



## MILESTONES

by Mark Dol

Dear Friends,

In the wake of Easter and Pentecost and now well into "Ordinary Times" one often ponders what is ordinary at all about this season between seasons. When I look back on the past months at the youth center I cannot help but feel we have journeyed through Lent and Holy Week, and now stand in the light of the resurrection. This past few months have been ones of trial and frustration, and yet life tells us that it is in these tough times that we grow the most.

I remember hearing a teaching many years ago that illustrated this point beautifully recounting how necessary it is for a butterfly breaking out of the cocoon to wrestle and struggle in order for its wings to be strengthened, which in turn gives it the ability to fly. If this process is circumvented, the butterfly's wings do not get the strength they need and it will not be able to fly.

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## FBYC DEVOTIONAL

"We go to receive the one who makes us holy"

All are welcome to visit FBYC and spend time in adoration, prayer and thanksgiving. Our doors are open to you Monday thru Friday, 9-5. Come in and say hello, enjoy a cup of coffee, and see all the wonderful things that FBYC has to offer you and your family!

## HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

At FBYC, our mission is to provide a sacred place for prayer and spiritual growth for youth, young adults, their families and mentors. We offer confirmation retreats, workshops, Marriage Prep, Family Faith Nights, and much more! Which ministry best suits you and your needs?

Follow us on social media to keep up to date!





# WORLD YOUTH DAY

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have seen that the Magnificat wells up in Mary's heart at the moment when she meets her elderly cousin Elizabeth. With her faith, her keen gaze and her words, Elizabeth helps the Virgin to understand more fully the greatness of what God is accomplishing in her and the mission that he has entrusted to her. But what about you? Do you realize how extraordinarily enriching the encounter between the young and the elderly can be?



*Being young does not mean being disconnected from the past*

How much attention do you pay to the elderly, to your grandparents? With good reason you want to "soar", your heart is full of great dreams, but you need the wisdom and the vision of the elderly. Spread your wings and fly, but also realize that you need to rediscover your roots and to take up the torch from those who have gone before. To build a meaningful future, you need to know and appreciate the past (cf. *Amoris Laetitia*, 190, 193). Young people have strength, while the elderly have memory and wisdom. As Mary did with Elizabeth, look to the elderly, to your grandparents. They will speak to you of things that can thrill your minds and fill your hearts."

Join FBYC in January as we bring Panama to Mt. Angel!

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## TOTUS TUUS

### TOTALLY YOURS

This is a very exciting season for us here at FBYC. In collaboration with the Archdiocese Pastoral Ministries Office and the ICPE Mission, we have launched this summer the Totus Tuus Youth Missions Program. In the last weeks of July we trained four young missionaries and presently they are serving in four parishes over the summer running a VBS type program for Grades 1-6 in the morning and Middle School & High School Program in the evening over a week long youth retreat. Through this pilot program this summer it is our hope that this ministry will blossom into a major contribution to youth ministry for our parishes throughout the Archdiocese in the years to come.

This year's missionaries are as pictured in the photo above from left to right... Lily Weber, who just graduated in Theology from University of Mary. Dutch Knight, who after graduating from OSU, has completed an internship with Spiritus Ministries and after summer will enter Mt Angel Seminary. Emily Saalfeld, who is presently studying Elementary Education at OSU, and Benjamin Cowan, who also recently graduated OSU and will enter Mt Angel Seminary after summer along with Dutch.

Pray for our Young Missionaries as they continue to ignite the hearts of our youth with the Gospel of Christ





## PIANO FOR THE CHAPEL

FBYC has been blessed with a donation of this beautiful, baby grand piano! We thank the Dan and Kathy Pliska family for their kindness and generosity! For the past twenty years, this piano has been a joyful centerpiece of their family memories with sons Andy and Tygre. Both Andy and Tygre spent time in Mt. Angel as youth, and now that they are grown, the family decided that FBYC is the perfect place to re-home their piano. This gift brings a much needed and prayed for addition to the chapel. We hope that you will all come to see it!



## MEET THE STAFF

### Retreat and Development

Marianne Neil arrived as a new resident in Silverton in awe of the ministry of the Fr. Bernard Youth Center. She looks forward to the possibility of joining in the work associated with insuring the spiritual journey of young people. Marianne will work in the retreat office, along side Katelyn & Andrew.

Andrew Morgan is joining us for the summer in our retreat office.

He is a student at Biola University in Los Angeles, working on his degree in Biblical and Theological Studies. Since he has been at FBYC, Andrew has reworked and reorganized the retreat office, creating a more streamlined process for all.

As a recent convert to Catholicism, he feels that God's call on his life is to show Christ at the center of his Church to both Protestants and Catholics alike.

*"Love of Christ does not distract us from interest in others, but rather invites us to responsibility for them, to the exclusion of no one...." Pope John Paul II*

Katelyn Goodfellow is also new to the retreat office and is well underway planning and organizing the summer retreats and beyond. She is full of life and laughter, and will be a welcome addition to FBYC.

Katelyn has a degree in Theology from Franciscan University, as well as experience in Military Resilience.

Katie Elsasser is serving as Admin Assistant to both Mark and Michelle. Katie is a wife, and mother to three children. She is grateful to be working in a Christ-centered environment, and is encouraged by the positive impacts that FBYC makes in the lives of youth and their families.

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It is lessons like this, that give us hope in times of trial. knowing that we will struggle only for a while and that this struggle is necessary to strengthen us and for our growth. so that eventually we will be able to fly. and soar high.

It's in times like this that it is good to remember. When we look through the Old Testament we see that when God did something great for the Israelite's in that desert journey. they would stop and build a rock monument that in future times would help them remember the goodness of the Lord. "When your children ask in the future, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you? You will say to them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off from before the ark of the covenant of Yahweh. When it crossed the Jordan. the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones will be as a memorial for the Israelite's for eternity." Joshua 4:6.7 When times got tough for them, they were able to look back. and seeing those rocks they remembered the goodness of the Lord. which filled their hearts with courage enabling them to continue.

*"they remembered the goodness of the Lord, which filled their hearts with courage, enabling them to continue."*

In this time of crossroads on our journey we take the time to remember what God has done in and through the Fr Bernard Youth Center and in doing so our hearts are filled with courage to take new steps forward. New steps that will see God continue to unfold this great plan of his for this wonderful place.

## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GREG SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center, I pray that everyone has a safe and joyful summer, filled with some time spent with family and friends.

The Father Bernard Youth Center is having a very busy summer with many retreats booked during this time of year. In addition to the retreats, the Totus Tuus program was launched this summer at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center. This program will touch many young lives in parishes throughout the Portland Archdiocese in the coming weeks this summer. Please pray for the young leaders in this program as they go out and spread the Word of our Lord to the youth in our parishes.

The entire board is very grateful for all the benefactors' financial support. It truly shows that you believe in, and are committed to the mission of the Fr. Bernard Youth Center. Thank you very much. Your support means so much to us. You are truly making a difference in the lives of our youth.

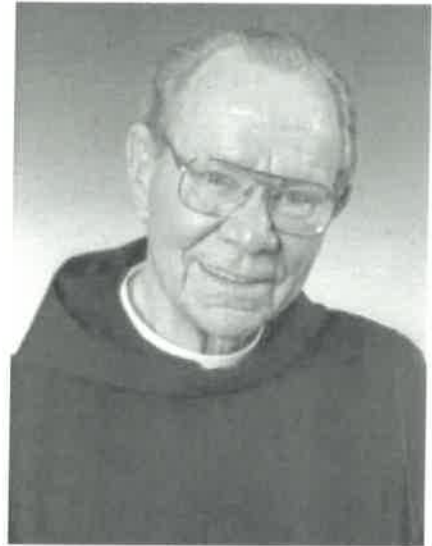
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## IN MEMORY OF FATHER BERNARD

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This year marks the 10th Anniversary when Fr. Bernard Sanders, Co-Founder of FBYC; a life worth remembering, entered into heavenly glory. As we remember the life of our Co-Founder, we also remember in this issue all the beautiful milestones that have made FBYC what it is today. As we stand on the verge of a new dawn breaking before us, join us in recounting the many blessing we celebrate today, and allow this to fill our hearts with hope and courage for a very bright future.

Pray with us as we gear up to take the Fr. Bernard Youth Center out and beyond: New Hopes, New Horizons, and "LIGHT & LIFE" as we take a giant leap forward into our future.

