

GREEN LEAF



RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

AVE ATQUE VALE

Hail and Farwell are the famous last words of the poet Catullus). The last words, "Hail and Farewell" (in Latin, *ave atque vale*), are among Catullus' most famous. An alternative modern translation might be "I salute you...and goodbye". The meter is elegiac couplet, which was usually employed in love poetry, such as Catullus' addresses to Lesbia. However, the elegiac couplet was originally used by ancient Greek poets to express grief and lamentation, making it an entirely suitable form to express Catullus' mourning.

Later it segued into a traditional military event whereby those coming to and departing from an organization are celebrated. This may coincide with a change in command, be scheduled on an annual basis, or be prompted by any momentous organizational change. It is a time to honor those who have departed the unit and thank them for their service. At the same time it is a welcome to those who are joining and introduces them to the special history and traditions of their new organization. This celebration builds organizational camaraderie and esprit de corps. It supports a sense of continuity through change.

Resurrection University Catholic Parish received the news this past week that pastor Val Zdilla will be moving on to a new assignment in West Yellowstone and Big Sky. The news is sad in that the people of God have grown accustomed to his presence, spiritual leadership, homilies, and great sense of humor. But it is the order of things that all creation must move along— even pastors and the community of faith.

As the Bozeman farmers prepare their fields for new crops, Creation Care Committee lays down plans for a Community Garden and Land Stewardship Committee struggles with problem texts and printers others, like Fr. Val, remember what was and look forward to what can be. Ave Atque Vale. Well done, good and faithful servant!



**Let us live and love,
nor give a damn
what sour old men
say.**

Catullus



WELCOME THE NEW

Fr. Joseph Paddock, soon to be installed as pastor of Resurrection University Catholic Parish

Fr. Joseph Paddock was born and raised in Anaconda and established a successful career before answering the call to priesthood. After high school, Fr. Paddock earned a BA in Science and Chemical Engineering from Montana State University in 2000. His interest in the world of biotech led him to work for Cargill in Omaha, NE. In Omaha, he found community at St. Leo's Parish, through the Knights of Columbus and a local group of Catholic young adults.

His faith life continued to grow when he attended the University of Notre Dame to earn his MBA with a specialization in corporate finance. There, he encountered a Catholic culture that had a big impact on him, "To me, Notre Dame was like Disneyland for Catholics. There was daily Mass, a chapel right in the business building, and a real openness to discussing and living your faith. It was tremendous. I realized I could be Catholic in all facets of life."



In 2006, he moved to Southern California to work for Amgen, a biotech and healthcare company. To be closer to home and family, he started work for Amazon.com, first in Seattle, Wash. and then Reno, Nev. Fr. Joseph attended Immaculate Conception Parish in Sparks, Nev., where his call to the priesthood was encouraged by Fr. Norman King. During that time, many people began to make comments that he would make a good priest. Back home in Anaconda, Fr. Stu Long and family friends were making similar remarks to Fr. Joe's mother, Jane. Initially, he was taken aback, "I felt like considering priesthood was only for super holy people." In prayer, he would often say "This seems absurd but I'll walk with you Lord."

In fall of 2010 Fr. Joseph made a call to Bishop Thomas's office, "He called me back the very next day. I was shocked that it was him in person on the phone and then we had a really great conversation for over an hour." A meeting followed with Bishop Thomas and vocation directors. Fr. Paddock took time to consider an invitation to discern priesthood for the diocese, "I prayed on it for about two months. I had gotten really excited but I didn't want to be selfish. After some time getting used to the idea, I had a great sense of peace and joy."

Fr. Paddock entered Mt. Angel Seminary in Mt. Angel, Ore. in 2011 and found the transition challenging, "I had to let go of the hyper-planning and preparation approach. I was used to working to gain a competitive advantage; now I was learning to trust Him and His guidance of my days, weeks and years." He went on to say, "The relationship with Jesus was my biggest blessing. I took my holy hour seriously and was able to focus on who He is and who I am in relationship to Him, that I'm a beloved son, called to be a spiritual father and that the Divine Physician of souls works through the priesthood."

Looks like a good fit, wouldn't you say? The pastor not the hat!



Resurrection University Catholic Parish



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Now appearing at the west end of the parking lot— courtesy of the Creation Care Committee and a few willing parishioners, a tad bit of money, a smidgen of expertise , and the cooperation of the *critters and things* that make a living eating community gardens.



Count me in!



Free Food?



Great news!



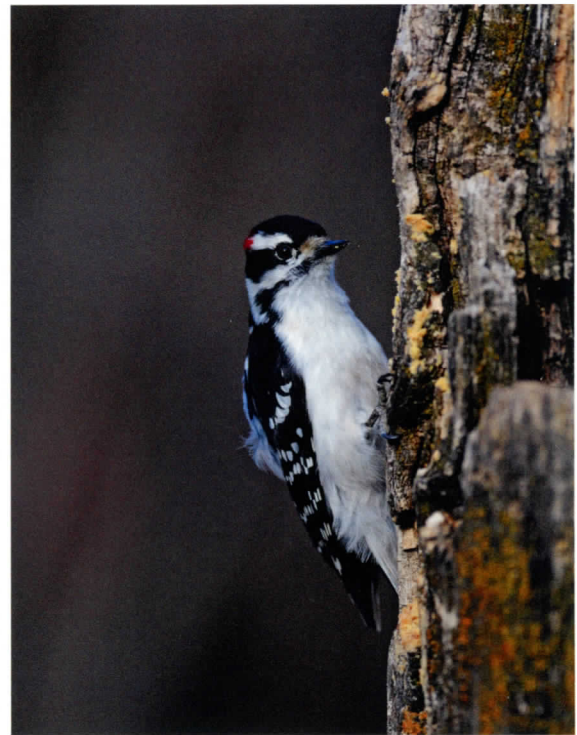
The Creation Care Team hosted a Lenten book discussion on Wednesday, March 24, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. online via Webex. Gayle Boss's new book *Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing*, which examined how human grief and suffering are mirrored in the extinction of other species. The author attended to field questions and join the discussion.

About the Critters 'n Things...

Hairy woodpeckers are about checking out the cracks in the campus trees for insects.



Magpies have a nest under construction in one of the green ash nearby the paper dumpster.



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