

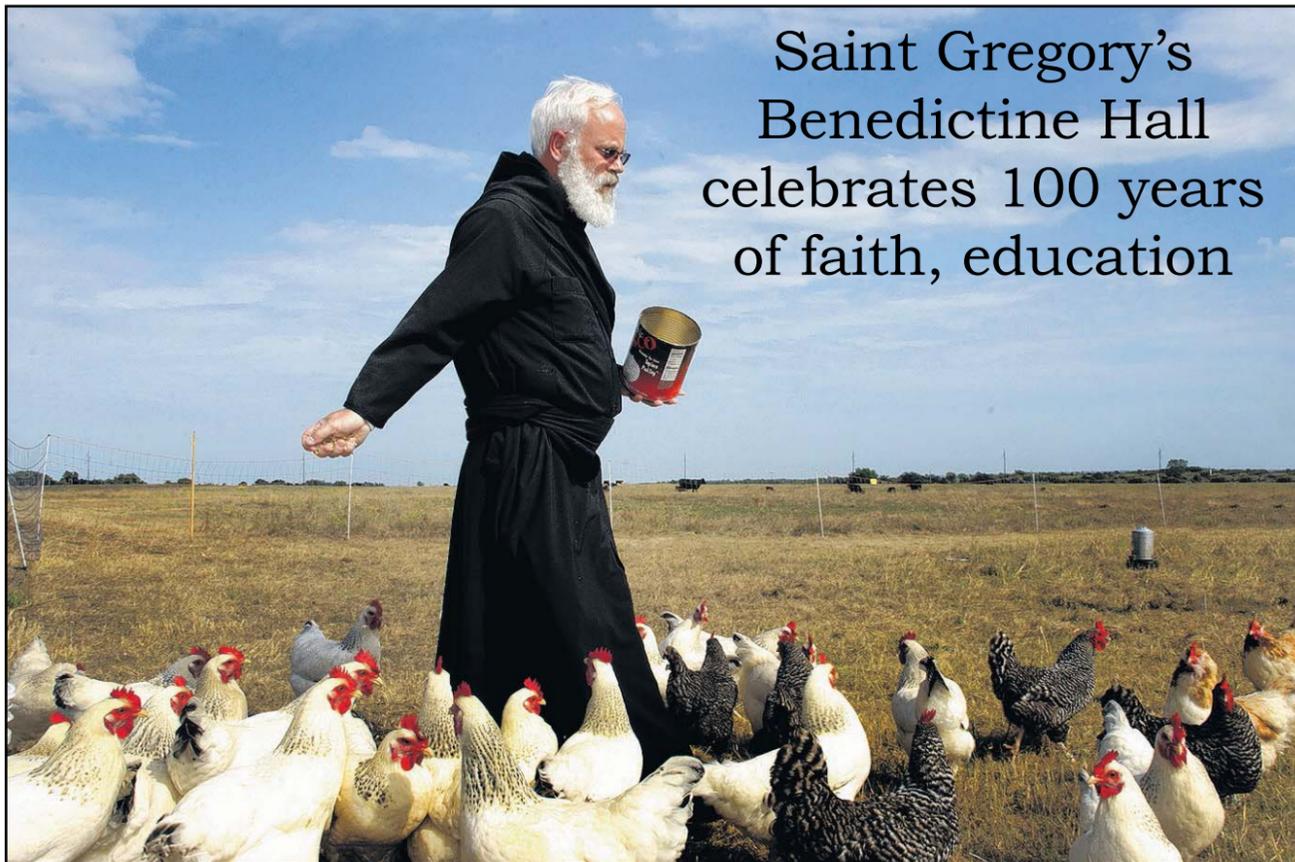
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**Go Make Disciples**



## Saint Gregory's Benedictine Hall celebrates 100 years of faith, education

**By Ted King**  
*For the Sooner Catholic*

The centennial of what is now Benedictine Hall, the main building at Saint Gregory's University in Shawnee, will be celebrated this week during homecoming for alumni.

Saint Gregory's University is listed by The Cardinal Newman Society as one of 20 colleges and universities in the United States that is truly Catholic and faithful to Church teachings. Part of its legacy as the only Catholic university in the state is the good will it has created for the Church in Oklahoma.

Benedictine Hall was built in 1915 to house a school run by the Benedictine monks – the first of whom came from France in 1875. They began their apostolate with their Sacred Heart Mission in Atoka and later moved to Konawa.

As detailed in the magisterial history of their first 100 years, from 1875 to 1975, "Tenacious Monks," by Father Joseph F. Murphy, O.S.B., the monks had many hardships, including a fire in 1901 that destroyed their small Sacred Heart Abbey

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Fr. Boniface feeds the chickens at St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee. *Photo Theresa Bragg.*

## Guthrie parishioners start, nourish God's Food Bank

**By Diane Clay**  
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*They need holiday donations*

Once a week in 1952, Patty Hazlewood visited the Ice House at the corner of her street in the small town of Coalgate, Okla. She paid \$.25 for a coveted chunk of ice for her family's ice box and always shared a Dr. Pepper with the owner of the Ice House, "a wonderful old man."

To help the Hazlewood family survive extreme poverty, it took the mercy and generosity of the Ice Man, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson from the Coalgate Register, taxi driver Henry Clay, Dr. Brown from Atoka, the little Baptist church, and the Palace Drug Store that provided the medicine needed to treat Patty's rheumatic fever.

Patty Hazlewood never forgot the kindness of her community, so when she realized Guthrie was without a regular food pantry, she approached her fellow parishioners at Saint Mary about starting a food ministry, which she eventually named God's Food Bank.

"Those people saved my life, and as I grew older, I remembered them," she said. "I felt like I wanted to pass it on. I wanted to do something good in my life."

She found a partner in Mary Ann Henderson, a retired professor from the University of Central Oklahoma, as well as a go-getter named Mary Ann Rogers, who jumped at the chance after hearing Patty's story over tea.

In 1999, the trio worked to make the food bank a non-profit and wrote their first grant application to Catholic Charities. They received \$1,000 to get the food bank going, renting



Patty Hazlewood and Mary Ann Henderson, right, lead volunteers and staff members at God's Food Bank in Guthrie. *Photo Diane Clay.*

a two-room office space and then another building near Guthrie High School. They received food from the Regional Food Bank and opened their doors.

"There was no publicity. We didn't need it," Mary Ann Henderson said. "The first day we opened up, we had 40 people, and that's nothing now."

For three years, the women and other Catholics used their own cash to supplement the grant from Catholic Charities and enlisted volunteers from Saint Mary. They received help from Mercy Health Center, and in 2004, they applied for funding from the United Way of Central Oklahoma.

In 2007, as the food bank grew, a "perfect" building became available for rent. It happened to be the original

building for what was known as Saint Katharine's School for the Colored, built by Saint Katharine Drexel. They bought the building in 2014.

This year, with the loss of jobs in the oil and gas industry and the increase in families needing services, Patty and Mary Ann are worried they won't be able to feed the hundreds of men, women and children who need help.

This past month alone, God's Food Bank served more than 500 families each week, with 50 more families in October than the month before.

They are working on a Logan County cookbook to be published next year to help with funds, but for this year's holidays, they are relying on parishio-

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Put Out Into the Deep Luke 5:4

## Seminarian appeal is an opportunity to support, give thanks

Last week, while visiting one of our Catholic schools, a student asked, "What is the best thing you get to do as an archbishop?" "Ordaining new priests," was my enthusiastic response. The logical question followed, "What's the hardest thing that you have to do?" The answer I offered came without serious thought, "Finance council meetings!" They laughed.

Had I paused to really consider the question, my answer would have reflected what I was preparing to do the following morning when I presided at the funeral of Father Shane Tharp. Father Tharp was only 42 years old. He was gifted, enthusiastic and finding his stride as one of our truly effective pastors. If one of a bishop's greatest joys is ordaining new priests, one of his sorrows is burying those who have come to the end of their journey. It is very hard to lose such a faithful shepherd, especially when he dies so young. Reflecting on both the joy and sorrow elicited by those students' questions, I realized how much my life as a bishop is tied up with the well-being of our priests.

I think the same could be said for most Catholics. We value our priests. They are an important part of our lives.

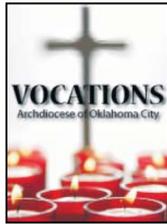
Even while experiencing the pain of losing such a young priest, my heart was lifted up in gratitude by all of the good priests whom the Lord has called to serve in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. We have been blessed to ordain eight new archdiocesan priests in the past two years. Many more have labored for many years in the vineyard of the Lord. They have touched our lives.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of one particular source of my gratitude when I see the latest seminarian poster in the Catholic Pastoral Center hallways. We are truly blessed to have these young men in formation as they seek to respond to God's call. These young men, God willing, are our future priests. Each of their lives is a mystery. God has a plan for each of them, as he does for all of us.

In the days ahead, every household of registered parishioners in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will receive a mailing containing a smaller version of this same seminarian poster. It includes a message from

Father Hamilton, our vocations director, from one of our seminarians, as well as from me. The purpose of this annual initiative is to introduce our seminarians to the people of the archdiocese and invite your support. They are OUR seminarians.

One very important goal of this initiative is to stimulate conversation about vocations within our homes, parishes and classrooms. The mailing also contains a prayer asking the Lord to continue to bless our archdiocese with an abundance of priestly vocations.



It is my hope that this initiative will provide the stimulus for prayers of thanksgiving and petition as we ask the Master of the Harvest to send workers to care for his harvest. I encourage you to display this poster around the house, perhaps on your refrigerator door, and to pray this prayer regularly in your homes and parishes throughout the year.

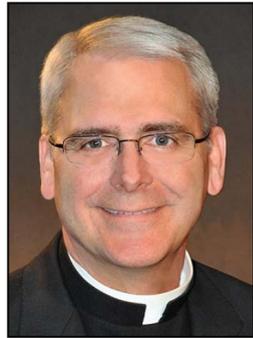
Another important aspect of this initiative is to ask for your financial help. The cost of educating our seminarians continues to rise. This year, the cost is approximately \$50,484 per seminarian. I know how much our Catholic people love the priesthood and cherish our priests. For this reason, I am asking for your financial assistance to meet the costs of educating our future priests. The high cost of educating our seminarians requires multiple sources of revenue. This annual seminarian education appeal will cover part of that cost.

Whether you can make a large financial gift, a small gift, or no gift at this time, please continue to pray for vocations and encourage young people to be open to God's call in their lives. Talk about vocations. Invite young men and women to consider a vocation to priesthood or the religious life.

Young people need our encouragement and support to hear God's invitation and to respond generously. Thank you for your generosity.

Turn to page 16 for information on making a donation.

Photo Steve Sisney/Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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By Sooner Catholic Staff

Additional coverage of Church and archdiocesan news and events, only on [www.soonercatholic.org](http://www.soonercatholic.org):

✓ The relics of St. Maria Goretti will be in the archdiocese Nov. 9. More information available on our homepage.

✓ To donate to the Seminarian Education Appeal online, go to [www.archokc.org](http://www.archokc.org) and click on Online Giving.

✓ Archbishop Coakley will celebrate Mass on Nov. 8 for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. If you plan to attend, call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

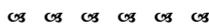
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### All Saints Day

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Amen.

## Wanted: More exorcists to meet demands in Philippines

By Simone Orendain  
Catholic News Service

MANILA, Philippines – So many people have contacted the Archdiocese of Manila about exorcisms that it has begun recruiting new priests.

"These days we have around 80 to 100 cases at any given time," Father Jose Francisco "Jocis" Syquia, chief exorcist at the Archdiocese of Manila Office of Exorcism, told Catholic News Service.

The office has seen a three-fold increase in cases of harassment and possession in the past year, so Manila-based exorcists have been laying the groundwork for a training program that would see their workload spread out more evenly across the Philippines.

Father Syquia said cases from across the country keep being referred to their office. He said many dioceses do not have in-house exorcists, which drives the faithful to seek out "healers and occult practitioners." This only serves to exacerbate the problem, he said, because seeking out the preternatural to receive healing, which he said only God can give, attracts the demonic. By the time the Manila archdiocesan exorcism office sees people, he said, they are in bad shape.

Another reason for the bump in cases is that more and more people are learning about what the office does, thanks to a popular national radio program "Light in the Darkness," which airs on the Catholic news-talk station, Radio Veritas.

Apart from performing exorcisms, the Manila team of five takes turns hosting the Saturday night text-in show. But its member priests each have their own full-time duties.

Father Syquia, a Rome-trained exorcist with a background in psychology who teaches at Manila's archdiocesan seminary, goes on exorcism-related speaking engagements and writes books about exorcism.

Dominican Father Winston Cabading is secretary-general of the University of Santo Tomas



Dominican Father Winston Cabading hosts the radio program, "Light in the Darkness," on Oct. 24, at Radio Veritas in Quezon City, Philippines. CNS photo/Simone Orendain.

in Manila. He also teaches graduate courses at the university and is only available on Saturdays to perform exorcisms. A full-time job for another monsignor is attending to retired priests in the archdiocese, while two other priests are each pastors at churches in cities that border Manila.

With all of their duties, plus the bump in cases, the archdiocesan exorcism office appealed to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines earlier this year to designate at least one priest to perform exorcisms in each of the country's 86 dioceses.

Father Cabading said the conference fully supported the idea, and the response was mostly positive. About a dozen dioceses signed up right away, but he said it did not necessarily bring an immediate feeling of relief.

Father Cabading told CNS there also was a concern.

"Because if you have more exorcists, then each exorcist would have his own way of doing things," Father Cabading said. "And this is the reason why Father Jocis and I, and also the AMOE exorcists, are of the opinion that we should have a unified way of how we handle things."

They tried one-on-one training, but decided it

would be more efficient to gather the prospective exorcists all together at one time and teach a course for one week next July. The more the Manila team developed the plan, the stronger people felt that at least two priests in each diocese should be trained exorcists. That opened up the project to creating an institute and the eventual formation of a Philippine Association of Catholic Exorcists, which would help ensure a uniform practice of driving away demons.

Father Cabading said the Manila exorcists are most concerned about the lay volunteers and others they said are essential help for a lone priest. The Manila team wanted to instill a strong discernment process for vetting the volunteers to determine whether they were, in fact, fit to take part in exorcisms.

The office uses a regular rotation of volunteer doctors, psychologists, lawyers and religious and laypeople who are particularly prayerful and who all help either to pray during exorcisms or to help in determining the severity of cases.

Fathers Cabading and Syquia have added their own prayers to those from the Latin rite of exorcism. Father Cabading said their prayers were borne out of trial and error to find the most effective sets of prayers or combinations of prayers or sets of prayerful words spoken a certain way for whichever situation they found themselves in during particularly difficult exorcisms.

They said this also would serve as a guide for the new legion of exorcists they would be forming.

Looking back at the evolution of his simple request for more exorcists to help take a load off, Father Syquia said, "I am at peace with it. It is always better to move carefully because the ministry is delicate, and the program is a pioneer project. With this ministry, quality over quantity (is better) because the cases can be quite complex, and proper Christian presence is the priority. We also try to follow what God's will manifests to us. It is God's work and we do only what we can honestly accomplish."

### The Catholic Difference

ROME – Amidst all the "Sturm und Drang" of Synod 2015, something genuinely new in the life of the Church began, and it shouldn't escape our notice.

For the first time in two millennia, an entry in the liturgical books will now read, on the appropriate day, "Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, Spouses" – a happy addition to "Martyr," "Confessor," "Bishop," "Religious," "Pope," etc., in the pantheon of vocations to sanctity.

Spouses: a married couple, together on the tapestry that hung from the central loggia of Saint Peter's before, during and after their canonization on Oct. 18; a man and a woman, a dad and a mom, who were the parents of a saint, the Little Flower, and in whose married life mutual sanctification took place by cooperation with God's grace.

Saints-as-spouses. There was something for Synod-2015 to ponder. And, if insufficient attention was paid to this during the Synod, that's no reason for the Church, in which millions of spouses are living lives of heroic virtue, not to take notice – and to reflect upon

some old truths about the "canonization" of saints.

The Church doesn't canonize saints for their sake. God takes quite good care of his holy ones, we may be sure, and being "raised to the dignity of the altars," as the old phrase had it, does nothing for those so raised. No, the Church canonizes saints for our sake, so that we might have models who inspire us to be the holy ones we must be, if we're to fulfill our Christian and human destiny.

That's why the Church sings the Litany of the Saints at its most solemn liturgical celebrations: the Litany of the Saints is the Church's family album, the roster of those who form that "great cloud of witnesses" of which the author of the Letter to the Hebrews speaks so eloquently.

Another old truth worth repeating, with the holy spouses of the Martin family in mind, is that the Church doesn't "make saints;" God makes saints, and the task of the Church, through the beatification and canonization process, is to recognize the saints that God has made. The process by which that recognition takes place has

changed over time, from something resembling an adversarial legal procedure to something more akin to a doctoral seminar in history. The object of the exercise remains the same, though: to sift through the record of a life in order to find the traces and tracks of grace at work – as it is in all of us.

The lives of the holy spouses of Lisieux are also a great witness to the incredible capacity of the Catholic Church for self-renewal.

Louis Martin was born in 1823; Zélie was born eight years later. In other words, both were born a generation after the utter devastation of the French Church by the French Revolution.

After the enforcement by state power of the Religion of Reason and the bloody slaughters of the Reign of Terror (a spasm of lethal Gallic craziness musically evoked by Francois Poulenc's "Dialogues of the Carmelites"), who would have predicted that 19th-century France would be a seedbed of mission and sanctity?

Yet, it happened. Much of what we think of as "French Catholicism" today grew out from under the rubble of the terror and the



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destruction of the Church of the "ancien régime." Louis and Zélie Martin, and their daughter, the Doctor of the Church who gave Catholicism the "Little Way," were all products of that astonishing flourishing of holiness and evangelical zeal that followed immediately after a period of unprecedented destruction.

How did that happen? It happened because, life by life, men and women took the risk of fidelity. Ordinary people defied the claims of their putative ecclesiastical betters that asking the heroic is just too much.

No, it's not. Summoning us to lives of heroic virtue is asking us to be the saints we – like Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, spouses – were baptized to be.

## Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley's official calendar.

- Nov. 1 – Mass and dinner with UCO Students, 7 p.m., St. John the Baptist, Edmond
- Nov. 2 – All Souls Day Mass, 7 p.m., Resurrection Cemetery, OKC
- Nov. 3 – Department Head Meeting, 10 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
- Nov. 3 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
- Nov. 3 – Finance Council meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
- Nov. 4 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:15 a.m., All Saints School, Norman
- Nov. 5 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:30 a.m., St. James the Greater School, OKC
- Nov. 5 – Blessing of Daily Mass Chapel, 6 p.m., St. Peter, Woodward
- Nov. 7 – Centennial Memorial Mass, 10 a.m., St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee
- Nov. 8 – Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Nov. 9 – Mass with Relics of St. Maria Goretti, 7 p.m., Christ the King, OKC
- Nov. 10 – Live interview Catholic Radio Radiothon, 5 p.m., Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting
- Nov. 11 – Presbyteral Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., CPC
- Nov. 12 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:30 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Edmond
- Nov. 13 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:15 a.m., Sacred Heart School, OKC
- Nov. 14-19 – General Assembly, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Baltimore, Md.



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## Appreciate beauty in the simple, everyday

Growing up in a college town, I was given the impression that it was superficial to care too much about beauty, especially in ordinary objects. While we should appreciate the arts from Rembrandt to Shakespeare (mostly for the technique and skill with which these artists worked rather than the beauty present in their art), highlighting beauty in the commonplace such as one's home or self was seen as shallow and unimportant.

In the Christian view, however, beauty is far from trivial. It is one of the fundamental aspects of God, along with truth and goodness.

Through beauty, we can better understand God himself. As writer Gregory Wolfe said, "It enables us to be open to the fundamental experience of the encounter with God, our perception, our being transfixed or captivated by the beauty of His creation. The root of the word aesthetics just means perception, the capacity to see."

As philosopher Roger Scruton explains, there are different types of beauty, including the beauty in the commonplace. "Here are two kinds of beauty: the individual, expressive and revealing gesture, and ordinary harmony and fittingness. In everyday life, it is the second kind of beauty that is

important, and it is exemplified in home-building, gardening and the design of squares, houses and streets. It is important because it expresses and amplifies the human desire for settlement, for an environment in which things fit together and people too. It is an instrument of peace."

Scruton emphasized the importance of the second type of beauty, the beauty in daily life. Far from superficial, he says that it is "an instrument of peace."

*"Through the beauty in the ordinary, we are better able to glimpse the beauty of the divine."*

Why, then, did I think these concerns were trivial?

In our culture, this type of beauty is intimately intertwined with consumerism; it necessitates adopting trends and constantly buying new products.

In the realm of the home, magazines and blogs impart the idea that a beautiful house requires expensive, matching furniture and decorations as well as constant updating. In addition to being impractical, these home-making ideals foster constant dissatisfaction with what we have. Moreover, they miss the essential aspects of achieving a truly beautiful home — after all, the Holy Family's home must have been beautiful!

The example of the past, in a culture less consumed with constantly purchasing new items, can instruct us on what it truly



**Anamaria Scaperlanda Biddick**  
For the Sooner Catholic

means to make a beautiful home. In Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" series, the Ingalls family lives in diverse houses from a log cabin to a sod dug out and everything in between. In each house, Ma and the girls set up their home in an orderly way while Pa warms the house with a fire. The family has a few beautiful things they carry from place to place, including a decorative wooden shelf Pa made for Ma in the first book. Each day, the family takes time to keep the house tidy and clean. The house and food is the means of the family's hospitality to guests, even though their food is often simple.

The Ingalls' example demonstrates that care, attention, simplicity and orderliness are essential elements for making a home. Their furniture is simple but well-made. These elements are timeless rather than changing with the trends. If we keep these principles in mind, we can elevate our everyday life with Scruton's second type of beauty.

Through the beauty in the ordinary, we are better able to glimpse the beauty of the divine.

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Is God calling to YOUR Heart?



- ❖ Do you want to go deeper in your own spiritual life?
- ❖ Are you a woman out of high school and in good health?
- ❖ Are you considering a call to religious life?
- ❖ Would you like to learn more about specific religious congregations?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions — you may benefit from a prayerful, informative social gathering with Sisters and interested women.

**WHEN:** Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015  
**WHERE:** St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church  
3939 W. Tecumseh Rd., Norman 73072  
**TIME:** 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
**RSVP:** (405) 709-2738

### Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## At the close of the Synod we find peace, unity, unanimous votes

*The prophets of doom surprisingly quiet*

**By Pedro A. Moreno, OP, MRE**  
Director of Hispanic Ministry

Before starting the Synod on the Family, experts inside and outside of the Church spoke of an alleged doctrinal crisis and major changes in the future.

There was talk of internal wars and who was on which side. Newspapers, magazines and books highlighted an alleged doctrinal crisis and there was even some talk about the end of the pontificate of Pope Francis.

I remember a passage from the Gospels when Jesus calms the storm. In the boat Jesus was asleep while the boat staggered about in the waves. Anxious and frightened the apostles woke Jesus. Big mistake! Please, never awaken the Lord when he is taking a nap.

Jesus calmed the storm and gave them a small reprimand for doubting about their well-being while He was with them.

At the end of this synod, doctrines remain the same and the sacrament of marriage and the family has been placed high on a pedestal.

There are good recommendations for the Church to develop some type of a pastoral outreach or ministry for our divorced brothers and sisters. The Church is committed to providing better training for the couples looking to receive the sacrament of marriage and in this way try to prevent so many divorces in the future.

I leave you with a portion of the final speech offered by Pope Francis at the end of the Synod on the Family.

"We have seen, also by the richness of our diversity, that the same challenge is ever before us: that of proclaiming the Gospel to the men and women of today, and defending the family



Pope Francis walks past an image of the Holy Family as he leaves after celebrating the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops on the family in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 25. *CNS photo/Paul Haring*

from all ideological and individualistic assaults.

And without ever falling into the danger of relativism or of demonizing others, we sought to embrace, fully and courageously, the goodness and mercy of God who transcends our every human reckoning and desires only that "all

be saved" (cf. 1 Tm 2:4). In this way we wished to experience this Synod in the context of the Extraordinary Year of Mercy, which the Church is called to celebrate.

Dear Brothers,

The Synod experience also made us better realize that the true defenders of doctrine are not those who uphold its letter, but its spirit; not ideas, but people; not formulae, but the gratuitousness of God's love and forgiveness.

This is in no way to detract from the importance of formulae, laws and divine commandments, but rather to exalt the greatness of the true God, who does not treat us according to our merits or even according to our works, but solely according to the boundless generosity of his Mercy (cf. Rom 3:21-30; Ps 129; Lk 11:37-54). It does have to do with overcoming the recurring temptations of the elder brother (cf. Lk 15:25-32) and the jealous labourers (cf. Mt 20:1-16).

Indeed, it means upholding all the more the laws and commandments, which were made for man and not vice versa (cf. Mk 2:27).

In this sense, the necessary human repentance, works and efforts take on a deeper meaning, not as the price of that salvation freely won for us by Christ on the cross, but as a response to the One who loved us first and saved us at the cost of his innocent blood, while we were still sinners (cf. Rom 5:6).

The Church's first duty is not to hand down condemnations or anathemas, but to proclaim God's mercy, to call to conversion, and to lead all men and women to salvation in the Lord (cf. Jn 12:44-50)."

### Pilgrimage of Mercy

**WHERE:** Christ the King Church  
8005 Dorset Dr., OKC

**WHEN:** Public veneration: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
The Sacrament of Confession available until 6:30 p.m.; will resume after Mass at 9 p.m.  
Mass: 7 p.m.

**WEBSITE:** <http://mariagoretti.com>

#### Spaghetti for Goretti

Sunday, Nov. 8, a fundraising evening for the restoration of the basilica that houses the relics of Saint Maria will be at Christ the King. Dinner at 6 p.m., 8005 Dorset Dr.  
Reservations at [www.ckoc.org/spaghetti](http://www.ckoc.org/spaghetti).



### Veterans Day - Nov. 11



A group of priests watch the changing of the guard ceremony Oct. 8 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. *CNS photo/Chaz Muth.*

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Remembering Father Tharp

*Editor's Note:* In the days following the news of the unexpected death of Father Shane Tharp, many of those who knew him took to social media to express their sorrow and appreciation. Below are a few of those thoughts.

"Rest in Peace Father Shane Ian Tharp. Thank you for showing so many people and guys the joy that comes through the ministry of the priesthood, including me. #dayinthelifeofapriest"  
-- Vincent Carrasco

"I keep coming back to this page hoping that it was a mistake and that I'll see one of your humorous posts."  
-- Karen Gerardi Foy, Pawling (village), N.Y.

"One day I stayed in the Church after Mass to talk to Father Tharp. I don't think he knew I was there because I looked up and he was literally skipping down the center aisle towards the altar. He saw me and the biggest grin came across his face and he said, 'Sometimes you just feel joy.' I agreed. He was the only person I ever talked to that really seemed to understand the emotion that sometimes overtakes me when I enter a Church. ... I can just imagine him skipping through Heaven."  
-- Cindy Rowe Marchbanks

"I'm really going to miss that laugh."  
-- Kate Essenberg

"Father Oswald was talking today about Father Tharp, 'he was a brilliant man who could talk at length about The Wrath Of Kahn, then move on to Saint Thomas Aquinas, Medicine or Politics, and expound on every subject.'"  
-- Staff, Saint Joseph Old Cathedral, OKC

"Oh, how we will miss that smile, that outrageous sense of humor. Most of all the teachings you brought to all. You taught not only that we should love God, but to break down those walls and allow God to love us back. As I pray the Rosary, I have the precious gift you gave to some of us from your trip to the Holy Lands, the beautiful hand-carved Rosary, blessed by you and held in your own loving hands. I will cherish it always."  
-- Sharon Broadrick

"Father Tharp would always greet you with a smile and a big - somewhat uncomfortably long - hug. He had a great laugh! He knew as much about craft beer as he did about comic books, which made him the perfect priest to bless the opening of our new brewery. The world lost a good one last night. Somewhere in heaven ... Father Tharp is sitting with a full pint of St. Bernardus and a stack of vintage comic books smiling down upon all of us."  
-- Tim Schoelen



Fr. Tharp's sister and niece kneel next to his coffin at his funeral Mass. Photo Cara Koenig.

"I'm deeply grieved over the loss of a very wonderful priest friend and brother. Fr. Shane Ian Tharp showed a tremendous amount of love and affection to all who knew him. Rest in peace my dear brother. Well done good and faithful servant!"  
-- Lorenzo Quintana Hatch, San Angelo, Texas

"My heart is hurting at the loss of Father Tharp. He was an awesome friend, prayed with me when I needed it, and a wonderful person. My prayers go out to his family, his parish and my dear friends who are hurting."  
-- Rachael Hovind Throckmorton

"Absolutely stunned to learn of the passing of Fr. Tharp. I always appreciated his love of sci-fi and comics and his Alton Brown fandom. But, it was a keynote he gave at Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist training at St. John in Edmond that will always stick with me. And it was he and his fellow Catholic Ragemonkey, Fr. Stephen Hamilton, who inspired me to be a Catholic blogger and engage on the culture on social media."  
-- Scott Warmka

"Fr. Tharp, I'll never forget the Christmases and Thanksgivings you would spend with our family; that Mexican Train game that lasted three hours! But more than that, I will miss your counsel that literally changed my life. When I give talks to teens, I share with them the counsel you gave to me, and one day I will share the same with my children. How can I ever thank you for your impact on my soul?! May you rest in peace and enter into your Lord's Kingdom, whom you loved so much!"  
-- Lorryn McGarry

"I'm heartbroken to hear that my good friend Fr. Tharp passed away. I always looked forward to our conversations, whether discussing complex philosophical issues, or what makes a really good cinnamon roll. The world is a lesser place without him. Also, nobody could play Odin quite like that guy."  
-- Samuel Joseph Perry

"Rest in Peace, Superhero. Thank you for inspiring everyone you came into contact with."  
-- Theresa Henrichs Hurt

"More than a few years ago, I received a mes-

sage from a Father Shane Ian Tharp through Facebook. He saw me on a TV show called, PUSHING DAISIES. He told me how much he liked my performance and we became Facebook friends. I loved reading his positive posts about his life as a priest. It was always such a treat. Unfortunately, he died this week of a massive heart attack. I am saddened to know I will never read his posts again. And even sadder that I will never get to meet this wonderful man. I'm honored to have 'known' him. It's glorious that there ARE priests out there like Father Shane. He believed in his faith, and more importantly, in his parish. May he forever rest in peace! God Bless You, Father!!"  
-- Michael Cornacchia, Los Angeles, Calif.

"A loving man, enthusiastic disciple, and holy priest has made the final pilgrimage of the Christian life. Father Shane Ian Tharp is a very good friend and a mentor of priestly ministry in the truest sense of the word. The man loved so well, because he knew well the One who loves him beyond our greatest estimations. Fr. Shane lived so as to bring everyone, especially those who felt they were beyond the reach of God, into the Love he had come to know so well. Today's Liturgy of the Hours reading could not have been more providentially placed on the morning after the death of such a good man:

"For God's Word, by whom all things were made, was Himself made flesh so that as perfect man He might save all men and sum up all things in Himself. The Lord is the goal of human history, the focal point of the longings of history and of civilization, the center of the human race, the joy of every heart and the answer to all its yearnings. He it is Whom the Father raised from the dead, lifted on high and stationed at His right hand, making Him judge of the living and the dead. Enlivened and united in His Spirit, we journey toward the consummation of human history, one which fully accords with the counsel of God's love: To re-establish all things in Christ, both those in the heavens and those on the earth' (Eph. 11:10). The Lord Himself speaks: 'Behold I come quickly! And my reward is with me, to render to each one according to his works. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end (Rev. 22:12-13).'  
-- Gaudium et Spes, 45"

-- Jerome Krug, a seminarian in Rome, Italy

## Oklahoma seminarian reflects on blessings, priestly formation at seminary

*Editor's note:* The following article originally appeared in *Conception Seminary's magazine, "Tower Topics."*

**By Jerome Krug**  
Conception Seminary College, Class of 2015  
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

On May 16, Conception Seminary College held its annual commencement ceremony in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Family, friends, faculty and staff, and all other CSC seminarians helped the graduates to celebrate and recognize the achievement of their graduation from college.

The Class of 2015 is comprised of 17 men, representing seven dioceses and two religious communities. Five of the men have been members of the class for eight consecutive semesters, while the other 12 transferred into the class at some point along the way.

Graduating from college seminary, for those going on toward priestly ordination, is very much a unique experience. There is truly a profound sense of completion and accomplishment, but these are both overshadowed by the excitement and anticipation of theology school, which follows quickly on the heels of college seminary.

When speaking to the graduates, there can be a greater emphasis on what is to come than what has just come to an end. However, this is not to say that as our time as students at Conception Seminary comes to its completion that we do not depart with many fond memories of our time spent here.

The Class of 2015, on the second night of orientation week in August 2011, was brought together by a devastating hailstorm that took down hundreds of tree limbs and shattered more than 100 windows on campus. The entire orientation program was placed on hold for a day, so that, along with the monks and returning students, we could assist in the clean-up effort.

Mother Nature sure rolled out the red carpet to welcome the budding Class of 2015 to northwest Missouri. This experience gave us a powerful introduction to life at Conception Abbey. A unique introduction to a life in which multiple generations of men from different backgrounds are called to live, pray and work together in community while striving to hear and answer the call of Jesus. This extraordinary opportunity to encounter the monastic community in an informal setting and to work alongside them, on just the third day since our arrival, instilled in the Class of 2015 a sense of being members of a community working

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Oklahoma seminarian Jerome Krug with his classmates at Conception Seminary College. Photo Tower Topics.

together for a common goal.

Another formative event in the life of the Class of 2015 happened on Feb. 13, 2013, when Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected the 266th Bishop of Rome and the world met Pope Francis. As white smoke began billowing out of the small chimney atop the Sistine Chapel, word spread throughout campus quicker than sand through an hourglass. The students gathered in the Alumni Union. We all heard, "Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: habemus papam!" Out walked a man most of us hadn't heard of before, and yet we were cheering and laughing and smiling because he would be the pastor who teaches us how to be pastors.

As those preparing for priestly ministry, we look to the pope as a model priest. When he walked out, the Class of 2015 had no idea what we would learn from watching his ministry, but what great lessons in pastoring he has taught us! If the world was taken by storm by the humility, the joy and the zeal for evangelization Pope

Francis showed from day one, then seminarians have been all the more swept off their feet by the wisdom his life offers. The Class of 2015 will be forever impacted by the life, the election and the witness of Pope Francis. The impact he has on our future ministry will be far more significant than we even realize. What a gift we are given in witnessing his love for the

### Encounter with God's Call weekend - Fall 2015

Twice a year, Conception Seminary College hosts the Encounter with God's Call weekend. Young men considering a call to the priesthood are welcome to spend a weekend geared toward helping them with vocational discernment.

Nov. 14-16  
Reserve spot (405) 721-9351, [jmulligan@archokc.org](mailto:jmulligan@archokc.org)  
[www.conception.edu/vocations/encounter-with-gods-call-weekend](http://www.conception.edu/vocations/encounter-with-gods-call-weekend)

poor, for Jesus and for evangelization.

The true value of a seminary is found in the students, faculty and staff who make up the community.

The Class of 2015 has been incredibly blessed to be led by two men, both completing their final year of leadership in the formation program at Conception Seminary College. For the first semester of senior year, our class' chaplain was Vice-Rector and Dean of Students Father Ralph O'Donnell. Due to Father Ralph's mid-year new assignment, our second semester chaplain was President-Rector Father Samuel Russell.

Both men brought with them a wealth of personal experience in priestly life and ministry. The pinnacle of the Class of 2015 growing close to these two men was found in the pilgrimages they led to Omaha, Neb., and Chicago, their respective home dioceses. In these pilgrimages, we were able to gain insight into how each of the men became the priests they are today. Not only did these trips provide time to come to know Father Ralph and Father Samuel, but they also

provided us with a chance to come together as a class. There is a deep and ancient wisdom in the practice of making pilgrimages, in the practice of uprooting from one's normal environment to pay better attention to what is around him. This is exactly what happened when we traveled; we came to see our leaders and one another with new eyes and in new ways. It was on these pilgrimages that we truly solidified as a class.

Although the Class of 2015's time as students at Conception Seminary College has ended, we will always draw from the memories and experience. Many different responses can be given when one asks what the Class of 2015 has received. At the foundation of all these answers is one fundamental thing: we have come to learn how to best give of ourselves.

Priestly formation in seminary is often boiled down to this formulation: knowledge of self, acceptance of self, gift of self. This is what we have received from Conception Seminary College, and it is this that we will take with us in serving those who are in need.

# Meet the Monks



This is the second in a series to introduce the men of the religious orders of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

**Brother George (Andrew) Hubl, O.S.B.**

What order do you belong to? I belong to the Order of Saint Benedict, (O.S.B.).

When and at what age did you enter the community? I moved into the Abbey on Jan. 4, 1998. I was 24 years young.

When did you profess your final (permanent) vows? I professed my final vows on the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Aug. 6, 2002.

When and how did you first discern a call to religious life? I took part in Totus Tuus in Wichita. Before I accepted the new challenge in my life, I called the vocations director at Saint Gregory's Abbey and we talked weekly. I took his suggestion and enrolled at Saint Gregory's University. I moved into the postulancy at the Abbey in January 1998, and my novitiate later that year. It was that decision to be an Oblate that started my journey in my discerning a religious vocation. During prayer for vocations, I realized my prayer was kind of a "false" prayer if I didn't truly consider it for myself. So, when I got the opportunity to guide youth in the Catholic faith through Totus Tuus, I knew this could be helpful for me to discern the call.

What is your ministry? My ministries include Liturgical hospitality, food hospitality and photography.

What do you want people to know about monastic life? Monastic Life isn't easy. You have to love unconditionally for your community and your guests. Once you reach this milestone, then life is all worth the love and promise you were striving to achieve.

What is the most satisfying part of your vocation? The most satisfying part of my vocation is the joy of love and charitable activities that make people feel they are good, and believing that you're walking in a path that many saints and common people took to reach a heavenly reward.

What is your advice to young men who are in the process of discerning their vocation? I would tell them to have an open mind and heart. Take time regularly and read about the saints. You will find they are as much a part of your heritage as family is in your life. Determine if it fits your understanding of charity and unconditional love.



Brother George and Fr. Simeon Spitz. Photo Diane Clay.

# Vespers for the Year of Consecrated Life



Archbishop Coakley and Archbishop Emeritus Beltran with the Sisters of Mercy. Photo Diane Clay.



Priests, brothers and religious sisters of the archdiocese attended Vespers with Archbishop Coakley on Oct. 25. Photo Diane Clay.

# National Vocation Awareness Week calls Catholics to foster culture of vocations

WASHINGTON — The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, Nov. 1-7. This observance, sponsored by the U.S. bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is a special time for parishes in the U.S. to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Pope Francis, in his message of April 26, 2015 on the 52nd Day of World Prayer for Vocations states; "Responding to God's call means allowing Him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness." The Holy Father stresses, "The Christian vocation, rooted in the contemplation of the Father's heart, thus inspires us to solidarity in bringing liberation to our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest."

National Vocations Awareness Week is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?"

"Encouraging others to recognize the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to follow Christ without reservations are key elements in supporting a culture of vocations," said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life



and Vocations. "With God's grace, we can have a positive impact on others who may be open to considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life, by simply inviting them to think and pray about it. Our enthusiasm and willingness to speak directly to others about vocations just might be the conversation someone need to respond to God's call."

A 2012 study, "Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics," conducted by the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), highlighted the role community encouragement plays in the discernment process. (Full study: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/survey-of-youth-and-young-adults-on-vocations.cfm)

"Over and over again when asked, newly ordained priests and newly professed men and women religious, credit the encouragement of family members, coworkers, friends and clergy, as being a significant factor in their pursuing a vocation." said Fr. Ralph O'Donnell, USCCB's executive director of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

Go online to www.archokc.org/vocations/home.

# St. Gregory's Benedictine Hall

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and school in Konawa.

In 1910, the monks moved to Shawnee at the invitation of town leaders to start a school there, which they did in 1915. In 1922, the school was renamed Saint Gregory's College.

Governor Fallin has declared Saturday, Nov. 7, as "St. Gregory's University Benedictine Hall Centennial Day." That day, there will be a Mass at 10 a.m. in the Abbey Church celebrated by Archbishop Coakley, Archbishop Emeritus Beltran, Bishop Edward J. Slattery of the Diocese of Tulsa, and the Rt. Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B., Abbot of Saint Gregory's Abbey and chancellor of Saint Gregory's University.

After the Mass, there will be a procession to, and rededication of, Benedictine Hall, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. In November 2011, the turrets on Benedictine Hall were severely damaged by a 5.6 magnitude earthquake. Thousands of alumni and friends of Saint Gregory's provided the necessary funds for reconstruction.

That afternoon, there will be a

**Saint Gregory's University**  
www.stgregorys.edu  
(405) 878-5100

**Saint Gregory's Abbey**  
www.monksok.org

**Mabee-Gerrer Museum**  
www.mgmoa.org  
1900 W. MacArthur Dr.,  
Shawnee 74804  
(405) 878-5300

dedication of the athletic field house to Coach Don Sumner and Jenetta Sumner, inductions into the athletic hall of fame, crowning of the homecoming king and queen and tours of campus.

That evening, there will be a dinner and dance at the Shawnee Expo Center with a special guest of honor, Shawnee native Robert Henry, former Oklahoma Attorney General and former federal judge for the Tenth Circuit who was on the board of the school from 1986 to 1990.

Abbot Lawrence said the Saint Gregory's community is grateful for all that has been accomplished in the past 100 years. He also said the school

is focused "on serving the needs of today and going forward, remaining a Catholic institution of higher learning in the Benedictine tradition."

In preparation for the future, Saint Gregory's University has five planning subcommittees that have been formed to address the school's future: Catholic Identity and Benedictine tradition, academic excellence, facilities and technology, and student life. The monks participate in every committee. The recommendations from these five committees will be presented to a steering committee, which includes Archbishop Coakley and Bishop Slattery.

In 2014, Saint Gregory's University began a nursing program with the Catholic hospitals in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The school has a working adults program at Shawnee and in Tulsa. Next year, the school will launch an online degree program.

# ST. GREGORY'S UNIVERSITY



Benedictine Hall stands alone in this historical photo.



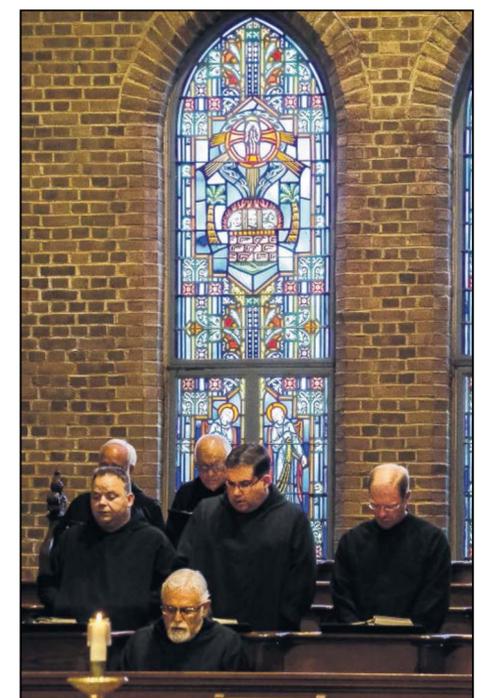
Damage caused by the 2011 earthquake.



Abbot Lawrence blesses the rebuilt hall in 2013.



The monks of St. Gregory's Abbey go about their daily rhythms of work and prayer. Photos Theresa Bragg.



# FOCUS fires up college students

By Sally Linhart  
For the Sooner Catholic

With an increased effort in evangelization and the call to "Go Make Disciples," Catholics in the archdiocese are working hard to answer that call. An important extension of that mission lies with young adults.

FOCUS – Fellowship of Catholic University Students – serves more than 100 campuses in the United States and is led by student missionaries. FOCUS offers a way for young Catholics to share the Gospel and their faith with other co-eds in a Christ-centered community, with a support network of their peers.

"College years are some of the most pivotal of a young person's life. Without the support of family and friends, the majority of freshman students fall into the party culture, swallowed by promises of happiness from destructive influences. What most of these students don't realize is that true joy is closer than they think," said Curtis Martin, the founder and chief executive of FOCUS.

"At FOCUS, we introduce young men and women on the college campus to a relationship with God. With encouragement from our campus missionaries, thousands of students are overcoming the harsh reality of campus culture."

Christopher Beck, a student at the University of Oklahoma, leads the Norman FOCUS chapter.

"Our FOCUS missionaries work in tandem with campus ministry. We hang out, pray and study in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship. We are helping students become missionaries of Christ in every way," Beck said.

The purpose of FOCUS is to invite and encourage college



The five member FOCUS team at St. Thomas More University Parish at OU with Archbishop Coakley after a vespers service. Christopher Beck is the altar server at right. Photo Chris Porter.

students into a relationship with Jesus Christ, with an emphasis on evangelization, discipleship and friendship among their peers.

FOCUS currently has a presence on three campuses in Oklahoma – OU, Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa. Each FOCUS group works in conjunction with the university parish or Newman center. Each FOCUS chapter is led by full-time, trained missionaries who coordinate activities that include weekly bible studies, large group outreach events, one-on-one mentoring with student leaders and on-campus evangelization.

Beck's involvement in FOCUS started when he went to a bible study led by a FOCUS missionary. Beck, who was not Catholic, continued to meet with that missionary, and his involvement with FOCUS fell into place.

"That one missionary worked so hard for me, and I knew I had to be that for somebody else," he

Disciples."

The OU chapter has five full-time trained missionaries and 50 student missionaries who are fully committed to their leadership responsibilities.

Leslie Ogar, a student at OSU, recently joined FOCUS after meeting a missionary at an outreach event on campus. Ogar grew up Catholic, but was looking for a deeper connection to her faith.

"During that first encounter, I felt at home, loved and welcomed. I loved the idea of that authentic friendship that was waiting for me. At that point, God picked me up and ran with me."

Ogar is currently leading two bible studies and mentoring four young women on campus.

Citing FOCUS' motto, Ogar touted the importance of being called to "Go Make Disciples."

"It's the whole point of FOCUS – we win over students with that authentic friendship, build them up and then send them out to answer the call that Christ has placed on our hearts."

Sally Linhart is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

said.

Beck emphasized the importance of students in new evangelization.

"We have to fulfill what God wants us to do – we all have a role to play and God chooses to use us through FOCUS. Our motto is 'Win, Build and Send,' and our missionaries are evangelizing and answering the call to 'Go Make



On a spring break trip, FOCUS and St. Thomas More led students in serving the homeless through Christ in the City, a ministry in Denver, Colo. Photo Chris Porter.

### Want to know about FOCUS?

Online: [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org);  
[www.facebook.com/focuscatholic](http://www.facebook.com/focuscatholic)  
E-mail: [info@focus.org](mailto:info@focus.org)  
Call: (303) 962-5750 or contact your parish

# God's Food Bank

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ners in Guthrie and elsewhere in the archdiocese to help provide stuffing, canned goods and frozen chickens or turkeys.

Engaged couple Michael Reed and Whitney Friend recently found God's Food Bank after moving to Guthrie and being denied food stamps until Michael found work. They hadn't eaten in two days. Michael now has a job, but the food bank continues to be a source of support.

"I've always made due on my own, but when you are responsible for somebody else, you have more to think about," Reed said. "It's hard going and asking for help, but you have to sometimes. It's one less thing we have to worry about getting with the little money we have. It means a lot."

Diane Clay is editor of the Sooner Catholic.



Whitney Friend and Michael Reed receive help from the Food Bank. Photo Diane Clay.

### Food Pantries Around the Archdiocese

**Edmond**  
Saint John the Baptist Samaritan House  
42 E 9 St.  
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to Noon  
(405) 216-7554

**Clinton**  
Saint Mary Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry  
714 S. 12  
Thursday 9 a.m. to Noon  
(580) 323-0345

**Boise City**  
Good Shepherd - Ministerial Alliance  
Food sacks available any time  
Cimarron County Sheriff's Office

No. 1 Courthouse Square  
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Shawnee**  
Saint Benedict  
Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Friday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
(405) 273-5371

**Oklahoma City**  
Epiphany of the Lord Saint Vincent de Paul  
7336 W. Britton Rd.  
(405) 722-2110  
Call for assistance

For other assistance in the archdiocese, contact a local parish or find a parish at [www.archokc.org/directory/parish-map](http://www.archokc.org/directory/parish-map).

# Hands-on program encourages lifelong faith for children

By Anamaria Scaperlanda Biddick  
For the Sooner Catholic

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, present at four diocesan parishes, is a unique program that fosters the relationship of young children with God. The scripture-and-liturgy-focused program is flourishing at four Oklahoma City parishes – Christ the King, Saint Eugene, Saint Joseph Old Cathedral and Saint Francis of Assisi with Christ the King and Saint Eugene also providing the program at their schools.

Christie Ardoin, a volunteer who was instrumental in bringing the program to Saint Eugene, first heard about the program through a friend at Christ the King.

"I'd never seen anything like it," she said. "It's a hands-on approach to the spirituality of the young child. It is respectful of the child. It accepts them where they are and encourages them to grow in their relationship with God."

Susan Ison, assistant principal at Saint Eugene Catholic School, said the program was the best representation of Catholic faith she had seen.

"It teaches reverence, respect and great appreciation for the Catholic tradition. We like how the items from the Mass are used in the atrium and it doesn't try to water down our faith."

The Montessori-based program meets weekly in a designated space called the Atrium, where the catechist gives a presentation based on scripture or liturgy using tangible materials. The Atrium is a holy space designed for the children with everything child-sized. The space includes a prayer table, a child-size altar, a child-size baptismal font and the materials for each presentation.

Ardoin's favorite presentation is "where the title comes from, the Parable of the Good Shepherd from John 10, with the image of the Good Shepherd calling us and knowing us each by name."

In the presentation, the catechist reads the actual words from scripture, first from a Bible and then from a scripture booklet. The second time, the catechist uses two-dimensional wooden figures of a shepherd, the sheep and sheepfold while reading scripture, providing a physical depiction of the story. All of this, Ardoin said, is done slowly, carefully and quietly.

### The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Christ the King - Blythe Ward, [wardtrio@mac.com](mailto:wardtrio@mac.com)  
St. Eugene - Susan Ison, [ison@steugeneschool.org](mailto:ison@steugeneschool.org)  
St. Joseph Old Cathedral - Stacey Philips, [ihope4joy@gmail.com](mailto:ihope4joy@gmail.com)  
St. Francis of Assisi - Mary Scaperlanda, [maryscaperlanda@gmail.com](mailto:maryscaperlanda@gmail.com)

Afterward, the children are invited to work, either with the material or responding to it in a different way.

Blythe Ward, leader of the program at Christ the King, noted the importance of the child's work.

"One thing that is very different about catechesis is the fact they get to choose their own work. They are led by the Holy Spirit; their work is their prayer."

Father William Novak, pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi, was impressed with the way the program allows children to grow in their faith.

"I first heard about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from a priest friend in Ohio. The idea that children were given tools to speak about their faith and learn about our Catholic faith at such a young age really impressed me," he said. "The CGS style of learning is very 'hands-on' and allows the children to express themselves spiritually in a sacred space."

Ward also was attracted to the reverence the children had in the Atrium. When her oldest



Girls at Christ the King work with the Good Shepherd materials. Photo Anamaria Scaperlanda Biddick.



Children at Christ the King listen to a presentation. Photo Anamaria Scaperlanda Biddick.

daughter began attending, she offered to help and eventually observed a session. Holding a Bible in the corner, she watched the children.

"It was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. The children were at peace; they were working quietly. It was harmony."

The unhurried pace of the Atrium is important to Ward.

"It is quiet, slow and they can take as long as they want on something. This is very counter-cultural; we often rush from one thing to another," she said. "I think it's really nice for them to be able to take the time to master a skill. We do not take away the material they are working with."

Father Novak is hopeful that the program will encourage a lifelong relationship with Christ.

"What attracts me to this program is that it teaches the faith to the children, but it also gives the child the opportunity to speak about his or her faith. I believe that we need more of this in the Church today and not just from children," he said.

"Spiritual renewal will come not just from knowing more about the Church and her teachings or by going through the motions, but from disciples who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd builds on a foundation for that relationship that will last a lifetime."

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# National Bible Week to celebrate role of Bible in the family

WASHINGTON — Families, parishes, schools and other Catholic groups can participate in National Bible Week, Nov. 15-21, with resources provided in English and Spanish and available on the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The theme of the observance is "The Bible: A Book for the Family/ La Biblia: Un Libro para la Familia."

The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation Dei Verbum will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Nov. 18. A variety of resources that highlight the Bible in Catholic life are available online: [www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/index.cfm).

Resources for families include "Enthroning the Bible in the Fam-

ily" (Cómo entronizar la Biblia en la familia), "Making the Word of God a Part of Your Home" (Cómo hacer que la Palabra de Dios sea parte fundamental del hogar), "Ever Ancient, Ever New: The Art and Practice of Lectio Divina" (Siempre Antigua, Siempre Nueva: El Arte y la Práctica de Lectio Divina) and "Sharing the Word of God at Home" (Compartiendo la Palabra de Dios en el Hogar).

Resources for parishes include a faith formation session on reading and understanding the Bible, a guide for starting and maintaining a parish Bible study, a family retreat, tips for using the Bible in catechesis and prayer, and a Scripture vigil on the themes of Catholic Social Teaching.



# Broken Arrow pilgrims walk to Fr. Rother's grave



Father Joe Townsend, pastor of St. Benedict in Broken Arrow, and Fr. Bryan Ketterer, associate pastor, led 160 parishioners on a pilgrimage to the grave of Fr. Stanley Rother on Oct. 18. Beginning at the Rother farm in Okarche, the pilgrims walked four miles to Holy Trinity Cemetery. Photos Cara Koenig.



## Lánzate a lo más Profundo

Luke 5:4

# Campaña de fondos para los Seminaristas es una oportunidad para apoyar y dar gracias

La semana pasada, durante una visita a una de nuestras escuelas católicas, un estudiante preguntó: “¿Qué es lo que más le gusta hacer como arzobispo?” “Ordenar a los nuevos sacerdotes”, fue mi respuesta entusiasta. Lógicamente la próxima pregunta fue, “¿Qué es lo más difícil que tienes que hacer?” La respuesta que ofrecí vino sin una reflexión seria, “¡Las reuniones del Consejo de Finanzas!” Se rieron.

Si hubiera pausado un poco para considerar realmente la pregunta, mi respuesta habría reflejado lo que me estaba preparando para hacer la mañana siguiente cuando presidi en el funeral del Padre Shane Tharp. El Padre Tharp tenía tan sólo 42 años de edad. Hombre bendecido con muchos dones, entusiasta y encontrando su ritmo como uno de nuestros pastores verdaderamente eficaces. Si una de las mayores alegrías de un obispo es la ordenación de nuevos sacerdotes, uno de sus penas es el tener que enterrar a los sacerdotes que han llegado al final de su viaje. Es muy duro perder a un pastor tan fiel, sobre todo cuando muere tan joven. Reflexionado tanto en las alegrías y las tristezas provocadas por esas preguntas de los estudiantes, me di cuenta de lo mucho en que mi vida como obispo está atada al bienestar de nuestros sacerdotes.

Creo que lo mismo podría decirse de la mayoría de los católicos. Valoramos a nuestros sacerdotes. Ellos son una parte importante de nuestras vidas.

Incluso mientras se experimenta el dolor de perder a un joven sacerdote, mi corazón se enalteció en agradecimiento por todos los buenos sacerdotes quienes el Señor ha llamado a servir en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City. Hemos sido bendecidos con la oportunidad de ordenar a ocho nuevos sacerdotes para la arquidiócesis en los últimos dos años. Muchos más han trabajado durante muchos años en la viña del Señor. Ellos han tocado nuestras vidas.

Al acercarse el Día de Acción de Gracias, me acuerdo de una fuente particular de agradecimiento es cuando veo el último cartel de seminaristas en los pasillos del Centro Pastoral. Estamos verdaderamente bendecidos al tener a estos jóvenes en formación en su intento de responder a la llamada de Dios. Estos jóvenes, si

Dios quiere, son nuestros futuros sacerdotes. Cada una de sus vidas es un misterio. Dios tiene un plan para cada uno de ellos, como lo hace para todos nosotros.

En los próximos días, todos los hogares de los feligreses registrados en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City recibirán un correo que contiene una versión más pequeña de este mismo cartel de seminaristas. Incluye tres mensajes, uno del Padre Hamilton, nuestro director de vocaciones, uno de nuestros seminaristas, así como uno mío. El propósito de esta iniciativa anual es presentarles a ustedes, el pueblo de la arquidiócesis, a nuestros seminaristas



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e invitarlos a apoyarlos. Son NUESTROS seminaristas.

Un objetivo muy importante de esta iniciativa es estimular la conversación sobre las vocaciones dentro de nuestros hogares, parroquias y en las aulas. El correo también contiene una oración pidiendo al Señor que siga bendiciendo a nuestra Arquidiócesis con una abundancia de vocaciones sacerdotales.

Es mi esperanza que esta iniciativa proporcionará el estímulo para la oración de acción de gracias y de petición al pedirle al dueño de la mies que envíe más obreros para que cuiden de su mies. Os animo a colocar este cartel en su casa, tal vez en la puerta del refrigerador, y haga esta oración con regularidad en sus hogares y parroquias durante todo el año.

Otro aspecto importante de esta iniciativa es pedirles su ayuda financiera. El costo de la educación de nuestros seminaristas sigue aumentando. Este año, el costo es de aproximadamente \$ 50,484 por cada seminarista. Sé lo mucho que nuestro pueblo católico aman el sacerdocio y aprecian nuestros sacerdotes. Por esta razón, les estoy pidiendo su ayuda financiera para cubrir los costos de la educación de nuestros futuros sacerdotes. El alto costo de la educación de nuestros seminaristas requiere múltiples fuentes de ingresos. Esta solicitud anual de fondos para la educación de nuestros seminaristas cubrirá parte de ese costo.

Ya sea que su regalo financiero sea grande, pequeño, o ningún regalo en este momento, por favor, continúe orando por las vocaciones y alienten a los jóvenes a estar abiertos al llamado de Dios en sus vidas. Hábleles acerca de las vocaciones. Invite a los hombres y mujeres jóvenes a considerar una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa.

Los jóvenes necesitan nuestro aliento y apoyo para escuchar la invitación de Dios y para responder con generosidad. Gracias por su generosidad.



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley

## En breve

### Nombramiento Oficial

Rev. Michael L. Chapman, administrador, Blessed Sacrament Church, Lawton



### Misa celebrando los Aniversarios

El Arzobispo Coakley invita a las parejas casadas que estén celebrando su aniversario especial (25, 40, 50+) el presente año 2015 para que asistan a una Misa Especial de Aniversario el domingo 8 de noviembre, a las 3 p.m. en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, 3214 N. Lake Ave., OKC. Después de la Misa habrá una recepción. Contacte a la Oficina de Vida Familiar al (405) 721-8944. El Arzobispo le dará su bendición y la comunidad local se



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alegrará en su ejemplo y compromiso al Sacramento de Matrimonio.

### Peregrinación de misericordia

La Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City participará en la Peregrina-

nación de Misericordia con las reliquias de Santa María Goretti. Se mostrará a la veneración las reliquias de Santa María el 9 de noviembre en la iglesia de Cristo el Rey en Oklahoma City. La veneración pública durará de 9 a.m. hasta 11 p.m. El Arzobispo Coakley celebrará la Misa a las 7 p.m.



# Al terminar el Sínodo encontramos paz, unidad y votos unánimes

Los profetas de malos augurios sorprendentemente callados

Por Pedro A. Moreno, OP, MRE  
Director del Ministerio Hispano

Antes de comenzar el Sínodo de la Familia los expertos dentro y fuera de la Iglesia hablaban de una supuesta crisis doctrinal y de grandes cambios en el futuro.

Se habló de guerras internas y de quien estaba en cual bando. Periódicos, revistas y libros destacaban una supuesta crisis doctrinal e incluso se llegó a hablar del fin del pontificado del Papa Francisco.

Me acuerdo de un pasaje de los evangelios cuando Jesús calma la tormenta. En la barca estaba Jesús dormido mientras la barca se tambaleaba en las olas. Ansiosos y asustados los apóstoles despertaron a Jesús. ¡Grave error! Por favor, nunca despierten al Señor cuando está tomando su siesta.

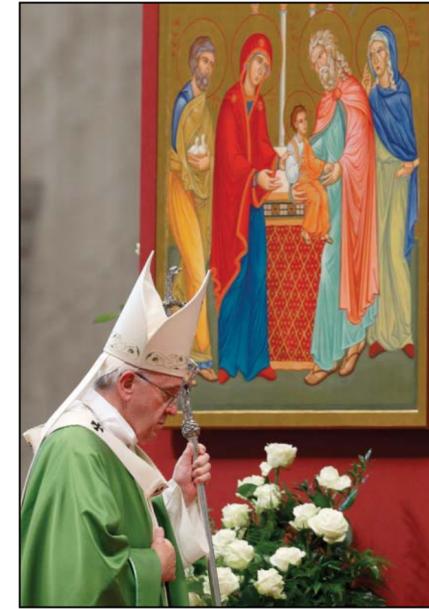
Jesús calmó la tormenta y les dio un pequeño regaño a sus apóstoles por haber dudado de su bienestar estando Él con ellos.

Al final de este sínodo las doctrinas siguen iguales y se ha puesto en alto el sacramento del matrimonio y la familia.

Existen buenas recomendaciones para que la Iglesia desarrolle una pastoral para los divorciados y para intentar prevenir tanto divorcio se compromete la Iglesia en ofrecer mejor preparación para los novios que buscan recibir el sacramento de matrimonio.

Quisiera dejarles una porción del discurso final del Papa Francisco al terminar el Sínodo de la Familia.

“Hemos visto, también a través de la riqueza de nuestra diversidad, que el desafío que tenemos ante nosotros es siempre el mismo: anunciar el Evangelio al hombre de hoy, defendiendo a la familia de todos los ataques ideológicos



Papa Francisco pasa por delante de una imagen de la Sagrada Familia después de celebrar la Misa de clausura del Sínodo de Obispos de la Familia. Foto CNS / Paul Haring.

e individualistas.

Y, sin caer nunca en el peligro del relativismo o de demonizar a los otros, hemos tratado de abrazar plena y valientemente la bondad y la misericordia de Dios, que sobrepasa nuestros cálculos humanos y que no quiere más que

«todos los hombres se salven» (1 Tm 2,4), para introducir y vivir este Sínodo en el contexto del Año Extraordinario de la Misericordia que la Iglesia está llamada a vivir.

Queridos Hermanos:

La experiencia del Sínodo también nos ha hecho comprender mejor que los verdaderos defensores de la doctrina no son los que defienden la letra sino el espíritu; no las ideas, sino el hombre; no las fórmulas sino la gratuidad del amor de Dios y de su perdón.

Esto no significa en modo alguno disminuir la importancia de las fórmulas, de las leyes y de los mandamientos divinos, sino exaltar la grandeza del verdadero Dios que no nos trata según nuestros méritos, ni tampoco conforme a nuestras obras, sino únicamente según la generosidad sin límites de su misericordia (cf. Rm 3,21-30; Sal 129; Lc 11,37-54). Significa superar las tentaciones constantes del hermano mayor (cf. Lc 15,25-32) y de los obreros celosos (cf. Mt 20,1-16).

Más aún, significa valorar más las leyes y los mandamientos, creados para el hombre y no al contrario (cf. Mc 2,27).

En este sentido, el arrepentimiento debido, las obras y los esfuerzos humanos adquieren un sentido más profundo, no como precio de la invendible salvación, realizada por Cristo en la cruz gratuitamente, sino como respuesta a Aquel que nos amó primero y nos salvó con el precio de su sangre inocente, cuando aún estábamos sin fuerzas (cf. Rm 5,6).

El primer deber de la Iglesia no es distribuir condenas o anatemas sino proclamar la misericordia de Dios, de llamar a la conversión y de conducir a todos los hombres a la salvación del Señor (cf. Jn 12,44-50”).

## La victoria por el cielo se gana a base de pequeños esfuerzos, dice el Papa

Por Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO – Como los atletas, los cristianos deben entrenarse en santidad para ganar “la gran victoria de los cielos”, dijo el papa Francisco en una Misa temprana.

En la homilía de esa Misa, celebrada el 19 de octubre en la capilla de su residencia, conocida en latín como “Domus Sanctae Marthae” (Casa de Santa Marta), el Papa presentó sus reflexiones sobre la primera lectura tomada de una carta del apóstol San Pablo, dirigida a los romanos, en la que les hace un llamado a los cristianos para que presenten su respectivo cuerpo “como esclavos para la justificación de la santificación”.

Aunque la conversión es un deber y uno debe de entrenarse como atleta que se prepara para una competencia, el Papa dijo que la santificación no se origina en esos esfuerzos.

“Los esfuerzos que hacemos, este trabajo diario de servir al Señor con nuestra alma, nuestro corazón, nuestro cuerpo, con nuestra vida entera, solamente le abre la puerta al Espíritu Santo”, dijo el Papa. “¡Es Él el que viene a habitar dentro de nosotros y nos salva! ¡Él es el dón de Jesucristo!”

Empero, el Papa reconoció que debido a nuestra debilidad, debido al pecado original y al demonio, la



Un levantador de pesas compete en los Juegos Panamericanos de Toronto, el 11 de julio. El papa Francisco dijo que los cristianos deben de entrenarse como atletas para ganar la santidad “en la gran victoria de los cielos”. Foto CNS / José Méndez, EPA.

tentación de regresar a nuestros antiguos hábitos es constante. El camino para la conversión, dijo, está hecho “de poquito en poquito todos los días”, incluso aunque haya dificultades.

Como ejemplo, el Papa habló de una mujer que sufría de cáncer y que él había conocido. Ella, a pesar de sufrir de tan terrible enfermedad, “se desenvolvía con alegría” y “actuaba como si estuviera sana”.

“Y hablando de esta actitud, la mujer me dijo: ‘Padre, daría cualquier cosa por vencer el cáncer!’ Y así es lo mismo que les debe de pasar a los cristianos”, dijo el Papa. “Nosotros que hemos recibido este dón en Jesucristo y hemos salido del pecado, de la vida de iniquidad “debemos seguir adelante, “un paso cada día”.

Estos pequeños esfuerzos, dijo, “nos ayudan a no caer, a no regresar, a no retornar a nuestra iniquidad; sino a seguir adelante en

busca de este dón, esta promesa de Jesucristo que es precisamente el encontrarnos con Él”.

“Pidámosle esta gracia al Señor: que seamos fuertes, que seamos fuertes en este entrenamiento de vida en busca del encuentro con Él, para que recibamos el dón de la justificación, el dón de gracia, el dón del Espíritu Santo en Jesucristo”, dijo el Papa.

# Jobs Box

## Development director

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a Director of Development and Stewardship to manage the overall strategies of stewardship programs and comprehensive fund development. This position will direct and coordinate all phases of the annual giving appeal (ADF) and other fundraising development initiatives. The successful candidate must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. Candidates are required to have a bachelor's degree and five years of experience in development or related field. Send resume and cover letter to Rev. William L. Novak, V.G., at [wnovak@archokc.org](mailto:wnovak@archokc.org).

## Job developer

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program is seeking a social service provider to work with employers to build relationships leading to job placement for clients. A degree in business or a social service field preferred. Excellent communication and organizational skills required. E-mail resume, cover letter and any additional requirements to [jobs@catholiccharitiesok.org](mailto:jobs@catholiccharitiesok.org).

## Refugee social services case manager

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program is seeking a social service provider to provide case management services. Preference is given to candidates with a degree in social work or a related field, and the ability to establish and maintain relationships with local community service providers. E-mail resume, cover letter and

any additional requirements to [jobs@catholiccharitiesok.org](mailto:jobs@catholiccharitiesok.org).

## Center of Family Love administrator

Direct daily internal and external operational activities for the Intermediate Care Facility/ Geriatric Intermediate Care Facility to provide excellent care to residents. Oversee all personnel management duties associated with clinical licensure standards, quality management, dietary and housekeeping, ensure processes that comply with federal, state and local requirements, and ensure fiscal responsibility. Must possess current Oklahoma Nursing Home Administrator's License. Contact the COFL human resources department at (405) 263-4658, e-mail resume to [hr@cfinc.org](mailto:hr@cfinc.org) or send fax to (918) 512-4449.

## Director of administration

The senior director for administration is responsible for the administration of Catholic Charities' agency programs, including budget, program development and strategic planning. The position provides supervision and direction for all administrative functions. Five years supervisory experience preferred. Applicant should have understanding of Catholic social teaching, the Catholic faith and traditions, and their applicability to the work of Catholic Charities. Submit resumes to Patrick Raglow, Catholic Charities, 1501 N. Classen Blvd., OKC 73106, or [praglow@catholiccharitiesok.org](mailto:praglow@catholiccharitiesok.org).

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## Are you listening?

By Sally Crowe Nash

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The other big change is a new date for the Radiothon. Join OCBN and participate in the semi-annual Radiothon on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 10-11.

Last year was the first year that OCBN offered incentives to inspire listeners to give. These were provided by our business sponsors. A new incentive this year is the Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting T-shirt. Expect to hear about gift certificates and restaurant certificates as well. The business sponsor of the gift will be named and thanked for their generosity.

The most popular incentive we offered last year was the

honorary "Apostle" title for donors of \$1,000 or more. This incentive is back - new and improved. If you are named an "Apostle" of Catholic radio, you also will receive a certificate memorializing this designation.

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## Briefs

### Bishop John Carroll Alumni Association

Calling all Our Lady's and Bishop John Carroll School alumni! The school is nearing its 100th anniversary and we want you to help us celebrate. Join the OLPH-BJCS Alumni Association. There is no cost. Register at [www.bjcs.org](http://www.bjcs.org). E-mail completed form to [alumni1919@bjcs.org](mailto:alumni1919@bjcs.org) or print and mail to Bishop John Carroll School, 1100 N.W. 32, OKC 73118, Attn: Alumni Association. The association will hold its first event Nov. 14 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Memorial Mass at 5 p.m. If unable to attend, e-mail names of the deceased for the book of the dead.

### Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome

Join Father Rex Arnold for a pilgrimage to Rome, March 31 - April 8, 2016. Explore the great historical and religious sites of Rome along with an excursion to Assisi. Registrations accepted on a space-available basis. Go online to [www.travelillum.com/trc/psd](http://www.travelillum.com/trc/psd).

### All Soul's Day

An All Soul's Day Mass is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Resurrection Cemetery chapel. Archbishop Coakley will celebrate.

### BMCHS to offer placement test

Bishop McGuinness High School will be administering the High School Placement test on Saturday, Nov. 7, for any 8th grader interested in attending the school for the 2016-2017 school year. A second test date will be Saturday, Nov. 14. Contact Laura O'Hara at [lohara@bmchs.org](mailto:lohara@bmchs.org), (405) 842-6638 Ext. 225 to register.

### Quilters' Bazaar

The women of St. Gregory the Great Altar Society will host a Quilters' Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held in the St. Gregory Parish Hall, 1924 West Willow, Enid. Free admission. Hand crafted quilts, holiday decorations, Christmas ornaments, purses, pillows and other items for sale. Lunch served

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5. Contact Joan at (580) 237-1725.

### Anniversary Mass

Archbishop Coakley invites married couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 40, 50+) in the calendar year 2015 to attend a special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m., at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave., OKC. Contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

### Catholic Women's Meeting

Catholic Women are invited to the Central Region Council of Catholic Women Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m., at St. James, 4201 S. McKinley Ave. Deacon Jim Smith from Christ the King will share information about the Peru Mission trip. Call Becky Van Pool at (405) 523-3003.

### Prayer day for the retired

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life will host a prayer day for the

retired at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The day includes a presentation by Fr. Paul Gallatin. To register, call (405) 721-5651, Ext. 158.

### Holy Trinity auction

The Holy Trinity annual auction is Saturday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. in the Holy Trinity School gym. Doors open at 6 p.m., bidding begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each at the door or by contacting Nikki Buck (405) 639-9767 or [HTSauction2013@outlook.com](mailto:HTSauction2013@outlook.com). Food, drinks and live entertainment.

### Save the date - Father Rother book

Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda will sign copies of her new book on Father Rother, "The Shepherd Who Didn't Run," on Dec. 1 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, OKC. Details to come.

Full briefs at [www.archokc.org/briefs](http://www.archokc.org/briefs).

# Calendar

This calendar only covers the two weeks between issue dates and may not reflect all of the calendar items. To see a full calendar, go to [www.sooneercatholic.org](http://www.sooneercatholic.org).

November	6	8	11
1 All Saints Day	St. Eugene gala and auction, 6 p.m., Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., OKC. Tickets \$80. Purchase at <a href="http://www.steugenes.ejoinme.org/2015">www.steugenes.ejoinme.org/2015</a> or by calling (405) 820-7529. Contact Nicole Hughes, (405) 361-2359, <a href="mailto:nicole.hughes@psf@gmail.com">nicole.hughes@psf@gmail.com</a> .	Charismatic Healing Mass, 5:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception, 3901 S.W. 29, OKC. Call (405) 685-4806.	Catholic War Veterans USA Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Sunnylane Family Reception Center, 3900 S.E. 29, Del City. Contact Ken at (405) 739-0036.
1 Daylight Saving Time ends.	1 National Vocation Awareness Week begins.	8 Spaghetti for Goretti, a fundraising evening for the restoration of the basilica that houses the relics of St. Maria Goretti. Dinner at 6 p.m., 8005 Dorset Dr. Reservations at <a href="http://www.ckokc.org/spaghetti">http://www.ckokc.org/spaghetti</a> .	13 Bingo at St. Joseph, Norman. Light dinner served 6:15 p.m. Games begin 7 p.m. with second session at 8:30 p.m. \$5 buys 10-game packet.
1 St. Matthew, Elk City, annual Thanksgiving bazaar and country store, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call (580) 225-0066.	7 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, at St. Ann Nursing Home, OKC. Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel with meetings immediately following. Contact Karen Banks at (405) 396-9086.	9 The relics of St. Maria Goretti at Christ the King Church, 8005 Dorset Dr., OKC, for public veneration from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Coakley at 7 p.m.	14 Annual craft fair and BBQ lunch at Holy Spirit, 1100 N. Sara Rd., Mustang, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors, gift baskets.
1 Bishop McGuinness High School open house, 1 - 3 p.m.	2 All Souls Day Mass celebrated by Archbishop Coakley at Resurrection Cemetery Chapel at 7 p.m.	10 Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting Fall Radiothon, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Find your station at <a href="http://www.okcatholicbroadcasting.com">www.okcatholicbroadcasting.com</a> .	14 The Oblates of St. Benedict of Mt. St. Scholastica meet at St. Charles Borromeo, Rm. A/B. Oblates meet Noon to 2 p.m., with newcomers meeting from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Judith Martin at (405) 635-5665.
5 Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m. in the Catholic Pastoral Center chapel. Contact Toni Calvey at (405) 630-0539, <a href="mailto:tonicalvey1900@gmail.com">tonicalvey1900@gmail.com</a> or visit <a href="http://www.SpiritOKC.org">www.SpiritOKC.org</a> .	7 The women of St. Gregory the Great Altar Society will host a Quilters' Bazaar from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. It will be held in the St. Gregory Parish Hall, 1924 West Willow, Enid. Free admission. Lunch served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5. Contact Joan at (580) 237-1725.	10 Catholic War Veterans will meet in the community room of St. Ann Retirement Center at 7 p.m. Contact Fr. M. Price Oswalt at (405) 235-4565.	14 The Bishop John Carroll Alumni Association will hold its first event at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Memorial Mass at 5 p.m. If you cannot attend please e-mail names of the deceased for the book of the dead, <a href="mailto:alumni1919@bjcs.org">alumni1919@bjcs.org</a> .
6 First Friday Sacred Heart Mass at the CPC. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available prior to Mass. Mass at 7 p.m. Materials about First Friday Devotion and consecrating family and home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus available. Contact the Office of Family Life, (405) 721-8944.	8 Anniversary Mass for married couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries. Archbishop Coakley will celebrate the Mass at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. If you plan to attend contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.	11 Veterans Day	14 Magic at the Mount auction to support Mount St. Mary High School, 7 p.m.
	8 Women's vocations event, 3 p.m., St. Mark, Norman. To register, call (405) 709-2738.	11 Prayer Day for the Retired at the CPC. To register, call (405) 721-5651, Ext. 158.	

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# Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

2015 *Seminarians* 2016

## SEMINARIAN EDUCATION APPEAL

We are profoundly grateful to the Lord for the growing number of young men in seminary formation, now 17 for the Archdiocese. But our success in recruiting new seminarians adds to the annual cost of preparing these men for the priesthood.

In order to stay abreast of the cost of educating our seminarians, I am asking you to consider a monetary gift specifically for the education and formation of our seminarians. No single source of revenue is adequate to fully fund the cost of seminary education but this annual appeal is very necessary. Consider this as an investment in the future of our faith in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. These are the men who will one day be the pastors of our parish.

*They will bring Jesus to us, and bring us to Jesus in ways that only a priest can do!*

*+ Paul S. Coakley*  
Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley  
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

### 2015-2016 SEMINARIAN COSTS

Tuition/Room & Board	\$629,866
Stipends	\$57,600
Books	\$11,500
Insurance	\$108,780
<b>Total Cost Per Year</b>	<b>\$807,746</b>
<b>Total Cost Per Seminarian</b>	<b>\$50,484</b>

**Please Be Generous In Prayer & Financial Support.**

Seminarian Costs are rising annually. So, along with your prayers, please use the Investment Form below and help support our seminarians and the future of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

▼ Look for this year's mailing containing your *Seminarian Brochure and Prayer Card!*



✂ Please Complete, Cut Along Dashed Line & Mail Today!

## 2015-2016 Seminarian Education Investment Form



**ARCHDIOCESE of OKLAHOMA CITY**  
**OFFICE of VOCATIONS**  
P.O. Box 32180  
Oklahoma City, OK 73123-0380

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes!**
- \$300
- \$250
- \$100
- \$75
- \$25
- Other:**
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept this gift for the future of our Archdiocese

Enclosed is my Check Payable to: **Archdiocese of Oklahoma City**

Please Bill my **Credit Card:**  
 Visa  MasterCard  Discover

CARD NUMBER _____	3 DIGIT SECURITY CODE _____
SIGNATURE _____	EXPIRATION DATE _____

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

▶ Please complete & cut-out this form, place in envelope with your generous investment, attach first-class postage and mail to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Office of Vocations today!

*Thank You for Your Generous Tax-Deductible Donation!*