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**An Infusion of Spirit**

Easter and Lenten celebrations are hallmarks of the Catholic faith and take place in communities around the world. While all Catholics celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and catechumens receive the same sacraments of initiation, many communities infuse their own spirit into celebration and prayer. Red Cloud’s Lakota-Catholic parish of six active churches is no exception.

Here on the Pine Ridge Reservation congregants will also hear the sound of a traditional Lakota drum and smell the earthy, purifying aroma of sage.

“I think the beauty of the Lakota-Catholic tradition is simply that you can be both,” says Ann-Marie Amiotte, parishioner of Our Lady of the Sioux Church in Oglala. “Many of us incorporate traditional Lakota ways into the Catholic ceremonies—like enveloping with sage to bring in the season of Lent. You’ll also see star quilts on the altar and you’ll likely hear the Lakota language spoken.”

At Amiotte’s parish, a small but beautiful church nestled into the nearby community of Oglala, Jesus priest open with prayers spoken entirely in Lakota.

“I’ve noticed Fr. DeMarco has been adding a little more Lakota at the beginning before the Sign of the Cross,” says Amiotte. “The language is very much a part of all the Catholic Masses here—it feels inclusive.”

Just south of the Red Cloud campus in the heart of the town of Pine Ridge, Pastoral Associate and Office Manager Angie Stover says her team works with elders to determine the most respectful ways to incorporate Lakota and Catholic traditions.

“We have spoken with our elders and have recently decided to do a ‘call to prayer’ sung in Lakota by a young man,” says Stover. “It’s a traditional Lakota song that says to come and pray at the tree—the image is similar to the cross and the song harkens to that.”

Stover, who has served Sacred Heart Church for 13 years, says that parishioners are always singing hymns in Lakota—hymns that are mastered right into their books, side-by-side with their English counterparts. But for many of the parishioners, there is something special about hearing it sung in Lakota.

“When we hear a traditional Lakota song being sung we immediately quiet ourselves and pay respect,” continues Stover. “We put ourselves in a place of sodiness and holiness, a mode of reverencing. The songs are easy to learn in Lakota. A lot of our elders like to hear these songs—and we’re really good at singing them! Come visit and you’ll hear that everyone really sings!”

Raven Gray graduated from Red Cloud High School in 2011 with an acceptance to the University of Oklahoma and a Gates Millennium Scholarship in hand. Today she’s putting both to good use as a fourth-year Oklahoma student majoring in Women’s and Gender Studies with a focus in Pre-Nursing.

Balancing school, friends, work and a long list of extra-curricular activities—“School comes first above everything!” – Raven took some time to sit down with Red Cloud Country to catch up on life after Red Cloud and her plans for the future.

**Taking Matters into Her Own Hands**

**Red Cloud Country:** You are one of the few Red Cloud graduates to venture to the University of Oklahoma. What took you there?

**Raven Gray:** Actually, my grandparents fell in love down here! I guess I have just always had a tie to this place—whether I knew it or not. When my grandmother passed away I found a key chain of hers that said “(Oklahoma Sooners)” so I looked further into it.

When I arrived on campus I felt this vibe I hadn’t felt anywhere else. I also knew there would be a lot of Native students. My good friends come from tribes in the area—they’re Creek, Pawnee, Comanche and others. It felt like a home away from home.

**RCC:** Did anything surprise you once you arrived?

**RG:** All of the opportunities! I had so many opportunities at Red Cloud, but there is so much you can do here; so much more diversity. I like that I meet people from all over. I have friends at work from South Africa and another friend from Nigeria. I’m meeting people from Texas and Oklahoma—Native and non-Native. I am learning a lot about other cultures.

Also, I started as a biochemistry major but I fell in love with an elective I was taking my freshman year called Introduction to Women and Gender Studies. Since I want to work in the healthcare field, I found a way to blend my interests. I want to be a midwife and this Major will allow me to do that.

**RCC:** And I understand you’ll be returning to Red Cloud this summer to work as a tour guide?

**RG:** I sure will. You learn some history of the school and how it works when you’re a student, but you never really know the depth of what goes on here in the same way you do as a tour guide.

I have been back to help out at Red Cloud in some capacity every since I left. On my winter break each year I call donors to thank them for what they do to keep Red Cloud running. Obviously they helped me in numerous ways.

And in the summer I get to meet donors in person when they come for a tour. [Being a tour guide] you meet a variety of people who are in love with Red Cloud the way you are. It is an amazing feeling to know you touch their hearts the way that they touched yours.

**RCC:** We look forward to having you back!

**RG:** I’ll be back for the long term soon. It is encouraging to see more people on the reservation really pushing education and now they’re pushing to take care of our land— and our community, too. My classmate Dave Means (RCCHS Class of 2011) was home for spring break from the University of Arizona and he spent his time there organizing a trash clean up of the skate park.

Dave said he was going to do something and he did it. That’s what I want to be a part of. People come together in Pine Ridge. I see our community growing stronger; building things up. It’s really amazing.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.* I wish the words were my own. They are, of course, those of Margaret Mead, noted anthropologist and women’s rights activist. Often as I walk across our campus, they echo through my mind.

Day in and day out I see the commitment of people like Fr. Dave DeMarco, S.J. and Angie Stover who are devoting tireless time and energy to making a truly inculturated Lakota-Catholic Mass for our community. I hear updates on Raven Gray ’11, who is well on her way to advancing healthcare on the reservation and, like Margaret Mead, women’s rights nationally. I learn of artist Don F. Montileaux who is doing for others what has been done for him: giving direction to yet-unknown potential.

Then there is you—our friend and partner across the country.

A year ago I wrote to you about a little girl named Gabby who needed to get to school on a warm, reliable bus. Today she is on that bus. In fact, she and four busloads of our students are traveling in brand new buses that will last well into the coming decades. And it is because of you—a thoughtful group of committed citizens who are changing the world.

Our buses are carrying precious cargo—our next Raven, Don and Angie. Perhaps, even, our next Fr. Dave.

Their potential is limitless; their impact is real. And so is yours. There are countless ways to support our community and make a much needed impact on lives here. I hope you will continue to spread light and love by sharing a will or legacy gift with us, using this language:

1. I give to Red Cloud Indian School, Inc. ______% of my estate.

2. I give to Red Cloud Indian School, Inc. the sum of $____

3. I give, devise and bequeath to Red Cloud Indian School, Inc all [or a percentage] of the rest, and remainder of my estate.

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With blessings for a wonderful spring.

Fr. George Winzenburg, S.J., President

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