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Welcome Archbishop Paul S. Coakley *Fourth Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City*



Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley and Apostolic Administrator Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran celebrate Mass together for the first time at the Catholic Pastoral Center for the Archdiocesan staff Dec. 16, 2010. Photo Cara Koenig/Sooner Catholic

By Ray Dyer
The Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley said serving God in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will not be noticeably different than serving Him in the Diocese of Salina, where he has served as bishop for the past six years.

The “challenges will be similar,” said the archbishop-elect on Dec. 16 when he was introduced as the successor to the retiring Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran.

Installation

Feb. 11 in Edmond, St. John the Baptist

“The Diocese of Salina is a rural area, very similar to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City,” Archbishop-elect Coakley said. “The greatest difference will be the large urban area of Oklahoma City. I did not have this kind of urban setting in Salina.” He said both areas deal with aging populations, agriculture-based economies and families and individuals searching for a new and better life.

One thing that won’t change, the new archbishop-elect said, would be his time behind the steering wheel.

“As in Kansas, I’ll be doing a lot of driving,” he said, referring to the wide-open spaces of western Oklahoma, which make up a great

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The Good News

...Welcome Archbishop Coakley!

What a wonderful way for the Catholic community of our Archdiocese to begin a new year! Yes, on behalf of all Catholic people of central and western Oklahoma and the Panhandle, I joyfully welcome Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Archbishop Coakley will be installed as the Fourth Archbishop of Oklahoma City on Feb. 11.

The announcement of Archbishop Coakley's appointment was made on Dec. 16, just a week before Christmas. I considered that announcement as a special Christmas gift from Pope Benedict XVI to us here in Oklahoma. Certainly, it is a blessing. For 16 months after I reached the mandatory age (75) for a bishop to offer his resignation to the Holy Father, there has been a "certain uncertainty." Now, speculations are over as our new Archbishop comes with great zeal and enthusiasm. Archbishop Coakley, we welcome you. We thank you for responding to God's call to become a priest, then a bishop. We are excited about your presence here among us — **Welcome!**

Archbishop Coakley, my warm and sincere welcome brings also an assurance of prayers and support. I know that your presence here as our shepherd is indeed a blessing for us and I pray that it will also be a blessing for you. I am convinced that it will because the people of the Arch-

diocese of Oklahoma City are a people of deep faith and genuine hospitality.

Eighteen years ago this month, I was installed as the Third Archbishop of Oklahoma City, succeeding Most Reverend Charles A. Salatka of happy memory. I felt immediately welcomed and continued to experience your support and collaboration throughout the entire time of my tenure. I know that you will kindly welcome Archbishop Coakley as you did me. I know you will collaborate with his plans and efforts as you have always done with me and your previous bishops. I know that you will follow his direction and leadership precisely because you are a people of deep faith. You believe in Jesus, you hope in Him and you love Him. Therefore, you recognize that He, the Good Shepherd, is sending us Archbishop Coakley as a shepherd to act in His Name and on His Authority.

During this transition time in our Archdiocese, we recognize that, while persons and offices change, our faith remains firm and vibrant. This is precisely because as Catholic people we are committed to the Person of Jesus. It is He Who is the Head and the Foundation of the Church. It is He, Jesus, Who is the only Lord, the Savior of all. And as we proclaimed on the recent feast of the Epiphany of the Lord: "Jesus is the

Archbishop Coakley, I and all the Catholic people of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, joyfully welcome you in the glorious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome!



Archbishop
Beltran

same yesterday, today and always. He is Lord and God."

We are a pilgrim people. We are on a journey of faith. In the Sacred Scriptures, Jesus invites us as human beings to see our lives as a pilgrim journey. Moreover, He invites us to follow Him even more closely by our fellowship with Him through the Church that He established. Thus, Archbishop Coakley, having been appointed here by Pope Benedict XVI, truly comes in the Name of Jesus.

Archbishop Coakley, I and all the Catholic people of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, joyfully welcome you in the glorious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Welcome!**

Seminary Burses

Father Joseph Beltran
\$97,890.00

Father Stephen Bird
\$11,200.00

Father Denis Blackledge
\$8,337.00

Father Wade Darnall
\$10,545.00

Father Larry Gatlin
\$10,000.00

Father Bernard J. Havlik
\$51,710.00

Father James A. Kastner
\$10,820.00

Bishop Stephen A. Leven
\$64,628.00

Father John A. Petuskey
\$11,850.00

Father Clement E. Pribil
\$5,351.00

Father Stanley Rother
\$194,606.74

Archbishop Charles Salatka
\$185,970.00

Father John Scheller
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Father Gerald Ucker
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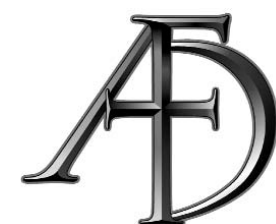
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Congregation for Bishops

Decree regarding the designation for the governance of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

In order to provide for the governance of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, which has become vacant because of the resignation from office of His Excellency Archbishop Eusebius Joseph Beltran, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, by means of this decree of the Congregation of Bishops, designates and appoints as the Apostolic Administrator of that same Archdiocese the aforementioned Archbishop Eusebius Joseph Beltran, now the Archbishop Emeritus of that Archdiocese. He will serve as the Apostolic Administrator from today until the Archbishop-Elect takes canonical possession of that Archdiocese. His Holiness grants to the Apostolic Administrator all the rights, duties and faculties which belong by canon law to Diocesan Bishops.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Rome, from the office of the Congregation for Bishops, Dec. 16, 2010.

**Marc Cardinal Ouellet, Prefect
Archbishop Manuel Montiero DeCastro,
Secretary**



Archbishop Beltran introducing Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley at the press conference Dec. 16, 2010.

Coakley

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deal of the more than 42,000 square miles of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

A graduate of Kansas University, Archbishop-elect Coakley said while he is excited about coming to Oklahoma, he admitted there was some sadness in leaving Kansas, his home since his family moved there when he was a young boy.

Ordained a priest in 1983, Archbishop Coakley, 55, was introduced Dec. 16 as the fourth archbishop of Oklahoma City during a press conference at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Prior to the media gathering, the newly announced archbishop met with staff at the Pastoral Center. He was introduced by Archbishop Beltran, who joked the new archbishop will be by far the tallest of the four Catholic spiritual leaders who have served here.

Later, Archbishop Beltran, Archbishop-elect Coakley and Monsignor Edward J. Weisenburger, V.G., celebrated Mass. They were joined in the Eucharistic Celebration by Father Kirk Larkin, a beloved archdiocesan priest who has been battling cancer for several months, and Father Gerard MacAulay, retired.

Archbishop-elect Coakley greeted each pastoral center employee as they filed out of the chapel following Mass. He was later given a tour of the Archdiocesan Heritage Room by Archbishop Beltran and Jim Weinmann, Heritage Room director. The museum, created by Archbishop Beltran, exhibits the colorful and faith-filled history of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Archbishop-elect Coakley is scheduled to be installed as Metropolitan Archbishop at 2 p.m. Feb. 11 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond. He said he will move here for good around the first of February.

According to the Register, the newspaper of the Diocese of Salina, the papal nuncio, the pope's representative to the United States, informed Bishop Coakley in October that Pope Benedict XVI had appointed him to serve as archbishop of Oklahoma City. Typically, the Register said, the public announcement is made about two weeks later. But Archbishop-elect Coakley said he requested a delay in making the news public because the Diocese of Salina was preparing to begin a major capital campaign.

"We were preparing for the kickoff of the capital campaign, still completing details on the 'Stewards of Hope' implementation," Archbishop-elect Coakley said in the story. "He (the papal nuncio) agreed to delay it two months. That gave us the time we needed to make headway, the capital campaign being the most urgent."

After completing studies at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., he was ordained a priest on May 21, 1983. Father Coakley was appointed Bishop of Salina by Pope John Paul II on Oct. 21, 2004, and was ordained and installed as the diocese's 10th bishop on Dec. 28, 2004.

Archbishop-elect Coakley has selected "Duc in Altum" as his episcopal motto (Put Out into the Deep). It is found in St. Luke's gospel when Jesus, after teaching the crowds from Simon's boat, invites the disciples to "put out into the deep" and lower their nets for a catch. (Lk.5:4). Obedient to Jesus' command, Simon Peter and his companions cast their nets and "caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point." (Lk. 5:4). Archbishop-elect Coakley said Jesus continues to call the Church today, as always, to put out into the deep.

Archdiocese Excited About Archbishop-Elect

By Anamaria Scaperlanda
For the *Sooner Catholic*

OKLAHOMA CITY — The appointment of Bishop Paul Coakley of Salina, Kan., as archbishop of Oklahoma City has elicited much enthusiasm among the people of Oklahoma City.

Monsignor Edward Weisenburger, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral, stated, "Bishop Coakley has been competent, stable and energetic. He's well-liked by both clergy and laity alike in his diocese. It looks like he has focused his energy on diocesan organization and long-term planning ... we're happy to have him."

Bishop Coakley comes from a rural diocese, like much of the diocese of Oklahoma City, but also has experience with the urban area of Wichita. Judy Reilly, pastoral associate at Epiphany of the Lord Parish, said, "I would think that he is uniquely qualified to see our Archdiocese for the unique place that it truly is," speaking of the dual urban and rural nature of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese. "So much of our Archdiocese is rural, and those of us in the metro



Archbishop-elect Coakley meeting Tim O'Connor, executive director of Catholic Charities.

area sometimes forget that. Because of his experience in the Salina Diocese, he could come to understand the special needs that our Archdiocese has. His time in Wichita, which is the largest city in Kansas, could help him understand the metro area. His experience will only benefit us here."

"Bishop Coakley seems to have done a great job surfacing vocations," Msgr. Weisenburger said of the increase of priestly vocations during

Bishop Coakley's ministry. "It would be wonderful if that trend would continue here."

Father Shane Tharp, pastor of Holy Name in Chickasaw, said, "I was privileged to be at his ordination Mass six years ago, and he made that a mission in Salina, so I would like to see a comparable effort here and I look forward to his efforts to increase vocations."

Pat Koenig, Director of Religious

Education for the Archdiocese, is hopeful about the intellectual reputation of the archbishop-elect. She acknowledged, "His intellectualism is also exciting. He will be the chief catechesis. My hope would not just be for the youth but for all the people of the Archdiocese. Adult faith formation is a very important and significant mission of the church as well."

Father Jim Goins, pastor of St. Thomas More University Parish, which serves the University of Oklahoma, also anticipates this aspect of the upcoming archbishop. "I have heard that he is extremely intelligent, which I think just opens all sorts of possibilities at this parish, and we would enjoy him coming here often and hope that he does. The collegians and faculty would enjoy that."

Father Tharp is thrilled about what possibilities a new archbishop opens up for the people of the Archdiocese. "The arrival of a new archbishop signals new opportunities in the Archdiocese. The people of the Archdiocese should recognize in the arrival of Bishop Coakley the opportunity to live and spread the Gospel in a new fashion."

Biography of Archbishop-Elect Paul S. Coakley

Bishop Paul S. Coakley was born to John and Mary Coakley in Norfolk, Va., in 1955, and lived there with his father, mother and older brother, John, until he was 2 years old. The family relocated to Metairie, La., where his sister, Mary Christina was born. After beginning his elementary education at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School, the family moved in 1965 to Overland Park, Kan. Bishop Coakley's secondary education was completed in public schools in Overland Park.

After graduation from high school he attended the University of Kansas where he completed undergraduate studies in English and classical antiquities in 1977. During this period he was a student in KU's Integrated Humanities Program, where he studied under John Senior, Dennis Quinn and Frank Nelick.

Upon completing his university studies, Bishop Coakley traveled in Europe and briefly considered a monastic vocation at the Abbey of Notre Dame de Fontgombault in France, before he returned to begin seminary studies for Diocese of Wichita in 1978.

He was ordained a priest in May 21, 1983. After serving as a priest of the Diocese of Wichita for 21 years, he was appointed Bishop of Salina on Oct. 21, 2004. Bishop Coakley was ordained and installed as Bishop of Salina on Dec. 28, 2004.

For his motto as bishop, Bishop Coakley selected DUC IN ALTUM that translates into English as Put Out into the Deep. It is found in St. Luke's gospel and relates to the moment when Jesus, after teaching the crowds from Simon's boat, invites the apostles to "put out into the

deep" and lower their nets for the catch. (Lk.5:4). Obedient to Jesus' command, Simon Peter and his companions cast their nets as directed, and "caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point." (Lk. 5:4). Jesus calls the Church today, as always, to put out into the deep, as a witness to hope, to hear, and to respond joyfully to His word with faith and confidence.

Education

Elementary

St. Mary Magdalen School, Metairie, La., 1960-1965

Cherokee Elementary School, Overland Park, Kan., 1965-1967

Broadmoor Junior High School, Overland Park, Kan., 1967-1970

High School

Shawnee Mission West, Overland Park, Kan., 1970-1973

College

University of Kansas, B.A., 1977, English, Classical Antiquities

Seminary

St. Pius X Seminary, Erlanger, Ky., 1979, Pre-Theology

Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., M.A.,

M. Div., 1983 Theology

Post Ordination

Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, S.T.L., 1987, Christian

Spirituality

Ordination

Ordained Deacon: April 8, 1982, by Bishop David M. Maloney, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Wichita, Kan.

Ordained Priest: May 21, 1983, by Bishop Eugene J. Gerber, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Wichita, Kan.

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Gratitude to Archbishop Beltran

Vatican City, December 17, 2010

Your Excellency,

On the occasion of your resignation from the Office of Bishop, Pope Benedict XVI has instructed me to convey to you his appreciation for your over 32 years of episcopal service, first as the Ordinary of the Diocese of Tulsa and then as Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The Holy Father wishes to express to you his closeness in prayer that you may continue to enjoy pastoral ministry in ways your health and God's providence permit.

You began your years of service as a parish priest in Georgia and eventually became Bishop of Tulsa. As metropolitan Archbishop of the local Church of Oklahoma City, you have made every effort to live your episcopal motto: "We Are One In Christ." Throughout the years you have fulfilled your duty to teach by publishing newspaper articles to clarify doctrinal matters and to promote a pro-life mentality among your own flock and the society at large.

The Holy Father is aware of the loyalty you have demonstrated for

the See of St. Peter. He is confident that you will know the serene joy which comes from giving thanks for all of your work in the Lord's vineyard and that you will continue to bear witness to the power of grace bestowed upon us all when we put our faith in God's love. May the words of Saint Paul in his letter to the Church at Ephesus be a source of great comfort to you now: "May he enlighten your innermost vision that you may know the great hope to which he has called you, the wealth of his glorious heritage to be distributed among the members of the Church, and the immeasurable scope of his power in us who believe." (Ephesians 1: 18-19).

Commending you to the loving intercession of Our Lady, and with fraternal affection in Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Holiness imparts to you his Apostolic Blessing, invoking upon you grace and peace.

I take this occasion to assure you of my prayers and my sentiments of esteem and fraternal regard.

**Sincerely yours in Christ,
Marc Card. Ouellet**



Apostolic Administrator Eusebius J. Beltran and Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley walking down the hall of the Catholic Pastoral Center.

"I want to express my profound appreciation for the trust which our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has placed in me by appointing me as your shepherd, the fourth Archbishop of Oklahoma City. This new pastoral responsibility is an opportunity and a challenge that I certainly had not sought, but one which I will eagerly embrace with all my heart. I trust that it is the Lord who has called me here, and so I am confident that He will provide the grace and make fruitful my ministry among you."

Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley's statement to the press



Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley talks with the staff of Epiphany Parish.



Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley meeting retired priest, Father Elmer Schwarz.

Across Oklahoma

Meditation Retreat for the New Year with Debra Luther

PIEDMONT — Jan. 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. Begin the New Year with a gift for your soul — a Meditation Retreat to relax, refocus and renew. Come and learn some simple meditations for restoring your body, mind and spirit. Reflect on what rejuvenates you and how you might take that forth into the coming year. Let the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on you at the beginning of this brand New Year. Fee: \$50 (to Debra Luther,) \$15 deposit (to Benedictine Sisters). Place: Red Plains Spirituality Center - Lucy's Retreat House. Bring a journal, pen, blanket or yoga mat, comfy clothes.

Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute

OKLAHOMA CITY — Join fellow Oklahomans in a multicultural tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 17 at Corpus Christi Church, 1005 N.E. 15th St., Oklahoma City, beginning at 11 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at noon by Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran. For more information, contact Becky VanPool, Catholic Charities, (405) 523-3003.

Knights Italian Dinner Jan. 22

OKLAHOMA CITY — St. Eugene Knights of Columbus Council #10822 will host its annual Italian dinner on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the parish hall. The pasta dinner will include homemade marinara sauce and Italian sausage meatballs from "secret" Corsoro family recipes. The dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Bolivia medical mission next fall. St. Eugene is located at 2400 W. Hefner Road. For more information, call Steve Chastain at 755-1052.

Christian Unity Service Set

OKLAHOMA CITY — The 2011 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Worship Service will be held at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 127 N.W. 7th Street. The preacher for the occasion will be Rev. Dr. William Tabbernee, executive director, Oklahoma Conference of Churches. Ecumenical leaders from throughout Oklahoma will participate in the liturgy. Everyone is invited.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

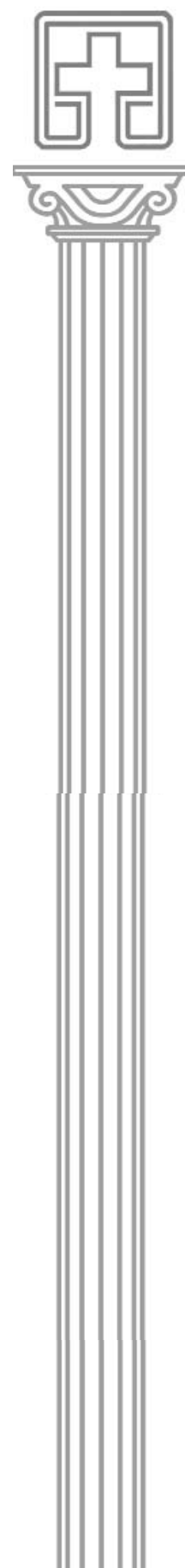
OKLAHOMA CITY — Marriage Encounter is a process designed to give you and your spouse a special opportunity to examine your life together and your strengths and your limitations, your attitudes toward each other and toward your family, your hurts and your fears, your desires and ambitions, your disappointments and your joys, your successes and frustrations. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Jan. 28-30 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

The Oklahoma Catholic Student Conference - "Saints in Our Midst"

SHAWNEE — Feb. 4-6 at St. Gregory's University. College students wanting to attend the conference need to contact their campus ministers or Victor Poole, Campus Minister, at St. Gregory's University, (405) 878-5168 or vppoole@stgregorys.edu.

Faith Community Nursing Conference

OKLAHOMA CITY — "Faith and Health: Expanding Your Spirituality Toolbox for Health Ministry Needs" will be the focus for the Fourth Annual Faith Community Nursing Conference March 31. Rev. Linda Brinkworth, pastor of congregational care at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, will be the keynote speaker. The conference day will address spiritual assessment and story scripts as well as creating prayers specific to the individual. The conference is scheduled from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 1001 NW 25 St., Oklahoma City. Sponsorships are available. This day is for nurses, clergy, health ministers and students. Cost for the day is \$65, with a discount for FCNA members, students and clergy. For more information, contact Marilyn Seiler at (405) 334-1630 or mjsjuly@yahoo.com.



The Catholic Foundation CORNERSTONE

We Thought You Should Know...

Congress recently passed the Tax Relief Act of 2010. In addition to extending tax relief, the new law also reinstates a provision allowing tax-free charitable gifts from your Traditional or Roth IRAs to the Catholic Foundation. Many of our supporters have taken advantage of this popular giving method in the past to help strengthen our Catholic Church in central and western Oklahoma. The law allows qualified individuals to count gifts made by Jan. 31, 2011, against their 2010 minimum required distribution. Here are some highlights of the new law:

— Individuals 70½ or older can transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to the Catholic Foundation and distributions satisfy your minimum distribution requirement.

— Charitable distributions can be excluded from your taxable income when filing your tax return and do not count toward the 50 percent Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitation when calculating income tax deductions.

— Transfers must be made directly to the Catholic Foundation. (Most plan administrators require a written request authorizing a charitable distribution. Please contact your IRA administrator for specific directions.)

— Gifts must be made before Jan. 31, 2011, to be eligible for 2010 minimum distribution requirements.

For more information on making a charitable gift or other planned giving, contact:

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Catholic Schools Receive an A+ and You're Invited To See Why!

Your Child's Future is in a Catholic School!

Our children — the young people of the third millennium — will provide the energy and leadership needed by our Church and nation as we move into a changing and challenging future. This month we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2011. We celebrate because each Catholic school is an added value for our community and the nation. Because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by a strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a definite, positive contribution to American society.

Catholic schools give a high level of service (the A+ Level) to local communities because of the many service projects students undertake. "Giving back to the community" and "helping others" are values instilled in every Catholic school student.

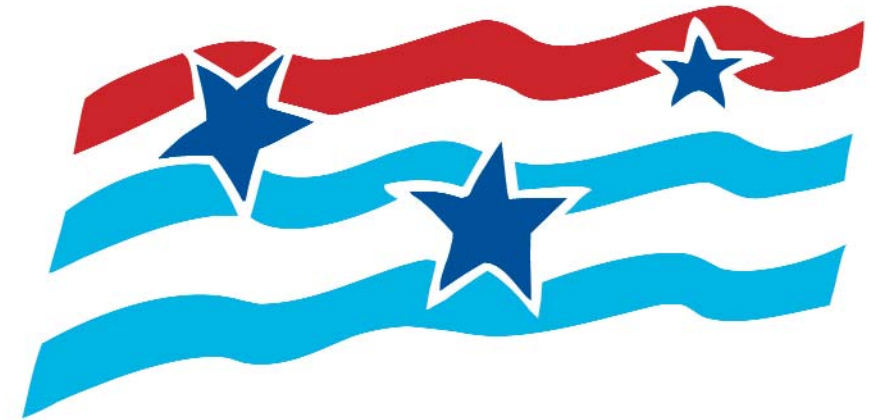
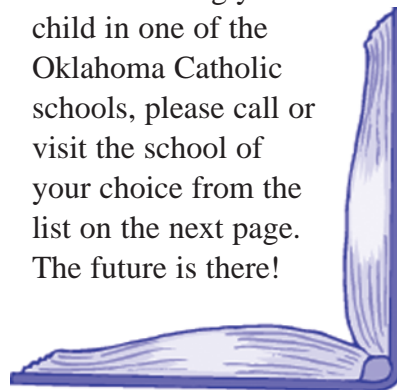
Catholic schools give a high level of service to the nation (the A+ Level) by serving students from all economic backgrounds and giving them a strong academic and moral foundation, allowing them to succeed in life, serving in industry, the government, business, non-profit and educational fields.

High academics, high parental involvement, low student-teacher ratios, and value-based education all lead to the A+ education for students attending Catholic elementary and secondary schools. In 2002, an analysis by the Institute of Education Science at the U.S. Department of Education found that:

- Catholic school students generally perform higher than their public school counterparts on standardized achievement tests;
- Catholic school graduates are more likely to have completed advanced-level courses;
- Catholic high schools typically have more demanding graduation requirements;
- Catholic school students are more likely to complete a bachelor's or advanced degree by their mid-20s.



For more information about enrolling your child in one of the Oklahoma Catholic schools, please call or visit the school of your choice from the list on the next page. The future is there!



A+ For America CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



ACE Program Builds Quality Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City — December 9, 2010

The Department of Catholic Education is excited to announce a new partnership between Catholic Schools in our Archdiocese and the University of Notre Dame. One of the hallmarks of Catholic education has always been academic excellence. However, maintaining academic excellence demands constant updating and keeping current with modern trends in education and methods of teaching. This requires a great deal of attention and effort on the part of Catholic schools and its teachers. During the week of July 26-30, 2010, 115 teachers and principals from across the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City attended training sessions which initiated a two-year partnership with the University of Notre Dame. The Notre Dame program, called The Alliance for Catholic



1 - St. Joseph School
Pre K - 5th Grade
110 N. Madison St. • Enid, OK 73702
(580) 242-4449 • www.stfrancisenid.com
Observation Days: By appointment



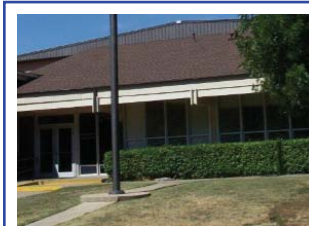
2 - Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School
Pre K - 8th Grade
309 S. Main St. • Kingfisher, OK 73750
(405) 375-4616 • www.stpeterandpaul.org
Open House: April 28, 2011, 7:00 pm
Observation Days: By appointment



3 - Holy Trinity School
Pre 3 - 8th Grade
Missouri & N. 2nd St. • Okarche, OK 73762
(405) 263-4422 • www.holytrinityok.org
Open House: Feb. 2, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
and Feb. 27, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Observation Days: Tours & Student Shadowing
are available each school day by appointment



4 - Sacred Heart School
Pre 3 - 5th Grade
210 S. Evans Ave. • El Reno, OK 73036
(405) 262-2284 • www.elrenosacredheart.com
Open House: Feb. 1, 2011, all day
and March 31, 2011, from 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Observation Days: By appointment



5 - St. John Nepomuk School
Pre 3 - 8th Grade
600 S. Garth Brooks Blvd. • Yukon, OK 73099
(405) 354-2509 • www.sjnok.org
Open House: March 27, 2011, from 2-4 pm
Observation Days: By appointment



6 - St. Eugene Catholic School
Pre 3 - 8th Grade
2400 W. Hefner Rd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
(405) 751-0067 • www.steugeneschool.org
Open House: Jan. 30, 2011, 11:30 - 1:30 pm
Observation Days: By appointment



7 - Christ the King School
Pre K - 8th Grade
1905 Elmhurst Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
(405) 843-3909 • www.ckschool.com
Open House: Jan. 30, 2011, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Observation Days: By appointment

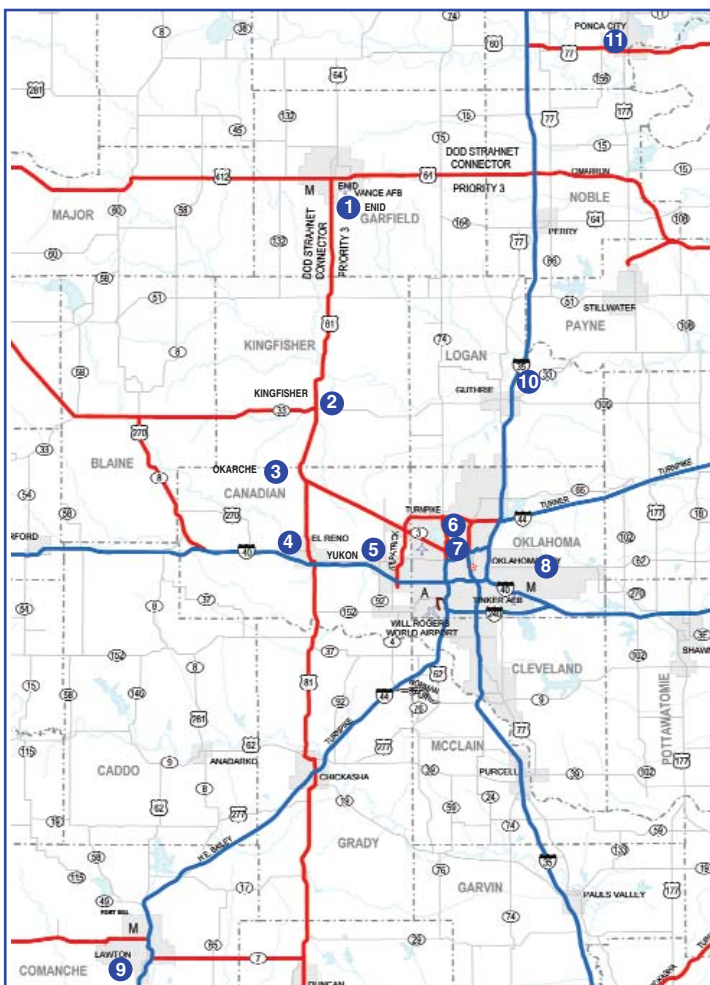
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *of Oklahoma* OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE



A+ For America CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JAN. 30TH - FEB. 5TH, 2011



11 - St. Mary School, Pre K - 8th Grade
415 South 7th Street • Ponca City, OK 74601
(580) 765-1352 • www.stmarypc.k12.ok.us
Open House: Wed, Feb. 2, 2011, following the
Parent/Grandparent Lunch.
Observation: By appointment only
Please contact Allyson Helm



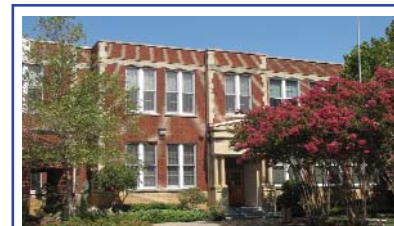
10 - St. Mary School, Pre K - 8th Grade
502 East Warner Avenue • Guthrie, OK 73044
(405) 282-2071
www.stmarysguthrie.eduk12.net
Open House: Jan. 30, 2011, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Observation Days: By appointment



9 - St. Mary School Lawton
Pre K - 8th Grade
611 SW "A" Ave. • Lawton, OK 73501
(580) 355-5288 • www.stmaryslawtonok.com
Open House: April 9, 2011, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Observation: By appointment only



12 - St. Charles Borromeo School
Pre K - 8th Grade
5000 N. Grove Ave. • Oklahoma City, OK 73122
(580) 789-0224 • www.sbschool.org
Open House: Jan. 30, 2011, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Observation: By appointment only



13 - Rosary School, Pre K - 8th Grade
1910 NW 19th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73106
(405) 525-9272 • www.rosaryschool.com
Open House: Jan. 20, 2011, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Observation: By appointment only
Students may shadow for a day



14 - Mount St. Mary Catholic High School
2801 S. Shartel Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73109
(405) 631-8865 • www.mountstmary.org
Open House: Feb. 6, 2011, at 1:00 pm
Observation & Shadow Visits: By appt. only



15 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School
Pre K - 8th Grade • (405) 348-5364
925 S. Boulevard St. • Edmond, OK 73083
<http://seascardinals.org.2ecatholicchurches.com/>
Open House: Held in the Fall
Observation Days: By appointment



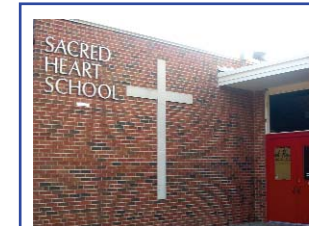
22 - Bishop John Carroll
Catholic School
Pre K - 8th Grade
1100 NW 32nd St. • Oklahoma City, OK 73118
(405) 525-0956 • www.bjcs.org
Open House: Jan. 29, 2011, 3:00-4:30 with
Mass to kick off Catholic Schools Week at 5
pm. Observation: By appointment only



21 - Bishop McGuinness Catholic
High School
801 NW 50th St. • Oklahoma City, OK 73118
(405) 842-6638 • www.bmchs.org
Freshman Registration: Feb. 28, March 1
and March 7, 2011
Observation: By appointment only



20 - Villa Teresa Catholic School
Pre K - 4th Grade
1216 Classen Dr. • Oklahoma City, OK 73103
(405) 232-4286 • www.villateresaschool.com
Open House: During Catholic Schools Week for
community neighbors, Feb 2, 2011, 9:30 - 11:00
am & for prospective and present families,
April 16, 2011, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Observation: Our parents are welcome anytime



19 - Sacred Heart Catholic School
Pre K - 8th Grade
2700 S. Shartel Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73109
(405) 634-5673 • www.sacredheartokc.org
Open House: Feb. 5, 2011, 12:00 to 2:15 pm
Observation: By appointment only



18 - St. James Catholic School
Pre 3 - 8th Grade
1224 SW 41st St. • Oklahoma City, OK 73109
(405) 636-6810 • <http://stjames-catholic.org>
Open House: Jan. 30, 2011
Observation: By appointment only



17 - Villa Teresa Moore
Pre 3 - K
13501 S. Western • Oklahoma City, OK 73170
(405) 691-7737 • Fax (405) 691-7981
Email: villateresamoore3@hotmail.com



16 - All Saints Catholic School
Pre K - 8th Grade
4001 36th Ave. NW
Norman, OK 73072
(405) 447-4600 • www.allsaintsnorman.org
School Tours are available by appointment

ACE Program continued

Education Collaborative or ACE Collaborative is dedicated to insuring a strong Catholic identity in our schools as well as exceptional academics.

The ACE Collaborative is built on the premise that, in order to create an environment that improves student learning, teachers must communicate with one another. Teachers have very little time to have meaningful conversations with colleagues about what they do well or seek help when they are struggling. Throughout this year, teachers from each school have met to agree upon what will be taught at each grade level in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th. Our curricular area of focus for the 2010-2011 school year is science. But our teachers didn't want to stop there. Because of their enthusiasm and hard work, teachers have also met to improve curriculum for math, world languages and theology. Meetings were not only held in July but also in October and November. Groups of teachers will meet again in February and then for another week this coming July. The benefit of teacher collaboration has been the establishment of strong professional relationships among teachers. These relationships contribute not only to professional growth, but also serve to strengthen student learning. Conversations among teachers began with the goal of eliminating gaps and repetitions in the curriculum at all grade levels.

Although all 22 schools in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will be working under the guidance of Notre Dame University instructors for the next two years, this project will continue long after Notre Dame's team of instructors complete their work. The process of renewing curriculum and instruction is an ongoing cycle. Each subject area will be reviewed

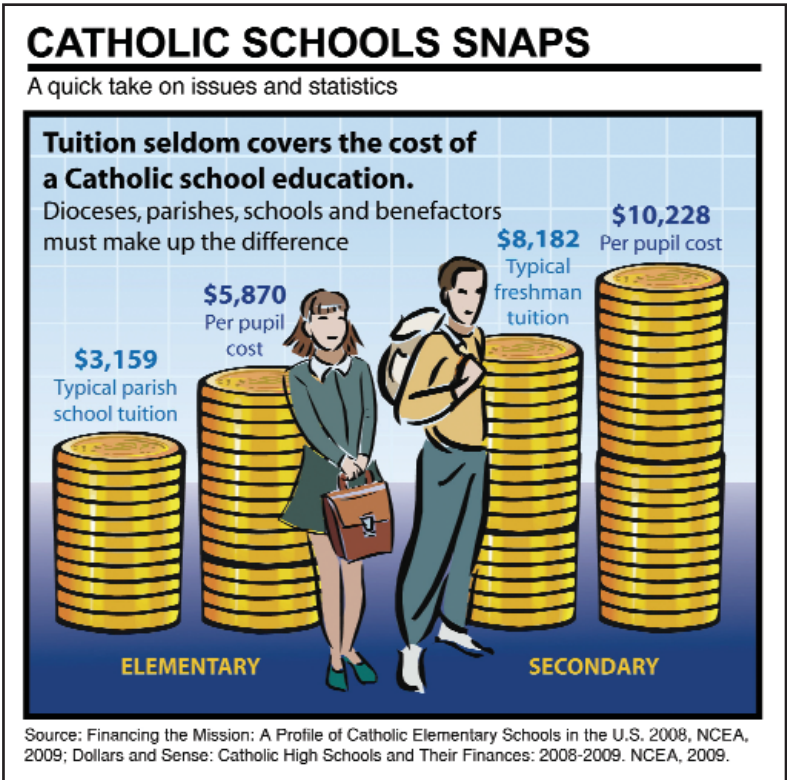
and vertically aligned in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition, data from both standardized tests and teacher designed assessment will be used to monitor student achievement and evaluate the success of the curriculum alignment. According to Cris Carter, Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools, "Multiple sources of information are vital to understanding the learning needs of each child, and the ACE Collaborative offers teachers the means to use data for the benefit of each learner and enhance instruction."

Finally, teachers will maintain communication through a website called Curriculum Mapper and through a wiki site.

In addition, several teachers will be chosen for further training, which will be funded by Notre Dame University. In March a select team of teachers will fly to Notre Dame to begin a three-day training session. Their task will be to carry on the curriculum renewal process begun this year by Notre Dame and our Archdiocese. Next year another team will go to Notre Dame to be trained in the areas of assessment and data-driven decision-making.

Sister Catherine Powers, Archdiocesan Superintendent says, "We are grateful to Notre Dame for its commitment to improve Catholic education in various parts of our country. We are honored to be one of only five dioceses in the country engaging in this important

project. We believe that our partnership with Notre Dame will enhance Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and insure a strong culture that is Catholic and supports academic excellence."



Catholic Schools In the Archdiocese of OKC			
Five year enrollment statistics			
2006-2007 School Year:	Elementary Enrollment	4,053	
	High School Enrollment	937	
	Total Enrollment:	4990	
2010-2011 School Year:			
	Elementary Enrollment	4,268	- 5.3% increase in a 5-yr period
	High School Enrollment	1,076	- 14.8 & increase in a 5-yr period
	Total Enrollment:	5,344	- 7% increase in a 5-yr period
Catholic Elementary School Graduates & High School:			
In 2005, 63% of our 8th grade graduates attended Catholic High School.			
In 2010, 79% of our 8th grade graduates attended Catholic High School.			
In 2010, our two high schools graduated 232 students. Of that number 228 went to college. This represents 98.2%.			



Ladies of Grace Conference Scheduled January 22

OKLAHOMA CITY — Grab a girlfriend and join the ladies of Christ the King Parish for a half-day or full day of faith, fun and fabulous “hot topics” at the 2011 women’s conference, Ladies of Grace. The conference will take place on Saturday, Jan. 22 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Nichols Hills. Christ the King is located at 8005 Dorset Drive, one block north of Wilshire and halfway between Penn and May.

The 2011 Ladies of Grace conference is designed for today’s on-the-go, overwhelmed and over-extended woman. Two national speakers and a dozen gifted presenters will offer ways to bring balance to your life, explore today’s trends and connect with God and girlfriends. Treat yourself — make time to drop in for all or part of this “perfectly pink day.”

Ladies of Grace will begin with registration and check-in at 8:30 a.m. and opening remarks at 9 a.m. Two general sessions and three breakout sessions are scheduled throughout

the day. Keynote speaker Jane Jayroe will discuss “The Beauty of Grace” at the morning general session, beginning around 9:15 a.m. The lunch hour general session will feature Ronda Mikles speaking about “Battling Stress God’s Way.” Breakout sessions are scheduled at 10:25 a.m., 11:10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and the conference will adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Registration for the Ladies of Grace conference is \$25 and includes lunch. Checks should be made payable to: CTK, Ladies of Grace. Register by visiting www.ckokc.org or by contacting Cindy Rice at (405) 843-4766 or cindy@ckokc.org. Ladies of Grace is open to women of all faiths and ages.

Featured Speakers

Jane Jayroe is a third generation Oklahoman, author, speaker and former Miss America. Her career includes many aspects of the communications field, including



prime time news anchor in Oklahoma City and the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She is a professional singer, spokesperson for the Oklahoma Cabinet Secretary of Tourism and for Oklahoma City University.

Ronda Mikles

is president of Mikles Marketing & Management, Inc. Her presentations include weekend retreats, Bible studies and conventions. Her talks are informative and entertaining, moving audiences to laughter and tears while challenging them to make a difference in their world.



Workshops to be offered include: “**Harvesting a Fruitful Lent**” by Laura Nelson

“**Put Your Best Face Forward**” by Jennifer Bentley

“**Divine Secrets of a Healthy Lady**” by Alyssa Lutz

“**Timeless Tips for Skin and Scalp**” by Liz Gawey, MD

“**Stress Busters NOW**” by Cathie

Shaw, PsyD

“**Zumba! Ditch the Workout and Join the Party**” by Lisa O’Neal

“**Cookie Decorating Diva**” by Karen Flores

“**Facebook Friends**” by Elizabeth Taylor

“**Finding Grace**” by Katie Gordy

“**Integrative Medicine: Healing Mind, Body and Spirit**” by Sarah Yoakam, MD

“**Is It Old or Antique?**” by Jody Kerr

“**Wine, Cheese and Chocolate**” by Mary Stack of Beau’s Wine Bin, Susie Thompson of Forward Foods and Teresa Wall of 42nd St. Candy Co.

Ladies of Grace is sponsored by Christ the King Catholic Church. Established in 1949, Christ the King is a vibrant community of faith, offering programs and ministry opportunities for all of its members. Visitors are welcome. Weekend Masses are Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Oklahoma Catholic Women to Hold Conference February 5

The registration deadline is approaching for Oklahoma Catholic Women’s Conference in February. The fifth annual conference will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Clarion Conference Center at I-40 and Meridian in Oklahoma City.

Through Jan. 21, the registration fee is \$50 and \$30 for students, and includes a box lunch and drink. After Jan. 21 the registration fee is \$60, and will be accepted as space permits. Registrations can be submitted on the conference website, or by mailing in a registration form available on the website or in parish offices. The conference website is www.OCWConference.com <<http://www.ocwconference.com/>>.

The conference will include a morning Mass with Archbishop Eusebius Beltran, Adoration, Reconciliation, and a vendor area.

Four sessions featuring nationally known speakers have been scheduled, and vendors have contracted to set up booths selling books, clothing and religious items.

Special room rates of \$89 are available at the nearby Hilton Garden Inn by calling (405) 942-1400. Reservations should be made by Jan. 21.

Some speakers and topics are:

Marge Fenelon

“She’s My Mother, and She’s Your Mother, Too!”

Sharmane Adams

Leap of Faith

Colleen Hammond

Love, Honor and Obey? and The Family: A Sacred Calling

Workshop Focus: Marriage, Family

OKLAHOMA CITY — “Managing Your Biggest Investments: Growing Up, Getting Married, Raising Kids” is a workshop designed for the engaged and the newly married as well as those who have children and strive to enrich their marriage and their parenting skills.

Drs. Pamela Danker and Dennis Moran, clinical psychologists with more than 20 years of experience working with families, will facilitate. The workshop will cover a range of issues including an overview of normal development from birth to young adulthood, issues related to partner selection and establishing and maintaining a healthy marriage, strategies for effective conflict resolution, a model for parental discipline, a discussion of “normal” child behavior, and practical tips for responding to predictable parenting dilemmas.

The workshop is rooted in the

premise that a healthy, committed marital relationship is one of the primary foundations of successful parenting.

This workshop is intended for a broad range of adult participants, including those who are married or are planning to marry and those who are or are planning to raise children. The workshop is intended to provide a focus on issues that are essential in building healthy relationships. The goal of the workshop is to assist participants in preventing or being prepared to manage various concerns that arise in marriage and parenting. This workshop is not intended to address specific problems or disorders that may occur during childhood.

The workshop will be held on Jan. 22 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 per couple. To register, please call the Office of Family Life at 721-8944.

Poverty in America Awareness month

Catholic Charities on Frontlines in War on Poverty

OKLAHOMA CITY — Food, shelter, clothing, health care, transportation and utilities are a few of the basic necessities of modern American living. Unfortunately, for the more than 577,000 Oklahomans living below the poverty line, such necessities can be out of reach.

To remind the public of the large impact poverty has on our community, the U.S. Conference of Bishops has created Poverty in America Awareness Month, which is marked each January. A growing problem in Oklahoma, poverty affects people of all ages, races and religions. In fact, the war against poverty is an ongoing effort that is waged in our parishes, our communities and through outreach efforts by Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

The social arm of the Catholic Church and a living witness to the Catholic faith, Catholic Charities and its programs provide help and assistance to women, children, families and the elderly of Oklahoma regardless of race, creed, religion, ability to pay or other qualification.

“Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City has a long history of caring for those in need, however, due to the recent recession, poverty is at its highest level in years,” said Catholic Charities Executive Director Tim O’Connor. “However, to truly overcome poverty, it is imperative that individuals, churches and charities work hand in hand with state and local governments to find a lasting solution to this growing problem.”

“This month, I encourage everyone to donate time and/or money to fighting poverty in our state. If we each give a small amount of ourselves, we can make a huge difference in the lives of others.”

In many ways Catholic Charities offers assistance to those in need, enabling them to lift themselves from poverty and reach self-sufficiency.

Family HOPE (Help, Organize, Prioritize, Empower)

Family HOPE is a long-term case management program that strives to help improve the economic situation, home environment and social support of those in need. The program helps families identify their needs, create goals and learn to access community resources and tools. Much more than an emergency assistance program, Family HOPE’s goal is to help families reach and maintain self-sufficiency through case management services. Financial assistance may be available to families enrolled in the program; however, assistance is dependent on the client’s participation in the program.

Sanctuary Women’s Development Center

Founded in early 2009, Sanctuary Women’s Development Center was created to support basic human rights through offering homeless and low-income women and their children resources, support and advocacy to alleviate the effects of poverty within the community and empower them with the tools to overcome homelessness. Sanctuary also offers services to those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

St. Joseph’s Counseling, Support and Education Program

St. Joseph’s Counseling Center has been providing professional outpatient counseling services within the Archdiocese since 1990. Counseling Services include up to six sessions free of charge for individuals, families and couples. Those needing longer term or specialized care will be provided assistance in obtaining an appropriate referral whenever possible. St. Joseph’s Counseling Center offers:

— Parish and Community Education — Programs on topics such as communication, community building, developmental stages, mental health, parenting and substance abuse are offered to the parish.



Another Adopt-A-Family success story. The day was biting cold, the winds were blustery, but spirits were high when Bishop McGuinness freshmen Meghan Riley (left) and Kaitlyn Huelkamp (right) volunteered to help as part of this year’s Catholic Charities Christmas Adopt-A-Family program. The two students assisted in picking up the many donations and sorting the packages for client families. The program was headed up by Catholic Charities staff at the former Our Lady of Fatima Church in Nicoma Park, and with serving more than 300 families this year, it was the largest ever annual drive for the agency.

— Emergency Response Counseling — In the event of an emergency, counseling staff will come to the parish or school.

— Disaster Response Counseling — In the event of disaster, both Catholic Charities counseling and disaster team staff will respond immediately.

Villanova Apartments

Villanova is a 64-unit low-income apartment project that serves families who require housing support. Catholic Charities is a proud sponsor of this development, which provides supportive safe and affordable housing to deserving families in Lawton. Parish volunteers assist with special programs and events to support the residents.

Additionally, many parishes offer services to assist those in need, such as emergency assistance and meal delivery for the elderly.

To learn more about the programs offered at Catholic Charities and how you can help, visit www.catholiccharitiesok.org or call (405) 523-3000. In addition, you may learn more about Catholic Charities through the new Facebook group, at www.facebook.com/CCOKC.



Sanctity of Life Mass

The 38th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

January 19, 2011 - 6 p.m. Mass

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Celebrant Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran

Archbishop of Oklahoma City

Presentations to follow Mass

The youth program facilitator will be Father Ray Ackerman and the presenter for the adult program will be Tony Lauinger, State Chairman of Oklahomans for Life.

For more information, call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944

Calendar

JANUARY

9 Charismatic Healing Mass, 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 3901 S.W. 29th St., Oklahoma City. For more information, call the Church office at (405) 685-4806.

11 Catholic War Veterans (of any war/conflict) will meet the second Tuesday of each month in the community room of St. Ann Retirement Center at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Father M. Price Oswalt at (405) 567-3404.

12 Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, NW 32nd and Western, every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. All are welcome.

12 Catholic War Veterans USA. Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Sunnyside Family Reception Center located at 3900 SE 29th St. in Del City. For more information, contact Ken at (405) 739-0036 or by e-mail at OkPost168@cox.net.

13 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the chapel at Epiphany Parish, every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and daily (M,T,W,F) from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Epiphany is located at 7336 W. Britton Road, Oklahoma City 73132.

13 Eucharistic Adoration, every Thursday from 5 p.m. to midnight at

St. Gregory's Chapel, St. Gregory's Monastery, Shawnee. The evening will begin with Mass at 5 p.m. with adoration to follow. Included is vespers with the monks.

14 Meditation Retreat for the New Year with Debra Luther, 1 to 5 p.m. Begin the New Year with a gift for your soul — a Meditation Retreat. Fee: \$50 (to Debra Luther), \$15 deposit (to Benedictine Sisters). Place: Red Plains Spirituality Center - Lucy's Retreat House. Bring a journal, pen, blanket or yoga mat, comfy clothes.

14 BINGO NIGHT at St. Joseph's Church in Norman. Light supper served at 6:30 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. with a first session; second session at 8:30 p.m. \$5 per session, no limit on blackout cards, group photo of all the winners.

14 Mount St. Mary Homecoming basketball game vs. Jones. Varsity 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Mount St. Mary's is located at 2801 S. Shartell, Oklahoma City.

15 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta meet in the Council Room at St. John the Baptist Parish, Edmond, on the first and third Saturday of each month beginning with Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the chapel. For more information, contact Toni Harrelson at (405) 341-2199 or lmc-oklahoma@sbcglobal.net.

16 The Community of the Secular

Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mt. Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus - Oklahoma Community and Province of St. Therese meets at St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in Piedmont, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call Susan Staudt at (405) 282-6624.

16 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Francis Fraternity, 1:15 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hospital Chapel. For more information, call Jim Disbrow at 830-8688.

17-25 Monthly Novena to The Infant Jesus. Nine days of novenas to Infant Jesus of Prague monthly. During these nine days, the Novena prayers will be as follows: Monday-Friday following noon Mass, Saturday following 6 p.m. Mass, and Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass.

23 Holy Trinity Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Okarche. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, no charge for children under the age of 4.

23 Pilgrimage Sunday. Mass begins at 11 a.m. and includes blessing of the sick and blessing of the children, noon lunch, 1 p.m. Novena prayers to Infant Jesus of Prague, Litany of the Infant Jesus, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague is located at St. Wenceslaus Church at 304 Jim Thorpe Blvd., Prague. (405) 567-3080 or shrineofinfantjesus.com.

2011 Sooner Catholic Publishing Dates

The dates listed will be the issue dates for the *Sooner Catholic* for 2011. The submission deadline dates are for any story, photo, calendar item or jobs box listing. Submissions need to be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to the *Sooner Catholic* office no later than noon on the submission day. We thank you in advance for your help in keeping the *Sooner Catholic* running on schedule.

Issue Date	Submission Date
1/9/2011	12/30/2010
1/23	1/13
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Jobs Box

Archdiocesan Library, Media Center Opening
The Department of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City seeks a qualified person for the Archdiocesan Library and Media Center. This position involves around 20 hours per week including Saturday hours. The library, located at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, provides print and video resources for the various religious education programs in schools and parishes, for youth and adults, and for the ministry formation programs offered by the Archdiocese. Qualifications include a college degree, experience in library work, knowledge of word processing and data base entry, strong organizational and people skills and a general understanding of Catholic theology and

religious education for youth and adults. A degree in library science strongly preferred. Contact Sister Catherine Powers, Director of Education, at (405) 721-4202 or via e-mail at cpowers@catharchdiocese-okc.org. Resumes accepted until position is filled.

Director of Religious Education

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Oklahoma City is accepting applications for a dynamic Director of Religious Education. Full-time position and benefits. Starting June 2011. Experience preferred. Degree in religious education, theology or equivalent degree required. Application and job description available by calling the parish office at (405) 528-0485. Send application, resume and references to DRE Search Committee, St. Francis of

Assisi Parish, 1901 N.W. 18th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73106.

Financial Representative

The Knights of Columbus has an opening for a financial representative in the Oklahoma City and north central Oklahoma areas. Ideal for a determined, high energy, professional, self-disciplined, independent individual desiring to serve others, yet earn a better than average income. We provide excellent benefits and training. You must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. Contact Kevin W. Pierce for more information or an interview at 1019 Waterwood Parkway Suite E, Edmond, Okla. 73034, (405) 514-7660, or Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org.



Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley blessing Patrick Petersen during Mass.



Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley touring the Heritage Room in the Catholic Pastoral Center. Coakley is standing in the Father Stanley Rother section. Both Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley and Father Rother attended the same seminary, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.

For more photos, video of Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley's press conference, or to read Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley's comments, visit
www.catharchdioceseokc.org

Biography

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Episcopal Appointment: Bishop of Diocese of Salina, Salina, Kan. - Oct. 21, 2004

Ordination/Installation: Bishop of Diocese of Salina, Salina, Kan. - Dec. 28, 2004

Pastoral Assignments

Chaplain, St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Wichita, Kan. - June - August, 1983

Associate Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Derby, Kan. - 1983 - 1985

Chaplain, Kansas Newman College, Wichita, Kan. - 1987 - 1989

Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Wichita - 1987 - 1991

Pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Wichita, Kan. - 1989 - 1990

Associate Director, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, Kan. - 1990 - 1995

Associate Pastor (part time), St. Thomas

Aquinas Church, Wichita, Kan. - 1990 - 1995

Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, Wichita, Kan. - 1995 - 1998

Director, Spiritual Formation, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. - 1998 - 2002

Director, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, Kan. - 2002 - 2004 (January)

Vice Chancellor, Diocese of Wichita - January 2004 - December 2004

Administrator, Church of the Magdalen, Wichita, Kan. - July 2004 - December 2004

Diocesan Bishop, Diocese of Salina - December 2004 - Present

Other Assignments

USCCB Committee on Home Missions - 2006-2007

USCCB Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry - 2006-2007

USCCB Subcommittee on Home Missions

- 2007-present

USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations - 2007-2010

USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth - 2010-present

USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis - 2008-present

Consultant USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations - 2010-present

Conception Seminary College Board of Regents - 2006-present

Institute for Priestly Formation, Bishops Advisory Council - 2007-present

Episcopal Liaison to National Association of Catholic Chaplains - 2010-present

Knight of Columbus, Fourth Degree Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Kateri Plaza



As part of its commencement celebration, St. Gregory's University formally blessed its "Kateri Plaza," a newly renovated area near the west entrance of Benedictine Hall. Pictured are members of the Color Guard from the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, middle from left, SGU Chancellor Rt. Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B., SGU commencement speaker Rev. Wayne Paysse, and SGU Board of Directors Chair Rev. Don Wolf. (Photo by Brother Jim Smith)

SGU Grads Told to Focus on Their Family, Community

SHAWNEE — St. Gregory's University celebrated its fall commencement Dec. 18 inside W.P. Wood Field House with bachelor's degrees conferred on 45 graduates. An additional 15 received associate's degrees and 12 received master's degrees.

Father Wayne Paysse, executive director of the Black and Indian Mission Office in Washington, D.C., delivered the commencement address, encouraging SGU graduates to recognize the importance of family life.

"I hope what you have learned at St. Gregory's will not only help you to develop rewarding careers, but also help build up the most important institution you will ever be part of — your family," Paysse said.

Father Paysse referred to the Benedictine monks who founded St. Gregory's as examples of what it means to be committed to a family. He detailed two Benedictine values — humility and zeal — as guides to being successful in life.

"The monks and teachers of St. Gregory's University have given you

graduates what you need to make your mark on the world," he said. "My prayer today is you would do just that — make your mark on the world.

Begin with your families. Begin with your communities. Begin with St. Gregory's University."

Valedictorians Dominique Martinez and Robin Miller also addressed the audience. Martinez, who is from Oklahoma City, was the valedictorian for the College of Arts and Sciences. Miller, from Broken Arrow, was the valedictorian for the College for Working Adults.

Both acknowledged those who helped them during their journeys to a college degree.

"We are not the same kids we



Dominique Martinez



Father Wayne Paysse, executive director of the Black and Indian Mission Office.

were when we started here," Martinez said. "We have grown intellectually and, hopefully, we have grown in maturity. We have had more life experiences. We have been encouraged by our teachers to think about the big questions of life, and we have had time to think about what is really important.

"We may feel apprehensive about what is going to happen as we

move to the next phase of our lives, but we have been prepared here. We are capable of going out and sharing our newfound knowledge and skills with the world."

Said Miller: "It is our obligation to use what we have learned, one day at a time, to help and support others. We have the opportunity to be shining examples of the benefits of a quality education."