

Pope implores sports leaders to curtail corruption

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis implored sports leaders on Wednesday to do a better job of keeping corruption off the playing field. Speaking at the first global conference on faith and sport, Francis said sports must be protected from manipulations and commercial abuse. "It would be sad for sport and for humanity if people were unable to trust in the truth of sporting results, or if cynicism and disenchantment were to drown out enthusiasm or joyful and disinterested participation," Francis said. The pope's challenge comes during a period of widespread corruption in

sports, from various scandals at FIFA to Olympic ticket abuses to match-fixing in numerous leagues and games. Members of the International Olympic Committee, soccer executives and athletes were attending the three-day conference in the Vatican. "In sport, as in life, competing for the result is important, but playing well and fairly is even more important," Francis said. "I trust that these days of meeting and reflection will allow you to explore further the good that sport and faith can bring to our societies." Francis has denounced doping in sport, saying

drug-fueled victories are "sterile." He has urged athletes to be clean and to use sport for personal development and solidarity. Francis has also spoken out strongly about corruption in all aspects of society and urged young people to resist its addictive lure. U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and IOC President Thomas Bach were special guests for the opening ceremony of the convention, called Sport at the Service of Humanity. "It was very inspiring," Bach told The Associated Press of the pope's speech. "That's what we all have

in common. We are joining forces in the fight against corruption, for instance." "We know that he's a great friend of sports and he's appreciating the values of sport very much," Bach added. Former Juventus great and Italy World Cup winner Alessandro Del Piero took part in a ceremonial kickoff for the event with a soccer ball on stage. "Sport is passion for me," Del Piero said. "I always tried to give my all in full respect of the rules and with the great passion that always made me stand out, together with desire and humility, in pursuit of my dreams."

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BRIEFLY

Native of Palestine to speak in Pendleton

PENDLETON — The public is invited to hear a presentation by Areej Masoud, a native of Bethlehem, Palestine. Currently working as the communication and administration officer for Kairos Palestine, she acts as a liaison, and networks and oversees communications with churches, organizations and donors. She has previously worked with Seeds of Hope in Jericho and as a religious studies teacher in 7-10 grades in Jerusalem. The presentation is Sunday at 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Participants are invited to dine afterwards. Masoud speaks Arabic, English and a bit of French. She has training in international human rights, international humanitarian law and conflict resolution. She has led workshops and been a speaker and is a member of the Palestinian Youth Ecumenical Movement. For more information, contact 541-276-7681 or fpcp@pendletonpresbyterian.com.

Liberty Quartet to perform locally

STANFIELD — A Boise-based gospel group that hardly requires an introduction will return to the area to present a concert. The Liberty Quartet, which maintains a full-time concert ministry, performs at church services, nursing homes, prisons and music festivals. The traditional gospel quartet will perform Saturday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Stanfield Baptist Church, 310 N.E. Wheeler Ave. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be taken. Another regional performance is Sunday, Oct. 16 at 9 a.m. at the Walla Walla Valley Cowboy Church, 906 Chase Ave., Walla Walla. For more information about the group, visit www.libertyquartet.com.

Aglow meeting features special speaker

WALLA WALLA — A woman who strives to lead others to Christ will speak at the Walla Walla Aglow Community Lighthouse meeting. Shellie Canada will share about her Aglow experiences Saturday at 10 a.m. at Whitman Court, 305 Ash St., Walla Walla. A freewill offering will be taken for the event, which includes lunch. Aglow, which started in 1967, is an international organization that seeks to minister to its members and share God's word in the community. In addition to the regular monthly meetings, there are weekly prayer groups and Bible studies. For more information, call Kathy Owsley at 509-540-2684, Lora Sykes at 509-540-0212 or visit www.ecwaglow.com/?page_id=925. 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. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

BOARDMAN'S LIMEY PASTOR

A pastor who works



COLIN BROWN
 Faith

I am a bi-vocational pastor. It's a word that means I have two jobs. There are many of us these days. Small churches and house churches need characters like me to meet their needs. I remember when I told a former dean of my seminary that this was my wish; she went a little ballistic, saying that she had labored all her years to create expectations of pastors being compensated like other professional people in full-time situations. I begged to disagree. Pastors are called, not employed. You provide forgiveness of sins for their repentance, no other reason. A pastor, I think, expects to die on his feet. My friend Jim, a Catholic priest who has been a priest all his life, never got a retirement because he was basically expected never to retire. He is in his 70s and was flown to the Chilean earthquake several years ago to help provide burial services for the many that died. He had to carry their bodies out of the wreckage as well as bury them. He was made ill by the work, but still carries on. But the church does not provide much for him. He gets Social Security but no retirement. He makes glass artwork and books to supplement his small income. I work in the week outside of my church. There, besides my usual work, I am also to help folk suffering from anxieties and sickness. I pray over colleagues and others there also. I like being in two worlds of activity as I believe God is active in both. My father, who was a God-filled man, was pleased for me to become a pastor. I was pleased to be on this track before he died. He was a Methodist, and in Limeyland, the Methodist pastor is a rare animal and travels a circuit, going from church to church to church in one day for small compensation.

Again in that tradition, there was a conception that a person had to be close to the world of work to understand the difficulties of ordinary life. How could it be otherwise? There is no doubt that the church is in trouble, and people are aware that this institution's time is possibly short. There is a cycle to churches, and there is a natural movement of people. In these rural areas there is a flow out of young people, and a flow out of their parents after they leave in order to be close to their children and grandchildren. Families have to settle and find affordable jobs; swathes of poverty are not desirable. I heard this last weekend that many young people have come now to the Baptist church in Boardman; this fills me with joy and hope. I pray that Pastor Bill keeps being blessed in this way. I hope that the Good Lord sends some young families our way too. Lastly, you may have seen that I haven't written about elections. I never will, except to say that I think it is our duty to vote and to consider the essential character of a candidate. Would you lend your car to that person if they needed it? Would you ask them to babysit your child? Would you share sadness with them? Would you pray with them? I've been a U.S. citizen for many years now, and am always in awe of the process of accounting in 50 states. It is an honor and a duty to vote with great consideration for the future.

Colin Brown is pastor at Boardman's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Locust Road.

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