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Bishop Tyson, John Young Accomplish Much on Overseas Trip

Bishop Joseph Tyson and John Young, President and CEO of Catholic Charities for the Diocese, recently returned from two weeks in Europe filled with training, formation and visits to international agencies.

In late May and early June, the two visited Freiburg, Germany, headquarters of Caritas Germany and home to Freiburg University, as part of the Catholic Charities O'Grady Institute. This is a biennial formation experience that brought a dozen Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) leaders together with representatives of the Freiburg school of theology for two weeks of study.

Participants of the Institute then traveled to Rome to continue their experience. Young serves CCUSA as the current chair of the board of trustees and Bishop Tyson was invited to give two seminars: one titled "The New Evangelization," and the other titled "Catholic Identity in a Pluralistic Society."

Next, the two travelers went on to Rome where they visited with the international agencies of the Holy See, including the Pontifical Council for Peace and Justice and "Cor Unum," which coordinates many of the Church's charitable efforts. They also visited an immigration program and medical clinic for immigrants run by Caritas Roma.

"We were so very pleased to have Bishop Tyson join us to discuss issues of the day that are on the forefront of concerns facing diocesan



Bishop Joseph Tyson met briefly with Pope Francis during the visit to Rome earlier this month.

directors of Catholic Charities agencies around the nation," said Catholic Charities USA President Father Larry Snyder.

"An open and strong relationship between Catholic Charities directors and their bishops is absolutely critical to the charitable work and witness that is carried out in the name of the diocese by Catholic Charities," Father Snyder said.

A particular highlight of the visit to Rome was Bishop Tyson's brief meeting with Pope Francis.

"He asked about Yakima, about the large migrant community and specifically asked about the number and percentage of immigrants in our Diocese," Bishop Tyson said. "He ended by

asking me – and all of us – to pray for him, which I know you who are reading this will be doing!

"The experience of being with the two largest Catholic Charities organizations in the world is a real reminder of the Church's global reach," the bishop added. "Worldwide, Catholic Charities is the largest provider of social services and on-the-ground relief in the world. Catholic Charity affiliates are often working in places that other organizations cannot reach.

"Indeed local Catholic Charities affiliates often depend on the various second collections here in the United States for their support," he said. "Similarly, Germany is actually the largest single entity supporting the various outreaches of the Holy See. This time was a rare glimpse into the international collaboration that takes

place supporting those in need displaced by the violence of warfare and natural disasters about which we learn through the media."

Bishop Tyson also stopped in San Diego on his way back to Yakima, for the summer assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The group addressed public policy issues including the implementation of the proposed healthcare reform. They also discussed the "New Evangelization," an upcoming five-year strategic plan on "Faith-Witness-Worship." Discussion of some of these issues had been delayed due to the selection and installation of the new Pope.

National Teacher of the Year Credits Catholic Roots for Life of Service

By Christine Corbett Conklin



As Jeff Charbonneau addressed the crowd in the White House Rose Garden, President Obama looked on.

Jeff Charbonneau, the Zillah High School instructor who was recently named 2013 National Teacher of the Year, credits his Catholic roots with helping him to find a life of service to others.

Born in Santa Rosa, California, Charbonneau came to live in Inchelium, a small town on the Colville Indian Reservation north of Spokane, when he was 1-1/2 years old. There, his family attended a mission church pastored by Father Patrick Twohy, S.J.

Charbonneau recalls how, on Easter morning, Father Twohy would reenact the story of the Resurrection for the children attending Mass, excitedly going up and down the church aisles, proclaiming that the tomb was empty! (After

Mass, there was also an annual Easter egg hunt in which the child who found a gold-colored egg would win a live rabbit. It was a contest which his parents, Marc and Darline Charbonneau, secretly hoped that he and his older brother, Ryan, wouldn't win!)

After moving to Zillah at the age of 10, Charbonneau's grandparents, Elie and Isabelle Patnode of Moxee (and formerly Grandview), continued shaping his life, observed the 35-year-old chemistry, physics, engineering and architecture teacher.

"My grandparents were very devout Catholics," he said. "My grandmother (his grandfather is now deceased) still attends

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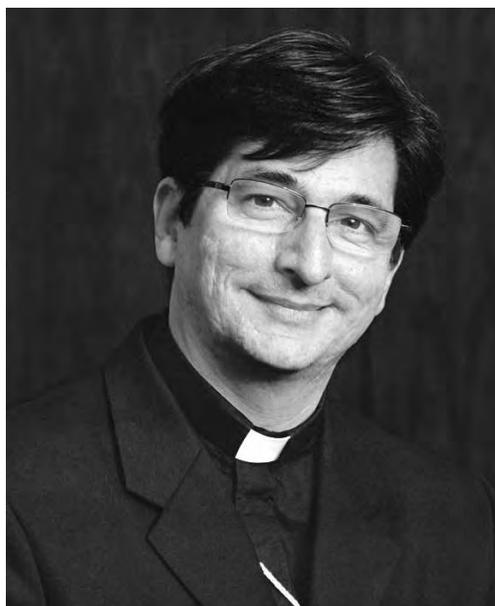
Dear Friends,

When our retired Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, launched the “Year of Faith” last October, he told the Synod of Bishops gathered in Rome that there were basically two pillars to the New Evangelization: “Confessio” and “Caritatis.”

“Confessio” sounds like the word “confession” in English but really refers to the profession or belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The “New Evangelization” grows precisely as we root ourselves ever more deeply into our Sacred Scriptures, deepening our love of the Gospels and the message – the “Good News” – that Jesus Christ brings about the origin of our human life and guides our destiny: most especially the powerful message of the Resurrection.

“Caritatis” often translates as “charity,” but – like “confessio” – “caritatis” has a much broader definition. As one of the writers of the third pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Father Servais Pinckaers, O.P., notes, our modern language tends to separate the “materially” poor from the “spiritually” poor. Similarly we tend to separate “charity” from “justice.” The biblical world view would not make these distinctions in the way we do today.

This issue of the Central Washington Catholic amply demonstrates ways in which “caritatis” can be infused by educators in a public school setting as with Zillah parishioner Jeff Charbonneau; lived out by Catholics in a parish setting



Bishop Joseph Tyson

as has been done at Our Lady of Lourdes in Selah; and embodied through religious life and priesthood, as we recall in the lives of the Sisters of Providence who once served in Yakima or as in the case of the recently deceased Father Gary Desharnais.

Thus our collections for the global Church through Peter’s Pence as well as the Catholic Church in the United States through the Campaign for Human Development might be best understood – not as ends in themselves – but as a means to fund particular aspects of our Church’s mission of “confessio” and “caritatis.”

During my trip to Rome, I and John

Young – our Yakima Catholic Charities President and CEO – happened to have a pick-up conversation with a number of folks meeting together at “Cor Unum,” the coordinating agency for the Church’s charitable outreach. Folks from various Catholic Charities agencies across Europe and North America, International Catholic Migration and Refugee Services, Catholic Relief Services USA, as well as other groups were all gathering to discuss the growing crisis in Syria and the spillover refugee crisis in neighboring Turkey and Lebanon.

It was a stark reminder of how much hangs on our generosity in these special collections. So many people and so much material support that goes to those in need depends on each of you – here in the Diocese of Yakima – and around the world. It begins with you – your “confessio” at Sunday Eucharist – your daily prayers, your charitable offerings, the spiritual communion you foster as members of a Church with over a billion believers around the world.

I not only hope you enjoy this issue of the Central Washington Catholic, but I hope it fosters in you a deeper appreciation for the reach of the Church – both locally and globally – in uplifting and proclaiming Jesus Christ to and for the world!

With every best wish and blessing,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

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Mass regularly at the age of 91. I have a lot of memories of attending church with them when I was younger...They really set the tone for us in how to live a Christian life, a life of service. My parents echoed these sentiments.”

Although Charbonneau admits that he was not as active in the Church during his high school years, his faith was re-ignited while he was a student at Central Washington University in Ellensburg from 1996 to 2000. There, he became involved in the Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM). While helping to organize a couple of retreats for high school students, he realized that he really enjoyed leading younger people.

“CCM showed me that faith is important at all stages of life. Helping high school youth gave me a strong sense of purpose,” says Charbonneau, who actually began his college years as a pre-med student. This interest was strengthened as he tutored biology students, as part of the course requirements for his degree.

“I began to think that maybe teaching is just as noble a profession as medicine,” he said. “My faith, at that point, became pretty strong. I had a sense that, if this is my calling, I need to follow it.” He switched to an education major.

It was also during these years that Charbonneau’s love for Monika, the young woman he would marry in 2000, continued growing. Monika joined the Catholic Church and Charbonneau was confirmed. He notes that they were married by Father Ronald Patnode, who also married his parents, at Holy Rosary Church in Moxee -- where his Patnode grandparents were married.

Today, the couple and their children, Andrew, 6, and Makayla, 3, attend both Resurrection Church in Zillah and Holy Rosary Church. In addition, Charbonneau assists Resurrection Church with technology needs such as troubleshooting and setting up equipment.

His recent reception of the 2013 National Teacher of the Year award, presented by President Obama in the White House Rose Garden, was very humbling, he says.

“I thought of the gifts that my grandparents have given me and hoped that my deceased grandfathers were somehow experiencing this, too,” he said.

After 12 years of teaching at Zillah High School, Charbonneau says that he finds the greatest satisfaction “is teaching (the students) to have confidence in their own abilities. It’s about showing them how they can grow and adapt and improve,” he noted. “I see my teaching as a calling – a way to have an impact, a way of service.”

Congratulations to Charbonneau and his family on this prestigious award!

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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Peter's Pence Collection Assists Holy Father

The Peter's Pence Collection, taken up every year in parishes around the world on or near the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, supports our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his charitable works.

This collection assists the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org (search "Peter's Pence Collection Resources").

Thank you for being a Pilgrim of Charity through your generosity!

CCHD Collection Set for July 27-28

The annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be taken up in the Diocese of Yakima July 27-28. This collection provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States.

In the last five years, over 36 percent of CCHD's grants have gone to improving education, supporting economic development, and improving housing in low-income neighborhoods.

In the Diocese of Yakima, 25 percent of the collection is retained and is available for local anti-poverty efforts. Help us continue to defend human dignity and take poverty off the map. Please give generously to the CCHD Collection.

Six Sisters Celebrate Anniversaries

Six Sisters of Providence who have connections to the Diocese of Yakima are observing special anniversaries this summer.

Sisters Rita Bergamini, Irene Charron and Rita Ferschweiler each will celebrate her 70th anniversary of religious service.

Sister Bergamini was once a nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Yakima (which has become Yakima Regional Medical and Cardiac Center). Sister Charron, who grew up in the Yakima Valley, taught in Moxee and Yakima, and served as a patient visitor and medical librarian at St. Elizabeth/Providence Yakima Medical Center. Sister Ferschweiler served as a nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Sister Yvonne LeBlanc, who is observing 60 years in religious service, taught and served as a parish liturgist in Yakima.

Sisters Judith Desmarais and Teresa White each will celebrate 50 years of religious service.

Sister Desmarais, who now serves as Provincial Superior for the Sisters of Providence, Mother Joseph Province, was born in Yakima and raised in Moxee. Sister White served for a time at Providence Hospital in Yakima.

May they all be richly blessed for their years of dedicated service.



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NEWS

From Around the Diocese

Father Gary Desharnais Dies In Yakima

Father Gary Desharnais, 73, who retired for health reasons last year after 12 years of service to the Diocese of Yakima, died June 13 at Memorial Hospital in Yakima.



Father Gary Desharnais

Father was ordained by Bishop Emeritus Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., in 2000. He went on to serve as

parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish, Yakima; and pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Grandview, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Mabton; before returning to Holy Family Parish in 2009 as parochial vicar.

Born in Yakima, he attended St. Joseph Elementary School and Marquette High School there. He also attended Yakima Valley College, St. Phillip Neri College in Boston and Seattle University, before pursuing a media career. In 1996, he entered Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

Mass of Christian Burial was June 21 at Holy Family Church, followed by burial at Calvary Cemetery. Please remember Father Desharnais in your prayers.

Annual Saint Kateri Mass Set

The Yakama Reservation Kateri Tekakwitha Circle and St. Mary's Parish, White Swan, will host the 33rd annual Saint Kateri Mass, at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 13 in St. Mary's Parish.

Bishop Joseph Tyson will be the principal celebrant, joined by Father William Shaw, pastor, and Father John Shaw, Diocesan Native American Ministry, both of the White Swan parish.

The Saint Kateri Circle members represent the parishes of White Swan, St. Peter Claver in Wapato, and St. Aloysius Parish in Toppenish. The annual Mass of Thanksgiving this year notes Saint Kateri's canonization October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI, a Mass in Rome attended by Bishop Tyson and many Yakima pilgrims.

The Kateri Circle will serve a luncheon after the July 13 Mass at Saint Kateri Hall in the parish. All are welcome to attend.

'Quo Vadis Days' Offers Vocation Info

Young Catholic men between the ages of 13 and 19 are invited to the second annual "Quo Vadis Days" vocation camp, August 5 through 7, at Koinonia Camp near Cle Elum.

The camp will offer young men a chance to learn more about the priesthood, deepen faith and better discern God's call in their lives. (The Latin term, "Quo Vadis," means, "Where are you going?") There will also be time for swimming, soccer and games.

For more information, or to register, call Lalo Barragan at (509) 966-0803 or print out a registration form at www.yakimadiocese.org. The registration deadline is July 24. Cost is \$50 per camper, or a family rate of \$50 for the first camper and \$20 for his brother/brothers. Scholarships are available.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Has 'Neighborhood' Feeling

By Christine Corbett Conklin

It's one of the newest parishes in the Diocese of Yakima. And, since its founding in 1975, parishioners say that Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Selah has maintained that friendly "neighborhood" feeling.

"(In the beginning), it was interesting because we went into the old automotive building in Selah and had Mass there," recalls Caren Benny, 74, who has been a parishioner of the church since day one. People came from so many other parishes, either moving to Selah or wanting to be at a church closer to where they already lived, all bringing their own experiences and ideas, she explained.

"I think it was an asset," Benny said. They were "so excited" to have their own parish. Parishioners worked for "many hours, many years," holding fundraisers in the Selah Civic Center to build a multi-purpose building for the parish, she said. That project was completed in 1999.

The first pastor, Father Richard Queen, had apparently planned to build a church next to the multi-purpose building, but that never happened, said Father David Jimenez, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes for the past seven years and adjunct judicial vicar for the Diocesan tribunal. So, the multi-purpose building was restyled to serve as a church for the parish. Last fall, a remodel was completed including the installation of pews (instead of the chairs which they had previously used) and new flooring.

Through the years, other pastors have included Fathers John Tholen, Thomas Dahlquist, Michael Ibach, Darell Mitchell and Ronald Patnode.

Today, the parish has grown to include 380 registered households, with almost equal numbers of Anglo and Hispanic members, plus dozens of members of Filipino heritage, Father said.



Father Jimenez celebrated with parishioner Mel Allen on the naming of the parish activity center as Mel Allen Hall.

"I would say that the majority of them work in agriculture-related fields," many in some connection to Zirkle, Tree Top and other packing plants in town, he said. There are also retired individuals, teachers, accountants, medical professionals and government employees in the mix, as in any parish. During training exercises at the firing range, it's common for a dozen or more soldiers to join the congregation.

Parish groups, including the Knights of Columbus, the Young Ladies Institute, an Hispanic prayer group, two choirs and others are "very committed and generous in volunteering for various activities," Father said. One such project is the Selah Food Bank which parishioners help to staff a couple of days each week. There's also coffee service at Indian John Hill, a St. Patrick's Day dinner, German dinner, bazaar and Crystalline formal luncheon each year. In addition, the parish offers Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday and a KC breakfast one Sunday each month.

"Small parishes tend to have stronger ties," suggests Father Jimenez. "This is one of the gifts we have. You are able to know people by name."

Leanne LaBissoniere, a parishioner since 1984, who serves on the parish council and in numerous other roles, agreed.

"I feel like we matter here," she said. "You're not just a number. They need you. We all care for one another and minister to one another" – from life events that span the birth of a child to marriage and death, she said. "We're with people through thick and thin."

In this same spirit, Angelina Romero, a parishioner for about 15 years, commented that she is "very happy and very grateful" for the weekly Spanish Mass which has been offered at Our Lady of Lourdes for the past seven years.

"Especially for the older generation it means a lot to hear the Mass in Spanish," noted Romero, who, with her husband, has served as a sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, religious education instructor – and even sung in the choir – for this Mass. "We've made great progress," she observed.

And now, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is looking to do more good things in the years to come. By fall, it is hoped that a formal "visioning process" may begin, looking at ways in which the parish can best serve its members in the future. This process will look at everything from classroom space for religious education to the current location of the parish rectory and office, across the street and up a slope from the church, said John Probst, a parishioner for 29 years and member of the parish council.

"It bodes well for the future," he suggested.



Our Lady of Lourdes Church offers a friendly, supportive atmosphere.