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Father Lalo Barragan: New Priest Ordained for Diocese of Yakima

By Christine Corbett Conklin

On May 23, before a large congregation at Holy Family Church in Yakima, Deacon Lalo Barragan's dream of becoming a priest finally came true. And the "nightmare" he had had about being disorganized for the ordination vanished with the wisps of rising incense.

Resplendent in a shining red and white chasuble with gold trim, an image of a pelican symbolizing "Christ who feeds us" on the front and a white lamb on the back symbolizing the Lamb of God, Father Barragan beamed and pronounced himself "fantastically blessed" at the end of the ordination Mass.

Everything had gone by the book. With his parents, Margarita and Rafael Barragan of Tieton, plus dozens of other relatives, some 40 priests, a handful of deacons and many other supporters looking on, Bishop Joseph Tyson spoke directly to him at the conclusion of his



Bishop Tyson presented the chalice to Father Barragan.
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homily on the high priestly prayer of Jesus in the Gospel of John. "Bring everything from our people – their sufferings as well as their joys – to this altar of sacrifice," the Bishop urged

him. "Make Eucharist your mission! In doing so, discover the fathomless honor and responsibility bestowed upon you to bring our people the very presence of God."

Father Felipe Pulido, Vicar for Vocations, testified that Barragan had "been found worthy" of ordination. In response to whether Barragan would accept the various duties of the priesthood, the candidate repeatedly responded, "I do."

Barragan prostrated himself in humility on a mat facing the altar while a litany of the saints was sung.

Then, following the laying on of hands by Bishop Joseph Tyson and the priests of the Diocese, and the Bishop's prayer of ordination, the new priest was vested, his hands were anointed with the Sacred Oil of Chrism, and he joined in his first consecration of the Bread and Wine.

With spirited words and choir music, mostly in Spanish, and even a flourish of trumpets, the two-hour rite proceeded with much pomp and ceremony. Large arrangements of all-white flowers decorated the church. It was all quite unlike the nightmare which Barragan had described in an interview prior to his ordination.

"I dreamed that I was coming to the ordination and I forgot my new vestments," he explained. Someone in the dream suggested that he would simply use other vestments. However, that couldn't be, since his new vestments had been given to him by his family and handmade by the Hermanas Clarisas Capuchinas, an order of religious sisters in Mexico. Subsequently, "Remember the vestments!" became a priority on his to-do list, he said with a laugh.

The ordination was the culmination of



Father Barragan spoke to the congregation.
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nine years of study for the 38-year-old Barragan: five years at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon and four years at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois.

"I thank God for the past nine years and all that is to come," he observed in the interview. "I am very grateful to the entire Diocese of Yakima and those who pray for me – even those who don't know me ... My only worry is to be the priest that Christ is wanting me to be. I want to be a holy and wise priest. Most of all, I want humbleness."

Speaking to the crowd at the end of the ordination, Barragan quoted Saint John Paul II who encouraged us, "Do not be afraid." The new priest urged everyone present to "Seek the higher truth. Look for something greater (in life)." He again expressed appreciation to all of those who had stood by him and encouraged him on his road to the priesthood.

Following a blessing of Bishop Tyson, his family and the rest of the congregation, Barragan processed out of the church, looking forward to beginning his first assignment this summer as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Church in Yakima.

Please keep Father Barragan and all of our clergy in your prayers.

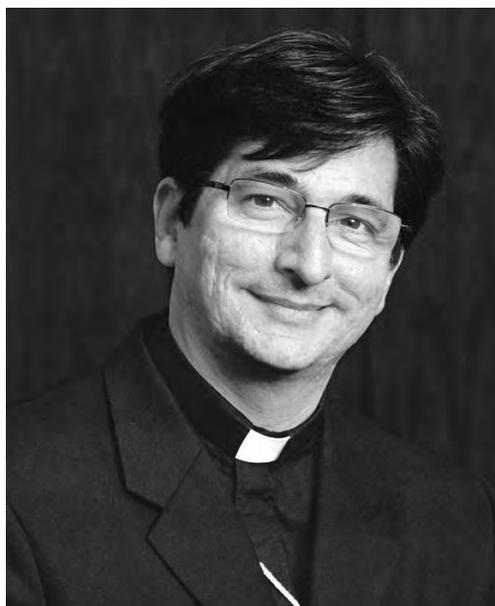
A Message from Bishop Tyson...

Dear Friends,

This issue of the Central Washington Catholic reminds us of some of the giants who have been so instrumental in serving the Church in Central Washington. Certainly both Father Larry Reilly and Father Tom Lane have been major figures here in the Diocese of Yakima for 50 years now. Father Tom has been a wonderful pastor and parish priest, serving in a variety of parishes, as well as at St. Peter the Apostle Seminary in the 1960s. He continues to assist at Holy Family Parish in Yakima.

Father Larry Reilly taught in several seminaries, and served for many years as a theological consultant as well as a consultant in medical ethics for the Sisters of Providence health system. He then returned to the Diocese of Yakima, serving a number of our parish communities. Deacon Ray Miller was a regular figure at St. Paul Cathedral and, with his wife, Gayle, served parishioners there in a number of ways during his 28 years as a deacon.

I have great memories of Yvonne Smith, who I got to know while still in Seattle. She worked with us on the Washington State Catholic Conference Board. Coming to Yakima, I got to know her better as an elder of the Yakama Tribe and someone who greatly advocated for the canonization of St.



Bishop Joseph Tyson

Kateri Tekakwitha. I recall her getting out of the hospital last year just in time to be at the annual Kateri Mass in White Swan, grateful that she lived to see Kateri's canonization.

Then there is Monsignor Des Dillon. He was in a class all his own! I received more mail from him than any other priest. He sent his last letter to me after dictating it just a few days prior to his death. The Tri-City Herald honored him with an Op-Ed piece because he was so prolific in

bringing the Church's voice into the public square through his monthly letters to the editor.

What ties all of these people together: their singular love and devotion to Jesus Christ and this, His Church! They also took their cue from the saints of the Church, each in his or her own way. The lives of the saints remind us of the great variety of personalities and temperaments of those who build up the life of the Church. In life, saints were not perfect but they were people on the road to conversion. Our loved ones who die often remind us of our road to sanctity precisely because of their efforts to become saints, too.

As you read this issue with these great figures of our faith here in Central Washington, I hope it will give you pause to consider who the giants of faith are in your families. Who has brought you to faith? Spend some time in the next few months to reflect on that gift. Summer is a time when we often slow down a bit, do some summer reading, and contemplate a bit on the direction of our lives.

With every best wish and blessing,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

Father Lawrence Reilly: A Blessing for Our Diocese *Continued from page 4*

At age 55, Reilly "came home" again, serving parishes including St. Peter Claver in Wapato, St. Mary in White Swan, St. Peter in Cowiche, St. Henry in Grand Coulee, St. Patrick in Hartline and Holy Angels in Coulee City. He was pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Roslyn and St. John the Baptist Parish in Cle Elum for 12 years, before retiring and moving to his current duties as Assisting Priest at St. Andrew Parish in Ellensburg. He also serves as a Vicar for Priests for the Diocese of Yakima.

Looking back at his 50 years in the priesthood, Reilly says that the highlight for him has been "the truly, truly wonderful people" he has encountered in his ministry. "My greatest joy has been celebrating the Eucharist with them. I've been very blessed," he observed.

(By the way, Reilly's brother, Kevin – who also wanted to join the Christian Brothers of Ireland – got his wish! Approaching the same priest for permission, he was more insistent and is now teaching with the Christian Brothers of Ireland at Damien High School in Honolulu.)

Priests and parishioners who are very grateful for Father Lawrence Reilly's service to our Diocese plan three local celebrations of his 50th anniversary as a priest. There will be a 5 p.m. Mass, Thursday, June 24 at Holy Spirit Church in Kennewick, followed by a dinner. There will be a 5 p.m. Mass, Saturday, June 28, at St. Andrew Church in Ellensburg followed by a dinner. And there will be an 11 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving, Sunday, June 29, at St. Paul Cathedral, followed by a reception in the Assembly Place. Thank you, Father Reilly, for continuing to serve our Diocese so well!

Father Thomas Lane: 50 Years of Dedicated Service

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Now marking 50 years in the priesthood, Lane noted that, "It's a long time." He added that he's "never once thought of leaving" the priesthood.

"It is rewarding to know that you've brought grace down upon people in Confession, at Mass and in the other sacraments," he said. "The sacramental side (of the priesthood) is the most important" aspect of his ministry, he believes.

Lane also treasures the friendship of fellow priests, he said. He was noted for his kindness and assistance to Father Robert Shields before the latter's death.

To celebrate Father Lane's 50 years of dedicated service, a Mass of Thanksgiving was held at 11:15 a.m., June 1, at Holy Family, with a reception following.

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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New Assignments Announced

After consultations with the Priest Personnel Board and the individuals involved, Bishop Joseph Tyson has announced the following new assignments for numerous diocesan priests and a deacon:

Father Lalo Barragan, ordained May 23, will become the Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Church, Yakima.

Father Eleazar Diaz, who has served as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Church, Yakima, will be assigned duties in the Diocese of Monterey, California, closer to family members.

Father Gary Norman, who has been Administrator of St. Joseph Church in Waterville, will become a senior priest in residence for Sacred Heart Parish in Prescott, Arizona, and continue responsibilities with Food for the Poor.

Deacon Greg Haberman, who has been in pastoral ministry at St. Joseph Church, Waterville, will become Administrator of the parish.

Father Teodulo Taneo, who has served as Parochial Vicar at Christ the King Church in Richland, will become Parochial Vicar for Holy Apostles Church in East Wenatchee and St. Joseph Church in Waterville.

Father Roletto Amoy, who has been Parochial Vicar at Holy Apostles Church in East Wenatchee, will become Parochial Vicar at Christ the King Church in Richland.

All changes will be effective on or close to the date of July 1.

Your Support is Needed for Retired Priests, Seminarians

Your support is greatly needed for the welfare of our retired priests and for the needs of our seminarians – the priests-to-be for the Diocese of Yakima.

Envelopes will be available at all weekend Masses through the first weekend of July for our annual diocesan Collection for Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education.

Did you know that currently, we have 18 retired priests who have faithfully served our community for many years? It's also important to note that 13 of the 48 priests currently serving our Diocese are 65 years of age or older.

In addition, there will be 18 young men studying for the priesthood this Fall, 11 in seminaries and up to seven others working on language skills as part of their preparation for the priesthood.

To cover the costs of retirement, health insurance, medical expenses and retreats for our retired priests, we budget \$558,000 per year, or \$31,000 per priest. The costs for seminarians, including tuition, room and board, fees, books, health insurance and medical expenses run \$580,000 per year, or \$40,000 per seminarian.

Think of all our priests do for us in the course of a year, from offering Mass to hearing confessions, doing baptisms and funerals, visiting and anointing the sick, teaching classes, counseling, helping to administer our parishes and Diocese, and so much more. This collection is a wonderful way to say "thank you" for all that has been done for us – and all that will continue to be done in years to come! Won't you help?



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from Around the Diocese

Monsignor Dillon Dies at 99

Monsignor Desmond Patrick Dillon, 99, a pillar of the Diocese of Yakima, died May 9. He was remembered fondly by a large crowd attending the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Kennewick, May 19.

In his homily at the Mass, Bishop Joseph Tyson commended Monsignor Dillon's dedication to the "four basic characteristics that lead to a joyful priestly life: prayer, obedience, celibacy and simplicity of life." "The Bishop cited Monsignor's faithfulness to his "Jesu Caritas" prayer group of priests, his loyalty and obedience while maintaining "a mind of his own," and his constant uplifting of "the Church's positive understanding of celibacy."

Monsignor Dillon was born in Hong Kong to an Irish father and a Portuguese mother. He attended schools in Victoria, B.C., Hong Kong, and Seattle before entering St. Edward Seminary in Kenmore. He was ordained in 1941, going on to serve in several Western Washington parishes before becoming administrator of St. Andrew Parish in Ellensburg where he remained until 1959. Through the years, he also served: St. John Parish, Naches; as Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Yakima; Holy Rosary Parish, Moxee; in helping to establish St. Vincent stores and resettling Cuban refugees; St. Joseph Parish, Sunnyside; and St. Aloysius Parish, Toppenish. Then, he assumed senior priest status and moved back to St. Joseph Parish, Kennewick. In 1991, he was named a Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope John Paul II, receiving the title "Monsignor."

Donations in Monsignor Dillon's memory may be made to the Diocese of Yakima Priest Retirement and Health Fund, 5301-A Tieton Drive, Yakima, WA 98908.

Deacon Raymond Miller Dies

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 5 at St. Paul Cathedral for Deacon Raymond Joseph Miller, 80. Prior to his death at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, Miller had served as Deacon at the Cathedral for 28 years.

A native of Yakima, Miller attended St. Paul Cathedral School and graduated from Marquette High School, before going on to serve in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict. He later worked as a supervisor for Associated Grocers and the Mead Corporation.

Miller is survived by his wife of 58 years, Gayle, four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Cathedral c/o Brookside Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1267, Moxee, WA 98936.

Yvonne Smith Remembered

Yvonne Smith, a long-time parishioner of St. Mary's Church in White Swan and leading member of the Yakama Nation St. Kateri Tekakwitha Circle, died April 30 at the age of 77.

Born in Fort Klamath, Oregon, Mrs. Smith lived most of her life in the Lower Valley. She and her husband, Robert ("Red") had five children and 13 grandchildren. Mrs. Smith had served as Executive Director for the Yakama Nation Housing Authority.

Within the Diocese of Yakima, she was active in the Cursillo Movement. She served on the Board of the Washington State Catholic Conference and was a founding member of the Diocesan Lay Advisory Board. An enrolled member of the Yakama Nation, she also helped revive powwow singing and dancing in the White Swan area.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 6 at St. Mary's Church. Donations in memory of Mrs. Smith may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Memorial Fund.

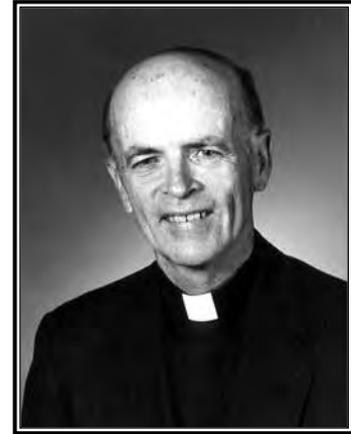
Father Lawrence Reilly: A Blessing for Our Diocese, 50 Years and Counting

If Father Lawrence Reilly had had his way, he would have become a Christian Brother of Ireland. However, a decision not to send the young man so far away from home resulted in a blessing for the Diocese of Yakima, a blessing which has added up to 50 years of devoted service, and counting! Now, he says, if the choice was his again, he would "without hesitation" follow the path on which God has led him.

Born in New York City, Reilly moved to the Tri-Cities with his family when he was five years old. His father worked for the Manhattan Project, then the Hanford Project. Reilly's home was a popular stopping point for two uncles, both Christian Brothers of Ireland, who traveled to summer school at Gonzaga University in Spokane. The two uncles often arrived in the Tri-Cities amid a group of other Christian Brothers, "enchanting" Reilly and his brother, Kevin, with their friendliness and warmth.

When the priest who needed to give Reilly permission to join the Christian Brothers of Ireland instead diverted him to St. Edward's Seminary in the Yakima Diocese, the journey to priesthood began. After studies at St. Edward's and the American College in Louvain, Belgium, Reilly was ordained in 1964 at Christ the King Church in Richland. His first assignment was at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima.

In the years that followed, Reilly was sent to Spokane to help guide seminarians at Bishop White Seminary and Gonzaga University. He then went to Quebec City where he received a doctorate in Moral Theology from Laval University. Other assignments included teaching in seminaries in Spokane and Belgium, and at St. Thomas Seminary in Seattle. He also spent 16 years as Moral Theologian for the Providence Health System, based in Seattle.



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Father Thomas Lane: Looking Back at 50 Years of Dedicated Service

Father Thomas Lane had never really thought about becoming a priest until his junior year in high school at Seattle Prep. That's when a Jesuit priest, noting that Lane was getting good grades, suggested the priesthood to him. The seed was planted for what was to become a vocation of grace for the Diocese of Yakima – but not for a while, yet!

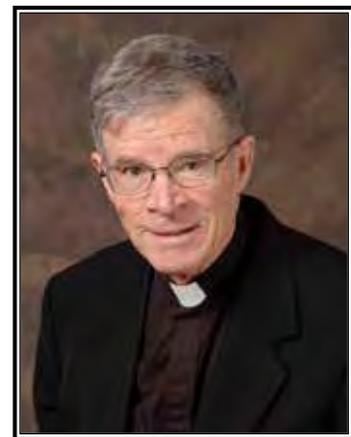
Born in Seattle in 1927, Lane had attended St. Joseph Catholic School before going on to Seattle Prep. In 1945, he entered Seattle University, and, after taking time off to serve with the U.S. Army Air Corps, graduated from the University in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering.

"I liked chemistry," Father Lane recalled. So, Hanford "seemed like the best place to be" to work as a Chemical Engineer. While at Hanford, he worked in design for complicated processes such as separating out nuclear waste. He also pursued Master's level studies in Chemical Engineering in Richland.

The call of the priesthood finally triumphed, however, and Lane pursued studies at St. Philip Neri Seminary in Boston and St. Thomas the Apostle Seminary in Kenmore. Along the way, he received Master's degrees in Philosophy and Theology, and studied for a teaching certificate during the summers. He was ordained by Bishop Joseph Dougherty at St. Paul Cathedral in May, 1964, at the age of 36, and continued master's level studies in science education for three summers.

Among his many assignments through the years, Lane served at St. Pius X Church in Quincy and St. John Church in Naches, and taught at St. Peter the Apostle Seminary in Cowiche and Central Catholic High School in Yakima. He also served at St. Paul Cathedral, Our Lady of Fatima Church in Moses Lake and as pastor of St. Peter Church in Cowiche and Holy Trinity Church in Goldendale. Other assignments took him to Holy Rosary Church in Moxee, where he was pastor, and to Holy Family Church in Yakima where he was in residence until January 2013, when health needs required moving to the Hillcrest at Summitview assisted living home.

Officially retired since 2004, Father Lane still concelebrates Mass nearly every day at Holy Family. "To offer Mass is the most important," he observed.



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