

Church Reflection: Whatness

By Sarah Dixon Young

On the reservation where I live, there is a little town called Tokio. It is funny when visitors ask, “Tokyo? Isn’t that in Japan?” Well, yes, and no. Tribal historian Louis Garcia once told me how Tokio got its name. The railroad was going to be coming through that area, but it was sparsely populated. The



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Dakota people would travel nearby and ask

the railroad workers, “Tokhiyothan?” which meant, “Where is it?” or “In what direction is it?” The workers thought that the Dakota were telling them what that place was called, so the town became “Tokio,” officially named, “Where is it?” When the Israelites were wandering in a similar sparsely populated desert, they complained to God by asking

the same question about food. The Lord told them that the next morning, they would be filled with bread. He hoped that His provision would prove to them that He was the Lord their God who could provide for them. When they awoke in the morning, something was on the ground with the dew. Instead of the loaves of bread they had

expected, they saw a fine, flake-like substance. They said to one another, “What is it?” In Hebrew, they called it “the whatness.” The whatness was how God was going to provide for them. They simply had to follow His instructions. Gather enough for each person in your tent to eat for the day. Do not save it. No need for tupperware. Just trust God to pro-

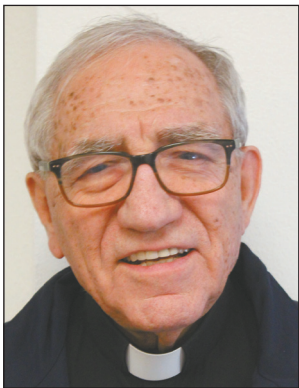
vide exactly what you need for each day. Some didn’t listen. Perhaps they saw the whatness melting as the sun grew hot, and they panicked about not having enough to feed their children the next day. In any case, they disobeyed and tried to save it. It festered, sprouted worms, and stank. On the sixth day, God provided what the
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Reflection: “Why Exalt the Cross?”

by Fr. Bernie Pfau

Each year the Church has observed the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14. This year on September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross will be observed in many churches on this Sunday, otherwise observed as the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This special feast, according to one tradition, observes the founding of the Lord’s Cross in the year 320 by St. Helena, Mother of Emperor Constantine. This gives us the opportunity to reflect

on why the Cross has become so central to our Christian Faith. It should be a day of Exaltation and Celebration as we honor this central mystery of our Salvation. The Cross has often been used in processions as a symbol of Christ leading the way and protecting the pilgrims from harm, weather it be a church procession or a pilgrimage to a holy site. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent on a tree to protect the people from further death in their camp, after committing



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grave sin against God, so also Christians look upon the Cross of our Lord for the forgiveness of our sins. The Cross of our Lord, with or without the

image of his Body on it, has become a source of healing for all who repent of sins against the God of Israel and the Father of Jesus. Often the Cross has been embellished with flowers and decorated with colorful designs to give hope to those who gaze upon It. The “Sign of the Cross” has become a familiar gesture of praise at prayer services or for individual devotion. It as become a powerful weapon to ward off temptations and battle against Satanic forces.

We should always use this sacred gesture with reverence and prayerful consideration, whether in a prayerful setting or in a public place when dining out. The Sign of the Cross is a prayer of praise to the Holy Trinity that recalls our Baptism and dignity as a Child of God. It assures us of the presence of God as we are united to the suffering and the victory of Jesus over death. This Sign can be used many times each day and is one of the most powerful ways of committing ourselves to

the Grace of God. If interested in learning more about the Cross of Jesus and its place in today’s world, consider attending a class of instructions on the Catholic Faith being offered at St. Joseph’s Parish to be held on Tuesday evenings at the Parish Center. Call Carla at 662-7558, or email her at carla.mckelvey@st.josephdln.com. God bless you “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen”

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