7.

Event to Honor Father Keolker’s 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Among many other responsibilities, he directed the Clergy Continuing Education Program of the North American College in Rome; worked in the Office of Religious Education in Yakima; taught at Carroll and Marquette high schools in Yakima; and worked with the deacon program and Diocesan Pastoral Council, both from their inception.

Father Keolker was born in Pasco, the son of Francis and Anne Favro Keolker. He attended Fruitland Elementary, Tenth Avenue School and Kennewick Junior High, all in Kennewick, prior to entering St. Edward Seminary in Kenmore, Washington in 1952. After receiving a B.A. degree from St. Thomas Major Seminary, he went to Rome to study at the North American College.

Although Father Keolker was actually ordained in Rome on December 18, 1963, he wanted to have his 50th anniversary celebration a little early in consideration of winter weather! Why not plan to attend and thank this dedicated priest of the Diocese of Yakima for his many years of ongoing service?
Terry Faletto Begins Job As Principal of St. Paul Cathedral School

As St. Paul Cathedral School in Yakima prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary next year, a new principal is looking forward to continuing the school’s legacy well into the future.

“I am thrilled to be here, to be part of this wonderful school and its tradition,” said Terry Faletto, who assumed the title of principal on July 1, taking over for the retiring Judy Davis.

Faletto comes to St. Paul Cathedral School from Wide Hollow Elementary School in West Valley where he served as principal for 13 years. A native of Wenatchee, he grew up in Chelan and has lived in the Yakima area since 1975. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from Washington State University, a teaching certification from Central Washington University, and a Master’s degree in educational administration from Heritage University.

Faletto and his wife, Bonnie, a retired teacher, have been married for 42 years. They have three grown children (two of whom are teachers) and five grandchildren. The family have been members of St. Paul Cathedral for about 15 years.

A priority for the new principal will be to increase enrollment at St. Paul, building upon last year’s census of 230 preschool through eighth grade students by expanding the opportunities for more families to attend St. Paul School.

“I want to maintain that wonderful tradition of academic excellence and Faith-based education that St. Paul School has provided our community for 100 years,” he added.

The Diocese of Yakima welcomes Terry Faletto to his new position.

Video from USCCB Answers Questions Regarding the Catholic Rite of Marriage

A new video, “Saying I Do: What Happens at a Catholic Wedding,” introduces viewers to the Rite of Marriage and answers frequently asked questions about Catholic marriage. The video is intended for engaged couples, their families and people involved in marriage preparation, and anyone with questions about Catholic weddings.

“This will be a valuable addition to marriage preparation programs. The Catholic Rite of Marriage is profound and beautiful and I hope that engaged couples and their families will take this opportunity to learn more about it,” said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, chairman of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The video includes a brief overview of the sacrament of marriage and an explanation of the three forms of the Rite of Marriage. It answers basic questions such as when and where Catholic weddings can be held and how non-Catholic clergy can participate in the ceremony. The video was produced by USCCB’s Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth in collaboration with the Secretariat of Divine Worship and the Department of Communications.

“The video is a great way to help people to visualize the Catholic way of celebrating weddings,” said Father Daniel Merz, USCCB’s associate director of Divine Worship. “It’s good to get these images in our heads rather than more secular ones that really don’t reflect Christian marriage.”

The 22-minute video is available on the homepage of the For Your Marriage website: www.ForYourMarriage.org
Priests and Seminarians of the Yakima Diocese Square Off in a ‘Heated’ Annual Soccer Match

By Christine Corbett Conklin

Hundreds of cheering fans watched from the stands of Marquette Stadium in Yakima on August 4 as the priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Yakima squared off in their second annual soccer match. With temperatures in the mid 90s, the priests won their second heated victory in two years (the temperature was over 100 degrees last year), by a narrow margin of 3-2.

However, earlier in the match, the blue-jerseyed seminarians were jubilant that they were ahead 2-1.

“We’re doing better than last year,” observed seminarian Kurt Hadley. “I knocked down one of their guys,” he confessed rather proudly.

The first goal for his team was scored by seminarian Jesús Mariscal.

“It felt like a gift from God,” Mariscal said, noting that the seminarians were “helping the priests practice humility.”

Nelson Cartagena went on to score the second goal for the seminarians’ team.

However, the priests were not to be denied.

Their first goal had been scored by Father Juan Godina, pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish in Wapato. Steve Martinez, who works in youth ministry at Holy Family Parish in Yakima, followed up with a second goal. Then, Denny Canales, Diocesan receptionist/administrative assistant to Bishop Emeritus Sevilla, iced the victory with a third goal for the orange-jerseyed priests’ team.

Some members of the priests’ team just enjoyed being able to play.

“I’m the oldest person on either team,” observed Bishop Joseph Tyson. “I got through almost the first half!”

Father Cesar Vega, pastor of Holy Family Church in Yakima, said that he had never played soccer before this match.

“You see your true self coming out—all the emotions, the teamwork, the eagerness,” he explained with a smile.

In the end, both priests and seminarians remained true to the spirit of the game.

“It’s fun to get together, for the priests and seminarians to come together as a community,” said David Valdivia, website administrator for the Diocese and a member of the priests’ team.

However, the seminarians now have an entire year to practice their “bicycle” and “banana” kicks and feints. Next year, they may be due for a little Divine intervention!