Fathers: Don’t Just Talk the Talk, Also Walk the Walk of Faith

To raise children in the Catholic Faith, your words are very important, but your actions matter even more. That’s the advice of numerous fathers from throughout the Diocese of Yakima who took time to share their experience with the Central Washington Catholic in this special month of honoring fathers.

“A father should realize that young children have a great capacity for God. Take advantage of that special time to form their minds in faith,” suggested David Orvald of Immaculate Conception Parish in Roslyn, who with his wife, Cheryl, has two grown sons and one daughter who is deceased.

“Always live and act in God’s love. Your family will observe all that you do and all that you say,” he added.

“I think you have to take time to be with the children as much as possible,” agreed Carl Zeamer of Christ the King Parish in Richland who, with his wife, Winnie, has two grown sons. “You don’t have too much time...before their peer group takes over” and the many “distractions” of the world begin battling for their attention.

When it comes to Mass time, don’t just drop your children off, but attend Mass with them, explain to them why you’re going and help them to learn more about the Church, he advised. Your example is going to “speak louder than any words” you use.

“If a child sees Mom and Dad loving the Faith, they will learn to love it, too,” added Alvin Froehlich of St. Paul Cathedral Parish in Yakima, who, with his wife, Zambia, has four younger children.

“Time is love for a child,” he said, repeating the importance of attending Mass and praying together as a family. In addition, parents should be available to answer children’s questions about God and our Faith and explain to them WHY we pray and WHY we go to Mass, for example.

It’s also crucial to show love and respect for your spouse, Froehlich said. “The greatest gift I can give these children is to love their Mother.”

Todd Beebe of St. Mary’s Parish in White Swan has found a clever way for him and his wife, Tina, to spend lots of time with their seven children who range in age from nine to 18.

A member of the Blood Tribe of the Blackfoot Confederacy, Todd takes his family all across the United States and Canada to perform at powwows and other special ceremonies. “The kids love it,” he said, and they’re taught that their performances are not for the purpose of drawing praise for themselves, but rather as a gift to others, a means to make others happy.

And, whether at home or on the road, “the most important thing is prayer, by far,” he stressed. “Teach your children to pray.” Even though parenthood can have its difficult moments, “don’t get frustrated,” he added. “Think of it (parenthood) as a gift from God.”

Wayne Wright of Holy Apostles Parish in East Wenatchee who, with his wife, Joyce, has two grown children, agrees that it’s key to “be involved from the beginning in all that they (your children) do.”

From attending Mass, to helping out with your kids’ sports teams, music and other activities; going camping or enjoying travel as a family; and encouraging the kids to bring their friends to your home, “don’t waste a minute. Time goes by so fast,” he noted.

Through it all, “live out the Faith, so they (the children) can see you as parents modeling the Faith journey,” he said. Never, ever stop loving them.

“It’s not as if you can be a perfect parent all the time, but you just keep trying,” Wright concluded. When everything is said and done, “our job as parents is to get our child to Heaven,” he emphasized.
Dear Friends:

With the warm summer weather now here, I love to sit outside in the mornings before it gets too hot and pray the rosary, while looking at the cherry tree that grows in my side yard. The beads seem to slip between my fingers more easily surrounded by the gentle warmth of the summer sun. The sound of sprinklers often punctuates the phrases of the prayers.

In many ways, this issue of the Central Washington Catholic features stories that tie our lives together, not unlike the upcoming “Living Rosary” July 23rd at Holy Family Parish in Yakima. Our smaller announcements around our Quo Vadis camp for high-school age youth, our annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection, our pro-life recruitment of volunteers and even our upcoming pilgrimage to Rome as we ordain two new Yakima transitional deacons — Jesús Mariscal and César Izquierdo — all speak to the way our lives are linked together like a rosary.

While both men did their high-school level education here in the Diocese of Yakima, both have had very complicated journeys with our immigration system. Our ongoing series on immigration will continue to highlight the basic facts and challenges so that we have a context for our church teaching in this area and not simply base our opinions on the political debates that have raged for some years between the political left and the political right.

This background might also help us grasp the way “fatherhood” is lived out in the Diocese of Yakima. While the article is a follow-up to last month’s story about “mothers,” it might be wise to note that what has driven so much immigration in the past is the need that fathers feel in their hearts to fulfill their “natural law” obligation to support their families. This includes the hardships of immigrating from south of the border and sending money back home. It is not easy being a father, regardless of our background. This is especially the case due to the long-term rise of divorce, remarriage and absenteeism of some fathers from their children.

All the more reason for us to be compassionate to the men who are doing their best to be good fathers, providing the material and spiritual support their families need. Perhaps we can pray a rosary for our fathers this month. Perhaps we can remember the celibate “fathers” of our parishes — our priests — especially those entering new ministry assignments, too.

With my every best wish and blessing,
Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

More Immigration Questions Are Explored
By Ann Dibble - Associate, Sisters of the Holy Names

(Edited’s Note: This is the second in a series of articles provided to the Central Washington Catholic. Ann Dibble is a lay person who has chosen to become an “associate” of the Sisters of the Holy Names.)

Undocumented immigration is a hot topic, and especially important in the Yakima Diocese, where many undocumented workers reside. We are taking a look at some of the questions people have about this subject. In this second article, we are looking at the subject of taxes.

Do undocumented immigrants pay taxes?

At the state and local level, the answer is simple: Yes, they support public schools and local government services in the same way the rest of us do, through sales and property taxes (all renters pay property tax, in effect, through their rent payments).

This leaves federal income tax, and payroll taxes. Since 1987, it has been illegal to hire undocumented workers, which has led to growth in the sale of false social security cards. The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy estimates that about half of undocumented immigrants pay income taxes. The money the government collects in Social Security taxes that are not linked with anyone on file is kept in an Earnings Suspense file, and subsidizes current retirees.

According to The Atlantic (Sept. 12, 2016), “Stephen Goss, the chief actuary of the Social Security Administration, estimates that about 1.8 million immigrants were working with fake or stolen Social Security cards in 2010, and he expects that number to reach 3.4 million by 2040. He calculates that undocumented immigrants paid $13 billion into the retirement trust fund that year, and only got about $1 billion in benefits. ‘We estimate that earnings by unauthorized immigrants result in a net positive effect on Social Security financial status generally, and that this effect contributed roughly $12 billion to the cash flow of the program for 2010,’ Gross concluded in a 2013 review of the impact of undocumented immigrants on Social Security.” ([https://goo.gl/eMni4U](https://goo.gl/eMni4U))

Some immigrants pay their taxes another way, even if they are paid illegally in cash. The IRS will provide an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) so they can build a history of paying their taxes, which may help someday in securing legal status. In 2010, 3 million people paid over $870 million in taxes this way, and ITIN filers contribute $12 billion annually in payroll taxes.

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

Email: robert.siler@yakimadiocese.net
New Assignments for Priests Announced for Diocese of Yakima

Bishop Joseph Tyson has announced the following new assignments for priests within the Diocese of Yakima, with effective dates July 1, 2017, or as otherwise noted.

Father Roleto Amoy, parochial vicar of St. Andrew Parish in Ellensburg, will become pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish in Wapato, effective September 1, 2017.

Father Lalo Barragán, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Yakima, will leave Yakima in mid-August, 2017, for a five-year term of service on the formation faculty of Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Oregon.

Father Michael Brzezowski, parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish in Yakima, will become pastor of St. John Parish in Naches and parochial vicar of St. Juan Diego Parish in Cowiche.

Monsignor Tom Champoux, pastor of Christ the King Parish in Richland, will take on additional duties as parochial administrator of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Benton City.

Father Jorge Granados, parochial vicar of Saint Aloysius Parish in Toppenish, was named parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Moses Lake and Queen of All Saints Parish in Warden effective April 1, 2017.

Father David Jimenez, pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish in Wapato, will become pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Ellensburg effective September 1, 2017.

Father Felix Rodriguez, formerly parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Moses Lake and Queen of All Saints Parish in Warden, was granted a leave of absence to work on health issues effective April 1, 2017.

Monsignor Robert Siler, episcopal vicar and moderator of the curia, will take on additional duties as parochial administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Granger and Immaculate Conception Parish in Mabton.

Father Dan Steele, parochial vicar of Christ the King Parish in Richland, will take on additional duties as parochial vicar of Christ the King Parish in Richland, will take on additional duties as parochial vicar of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Benton City, specifically for the celebration of the Sunday Spanish Mass and other sacramental duties as directed.

Father Tomás Vidal, parochial vicar of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Grandview and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Benton City, will become parochial vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Granger and Immaculate Conception Parish in Mabton.

Father John Vogl, who has been assisting at St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick, will take on additional duties as parochial vicar of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Benton City, specifically for the celebration of the Sunday English Mass and other sacramental duties as directed.

Bishop Tyson also wishes to thank Monsignor John Ecker, vicar general and pastor of St. Paul Cathedral Parish in Yakima, Father José Herrera, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Grandview, Father César Vega, pastor of Holy Family Parish in Yakima and St. Juan Diego Parish in Cowiche, and Father William Vogel, S.J., pastor of Resurrection Parish in Zillah, for the additional duties they have taken on in several parishes the past four years.

Please keep all of our diocesan clergy and religious in your prayers as they serve our communities.

Have You Registered for Cornerstone?

There's still time to register for the Cornerstone Catholic Conference, scheduled for October 20-21 at the Tacoma Convention Center. The theme will be “Together for Life & Justice”.

The forum will include keynotes by Washington State Bishops, plus talks by Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles, Robert McCloud with Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and Helen Alvare, a former director with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

To register, visit www.cornerstonecatholic.org or call Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006.

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**Knights Schedule ‘Living Rosary’**
For those who cannot travel to Spokane on July 23 for the rosary crusade event marking the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, there is a solution closer to home.

The Knights of Columbus, Ahtanum Mission Council, will hold a “living rosary” after the 6:30 p.m. Mass, July 23, outside of Holy Family Church in Yakima.

All are welcome to join in, as the group holds a huge rosary and prays together.

Following the rosary, there will be a free ice cream social.

**Quo Vadis Retreat Planned**
Young men between the ages of 13 and 19 are invited to attend the annual Quo Vadis Days vocation camp, July 31 to August 2 at Camp Koinonia in Cle Elum.

This retreat will offer fun outdoor activities plus time for discernment and prayer regarding personal vocations.

Cost is $50 per person, with scholarships available. The family rate is $50 for the first camper and $25 each for a brother or brothers. Bus transportation will be available.

For more information, or to register by July 20, call Michael Kelly at (509) 367-5297 or visit www.yakimadiocese.net.

**Pilgrimage to Italy Scheduled**
A 12-day pilgrimage to Assisi, Florence and Rome, Italy, is scheduled for this fall, under the spiritual direction of Bishop Joseph Tyson and Father Felipe Pulido, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Yakima.

The trip, planned for September 19 to 30, will include a visit to the Basilica of St. Peter, an audience with Pope Francis and the diaconate ordination of César Izquierdo and Jesús Mariscal.

For more information, contact Deanna Martinez at (509) 760-3608 or Father Pulido at (509) 248-1911.

**Pro-Life Booth Needs Volunteers**
The Respect for Life booth at the Central Washington State Fair needs pro-life volunteers to greet people and pass out information, from September 22 through October 1. It's a fun and easy way to witness our Catholic Faith, respecting human life from conception through natural death.

Groups willing to staff entire days are given first choice of dates, but individuals are most welcome. Staffers must be at least 16 years old and there must be an adult in the booth at all times. Call Linda Gabel Shepherd at (509) 424-0972 or email lindaagabel@gmail.com to schedule your time at the Fair.

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**Help Campaign for Human Development**
Our parishes will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) the weekend of July 15-16. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty.

With this collection, we support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our Diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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**Six Sisters Mark Special Anniversaries**
Six Sisters of Providence with ties to the Diocese of Yakima will soon celebrate milestone anniversaries in religious life. They will be honored at a Mass scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 9, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 7000 35th Avenue S.W., Seattle. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

The sisters include:

- **80 years**

  **Germaine Chabot, SP**
  (Sister Germaine of the Seven Dolors)
  Born in Clarence Creek, Ontario, Sister Germaine Chabot entered the religious community in 1937. After graduation from St. Joseph School of Nursing in Vancouver, Wash., she became a registered nurse in various Sisters of Providence hospitals, including Seattle and Portland locations. She also was an administrator/superior at St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, Providence hospitals in Seattle and Everett, and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Yakima.

  Sister spent time in the clinical pastoral education program in Oakland, Calif., and then began a pastoral care ministry at Providence Portland Medical Center, where she would later become a chaplain and remain for 41 years. Her favorite ministry was to assist the dying in the Intensive Care Unit and the Emergency Department. Sister Germaine retired in 1992. Today she lives at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle, where her ministry is “prayer and presence”.

- **70 years**

  **Maryann Bochsler, SP**
  (Sister Mary Carmelita)
  Sister Maryann Bochsler was born in St. Paul, Ore., and grew up in rural Mount Angel, Ore. She entered the Sisters of Providence in 1947 and worked in nursing service in “practically every hospital in Sacred Heart Province, from Walla Walla to Burbank,” except for Alaska. She was a housekeeping maid, nurse, nursing supervisor, assistant administrator, patient visitor, pastoral care chaplain and nursing in-service teacher.

  In 1975, she was hired to establish a pastoral care department at Mount St. Vincent in Seattle. She retired in 1995 but volunteered at Mount St. Vincent, Seattle, as a Eucharistic minister and sacristan. Her ministry today is “prayer and presence” at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle.

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**Elizabeth “Liz” Gress, SP**
(Sister Rose Monica)
Born in White Bluffs, Wash., Sister Elizabeth Gress grew up in Richland and Grandview.

She entered the novitiate at Mount St. Vincent in Seattle in 1946. Her first ministry was a kindergarten classroom in Great Falls, Mont. Most of her teaching career and other ministries were in Montana except for six years at Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, Ill. She also was principal of St. Peter and Paul School in Great Falls and admissions counselor at the College of Great Falls, followed by time at Mount St. Joseph, Spokane, in service to retired sisters.

Sister Liz served St. Luke Parish in Great Falls before becoming a member of the St. Ignatius Province Leadership Team. For two decades, she was a seasoned presence living among novices at the Nally House Novitiate Community in Spokane. She also was a volunteer at Our Place ministry in Spokane and a board member at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson, Mont. In 2016 she moved to Emilie Court in Spokane and currently volunteers at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center.