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*The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2015*  
*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

**We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bishop Connolly**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Most Rev. Thomas Connolly, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Baker on Friday, April 24. Bishop Connolly served the Roman Catholic Church in Eastern Oregon as bishop from 1971 until 1999. May his soul, and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

***Vigil Service and Funeral Masses Offered for Bishop Connolly in Bend and in Baker City This Week***

The Church will pray for the repose of Bishop Connolly's soul in the following liturgical celebrations:

Vigil Service with Reception of the Body: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2450 N.E. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Bend, Oregon

Pontifical Requiem Mass with a reception following: Thursday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2450 N.E. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Bend, Oregon

Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m.  
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City      Burial and lunch will follow Holy Mass

**Diocesan Choir Forming to Sing at Cathedral For Mass of Christian Burial for Bishop Connolly**

Bishop Cary has requested that a choir, representing the entire Diocese of Baker, be formed to sing at the Mass for Bishop Connolly at the Cathedral. If you would like to participate in this choir, please be at the Cathedral by 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 1.

The music for this liturgy will include parts of the Mass from the Heritage Mass; Holy God, We Praise Thy Name; Panis Angelicus; On Eagles Wings and Maranatha #1 Come Lord Jesus.

For more information, please contact the Diocese of Baker at 541-388-4004.

