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Hearts and Hair

St. Elizabeth Basketball Team Offers Heads In Effort to Help Beloved Coach in Battle With Cancer

By Emily Borders

Looking at the familiar faces in St. John the Baptist's Great Hall, Bishop McGuinness sophomore Taylor Allen watched as her little brother's basketball team had their heads shaved. No, this was not a team initiation or a practical joke. These proud boys, Allen knew, were shaving their heads to support their coach, their inspiration, and their hero.

More than 30 heads were shaved that night as part of a fundraiser for Taylor Allen's father, Matt Allen, who was diagnosed with brain cancer in September. Matt Allen has many ties to the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. His son, Chris Allen, is a sixth-grader at St. Elizabeth

Ann Seton Catholic School and his wife, Kelly Allen, is a teacher at Rosary Catholic School.

Soon after Matt Allen's diagnosis, fundraisers began at Bishop McGuinness, where Matt is a softball coach and friend to many at the school. Sophomore Elyse Hight decided to start one of the first fundraisers by selling T-shirts.

"I just felt it was the right thing to do," Hight said.

Hight started selling T-shirts the week after she learned of Matt Allen's diagnosis. In one short week, she sold T-shirts to more than 175 people and raised about \$2,600. In an act of kindness, Barry Hotte of Action Sports offered to donate

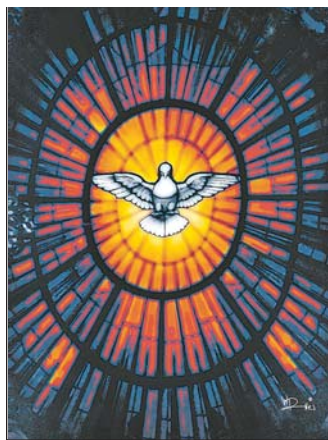
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Ryan Wright helped organize and participated in the benefit.

Photo courtesy of Edmond Life & Leisure

Art Exhibit to Open at CPC



Christian Art on Display, will be exhibited at the Catholic Pastoral Center Nov. 10-15. See art produced by masters of the past. Werner Ritter, Frankfurt, Germany will be present during the exhibition to further explain how he was inspired by the works of the great masters to create new access, with contemporary techniques and modern elements of style to timeless messages of faith. The exhibit will be in the Conference Center and is free to the public. Also, a special piano concert awaits the community on Sunday, Nov. 15, when Bob Waldrop, Epiphany music director, provides "Sacred Improvisation" from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Exhibit times are:

Nov. 10, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 11-14, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 15, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Rother Documentary on OETA

A documentary on Father Stanley Rother is scheduled to air on OETA at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10.

A'plas: The Story of Father Rother tells the story of the Oklahoma priest who was gunned down in July of 1981 inside the rectory of the church in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. Father Rother was a native of Okarche and his cause is being promoted for sainthood. Many of his family members still live in the Okarche area.

The 27-minute documentary by Diego Colombi tells the story of Father Rother and his ministry among the poor of Guatemala. There was great political unrest in the country during the 13 years Father Rother ministered there and his killing remains unsolved to this day.



Father Rother

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The Good News

Region X Hispanic Conference
Catholic Pastoral Center
October 24, 2009

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I welcome you, the faithful leaders of the Hispanic committees of Dioceses throughout Region Ten. I am very pleased that you have come here to our Archdiocesan Catholic Pastoral Center. I hope your conference is enjoyable and productive.

Can you imagine how the blind man in today's Gospel felt? There he was, at the side of the road, begging for money and he hears that Jesus is passing by. Naturally he shouts out: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." When told to be quiet, he shouts even louder. Then Jesus calls for him and asks what he wants. The blind man replied: "Lord, I want to see." And Jesus says: "Go on your way, your faith has saved you!"

To every one of us here today, Jesus asks that same question — what do you want Me to do for you?

Have you heard Jesus calling you? Have you begun to respond to Him yet? Do you believe that He will truly help you?

Faith in Jesus is the essence of our Catholic religion. We believe that He is the eternal Son of God and that He is truly our Savior. Therefore, we have a serious obligation to listen to Him and to accept all that He teaches, all that He has revealed to us.

Jesus revealed to us that we have been created in the image and likeness of God. He made us out of love. It is His plan that as His creatures we are able to receive His love and to

love Him in return. He has a purpose for us. He wants us to share in His life and love forever.

The only obstacle to life everlasting in heaven is sin. Sin is disobedience to God. Sin is the turning away from the beautiful plan of God. Sin is placing ourselves ahead of God. Therefore, sin is always evil and always effects us negatively. God, on the other hand, offers us peace and joy and love and life everlasting. All these gifts of God are given to us through His Son Jesus. God so loved the world that He sent His Son Jesus to save us. Jesus loves us so much that He gave Himself up for our salvation.

If we really believe in Jesus, we are eager to listen to Him and to follow Him. Through the Catholic Church, which Jesus established, we learn more about God and grow in faith. The Catholic Church has been directed by Jesus to teach authentically in His Name. Moreover, the sacraments that Jesus instituted have been entrusted to the Church. Therefore, it is through the Catholic Church that we are enabled to live a sacramental life. In this way, we are reborn. We are forgiven and healed. We are fed and nurtured and sanctified by the Body and Blood of Jesus. We are anointed and sealed with God's Holy Spirit.

Through our Catholic faith, we are actually sharing in the life of Jesus even now on this earth. It is true that it is only a beginning and therefore this life of grace must continue to grow through prayer, study and sacrifice. The more we learn about Jesus, the more we are aware of His Presence and love, the

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Beltran

more do we appreciate the reality of who we are as human beings.

We are God's loving creatures, made in His image and likeness. Therefore, we recognize our own dignity and purpose in life and the dignity of all our brothers and sisters. It is this realization that impels you and me to be leaders in the Church. It is this acknowledgement of God's call that urges us to share the Good News of Jesus with others through ministry. It is this spiritual and evangelical attitude that unites us here now for this conference. But even more importantly, we gather here in faith right now to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This Eucharistic celebration is a sharing in the life of Jesus. He says to us, "Take My Flesh and eat It. Take My Blood and drink It and you shall have life everlasting."

Yes, Jesus is our Lord. He is our Savior. This we believe. This we proclaim and this we celebrate. Amen.

Seminary Burses

A \$300 donation was made to the **Father James Kastner Seminary Burse** in memory of my brother, Father Kastner.

A \$30 donation was made to the **Father Stanley Rother Seminary Burse** by an anonymous donor.

A \$10 donation was made to the **Father Stanley Rother Seminary Burse** in loving memory of Marie Liebl.

A \$35 donation was made to the **Father Stanley Rother Seminary Burse** by an anonymous donor.

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CCHD Campaign Called Vital In Effort to Combat Poverty

What is poverty?

"It means having to do without basic needs. It means being last, forgotten, judged wrongly by others." — Male, 44, household of three, income less than \$8,860

"Working for a living and still not able to make ends meet."

— Male, 48, household of one, income of \$8,860 to \$11,939

"It means my children don't get a good education so they can't get jobs that pay enough, so the cycle continues."

— Female, 51, household of seven, income of \$11,940 to \$15,019

OKLAHOMA CITY — Poverty is a growing nationwide problem and Oklahoma has the eighth highest poverty rate in the country, based on the 2008 Census data. According to a study released by the Oklahoma Policy Institute, almost 11 percent of the poor in Oklahoma, who are working age, are employed full time and children bear the brunt of poverty, at 22 percent. Forty-four percent are single-mother households.

The failing economy has created a bleak landscape for Americans. The total net worth of all American families fell \$11 trillion in 2008, according to the Federal Reserve. Those affected the most are the 37 million Americans who were already living in poverty before the current crisis.

"Low-income families and individuals are experiencing the greatest hardship and have the least capacity to cope in this time of economic crisis," said Bishop William F. Murphy, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He notes that Catholics have joined together for 40 years to lift low-income communities out of poverty

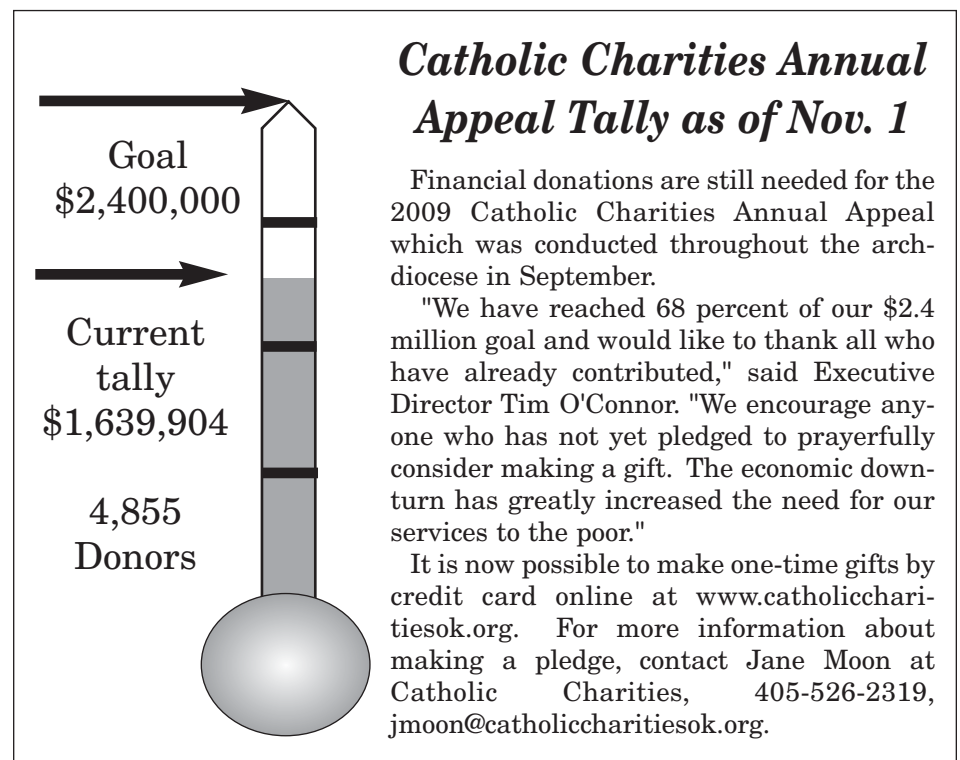
through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Becky VanPool, archdiocesan director of the CCHD, said, "Local parish projects and community groups work to create their own solutions to poverty through finding fair wages and affordable housing, creating access to health care and providing vocational training. These grant projects work for human life and dignity right here in Oklahoma."

"The Commission for Justice and Human Development would like to thank Oklahoma Catholics for their generosity in past campaigns and encourage them to give in the collection at Masses on Nov. 21-22," VanPool said. She urges Catholics to consider a donation of \$1, one hour's wage or one day's wage.

"If everyone in the archdiocese were able to give," she said, "a lasting impact would be made by the Catholic community to these families and communities. Our support of CCHD is vital to solving poverty in Oklahoma and the United States."

For more information about CCHD grants or the November collection, contact VanPool at (405) 523-3003.



Help Sought for Holiday Meals

Members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Native American Conference will be making their annual trek to western Oklahoma in a couple of weeks to help bring holiday dinners to families living there.

Joe Shelledy said the Saint Vincent de Paul group plans to deliver 100 holiday dinners to mostly Cheyenne and Arapaho families living in communities such as Sentinel, Watonga, Geary, Canton, Clinton and Longdale.

Shelledy said a year ago the Oklahoma City Thunder donated a large number of turkeys to Catholic Charities and the organization shared 100 birds with them to be delivered to the Native Americans living in west-

ern Oklahoma. That won't happen this year so the St. Vincent de Paul Conference is seeking support to help purchase turkeys.

Shelledy has been with the conference for about nine years and he said each year the dinner run into the rural areas of western Oklahoma has been undertaken. The conference is comprised of parishioners from Oklahoma City's St. Charles, Epiphany and Saint Patrick's. Saint Monica Parish of Edmond and Christ the King, also in Oklahoma City, have been financial supporters of the effort.

For more information, contact Shelledy at 787-8367 or send a check to Mary Kubiak, 4412 N. Wall Street, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73122.

Bishops: Health Care Reform Not Acceptable with Abortion Included

WASHINGTON — In an extraordinary call to Catholics to prevent health-care reform from being derailed by the abortion lobby, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent bulletin inserts to almost 19,000 parishes across the country.

"Health-care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them," the insert states. It urges readers to contact Senate leaders so they support efforts to "incorporate long-

standing policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights" in health reform legislation.

"If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed," it adds.

The insert highlights the Stupak Amendment from Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI) that, it states, "addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights."

"Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on the amendment,"

the insert states. "If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

A dramatic ad of a pregnant woman notes that the Hyde Amendment, which passed in 1976, has prevented federal funds from paying for elective abortions, yet health-care reform bills that are advancing violate this policy. The ad message: "Tell Congress: Remove Abortion Funding and Mandates from Needed Health-Care Reform."

The insert also directs readers to www.usccb.org/healthcare.

"The bishops want health-care reform, but they recoil at any expansion of abortion," said Helen Osman, USCCB Secretary for Communications, who helped organize the campaign.

The Catholic bishops have a long history of support for health-care reform based on its teaching that health care is essential for human life and dignity.

Mount Students Recognized by National Merit Scholarship Program

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School is proud to announce that students Kevin Cartwright, Rebecca Bornstein and Nicholas Lopez are being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Talita DeNegri, principal of Mount St. Mary, credits the diligence of each student, the rigorous course work, the excellent teaching staff at The Mount, and the supportive families for these great honors.

"Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation. These intellectually gifted high school seniors from The Mount represent some of the most academically talented students in our country, and NMSC is proud to recognize their accomplishments," said a spokesperson for NMSC.

Kevin Cartwright, a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors. Kevin, who is the son of Gary and Sheron Cartwright, plans to major in computer science and is looking at several universities. Scouting became a part of his life at the age of 6, and now Kevin has attained the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Acting is another one of Kevin's passions, and he has been successful in



Kevin Cartwright, Rebecca Bornstein and Nicholas Lopez.

the 4A State One-Act Play competition by winning first in state last year and first in 4A Regionals so far this year. With the help and guidance of sponsors Margaret Whitaker and John Keilty, Kevin was active as vice president of The Mount's FIRST Robotics Competition team last year. Kevin is honored about being a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program and he says that it has opened numerous doors for future opportunities.

Rebecca Bornstein, who is a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program, placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The daughter of Bob and Sally Bornstein, Rebecca's interests lie in the biological sciences and she plans to attend either OU or OSU. Rebecca delights in both photogra-

phy and astronomy, and as a member of the OKC Astronomy Club, she participates in a host of star-spangled activities. Taking care of Danny, her Morgan horse, is one of the other areas of satisfaction in Rebecca's life. Rebecca is engaged in numerous equestrian activities including carrying the flag in the opening ceremony of the Morgan Grand National Horse Show and being active in Hunter Paces.

Nicholas Lopez has been selected as a 2009-10 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar. This program identifies outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students. Nicholas, son of Jose and Beth Lopez, plans to major in computer science or computer engineering and MIT is the ideal school for him.

Nicholas was also a member of our FIRST Robotics team, one-act play, and was a Scout for six years. Active in the Key Club, Nicholas has helped plan and execute the senior prom for senior citizens and assisted with YMCA auctions at the Cox Convention Center. According to Nicholas, opening up more college options is one of the most important parts of winning the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

Edmond's Free Health Clinic in Need of Medical Volunteers

By Ammanda McCabe
The Sooner Catholic

EDMOND — The Good Samaritan Clinic mission statement reads: "The Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Edmond continues the healing ministry of Jesus Christ for those with no health insurance within the Edmond community by promoting wellness and providing physical, emotional and spiritual care with dignity."

The need for the clinic's services is greater than ever, and so is the support needed to help continue and even expand the mission.

The clinic is there to serve anyone in the Edmond area, adults and children, who are not covered with health insurance. The clinic provides

immediate medical needs every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Open since February, the clinic regularly sees close to two dozen people each week.

"We normally schedule 22 patients in those three hours each Saturday morning," said Dawn Harris, the clinic coordinator. But, she said, there is so much more to do, and many more people to help. Oklahoma has the eighth highest rate of uninsured patients, and Edmond alone has between 8,000 and 12,000 uninsured. There is

often a three-week wait to be seen at the free clinics that dot the metro area, leaving the emergency room as the only option for many.

Dr. James Dixon, the medical director, said much more needs to be done, but for now, the clinic is doing all it can.

"We've done well so far, but our concern is there's a large unmet need," said Dr. Dixon. He said there is a need to expand the hours, but more staff members are needed to do this.

Deacon Lee Hunt, president of the clinic, said the clinic provides an

invaluable service to the community. He is hopeful more professionals will feel the call to serve in this area.

"When the clinic is open, there are two primary care providers, two nurses/medical assistants, two translators, and at least one receptionist/administrator, and the clinic coordinator," Deacon Hunt said. "Because of the demographic of the patients visiting the clinic, the type of primary care providers needed are physicians or nurse practitioners in either family medicine or internal medicine." English-Spanish translators are also needed.

If you are interested in learning more and are able to volunteer your time, please call the clinic at (405) 513-4357, or visit the Web site at www.goodsamaritanofedmond.com.

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Fourth Annual Women's Conference Set for Feb. 6 in Oklahoma City

Oklahoma Catholic women are invited to spend a day of reflection, healing and renewal at the Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference in February. The fourth annual conference will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Clarion Conference Center at I-40 and Meridian in Oklahoma City.

The conference will include a morning Mass with Archbishop Eusebius Beltran, Adoration, Reconciliation and a vendor area. Both online and mail-in registrations began Nov. 1.

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

Through Jan. 22, the registration fee is \$50 and \$30 for students, and includes a box lunch and drink. After Jan. 22, the registration fee is \$60, and will be accepted as space permits. Registrations can be submitted on the conference Web site using PayPal, or by mailing in a registration form available on the Web site or in parish offices. Special room rates of \$79 are available at the nearby Hilton Garden Inn by calling (405) 942-1400. Reservations should be made by Jan. 22.

Speakers and topics are:

Teresa Tomeo — “Handmaids of the Lord: Rediscovering the Dignity of Women” and “Mary vs the Media”

Teresa Tomeo is a veteran broadcast-journalist with more than 20 years of experience as a

radio and TV news reporter and anchor woman mainly in the Detroit area. She is now an author and host of syndicated Catholic talk show “Catholic Connection.” Most recently, she was invited to Rome to be one of only 260 international delegates to participate in the 20th anniversary of Mulieris Dignitatum, a “Congress on Women.”

Elizabeth Ficocelli — “The Age of Mary”

Elizabeth Ficocelli was born in New York where she was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. When her future husband, Mark, invited her to Mass on their college campus, she experienced for the first time a spiritual connection with her fellow worshippers and a deepening love for God. After a 20-year career in advertising, Elizabeth launched a new ministry in spiritual writing. She has published a series of children's sacramental books and has written books on Lourdes, Medjugorje and Saint Therese of Lisieux. Elizabeth has also published 11 articles in national Catholic magazines includ-



Teresa Tomeo



Elizabeth Ficocelli

ing St. Anthony Messenger, Liguorian, America, Columbia, Catholic Parent, Take Out (Our Sunday Visitor), and Lay Witness Online.

Kurt and Julie Carrick — “Celebrating the Truth: Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage, Life”

Kurt and Julie Carrick have been active in the Catholic Church, from music ministry to Engaged Encounter workshops for 10 years (from presenting weekends all the way to being part of the National Executive Team). They are also Benedictine Oblates and helped to establish a beautiful retreat center in the Flagstaff Catholic community. Julie has written and recorded seven music CDs and a Rosary CD, in which she and Kurt pray together.

Kurt was nominated for UCMVA 2004 “Songwriter of the Year,” and received the 2006 Unity Award for “Spoken Word Album of the Year” for “A Couples Rosary.”

More than 900 women attended the conference held in January 2009.

For registration and more information, call (405) 396-6292, e-mail ocwc@OCWConference.com, or visit the conference Web site at www.OCWConference.com.



Kurt and Julie Carrick



Project Gabriel Training November 14

OKLAHOMA CITY — Project Gabriel is a compassionate and caring way that each parish can carry out its mission to proclaim and live the Gospel of Life. The ministry provides support for expectant mothers who otherwise may have little or no support.

There will be an information/training session for all of those interested in the Project Gabriel ministry at the Pastoral Center from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 14. This training is free, but reservations are required. Call the Office of Family Life to reserve your space at (405) 721-8944

Gabriel Angels bring the good

news of new life to expectant less situation.

mothers, much as the Angel Gabriel brought it to Mary. Because of an unexpected pregnancy, a woman often feels confused, alone and unhappy. Feeling little support in her decision to have the baby, she needs a friend to listen to her feelings and fears and someone with whom to pray. The Gabriel Angel is a friend who can bring the love of God to someone who needs it, to be a source of hope in a seemingly hope-

Gabriel Angels bring the good news of new life to expectant mothers.

Gabriel Angels are parish volunteers who minister directly to a woman during and immediately after her pregnancy. Volunteers attend a training session on the emotional and spiritual needs of mothers in crisis, community resources, and communication and listening skills. Volunteers are given information on Scriptural and Church teachings, archdiocesan resources and pro-life spirituality.

Scout Directs Park Improvements to Earn Eagle Rank

By Monica Knudesen
For the Sooner Catholic

Chris Newsom will be a college student next year, with plans to become a veterinarian. He wanted his Eagle Scout project to benefit animals, which was a natural choice.

Chris is the son of Paul and Diane Newsom. He is a member of Troop 179, based at St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

For his Eagle Scout project, Chris spent 260 hours planning, designing and building six sturdy picnic tables for Pets and People Humane Society's Dog Park in Yukon. Two are along a shady tree-lined fence, and four are around a lake. The roughly four-acre park is peaceful and pretty, surrounded by farmland and woods. The picnic tables now afford visitors a place to rest and watch their dogs play. Cindy Bollinger, president of Pets and People said, "More people come



A dog and a couple of dog lovers enjoy a new table at the Yukon dog park.

because there is a place to sit down. The dogs like to jump up on the tables, too."

Newsom found plans on the Inter-

net, but then, "I had to figure out how the plans work. You have to be able to tell guys how to follow directions. My friend, Grant and I put the first table

together by ourselves." A group of Scouts from his troop, several adults, some Mount St. Mary's football players and assorted friends comprised the work crew.

Much of the project's 260 hours involved pre-planning, securing equipment and materials, donations, bringing work crews together, teaching, presenting a plan to the Scout Council and even preparing first aid contingencies should anyone be injured on the job site.

Newsom said, "I've helped with Eagle Scout projects before, when I was doing the work. With this, after I gave the directions, I didn't have to do that much."

Tom McGivney, Scout leader said, "Chris has been senior patrol leader and held other positions of responsibility in the troop. He kept up his grades, and played football on Mount St. Mary's team while also working on his Eagle Scout project."

Troy Smalley Captures Eagle Honor



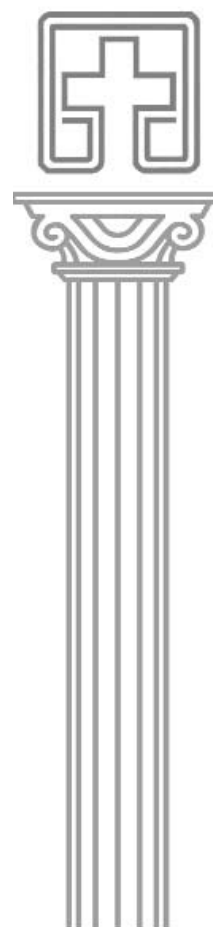
Troy Smalley

Troy Smalley has had many accomplishments in his 17 years. At age 12, he became a Catholic. He was influenced by his young Catholic friends and childhood caregiver while attending church and student activities in Omaha. Upon arriving in Oklahoma City when his mother became president of Mercy Health System, he immediately pursued his dream of achieving his Eagle Scout Award. After being interviewed, he was accepted by the local Troup 599. He had only a short time to complete all the requirements but was successful and was awarded his Eagle Scout Award on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, in the presence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smalley, his brother, Nick, and many Scouts, friends and supporters. His project included the replacement of a water well covering and a pump house for the Sisters of Mercy. Both had been destroyed by recent storms.

Edmond Parish Sets Advent Mission

EDMOND — St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 9th and Boulevard invites you to attend our first Advent Mission at 7:45 p.m. on Dec. 8, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. We are excited and honored to have a world-renowned liturgical scholar, the Rt. Rev. Abbot Marcel Rooney, O.S.B., current president of the Te Deum Institute of Sacred Liturgy in Tulsa, as our speaker. He will captivate you with his knowledge of the Theology and History of the Liturgical Season of Advent.

No registration is required and a nursery will be provided. For more information, please contact the parish office at 340-0691.



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Saint Matthew Parish Celebrates 40th Anniversary

ELK CITY — In 1969, three parishes in western Oklahoma were joined together to create Saint Matthew Catholic Church. On Oct. 25, Catholics filled the pews of the beautiful church to celebrate Mass and reflect on the great gift of faith God has blessed them with.

Archbishop Beltran celebrated the anniversary Mass with Father Carl Janocha, pastor of Saint Matthew, concelebrating. Assisting were Deacons Paul Albert and Jim Warnke.

Some 40 years ago, Catholic parishes in Elk City, Canute and Scheidel were combined to create Saint Matthew. The church sits just off Interstate 40 and is home to more than 450 families. Each of the three former churches contributed greatly to Saint Matthew Church and in his homily, Archbishop Beltran reminded the faithful that while the three combined to form the parish, we all combine to create the universal Catholic Church.

“For more than 2,000 years our Catholic Faith has flourished across the world,” the archbishop said in his homily. He said Christ came to redeem us and Saint Matthew’s, along with the entire Catholic Church, is “the recipient of God’s grace, love and mercy.”

Focusing on the day’s Gospel of Mark 10:46-52, the archbishop said while “we may not be physically blind,” as was the case of the man in



Altar servers flanked by 4th Degree Knights of Columbus lead the processional at the conclusion of Mass.

the Gospel who called out to Christ as he passed by, “we can be spiritually blind.

“The blind man in the Gospel had the right vision,” Archbishop Beltran said. “His great faith saved him.” He said Catholics must always remember that we are created in the image and likeness of God.

Archbishop Beltran said Christ came to redeem us, but He never forces himself on us. That choice is entirely up to us. “We were given a new chance by the grace, mercy and love of Almighty God,” the archbishop

said. “Do we have the right vision?”

The Saint Matthew choir was joined by choir members from Saint John Nepomuk in Yukon. A hand bell choir accompanied the vocalists. Robert Noble, music director at Saint John’s, directed the choir. He is the son of Kathy Noble, Saint Matthew choir director.

The history of Saint Matthew dates to Jan. 30, 1970, when it was dedicated and blessed. Father Thomas Boyer delivered the first homily at the new church.

According to the parish history, prior to consolidation of the three parishes, the three Catholic schools in Scheidel, Canute and Elk City were consolidated, and a new school, dedicated to Saint Matthew, was constructed. For the first several months

after consolidation, Mass was celebrated in the J.M. O’Donnell Youth Center, which adjoined the school. The school was closed in 1971 due to low enrollment and financial problems. To form the church worship area, partitions to four classrooms were removed and converted to the new Church of Saint Matthew. The newly created parish worshipped in this make-shift church for 28 years, always looking to the day they would raise enough funds to construct a church. A formal entrance was created with a three-bell tower, to celebrate the three parishes that make up the Church of Saint Matthew. It was begun in 1983 under the supervision of Father Kevin Devlin, pastor from 1973-1984, and was completed under the supervision of Father James Greiner in 1984.

After years of fundraising, conferring with architects, viewing designs and selecting a contractor, Father Stephen Cude held the long-awaited groundbreaking ceremony. The original cost was estimated at \$1.9 million and was paid through a combination of donations and pledges of parishioners and church savings.

The church contains items from each of the three churches closed in 1970, a crucifix from Saint Joseph’s, Stations of the Cross from Holy Family and stained glass windows from Saint Francis. The church also features new stained glass windows, an outside mosaic of Saint Matthew, a granite baptismal font with a waterfall, a prayer garden, a reconciliation room, a sacristy and an audio-visual control room. The daily Mass Chapel was named “The Chapel of Madeleine,” in honor of Saint Mary Magdalene.



A choir of voices from St. Matthew and St. John Nepomuk provided beautiful music for the Mass. At right, Deacon Paul Albert offers a blessing with incense during Mass, while Archbishop Beltran, at far right, greets parishioners as they leave the Eucharistic Celebration.





Members and supporters of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton basketball team pose with shining heads following the fundraiser for their coach, Matt Allen.

Hair and Hearts



Matt Allen and his wife, Kelly, with Father John Metzinger.

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the T-shirts to Hight. This way, more money could be raised for the Allens.

"The most rewarding part will definitely be giving the money to the Allens," Hight said.

The sixth-grade boys basketball team at St. Elizabeth's held a fundraiser in order to help their coach.

They were given a week to raise as much money as they could, and if they raised over a certain amount, they would receive prizes such as having one of the other coaches of the team shave a Mohawk on his head, or getting to see dads, brothers or coaches getting their heads shaved.

The fundraiser, which was held after Mass on Oct. 4, also included participants from the St. Mary's Storm football team as well as their parents and older brothers. The boys got their heads shaved and food was provided. It was a spectacular show of appreciation for the coach the boys all love.

"I'm pretty sure 'thank you' can never fully describe how my family is feeling," Taylor Allen said. "This is probably the toughest thing that

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Donations for the family are still being accepted. Checks made payable to The Allen Family can be forwarded to David Sine, senior vice president, Bank of Oklahoma, 9520 N. May Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73120.

Emily Borders is a staff writer for the Chi Rhoan, the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School student newspaper.

Saint Ann Retirement Center

A Community Set Apart



"We cannot thank you enough for all that you personally have done to allow our mother, Marie McAuliffe, to feel so welcome, safe and happy during this transition of her life. I am so grateful. Thank you."

Dianna Swartz



Saint Ann Announces Theatre Groundbreaking!

Saint Ann Retirement and Assisted Living Center is blessed with a beautiful community that has incredible residents who are a part of a family. We are also blessed with a beautiful chapel where Mass takes place every day. new furnishings and much more. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. The new area being built will accommodate musicals, movies, Saint Ann anniversary celebrations, holiday and other special events.

To continue our sense of community, we are expanding our activity room to include a stage, special audio-visual equipment, To celebrate our groundbreaking, we are having a November "Ground-breaking Special" at Saint Ann's. For anyone who

moves into our community during the month of November, we are waiving the \$1,000 community fee. What a fantastic savings!

We have one- and two-bedroom apartments available in Independent Living as well as one-bedroom apartments available in Assisted Living. To join our community, contact Richard Amend, Mission Director at Saint Ann Retirement Center, (405) 721-0747. We would love to welcome you home for the holidays!

We have many beautiful people from different states that live here. Each person brings a good story to tell about where they came from and how they chose Saint Ann's. — Margo Cowden

Saint Ann Retirement Center

A Community Set Apart

As a Catholic clergyman laboring in the Oklahoma vineyard since my ordination to the priesthood in 1961, I recommend Saint Ann Retirement Center as a home for those individuals who seek the company of friendly residents, competent management and a gracious staff.

The center provides religious services, exercise classes, barber shops, entertainment activities as well as health-related functions.

I have dwelt at Saint Ann's for nearly eight years and know not a better place to reside.

Father Louis J. Lamb



Father Louis J. Lamb

I moved to St. Ann's from Enid and left many lifelong friends, and have never regretted it for a moment. The highlight of St. Ann's for me is the way they provide and encourage you to maintain an active and stimulating life. I play various card and domino games nightly, with a mixed group of people who have the same interests as me. I enjoy the restaurant-style dining service, and find all the meals and staff service to be the best. I also enjoy the chapel services and the daytime activities, which for me are the exercise programs, Bible study, and many of the cultural outings.

St. Ann's is a beautifully appointed facility, and there is apartments to meet anyone's needs. I know I am in a safe and caring environment, surrounded by a great staff and always a smile on everyone's face!

Gwen Crawford



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Betty J. Kenney

On entering the front door of Saint Ann Retirement Center, my family was immediately moved, not only by the beauty, but by the calmness and peaceful atmosphere. They said it was as different as night and day. I have found this to be true. The privilege of worshipping in our chapel is a treasure. I also appreciate the food which is prepared with our health in mind. I have heard that people of all

faiths have been known to say they have felt the presence of Jesus in their lives at Saint Ann's. This is how I feel.

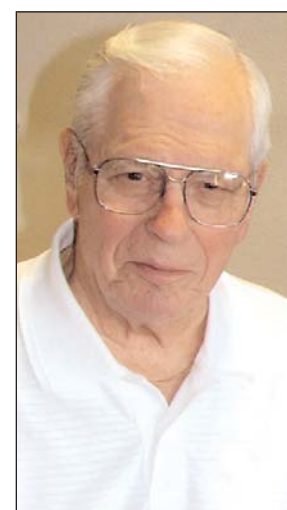
— Betty J. Kenney

I have been a resident of Saint Ann Retirement Center for two years. I've enjoyed it very much! There is always something to take part in — Venture trips to different spiritual locations, eat out ever so often to different restaurants and visiting places of interest.

I've been privileged to be elected to the local council, consisting of nine members of Independent Living and two members from Assisted Living. The council works and helps the staff keep up with any items that may be altered to help the success of the operations of Saint Ann's.

We have a very beautiful chapel, which can be used for different types of Christian worship. We also have special celebrations throughout the year on holidays, 4th of July, Halloween, Labor Day and many others.

Vince Foxhoven



Vince Foxhoven

Living at Saint Ann's is the best second home. All the card games, TV, movies, entertainment, one can't be bored. All those who live here are very friendly and we enjoy each other's companionship. — Ruth Anderson

Examples of Great Faith Often Right Before Our Eyes

On Sunday, during the parish dinner, a man choked on a piece of food. His wife stood up and put her arms around her husband and attempted to save him. In a matter of a few seconds, those of us working the floor of the hall noticed their crisis and called to a few large men to spring into action. One man made it to their table and took over. Almost immediately, the victim's air passage was cleared and he could breathe again.

I know what it is like to choke on food. It can be absolutely terrifying. In those critical seconds, you wonder if this is it. You know that, unless something happens to change the situation, you simply aren't going to make it.

As I watched from a short distance away, I found myself immediately in prayer. But the only thing I could say was Jesus. Oh Jesus.

I've only prayed that short prayer once before. It was on the day I choked. In fact, it was while I was choking. In both cases, the name of Jesus became a plea for help — for help from the only one who really could help. Jesus.

And even as I invoked the Holy

Name of Jesus Christ in my one-word prayer, the man's air passage cleared and he began taking in deep breaths.

I have seen this man before. He comes to Mass every week, pushing a walker, making his way to the front to receive the Eucharist. Oh, he could stay home and nobody would think twice about it. God would even understand. Someone could bring the Eucharist to him. I don't know the name of his illness, but I do know that he can't be older than I am. Probably in his 40s. But something has gone very wrong. He is frail. I've seen him collapse as he walked forward to receive the Eucharist. I have watched as ushers ran to help him back to his seat. I have watched as Father walked directly to him to bring Our Lord's Body to this one who suffers so greatly.

On Sunday, my husband was an usher at Mass. He greeted this



By Denise Bossert

husband and wife as they entered the narthex. John asked the man how he was. The husband didn't complain, though he was hunched over the walker and barely able to shuffle his feet along the floor and into the sanctuary.

The man replied that he was doing well. It was a good day.

And even though he struggles to walk, he comes to Mass.

Even though he risks falling in front of everyone, it doesn't seem to deter him. He still keeps making his way toward the Eucharist.

Even though he has a tendency to choke, probably due to the illness, he still comes to the parish dinner. He still breaks bread with all of us.

At Mass.

At the parish dinner.

In moments like these, I witness a portion of grace far greater than I have personally witnessed ever before. That kind of strength comes from God. No amount of personal determination and grit could account for the strength I see in this ailing and failing man.

And after I ponder this, I take a

look at his wife. She is right there, by his side, as he enters the church, as he receives Our Lord. She is there behind him, using all of the strength her small frame can muster to wrap her arms around him and perform the maneuver to rescue him from the brink of death. She is there with the napkin to wipe his mouth after the food and saliva run down his chin. She is always right there.

My friends, this is Catholic faith. It is richer and deeper and holier and more faithful and self-effacing than any faith I have ever seen. It is the kind of faith that makes saints.

And I hunger for more of it. More and more of it. Until even the shadow of the valley of death cannot shake me.

Editor's Note: Denise Bossert is the mother of four children. She lives with her husband in New Melle, Mo., where she is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She writes a monthly column for the St. Louis Review that traces her journey from Protestantism to Catholicism. www.catholicbygrace.blogspot.com.

Ultrasound Leads To Resignation at Planned Parenthood

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (CNA) — A director of a Planned Parenthood affiliate in Texas has resigned after eight years with the organization because watching an ultrasound of an abortion triggered a "massive" change of heart. "I just thought I can't do this anymore, and it was just like a flash that hit me and I thought, that's it," said Barbara Johnson, who resigned from Bryan Planned Parenthood on Oct. 6.

She had been its director for two years, KBTX TV reports.

Johnson said Planned Parenthood was struggling in the tough economy and was changing its business model from one that advocated prevention to one that focused on abortion.

"It seemed like maybe that's not what a lot of people were believing any more because that's not where the money was. The money wasn't in family planning, the money wasn't in prevention, the money was in abor-

tion and so I had a problem with that," Johnson told KBTX.

She said she was told to bring in more women who wanted abortions.

"I feel so pure in heart [since leaving]. I don't have this guilt, I don't have this burden on me anymore, that's how I know this conversion was a spiritual conversion," said Johnson, a church-going Episcopalian.

She has now given her support to the Coalition For Life, a pro-life group with a building down the street from Planned Parenthood.

According to the Coalition's Web site, Johnson's decision to resign occurred during its sixth 40 Days for Life campaign. "This is by far the most amazing thing that has happened to the Coalition for Life throughout its entire history ... we thank God!" the site says.

The Coalition's volunteers regularly pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. Johnson has been meeting with Coalition execu-

tive director Shawn Carney and has prayed with volunteers outside of Planned Parenthood.

In an e-mail to supporters, Carney said Johnson experienced a "massive change of heart" after witnessing an abortion on an ultrasound machine.

"I have been working with Abby over the last few weeks and she has even prayed outside of the clinic she once directed," he reported.

"I have known Abby 'through the fence' since getting involved and working for the Coalition for Life. We have always been on the sidewalk to pray for everyone involved in abortion, especially those who work in this industry and it has been a blessing to see this happen over the last few weeks."

Carney reports that Johnson left Planned Parenthood "on good terms." The organization offered Johnson her job back with more money, but she refused on moral grounds.

"Abby believes in the power of prayer and she thanks all of you for your peaceful presence outside of her former workplace all of these years," Carney's message concluded, asking for continued prayers for Johnson.

According to KBTX, on Friday both Johnson and the Coalition for Life were issued temporary restraining orders filed by Planned Parenthood.

"We regret being forced to turn to the courts to protect the safety and confidentiality of our clients and staff, however, in this instance it is absolutely necessary," said Rochelle Tafolla, a Planned Parenthood spokesperson.

The organization contends that it would be irreparably harmed by the disclosure of certain information.

A hearing about the order has been set for Nov. 10.

Buenas Noticias...

Homilía de Conferencia de líderes Católicos de la Región X. Efectuada el pasado 24 de octubre en el Centro Pastoral Católico de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City.

Mis queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

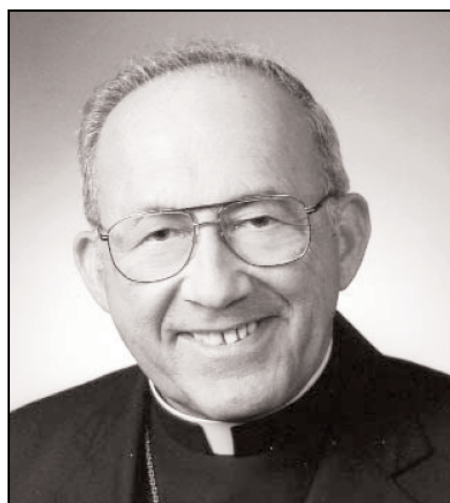
Le doy la bienvenida a los fieles líderes de los comités hispanos de las diferentes Diócesis de la región diez. Estoy muy complacido de que ustedes hayan podido venir a nuestro Centro Pastoral Católico Arquidiocesano. Espero que su conferencia sea agradable y productiva.

¿Pueden imaginarse cómo se sintió el hombre ciego en el Evangelio de hoy?

El ciego estaba sentado al borde del camino, pidiendo limosna y al oír que Jesús pasaba. Naturalmente le gritó: ¡Jesús, hijo de David, ten compasión de mí! La muchedumbre le dijo al ciego que se callara, pero el ciego gritaba más fuerte. Entonces, Jesús le preguntó al ciego qué quería. El ciego le contestó: "Señor, haz que vea". Jesús le dijo al ciego: "¡Recobra la vista, tu fe te ha salvado!".

A todos los que estamos presentes aquí en el día de hoy, Jesús les hace la misma pregunta:

¿Qué quieren que haga por ustedes?. ¿Han ustedes escuchado la llamada de Jesús? ¿Todavía no han



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comenzado ustedes a responderle? ¿Creen ustedes que Jesús los ayudará? La fe en Cristo Jesús es la esencia de nuestra religión Católica. Nosotros creemos que Él es el Hijo Eterno de Dios y nuestro Salvador. Por lo tanto, tenemos una obligación de escuchar a Cristo y aceptar todas sus enseñanzas y todo lo que nos ha revelado.

Jesús nos ha revelado que hemos sido creados a Imagen y semejanza de Dios y que Dios nos ama infinitamente. El plan de Dios contempla que como sus criaturas, podamos recibir su amor y amarlo en reciprocidad. Dios tiene un propósito para nosotros. Dios quiere que com-

...Conferencia Hispana de la Región X

partamos el don de vida y lo amemos para siempre. El único obstáculo que tenemos para llegar al cielo es el pecado. El pecado es la desobediencia a Dios. El pecado nos aleja del hermoso plan de Dios. El pecado nos aleja a nosotros mismos de Dios.

Por lo tanto, el pecado siempre es diabólico y nos afecta negativamente. Dios, al mismo tiempo nos ofrece paz, alegría, amor y vida eterna. Todos estos regalos de Dios son dados a nosotros a través de su hijo Jesucristo. Dios amó tanto al mundo que envió a su hijo Jesús para salvarnos. Jesús nos ama muchísimo que se entregó por nosotros para nuestra salvación. Si realmente creemos en Jesús, tenemos que escucharlo y seguirlo. A través de la Iglesia Católica, la cual Jesús estableció, aprendemos más sobre Dios y crecemos en nuestra fe. La Iglesia Católica ha sido dirigida por Jesús para obrar en su nombre.

Es más, los sacramentos que Jesús instituyó han sido confiados a la Iglesia. Por lo que a través de la Iglesia Católica podemos vivir una vida sacramental.

De esta manera, renacemos. Somos perdonados y sanados. Somos alimentados y nutridos para ser santificados con el Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. Somos ungidos y sellados con el Espíritu Santo de Dios.

A través de la fe Católica, compartimos la vida de Jesús, incluso ahora sobre esta tierra. Es cierto que ésto es solamente el comienzo y por lo tanto, esta vida de gracia que compartimos en Jesús debe continuar creciendo mediante la oración, el estudio y sacrificio. Mientras más aprendemos de Jesús, nos damos cuenta de su presencia y amor, realizamos que somos seres humanos.

Somos las criaturas que Dios ama, somos hechos a su Imagen y Semejanza. Por lo que debemos reconocer nuestra dignidad y propósito de vida, también reconocer y respetar la dignidad de todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas. En esta realización recae la obligación moral de ustedes y la mía de ser líderes de la Iglesia. Al estar consientes de la llamada de Dios, somos urgidos a compartir la Buena Nueva de Jesús con nuestro prójimo a través del ministerio. Con este espíritu y actitud evangelizadora, es que nos unimos aquí en esta conferencia. Pero más importante, nos reunimos aquí en la fe para celebrar la Santa Misa. Esta celebración Eucarística es compartir la vida de Jesús. Jesús dijo: "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tiene la vida eterna". Sí, Jesús es nuestro Señor y Salvador. En ésto creemos. Es esto lo que proclamamos y celebramos. Amén.

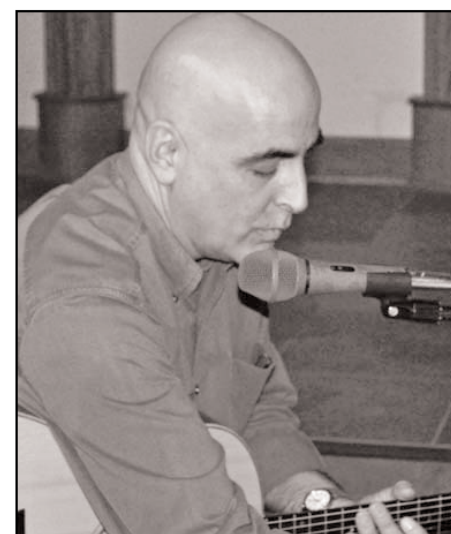
Un lunes de júbilo en la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento en el Sagrado Corazón



Devoción a la Divina Presencia real del Señor es el culto al Santísimo Sacramento.



Padre Arledge inició culto de adoración.



Michael Poirier cantó al Salvador.

Todos estamos llamados convivir en paz el mundo

Aceptación y humildad hacia el prójimo para integrarnos en Cristo



Arzobispo Eusebius J. Beltrán saluda a la feligresía hispana de la Región X.



Jesús Abrego representó a la Diócesis de Beaumont del estado de Texas.



Líderes de las parroquias Santa Monica, San Eugenio y San Carlos de Borromeo.



Fortaleciendo las relaciones entre los líderes de la Iglesia Católica en la Región X.

Por Mauro Yanez
Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Líderes hispanos de la Iglesia Católica que se agrupan en la Región X, se congregaron en las instalaciones del Centro Pastoral Católico para realizar una conferencia hispana que tiene la finalidad de exponer temas y talleres de enriquecimiento espiritual sobre los grandes retos que tienen los hispanos en los Estados Unidos.

La conferencia se efectuó los últimos días del mes de octubre y buscó instruir y compartir con los líderes de los diferentes ministerios hispanos de las diferentes Diócesis y Arquidiócesis que pertenecen a la Región X, las cuales abarcan los estados de Texas, Arkansas y Oklahoma. La iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos cuenta con trece regiones que aglutinan los territorios episcopales de la Iglesia.

En esta conferencia regional se reflexionó sobre temas urgentes y graves como la posición del laicado frente al problema que sufren los indocumentados que son explotados y criminalizados injustamente, la paz entre las comunidades dentro de la misma Iglesia, se habló de San Pablo y la cultura, la importancia de la oración en la vida diaria, la posición cristiana que debe asumir el hispano en la sociedad, la importancia

de la Eucaristía, el respeto a la dignidad humana, el problema de la miseria y el hambre que todavía afligen al pueblo hispano de los Estados Unidos, los problemas morales sobre el aborto.

En conclusión, los asistentes concertaron que la paz en la actual sociedad, debe buscarse dentro del ámbito del ministerio que hagamos en la Iglesia, sin ningún interés político o personal. También se hizo énfasis en que todas las familias hispanas deben dar prioridad a la educación de la familia para cultivar la paz, el progreso en los sentimientos y anular y minimizar la violencia que nos aleja de todo arreglo, civilizado y racional, entre nuestra diversidad.



Pedro Moreno de la Diócesis de Austin, Texas.

Jobs Box

Executive Director

The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma is taking applications for its executive director position. Successful candidate shall serve as the Chief Operating Officer of the Foundation and is responsible for the administration, operation and management of the affairs of the Foundation. Position involves planning and implementation of development strategies, including donor solicitation and the managing of capital campaigns, planned giving and endowment programs, knowledgeable communication skills with financial managers, direct mail, public relations and special events. It also involves the oversight of the scholarship and grant allocations on an annual basis, preparing an annual operating budget and preparation of appropriate monthly and annual reports. Requirements are a bachelor's degree in a related field or equivalent combination of education and experience inclusive of development and charitable funding. Successful candidate would need a knowledge of estate planning, tax considerations and various gifting instruments and familiarity with the Archdiocesan giving community. Candidate would need to be an active member of a parish and in good standing with the Catholic Church. Other skills would be strong organizational and computer skills in Microsoft Office and donor database software, self-starter, goal-oriented, a willingness to travel and establish appointments convenient to prospects. Send cover letter, resume and salary history to David Johnson,

Catholic Foundation, P.O. Box 32180, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-0380, (405) 721-4115.

Director of Religious Education

Christ the King Church in Oklahoma City is seeking an experienced Director of Religious Education. The director is responsible for overseeing the K-12 religious education for students not attending Catholic school, coordinating the RCIA program, Confirmation, First Communion and First Confession. The director also will be responsible for developing and coordinating a strong adult education program for the parish. The applicant should be well-versed in Catholic doctrine, work well with a variety of people and have strong initiative. Candidates should possess a degree in religion or theology, preferably a master's degree. Resumes should be sent to Father Rick Stansberry, Christ the King Catholic Church, P.O. Box 20508, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73156, or e-mailed to kelly@ckokc.org.

Part-Time Organist

Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Kingfisher, is looking for a part-time organist to help with weekend Masses and/or occasional special events. Stipend is available. Call Father Stephen Hamilton for more information at (405) 375-4581.

Part-Time Teachers

Catholic Schools in the Oklahoma City area are in need of part-time teachers who are certified in the State of Oklahoma, and are in-

terested in working with Title I students. Title I is a federal program designed to assist students who reside in economically disadvantaged areas and are in need of tutoring in reading and or math. Most positions require a commitment of two to three hours a day, two to three times a week. Through the Oklahoma City Public School District we are able to pay \$17.50 an hour. If you are interested in working with children in need of reading or math assistance, contact Associate Superintendent Cris Carter at 721-4202 or e-mail ccarter@catharchdioceseokc.org.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City is accepting applications for a long-term substitute for a maternity leave. The position is for second grade, certification required. The approximate date to begin is December through the middle of February. Please call the school office at (405) 634-5673 for an application or send a resume to Joana Camacho, SHCS, 2700 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73109.

LPN Openings

The Center of Family Love in Okarche has immediate openings for the following: LPN - Daytime hours Monday through Friday. Administrators license a plus! Must have excellent organizational, administrative and management skills! To apply, call 263-4658, fax 263-4718, e-mail alemke@cflinc.org or in person at 635 W. Texas, Okarche, Okla. 73762. EOE

Pastoral Ministry Courses Available at CPC

CORE COURSES

THEO 2023 THEOLOGY OF CHURCH, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena, Pauls Valley, John Warren

A study of the nature of the Church as it has been understood through the centuries.

THEO 3003 CHRISTIAN MORALITY AND SOCIAL ISSUES, Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, Oklahoma City, Mike Chavez

A study of basic Christian beliefs about the origin, destiny and meaning of the person, the nature of Christian life as the fundamental commitment to follow Christ, and the moral principles that flow from this.

THEO 4003 CHRISTOLOGY, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, Oklahoma City, Vince Brady

Students investigate the answers given in Scripture and ecclesial tradition to Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?" Prerequisites: ordinarily New Testament Literature and Theology of Church.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Eight-Week Course: January 21 - March 11
THEO 4881 NOSTRA AETATE: OUR RELATION TO THE NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS, Thursday evenings, 6 to 10 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, Bill Gorden

This course will offer students the opportunity to study in-depth the Vatican II Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions.

Full Semester Course: January 19 - May 4
THEO 4881 CHURCH HISTORY I, Tuesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, Father Seeton

This course is an introduction to the movements, life and thought of the Church from its beginnings up to the period of the Reformation.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION COURSES

Information on courses in Spiritual Direction is available from Benedictine Ministries, (405) 373-4739. When offered, these courses may be taken for college credit.

THE CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH MINISTRY STUDIES PROGRAM

Information on this series of courses that promote leadership development for ministry with adolescents is available from the Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Office, (405) 721-9220. These courses may be taken for college credit through the Pastoral Ministry program.

For information or registration, call or e-mail the Pastoral Ministry Office, (405) 721-4208, 800-721-5651 Ext. 131, or cgrimes@catharchdioceseokc.org, or dkoorie@catharchdioceseokc.org. Program information and schedule is also available on the Archdiocesan Web site, catharchdioceseokc.org. Click on Archdiocese Offices, then Education, then Pastoral Ministry.

Students currently taking courses for credit may register for courses online at www.newmanu.edu, via JetStream. Please also check that your general information on JetStream is current and up to date. For information on how to access your record on JetStream, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office.

Calendar

NOVEMBER

10 Father Rother's Story will be told in a documnetary on OETA. APLAS: The Story of Father Rother will run at 9 p.m.

10 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.

11 Catholic War Veterans USA. The Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Sunnyside Family Reception Center at 3900 SE 29th St. in Del City. For more information, contact Bob at (405) 672-7728 or by e-mail at OkPost-168@cox.net

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

12 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Epiphany Parish in the chapel 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 Bingo at St. Joseph's Parish, Norman. A light dinner is served at 6:30 and two sessions of games are played, the first at 7 p.m. and the second at 8:30 p.m.

13-14 Engagement Encounter Weekend. For more information or to register, call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

14 Fundraiser Breakfast at Villa Isenbart Apartments from 8 a.m. to noon. The menu will be biscuits and sausage gravy, eggs and sausage links, orange juice and coffee. The cost is \$4. Villa Isenbart is located at 3801 NW 19th St., Oklahoma City, across from St. Patrick Parish.

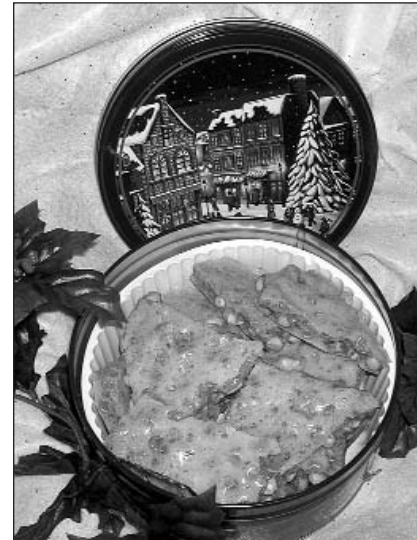
Peanut Brittle Could Help Replace Roof

BINGER — Just in time for the holidays, parishioners at Our Lady of the Rosary Church will be selling homemade peanut brittle.

Our Lady parishioner Vince Gonzales said proceeds from the sale will go toward replacement of the roof on the church. The roof was damaged last summer in a storm. Insurance will not cover the entire cost of the replacement. Parishioners are hoping the lure of homemade peanut brittle will make up the difference.

Mary Howell said the cooks in the small parish, a mission of Saint Patrick Church in Anadarko, will tackle the peanut brittle project on Nov. 8. Orders will be taken until Dec. 15. Howell said the 1-pound Christmas tins will be shipped anywhere for \$14 plus shipping and handling.

Orders can be placed by phone or e-mail. The contact person for orders is Sherry Allen. She can be reached at aaelectric@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (405) 352-4335.



14 Project Gabriel Volunteer Training from 9 a.m. to noon at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Project Gabriel is a parish-based group aimed at reaching the needs of women in crisis pregnancy. For more information or to register, call 721-8944.

14 Holy Spirit Church 22nd Annual Craft Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will feature a variety of local artists and crafters offering unique handmade items for sale. Free admission and parking. Holy Spirit Church is located at 1100 North Sara Road, Mustang.

14 Retreat: BECOMING REAL, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with Marie Ballmann, OSB. Inner beauty is what happens when you stop chasing false ideals and become the REAL person God calls you to be. Place: Library at Red Plains Spirituality Center. Call (405) 373-0804 to register by 10/11. Fee: \$25, bring a sack lunch.

14 Holy Family Annual Ladies Guild Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the FLC Gym. Holy Family is located at 1010 NW 82nd St., Lawton.

14 A Taste of St. Joe's. A wine tasting and auction from 6 to 10 p.m. to benefit St. Joseph Catholic School at the Cherokee Strip Conference Center in Enid. Tickets available through the school office, (580) 242-4449.

14 The Benedictine Oblates of Red Plains Monastery will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. They join the Community for Vespers, followed by a potluck dinner. For more information, contact Sister Eunice at 373-4565 or osbokc@ionet.net.

15 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 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more in-

formation, call Susan Staudt at (405) 282-6624 or Sister Silvia Negrete at (405) 232-7926.

15 Taize Prayer, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Red Plains Monastery, 728 Richland Road SW, Piedmont. For more details, call 373-4565. Optional video on Taize prayer at 6 p.m.

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

17-25 Monthly Novena to the Infant Jesus, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, Nat'l Shrine of the Infant Jesus, Saint Wenceslaus Church, SH-99 7 miles N. I-40 or 20 miles S. I-44 at Stroud exit, Prague, (405) 567-3080.

19-21 International Billings Ovulation Method Conference coming to Oklahoma City. Experts coming from Australia, Malaysia and USA. Pre-conference sessions: • Spanish Training (Nov. 17-19) • Advanced Training in English (Nov. 17-19) Everyone welcome, especially medical professionals CEUs/CMEs to be offered. Brochure available at www.bomausa.org. Phone: 651-699-8139, e-mail: bomausa@msn.com.

21 Spanish Pre-Cana, a day for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. For more information or to register, call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

22 Pilgrimage Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Anointing of the Sick, 11 a.m. Mass, noon lunch, 1 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer of the Chaplet of the Infant Jesus and the Litany of the Infant Jesus. Nat'l Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague is located in St. Wenceslaus Church, SH-99 7 miles N. I-40 or 20 miles S. I-44 at Stroud exit, Prague, (405) 567-3080.

29 First Sunday of Advent

Irish Seniors Tackle ‘Rebuilding Together’ Community Projects

OKLAHOMA CITY — Seniors from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School recently completed their senior exiting service project. Every year, the senior class partners with a non-profit organization to offer assistance and provide service to the community. During the summer, senior class coordinator Stephanie Rigazzi researched at least 12 organizations and projects. She provided details to a committee of students who voted.

This year the organization was Rebuilding Together, a program based in Oklahoma City, which is designed to help senior citizens 55 years old or older. The goal for Rebuilding Together is to provide a safe, warm and dry environment for senior citizens in need. McGuinness students partici-

pated in the year-round program volunteering over four days at nine different houses throughout the metro area. There were 10 teams with two team leaders and 10 to 15 students per team. They performed yard work, painted and caulked houses and assisted with various other projects.

Katie Neuberger was the senior project leader. Team leaders were Corinne Dinges, Chris Cudjo, Jonathon Gardocki, Alex Lopez, Claire Maguire, Emily Ross, Abby Hodges, Nick Staples, Braden Yardley, Katelyn Schwarz, Katie Heggy, Kristy Davis, Jay Howard, Cody Carson, Lissy Fuller, Preston Lucas and Megan Wilson.

“This was a great opportunity for the seniors at McGuinness to give back to the community,” said



Barrett Naifeh does yard work in the backyard at a project house.



Donnie Amend paints the trim of the roof of one of the projects.

Neuberger. “We worked in teams to scrape and paint houses for the Rebuilding Together organization.”

School organizers for the event welcomed the opportunity.

“Students became more involved with the project by meeting the homeowners and doing something special for each of them,” said Rigazzi. “Teams cleaned out flower beds and planted flowers, sanded and painted iron porch railings, cleaned decks and hauled off debris. They contributed their own money and decorated porches with pumpkins, welcome mats and autumn wreaths. The homeowners were pleased with the changes. One caring lady made hot chocolate for all of the workers.”

Because of weather setbacks, the time frame for repairs stretched into two weeks. Students finished the last three houses just recently.

“Rebuilding Together, helped by

Bishop McGuinness, repaired and painted nine homes in four days,” said Jonathan Merrick, new partnership coordinator for Rebuilding Together. “The students worked hard through tough weather with smiles that matched those of the homeowners they were helping! We laughed, shivered, and maybe even sweated a little in the cold this week, but nine homeowners can now heat their homes easier and be proud of where they are living. Thank you Bishop McGuinness for your service to our city.”

David Morton, Bishop McGuinness principal, praised his students. “It is amazing how much cleaning, painting and a little yard work can make a difference to a home and the person who lives there. I truly believe that each student left with a sense of accomplishment and belief that they made a difference in someone’s life,” he said.



Seniors pose in front of one of the Rebuilding Together housing projects.