

BOARDMAN'S LIMEY PASTOR

Fireworks, faith and formation

My wife's birthday is July 4th, which means that everybody's attention is focused on that, rather than her successful aging process. One year we drove up to Canada to concentrate on her birthday — where she found that, yup, they had the fireworks there too. This year our neighbors, who are the center of a large family, had accumulated a mass of delightfully entertaining explosives at their house, and the larger family had brought an amazing collection of ordnance to explode from different places (I believe from adjacent states). As I drove up to my driveway a small girl launched a hand-held rocket at my car, which arced over the hood in pink fire and other streaks of fire arced towards the house opposite. The huge thud-thud of M-80s ricocheted up and down the street. My dogs and cats found bunkers in the house under the furniture as the detonations followed for a couple of hours. Their ears, I noticed, all lifted



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up with each boom as they looked at me for reassurance that they would weather the storm. In my former country, fireworks day is on November 5th, also known as "Guy Fawkes Day," when a Royalist, who tried to blow up Parliament, was burnt at the stake. So, there, everybody makes bonfires, and puts a "Guy" on top of it, essentially a scarecrow made out of Dad's old clothes stuffed with newspapers and sometimes fireworks. While this human like figure is torched, in the dark and cold evenings of November, fireworks are lit, sparklers glitter in the darkness, sausages and baked potatoes are cooked on the fire, and steaming mugs of hot chocolate are quaffed as we celebrate the demise of Mr. Fawkes. I guess the thing that these two events both have in common is a celebration of our freedoms. The freedom to vote for who we want, the freedom in our persons and our faith, and the freedom to be left alone. These are all precious freedoms that make our lives tolerable. I spoke about the Apostle Paul at Church last Sunday, July 3rd (not exactly the busiest church weekend of the year), and was reading from

his letter to the Galatians. It was Paul's most conflict-filled relationship with a community. Not many people know that Paul's letters are the earliest created writings of the New Testament (around the 50s) whereas our traditional Gospels were composed later. The earliest Gospel, of Mark, was written in about the year 70. The Galatians, at the time, were giving Paul a headache because they were trying to integrate practices from the predecessor Jewish faith into their community, ceremonial calendars and such like. Paul was the caretaker of the faith in that he went to each of the communities of the early Christian movement and kept them all in line with his own witness and his own knowledge from revelation. Without him, we would not have the solidity of faith that we have today. Although we have multiple churches, our faith, in the main, is such that there is not so much difference as there could be. I wish we could have fireworks for St. Paul at church each year and light up the sky.
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BRIEFLY
Mission hosts weekend revival

MISSION — A revival meeting kicks off tonight in Mission and continues through the weekend. "Let My People Go" begins Friday with a 7 p.m. service followed by dinner at the Mission Gym/July Grounds, 73310 July Grounds Lane. The special guest speaker is Easton Aguilar of Warm Springs. Saturday's event begins with dinner at 4:30 p.m. and a service at 7 p.m., also held at the Mission Gym/July Grounds. The Sunday service is at 2 p.m. at the Mission Assembly of God Church, 47328 Shortmile Road. Snacks will be served afterward. There is no charge for the event, said Vivian Shaw, because salvation is free. For more information, call Shaw at 541-969-7248 or 541-969-8512.

Film highlights faith, freedom

BOARDMAN — A story of family, faith and freedom will be screened during Movie Night at the Church. A grieving father, who lost his son on the battlefield, challenges his fellow citizens to take back the freedoms they have lost in "Last Ounce of Courage." The 2012 drama is rated PG. The public is invited to the free viewing Saturday, July 16 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 200 Willow Fork Drive, Boardman. There is no admission charge. Refreshments and popcorn will be available. For more information, call 541-481-9437.

Presbyterian Preschool accepts registrations

PENDLETON — The Presbyterian Preschool has openings for the 2016-17 school year. The 3-year-old program focuses on getting children accustomed to being a school atmosphere. In addition, it teaches colors, shapes and number recognition. The 4-year-old class builds on those skills and focuses on literacy in preparation for kindergarten and beyond. In addition, there are opportunities for parents to get involved — from volunteering in the classrooms to helping with special events and fundraisers. For more information, contact 541-276-7681, pendletonpresbyterianpreschool@gmail.com or stop by the Pendleton First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave.

Friday's faith page features local, national and international faith-related news. Send information about local faith-related news and events, including concerts, special speakers and activities to community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

Pope taps Chicago archbishop for key bishop advisory panel

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has named Chicago Archbishop Blase Cupich to be a member of the powerful Vatican office that vets bishops' nominations, signaling he wants a key pastoral voice involved in the selection of U.S. church leaders. Francis in 2014 had hand-picked Cupich to lead the Chicago archdiocese in his first major appointment for the U.S. church. Cupich is a moderate like Francis and replaced the late Cardinal Francis George, who had been an aggressive defender of orthodoxy. Cupich now will be a member of the same Vatican advisory board where a staunch American conservative, Cardinal Raymond Burke, sat for years until Francis removed him. In another sign of Francis' esteem for Cupich, he tapped him as a special appointee to attend



In this Nov. 18, 2014 file photo, Archbishop Blase Cupich, proceeds through Holy Name Cathedral during Cupich's Installation Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, in Chicago.

his recent synod on the family. Francis has said he wants to reform the way the church selects its bishops, who wield enormous power in running church affairs and interpreting church doctrine at the local level. Currently, local bishops propose names to the Vatican ambassador in their country, who then sends possible candidates onto Rome for review. But Francis — the former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio — experienced firsthand how the process can be manipulated by ideologically driven interests, with several of the future pope's candidates blocked when he was the archbishop of Buenos Aires.

Vatican: No jurisdiction over journalists in leaks case

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A Vatican court declared Thursday it had no jurisdiction to prosecute two journalists who wrote books based in part on confidential documents exposing greed, mismanagement and corruption in the Holy See, ending a trial that drew scorn from media rights groups. The court did convict a Vatican Monsignor and an Italian public relations expert for having conspired to leak documents, but cleared them of having formed a criminal association to do so. A fifth defendant, the Monsignor's secretary, was absolved of all charges. The verdict was an embarrassment to Vatican prosecutors, who had accused journalists Emiliano Fittipaldi and Gianluigi Nuzzi of conspiring and putting pressure on the three other defendants to get the information. Prosecutors had accused the three of forming a shady, secretive criminal organization that conspired to reveal confidential Vatican documents. In the end, the president of the four-judge tribunal, Judge Giuseppe Dalla Torre, asserted the Vatican had no jurisdiction over the journalists and ruled there wasn't enough evidence to show that any such criminal organization existed. Speaking in the name of Pope Francis, Dalla Torre prefaced his sentence by insisting that the freedom of the press was enshrined in the Vatican legal code and that freedom of thought was "guaranteed by divine law." Fittipaldi and Nuzzi wrote blockbuster books

last year based on Vatican documents exposing the greed of bishops and cardinals angling for big apartments, the extraordinarily high costs of getting a saint made, and the loss to the Holy See of millions of euros in rental income because of undervalued real estate. The documentation had been compiled by a pontifical commission ordered by Francis to gather information about Vatican finances to make them more transparent and efficient. Monsignor Lucio Vallejo Balda, the reform commission's No. 2, admitted in court that he gave Nuzzi 85 passwords to password-protected documents. He denied the journalists threatened him and put the blame of feeling pressured on Francesca Chaouqui, the communications consultant who was also a member of the commission. The court convicted Vallejo of passing documents to the journalists and sentenced him to 18 months in prison. While clearing Chaouqui of actually passing documents, the court found her guilty of conspiring with Vallejo and sentenced her to a 10-month suspended sentence. The fifth defendant, Nicola Maio, was cleared. It wasn't immediately clear if anyone would appeal. Chaouqui, who recently gave birth, had said she would have gone to prison, babe in arms, rather than appeal a conviction or ask for a papal pardon. Publishing confidential information is a crime in the Vatican, punishable by up to eight years in prison. The journalists are

Italian and had challenged the Vatican's jurisdiction to prosecute them. Prosecutors had asserted jurisdiction over them anyway, but the court rejected that argument. It declared it had no jurisdiction since Fittipaldi and Nuzzi were not Vatican public officials and the alleged crime didn't take place on Vatican territory. In fact, in the sentence, Dalla Torre recalled that the 2013 Vatican law that criminalized publishing reserved information only applied to Vatican public officials exercising their official jobs, suggesting that the law will not be applied in the future to ordinary journalists operating outside of the Vatican City State. The Committee to Protect Journalists, Reporters Without Borders and other media watchdog organizations had criticized the trial and called on the Vatican to drop the charges, saying journalists must be allowed to do their jobs without fear of repercussions. They praised the decision but said the trial never should have gone forward. "Their trial cast a chilling effect on covering the Vatican," said Nina Ognianova, Europe and Central Asia program coordinator for the Committee to Protect Journalists. "By writing these books, we repeated that they just exercised their right to provide information in the public interest and should not have been treated as criminals in a state that supposedly respects media freedom," said Pauline Adès-Mével, head of the Reporters Without Borders' Europe desk.