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Bishop Felipe Pulido Makes Oath of Fidelity, Is Consecrated

By Christine Corbett Conklin



The first bishop to be named from the ranks of Yakima Diocese priests took his Oath of Fidelity at St. Joseph Church in Kennewick on September 10.

Cardinal Robert McElroy of San Diego administered the oath to Bishop Felipe Pulido at both the 11 a.m. English and 1 p.m. Spanish Mass that day, with hundreds of diocesan parishioners attending both

rites. The ceremonies were held for Central Washington residents who were unable to travel to California for the later consecration ceremony. A celebratory reception followed at Dillon Hall, with a sit-down meal, entertainment and speakers.

Bishop Pulido, who will serve as an auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of San Diego was consecrated, along with a second

new auxiliary bishop, in a Mass at St. Therese of Carmel Church on September 28 in San Diego. Bishop Joseph Tyson was a co-consecrator.

Please keep Bishop Pulido and all of our clergy members and religious in your prayers!



All photos of Bishop Pulido's oath ceremony at St. Joseph Church in Kennewick and reception in Dillon Hall are courtesy of Moctezuma Media.

Bishop Pulido's Coat of Arms

Bishop Felipe Pulido has adopted a personal coat of arms. It is divided into four quarters, with wavy horizontal lines from top to bottom. The blue and white lines represent the Blessed Virgin Mary. They also suggest water, which alludes to Jesus washing the feet of His disciples and to the waters of Baptism.

The red and gold lines represent the Holy Spirit and fire. The colors also can be seen as referring to the Blood that (along with water) poured from Jesus' side at His crucifixion, as well as to the bread (gold) and wine (red) transformed into the Eucharist.

At the center is a roundel, featuring a symbolic representation of the "mandatum" (washing of the feet), which he believes exemplifies service to all humanity. The roundel's outer edge is a line composed of small humps; it is borrowed from the coat of arms of the Diocese of Yakima, where Bishop Pulido served as a priest before being named a bishop.

His episcopal motto is "Building Communio," which is what the bishop sees as the purpose and goal of his episcopal ministry.



A Message from Bishop Tyson...

Dear Friends:

There is an old adage, "If you want to make God laugh, then show him your plans!"

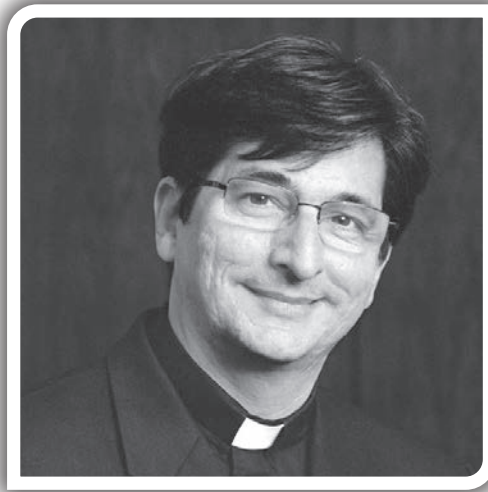
Such was the case on Pentecost Sunday earlier this year when Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's ambassador to the United States, representing the Holy Father, called then-Father Felipe Pulido after a long day of Masses at his parish in Saint Joseph in Kennewick, letting him know that Pope Francis had just appointed him as one of two new auxiliary bishops for the Diocese of San Diego.

"I still remember what he told me after I said yes to his message," Bishop Felipe recalled at his consecration on September 28, 2023. "Well, Felipe, from now on your life will never be the same and I am sure that the Holy Spirit will guide you in your new ministry."

I might add that when Archbishop Pierre called me the day before calling Bishop Felipe, he said with some humor, "The good news is your Felipe has been named an auxiliary bishop. The bad news is that he's not for you!"

I am so grateful that Cardinal Robert McElroy, the bishop of San Diego, came up here to Saint Joseph in Kennewick September 10 to administer the Oath of Fidelity to Bishop Felipe before he began his new ministry. As I noted in my homily to parishioners there, even though it feels like we are losing a great man, we are actually sending him as a missionary. Thus it is not a loss for us but a gain for the entire Church.

The Church, itself, enters the Marian month of October going into a new Synod. Synod as I have written before, comes from the Greek root that means "to walk together." Think about the English cognate



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"synchronize." How is our journey of faith synchronized with each other and with the one he sends as "the way" – Jesus Christ?

Communion. Participation. Mission. Those are the three markers of synodality outlined by Pope Francis as he calls together clergy and laity, men and women to discern how best to walk the journey of faith – not only with each other – but even more with those around us beyond our community of faith. The first of two synodal gatherings in Rome begins early this October. Please join me in praying for its success.

"If you want to make God laugh, then show him your plans." Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York needed to take the place of Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore at the synod because the Archbishop had new and pressing commitments in his Archdiocese. As a result, his auxiliary bishop, Joseph Espaillat, needs to stay home in New York and take Cardinal Dolan's place at a number of key events there.

So, Bishop Espaillat had to cancel his

trip to Yakima for the Church Mission Congress and a Diocesan Youth Event October 14. While he did provide a very fine backup speaker, it was not what we planned with the youth leaders and pastoral council of the diocese and required a huge change in publicity and programming in a very short time. That's why we have canceled our Congress this year.

Likewise, with the liturgical celebrations in San Diego as Bishop Felipe begins his new ministry, we had to change the dates of our Yakima Priest Convocation and as a result lost our speaker, Bishop Joseph Perry, one of the auxiliary bishops in Chicago, to talk about marriage preparation. As of this writing, our new plans for the Convocation are still coming together, but the priests and I will meet in early October to deepen our own synodality as well as to honor several jubilarians: Monsignor John Ecker and Father Robert Himes for 65 years of ordination; Father Richard Keolker, 60 years; Father Álvaro Díez, 55 years; Father Michael Ibach, 50 years; and Fathers Juan Flores, Darell Mitchell, and Ricardo Villarreal, 25 years.

"If you want to make God laugh, then show him your plans!" Gratefully, there is no change in plans for getting this next edition of the *Central Washington Catholic* out to you. I hope you revel in the many ways our current issue highlights the movement of the Holy Spirit across the Diocese of Yakima and throughout the wider Church.

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

Support World Missions Collection

The annual collection for World Mission Sunday, the Catholic Church's annual worldwide celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be taken up the weekend of October 14-15 in the Diocese of Yakima.

World Mission Sunday itself is October 22. This year's theme, from Pope Francis' annual message for the celebration, is "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move." It is a reminder that we are called to carry the flame of Christ's love and put our faith into action, serving as His witnesses.

"The Holy Father urges every Christian to ignite the fire of Christ's love in their hearts and actively share this warmth with the world around us," said Bishop Joseph Tyson. "This is a call to participate in a

mission of universal evangelization and seek guidance from the Holy Spirit."

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Parishes in our Diocese will be distributing special envelopes for this annual collection. Donations also may be made through the "special collections" page on the Diocese of Yakima website. Visit

here for information: <https://tinyurl.com/yvbx4hr>.

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How Well Do You Know Your Catholic Faith?

Test your knowledge of the Catholic Faith by trying to answer the following questions. The correct answers are at the end.

- What are two necessary steps before receiving Holy Communion?
 - Fast for an hour and be in the state of grace
 - Go to Confession within a week and fast for an hour
 - Be on time for Mass and fast for an hour
 - Go to Confession within three days and attend Mass
- Which of these sacraments is “the source and summit of Christian Life”?
 - Baptism
 - Matrimony
 - Confirmation
 - Eucharist
- Who can receive the sacrament of Confirmation?
 - Only those who have received Communion
 - Every baptized person
 - Anyone who believes in Christ.
 - Anyone who wants to be confirmed
- A story that teaches about God and His love is known as:
 - A psalm
 - A parable
 - A verse
 - A reading
- How many books, in total, are there in the Bible?
 - 73
 - 81
 - 56
 - 102
- Who was selected to replace Judas Iscariot as an Apostle?
 - John the Baptist
 - Clement
 - Matthias
 - Paul
- As Catholics, we worship:
 - God and the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - Only God
 - Archangels, major saints and God
 - Only God and the Pope
- Which of these is not a “precept” (general rule) of the Catholic Church?
 - Go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day
 - Receive Communion at least once each year, during the Easter season
 - Go to Confession at least once each year
 - Say at least one Rosary each day
- What is the most important Christian holiday, described in each Gospel?
 - Christmas
 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 - Easter
 - Pentecost

- What do we mean by “Papal infallibility”?
 - All actions of a Pope are free of sin
 - The Pope does not err when declaring certain teachings on faith
 - The Pope is perfect in all spiritual aspects
 - All of these are true

Answers: 1. a. Fast for an hour and be in a state of grace; 2. d. Eucharist; 3. b. Every baptized person; 4. b. A parable; 5. a. 73; 6. c. Matthias; 7. b. Only God; 8. d. Say at least one Rosary each day; 9. c. Easter; 10. b. The Pope does not err when declaring certain teachings on faith.


Thanks to St. Anne Trivia Game (trivia.stanneaz.org) and funtrivia.com, from which these questions and answers were adapted.

Church Mission Congress Canceled

The 2023 Church Mission Congress and Diocesan Youth Event, scheduled for Saturday, October 14 at La Salle High School in Union Gap, has been canceled.

A prime reason was the inability of the keynote speaker to come, due to pressing obligations in his home diocese.


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U.S. Bishops Visit Migrant Ministry Sites in Yakima Diocese

By Ann Dibble

“The church doesn’t have a mission; the mission has a church,” said Yakima Bishop Joseph J. Tyson, not quite pounding the table. Later, he told a group of visitors, “Our migrant ministry is the model for all of our ministries – the parish is bigger than the building.”

Twenty-four visitors from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network and related ministries met in Yakima toward the end of August to learn from the migrant ministry carried out by the Diocese.

Agriculture is critical to the state economy, but at the bottom, the work is poorly paid, backbreaking, and low in status. Growers looking to hire have historically drawn those with few options. In Washington, white Americans from rural and disadvantaged parts of the country were the primary labor pool until relatively late in the 20th century, according to a University of Washington report.

While about 70 percent of farmworkers are year-round residents of Washington and make up a substantial percentage of the Diocese of Yakima’s Catholic parishioners, the rest either follow the harvest or are here on an H-2A temporary agricultural visa. In either case, they are often separated from the support of their home communities for months at a time.

“They are homesick, anxious and can’t sleep sometimes,” said Father Jesús Mariscal, parochial vicar at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. “There is a lot of ministry to be done in these little communities. It is only by being there that you can discover how to help.”

The most riveting encounter for many

participants was a visit to FairBridge Inn. Formerly a hotel, it now houses about 1,300 H-2A workers in Yakima.

The workers’ H-2A visas are for temporary work only; the employer is required to provide employment opportunities for at least three-quarters of the number of hours in the job offer. Employers must provide housing for employees.

According to one of the workers who stays at FairBridge, about \$108 is deducted weekly from each paycheck to cover his food, although the amount depends on the contract workers have with their employer.

At the hotel, a panel of four men who had left their families at home in order to work in Yakima described their lives. They get up early to catch a 5 a.m. bus that takes them to the orchards. They have two

15-minute breaks, a lunch period and are bused back to FairBridge at 2:30 p.m., where dinner is served at 4:30 p.m.

Workers said they appreciate the evening activities organized by the church, especially Mass. One noted that in his native Mexico, he attends Mass weekly, but it is difficult to figure out

how to find Mass when he is working here. Another said that it helps to have life be more than just work and the phone, and he enjoys taking English and guitar classes.

There are difficulties. The men are locked in the grounds, for security purposes, once they return at the end of the work day. They must ask permission to go to the store, and are not allowed out to take a walk. The fence around the property shocked the delegation.

“This is Christ crucified at Fairbridge,” said José López, Director of Youth and Young Adult & Migrant Ministry for the Diocese of Stockton, who said the restrictions bore a resemblance to human trafficking.



A tour included a Lower Valley orchard.



Mass was an important part of the activities.

In Wenatchee, Sandra Barros of St. Joseph Catholic Church described how they carry out migrant ministry there. “We bring food, and diapers for the families, but most of all, we bring the sacraments.”

Many of the young people are not in one place long enough to receive a conventional preparation for First Communion or Confirmation, but have been able to receive the sacraments with the help of clergy and volunteers during the work season. The relationships often continue once the workers and their families have left. Barros has built a mailing list of 300 families since 2019, and she communicates with them year-round. “They feel we are with them,” she said.

The last stop of the pastoral visit was a migrant camp in Monitor, near Wenatchee, where the three bishops present – Bishop Tyson, and Seattle Auxiliary Bishops Eusebio Elizondo and Frank Schuster – concelebrated Mass and the workers shared a feast with the delegation.

Esther Morash, a St. Joseph’s parishioner in Wenatchee, has helped organize Wednesday night Masses at the migrant camp for 15 years, which was the seed of the ministry locally. “I’ve never met nicer people than these farmworkers,” she said. “When they leave, they always turn around and say, ‘Thank you.’”

Editor’s note: Another version of this story appeared in *Our Sunday Visitor* in early September. It can be accessed at this link: <https://bit.ly/3PEbmsy>.

Magnificat Classes Change Format This Year

Magnificat, the Yakima Diocese’s adult faith formation program for catechists and other wishing to deepen their knowledge of the Faith, has adopted a new format this year.

Rather than schedule diocesan-wide classes in the fall and in the spring at regional locations, the Diocese instead is inviting pastors, parish administrators and school principals to schedule classes in their parishes, choosing from a “menu” or catalog of topics. Parishes and schools also might wish to work with their neighbors to put together regional presentations.

Teachers generally will be priests of the diocese, along with deacons and laypersons

who are able to present the various topics, or “modules.”

There will be a limited number of diocese-wide presentations to help parishes prepare for Confirmation and the Order of Christian Initiation, as well as discuss specialized topics such as “whole-family catechesis.” Visit the following link online to review that calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8wadzr>.

Traditionally, being certified as a catechist has required completing 15 core modules on topics ranging from the Sacraments to the Bible to Morality and Ethics. Recently added topics include Issues

at the Beginning of Life and Issues at the End of Life, as well as building competence and confidence in presenting Virtus safe environment lessons to children and youth.

Presentations also can be put together using the five modules developed by Father Robert Spitzer to teach middle school and high school students that Faith and Science are compatible, helping to overcome a tendency for teens to be drawn away from the practice of the Faith.

The catalog of topics in English can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/2scprvt>.

The catalog of topics in Spanish can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/58f3wd3e>.