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Archbishop's Appeal calls Catholics to join the mission and "Go, Make Disciples!"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our theme for this year's ADF Archbishop's Appeal we have chosen "Join Me! Our Mission: Make Disciples." We are building intentionally on last year's theme and our mandate to foster discipleship among the faithful and along the margins of our communities.

Our response in gratitude to all that the Lord has given us, beginning with the gift of life and the gift of faith, is expressed in our faithful stewardship over God's many gifts. Stewardship is a disciple's response to God's mercy and fidelity. One way we can give expression to our faith as disciples and stewards is through our participation in the ADF.

God's word challenges all of us with the mandate to go make disciples. In a particu-

lar way, this is our call and mission in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, as proclaimed in my Pastoral Letter, which outlines the vision and priorities of the next five years for this archdiocese.

I am inviting you and every Catholic in the archdiocese to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the Appeal according to your ability.

Every gift, no matter the amount, is necessary and appreciated. Thank you for your generous response. With the assurance of my prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Paul S. Coakley

Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

2015 Archbishop's Appeal

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To read Archbishop Coakley's letter to parishes, turn to page 2.

To fill out a donation form today, turn to page 16.

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Our Mission: Make Disciples

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Season of Lent offers opportunity to grow in faith

By Ted King

For the Sooner Catholic

February 18 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. "Remember, man, you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, attending Mass is an opportunity to prepare oneself for this season of penance.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Lent is: "The liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer."

Lent is a spiritual opportunity to grow in the faith. It isn't just a time to



A crown of thorns is seen on Ash Wednesday at St. Bonaventure Church in Paterson, N.J. *CNS photo/Octavio Duran.*

do without something such as denying meat on Fridays or candies or sodas or alcohol.

Lent is a time to do positive things like reading scripture, saying the Rosary daily, meditating on the Stations of the Cross in church, and performing works of mercy for others. Some works of mercy to perform include

visiting someone in a nursing home, seeing a lonely friend or acquaintance, or choosing to forgive someone who has hurt you. "Love your neighbor as yourself, and you thereby love God."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to Lent as one of the "intense moments of the Church's penitential practice ... appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works) (CCC 1438).

In addition to the spiritual benefits to be derived during Lent, Lent also is an opportunity for self-improvement. For instance, some parishioners have given up the consumption of alcohol

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Put Out Into the Deep

Luke 5:4

“Join Me. Our Mission: Make Disciples!”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! The year 2014 was a year of blessings, challenges and opportunities for the Church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Through your prayers, your participation and your support we were able to face those challenges and embrace those opportunities.

God is good. And God is never outdone in generosity! Now, it is my privilege to present to you the 2015 ADF Archbishop's Appeal and to ask you for your support.

The theme for the 2015 edition of our annual appeal is “Join Me. Our Mission: Make Disciples!” We are building intentionally on last year's theme and our mandate to foster discipleship among all the faithful, and along the margins of our communities.

Pope Francis has cautioned us repeatedly about the danger of becoming a Church that is self-referential and inward-looking rather than focused on our mission to share the Good News and form disciples who will transform the world.

Each of us is called by name and sent as a missionary disciple to bear witness to Jesus, who is the Light of the World and the Salt of the Earth. This is our mission, the very essence of what it means to be Catholic.

The Archdiocesan Development Fund is one of the principle means that enables us to fulfill our mandate to “Go, Make Disciples.”

Your gift to the 2015 ADF Archbishop's Appeal will be used to fund the many ministries and apostolates that are so important for the life of the Church and our mission in central and western Oklahoma. Our ability to carry on the mission that Jesus entrusted to his Church depends to a great extent on your support and the participation of every member of our archdiocesan family.

Our faith, rooted in an encounter with Jesus Christ, and lived out in his Church, finds expression in the way we exercise our stewardship over the many gifts God has entrusted to us. The practice of Christian stewardship expresses our gratitude for all God has given us, especially the gift of his great mercy.

Gratitude moves us to a responsible cultivation and sharing of our God-given gifts and talents so that God may be glorified in all things. Stewardship becomes not only an expression of faith, but a way of life. It is a spirituality that influences every aspect of our lives: how we spend our time, how we use our talents, how we regard our finances.

The ADF Archbishop's Appeal provides an important means of exercising stewardship of our financial gifts. Here, in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, we carry out our mission through a variety of ministries, programs and services which deepen faith, bring hope, healing and the love of Christ to all persons. The ADF supports these efforts and helps make them possible.

I am grateful to the many individuals and families across central and western Oklahoma who generously support your parishes and the archdiocese through the ADF each year. In order to extend our reach and bring hope to those who live on the margins of our communities, we need to broaden our base of support.

I invite each of you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to support the mission of Christ and his Church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The educational, pastoral and apostolic works supported by the ADF touch the lives of every Catholic and every parish within the archdiocese.

Please join me in making a generous gift according to your means and consistent with the blessings you have received.

Know that you and your loved ones are in my prayers. Thank you for all you do to support your parish and our archdiocese. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
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For more information on the Archbishop's Appeal, turn to pages 7-9 and page 16.



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

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

- Feb. 13 – Catholic Foundation Board Meeting, 1 p.m., Christ the King Church
- Feb. 15 – TET Mass and Celebration, 11:45 a.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Feb. 17 – Department head meeting, 10 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
- Feb. 17 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., Saint Francis De Sales Chapel, CPC
- Feb. 17 – Finance Council meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
- Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday Mass, 6 p.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Feb. 19 – Personnel Board meeting, 11 a.m., CPC
- Feb. 19 – Catholic Relief Services Governance and Nominations Committee teleconference
- Feb. 20 – Blessing of new Catholic Charities Office, 2 p.m., Ardmore
- Feb. 21 – TET Mass and Celebration, 10 a.m., Saint Andrew Dung-Lac Church, OKC
- Feb. 22 – Rites of Election, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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By Sooner Catholic Staff

Additional coverage of Church and archdiocesan news and events, only on www.soonercatholic.org:

✓ The archdiocese's Department of Catholic Education is seeking your input regarding Catholic Schools in our archdiocese. They would love to have your feedback and ideas even if you don't have a child in Catholic schools. Visit www.archokc.org to fill out a survey.

✓ Registration is open for Camp OLOG! Forms and a video about the camp are available under the Youth and Young Adult office page.

✓ The archdiocese will be a host site for the broadcast of an international summit on the New Evangelization, featuring Dr. Scott Hahn, Patrick Coffin, Fr. Michael Gaitley and other distinguished speakers. For more information, visit <http://archokc.org/new-evangelization/up-coming-events>.

Plus, don't miss daily updates on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



It's up to young people to ‘end the scourge of abortion,’ says speaker

By Nate Madden
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — On a chilly and cloudy morning on the National Mall in Washington, crowds gathered Jan. 22 for the annual March for Life, this year marking the 42nd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion virtually on demand.

Tens of thousands gathered first to hear a lineup of speakers, before marching from the Mall up Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill.

Early in the day, Pope Francis showed his support of the pro-life gathering by tweeting the theme: “Every Life is a Gift” with the hashtag #marchforlife.

By late morning, the temperature had reached about 40 degrees, warmer than many a previous march, and a music group opened the rally with the songs “To Be Loved” and “You're Not Alone.” The music was upbeat with lively mandolin licks and the powerful voice of the lead singer.

Several members of Congress were in attendance, including U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kansas, who told Catholic News Service, “I am here to make my colleagues listen.” Huelskamp said life is a core issue in the public debate, and that Kansas was already at the forefront of human rights issues. “They were at the forefront of the slavery issue,” he said, and are now at the forefront of the life issue.

Levi Fox, a volunteer and a graduate of Liberty University, said, “Half of our generation is missing. Sixty million have been

“Half of our generation is missing. Sixty million have been killed since Roe v. Wade, which is why I am dedicating my time to the March for Life.”



March for Life participants carry the banner past the front of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington on Jan. 22. Tens of thousands took part in the annual event, which this year marked the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision that legalized abortion. *CNS photo/Jonathan Ernst, Reuters.*

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After the musical opening, Patrick Kelly, the chairman of the March for Life board, told

the crowd they were attending “the largest and most important human rights rally in the world,” and noted the march is becoming “bigger and younger every year.”

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, opened the rally with prayer alongside priests, bishops and patriarchs of the Greek Orthodox, Orthodox American, Antiochian Orthodox and Serbian Orthodox churches, in a show of what the archbishop called “a sign of Christian unity.”

The archbishop called the marchers to not only “be joyful witnesses to the gospel of life,” but also to be “loving and wel-

coming” to those in dire circumstances.

Jeanne Monahan-Mancini, director of the March for Life, addressed the marchers, congratulating them for making a “pilgrimage” before focusing on

conscience protections for private employers who oppose the federal contraceptive mandate that is part of the Affordable Care Act.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, who followed Scott, told the crowd, “There have never been more pro-life lawmakers in Congress than we have today.”

In discussing the Knights of Columbus' ultrasound initiative, which has just donated its 500th ultrasound machine, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, “Women have a right to know the truth.”

In what may have been the most inspiring address of the day, Julia Johnson, a senior at Shanley Catholic High School in Fargo, ND, said it was up to the youth of America to “end the scourge of abortion.”

As a member of “the pro-life generation,” she said she was proud to have come alongside



St. Gregory's University students and staff members made the 20-hour journey from Shawnee to Washington D.C. to participate in the March for Life. *Photo provided.*

this year's theme.

“Every Life Is a Gift” emphasized that every life is a gift, regardless of a person's difficulty or disability, and also was meant to emphasize that everyone has a call and a mission – and a role to play creating a culture of life.

A large congressional delegation in attendance emphasized the importance of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act before yielding the floor to a passionate and energetic address by Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina, who said the defense of life was “the responsibility of every single person in America.” The conscience bill would implement a broad religious exemption and

“400 pro-life warriors,” referring to the school bringing its entire student body on the 1,300-mile journey to the march.

“Our generation has seen through the smokescreen of lies and secrets,” she added.

The president of Students for Life, Kristan Hawkins, discussed the gift of her son's life despite a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis. Hawkins said, “I have personally witnessed the push in our culture to create ‘perfect’ babies,” she said.

The remarks echoed those of the other speakers and marchers in declaring that “we are the pro-life generation.”



March for Life participants make their way up Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington D.C. *CNS photo/Leslie E. Kossoff.*



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Finding a home, sense of belonging through God

Like all kids growing up, at times I felt out of place — at school, at church, with friends and even in my own family. In early elementary school, I longed to play the more organized games of the “big kids,” making myself out of place with my peers, but not belonging with the older students.

Like many others, this feeling grew as I entered the awkward stage of life that is adolescence, and was bolstered by the themes of many coming of age stories. Like Salinger’s “Catcher in the Rye” and the Disney classic “Beauty and the Beast,” the account many young people hear is that leaving home — especially for those from small towns and the middle of the country — is the path to success and the way to shed the feeling of not fitting in.

While traveling has its benefits in developing a mature understanding of the world, this narrative implies that it is always better for a person to leave her home than to stay. More importantly, this account misses the reason that Belle’s words “there

must be more than this provincial life,” resonate with so many young people: there is more. But, it isn’t out there in the great beyond, or in Europe or New York. It’s heaven.

The story of humanity begins with Adam and Eve kicked out of their home, where they had good work, luscious food and a close relationship with the creator. As biblical stories remind us, we, like the Israelites in the desert and the holy family in Egypt, are a people in exile. Our sense of exile does not arise from any deficit in our homeland, but from our distance from God.

Our true home is communion with God. Throughout our mortal life, we always will be, in some sense, in exile; however, we can draw closer to God during our earthly pilgrimage.

Prayer, scripture and the Sacraments are at the center of the path toward Christ. A deeper relationship with the Lord requires spending time with him, meditating on the words of scripture and physically receiving him in the Eucharist and other Sacraments.



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God is love, so cultivating the virtue of love draws us closer to him. Mother Teresa’s example and advice is to do “small things with great love.” For some, this is working hard to provide for one’s family, while for others it is taking soup to a sick friend. Each of our duties, however small, provides us the chance to do them with love.

As the source of all beauty, God reveals himself in the beauty of the ordinary. This means we can come to know him better by both appreciating the natural beauty present in even the most urban environment and by cultivating beauty in our everyday surroundings.

In other words, we can come to know God through making and appreciating our home — even when it doesn’t feel like home.

The Catholic Difference: Owning our baptism

that the day of their being “born again” was the defining moment of their lives, and my Catholic convictions about what had happened to me on April 29, 1951, came into harmonic focus when, in preparing the first volume of my biography of Saint John Paul II, “Witness to Hope,” I described the pope’s return to his parish in Wadowice on his epic first papal pilgrimage to Poland in June 1979.

Stepping into the church where he had served Mass, received the



Pope John Paul II blesses a baby in the Sistine Chapel on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in 2002. *CNS photo/Catholic Press Photo.*

scapular, and prayed daily during his youth, the 264th Bishop of Rome went straight to the chapel that housed the baptismal font and venerated the place where he had been “born again” in 1920.

Why? Because Karol Wojtyla knew that that day was the most important day of his life: the day when he was first empowered, by water and the Spirit, to become a friend of the Lord Jesus Christ and a missionary disciple.

As John Paul understood it, the most important day of his life was not the day on which he was ordained a priest, consecrated a bishop or elected pope. The most important day of his life was the



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day of his baptism. Everything else flowed from that, like the waters in Ezekiel’s vision, flowing from the restored Temple to renew the face of the earth.

In discussing Evangelical Catholicism, the book and the idea, with dozens of audiences in various Catholic venues around the country and the world over the past two years, I’ve often conducted a little pop-quiz, asking my audience how many of them know the date of their baptism.

I once got close to a 10 percent positive response, but the norm is usually in the 2-3 percent range. I then tell the story of my evangelical friends, and the story of John Paul II, and suggest that those present should, on returning home, take out the file where they keep the “Catholic stuff,” look up the date of their baptism on their baptismal certificate, memorize it — and then celebrate that day in some special way every year hence.

I’ve been doing that for a decade and a half now, prodded a few months ahead of time by the liturgical Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Like the Lord, on the day of our baptism, each of us received a commission: in our case, to be the disciples who take Christ’s mission into the world, every day.

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Meet Our Sisters



This is part of a series to introduce the religious sisters of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The sisters serve in Oklahoma.

Betty Ann Elmer, RSM

What community do you belong to? I am a member of the

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, founded by Catherine McAuley in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831. We have served in Oklahoma since 1884, in Indian Territory.

What is your ministry in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City? I have worked in education at Mount Saint Mary High School for 16 years. This is where the Sisters of Mercy have served in education since 1903.

When and at what age did you enter the convent? I was 18 years old when I entered the Sisters of Mercy in St. Louis in 1964.

When did you take your final vows? I took final vows in 1972.

When and how did you first discern a call to the religious life? I was lucky enough to have the Sisters of Mercy as my teachers for 11 out of 12 years of elementary and secondary schooling. I admired my teachers. In the fourth grade, our school room had the book “Kitty, Come Quickly” on its limited library shelf. I read the book several times and was greatly impressed by its main character, Catherine McAuley. This planted the seed to be a Sister of Mercy and a teacher.

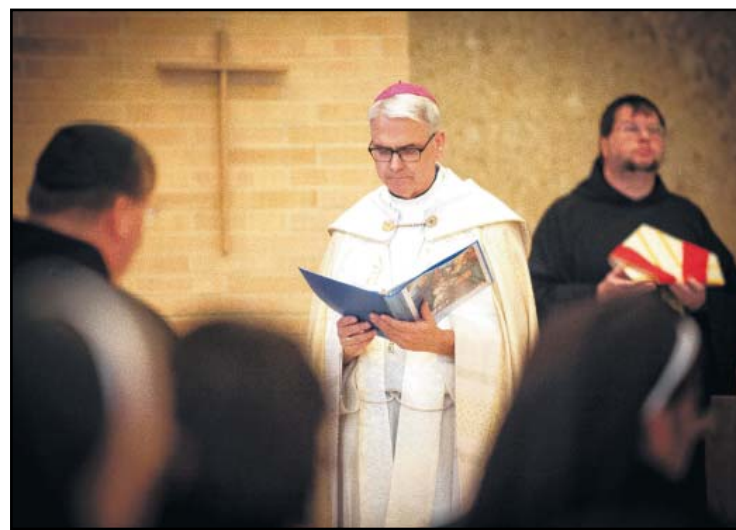
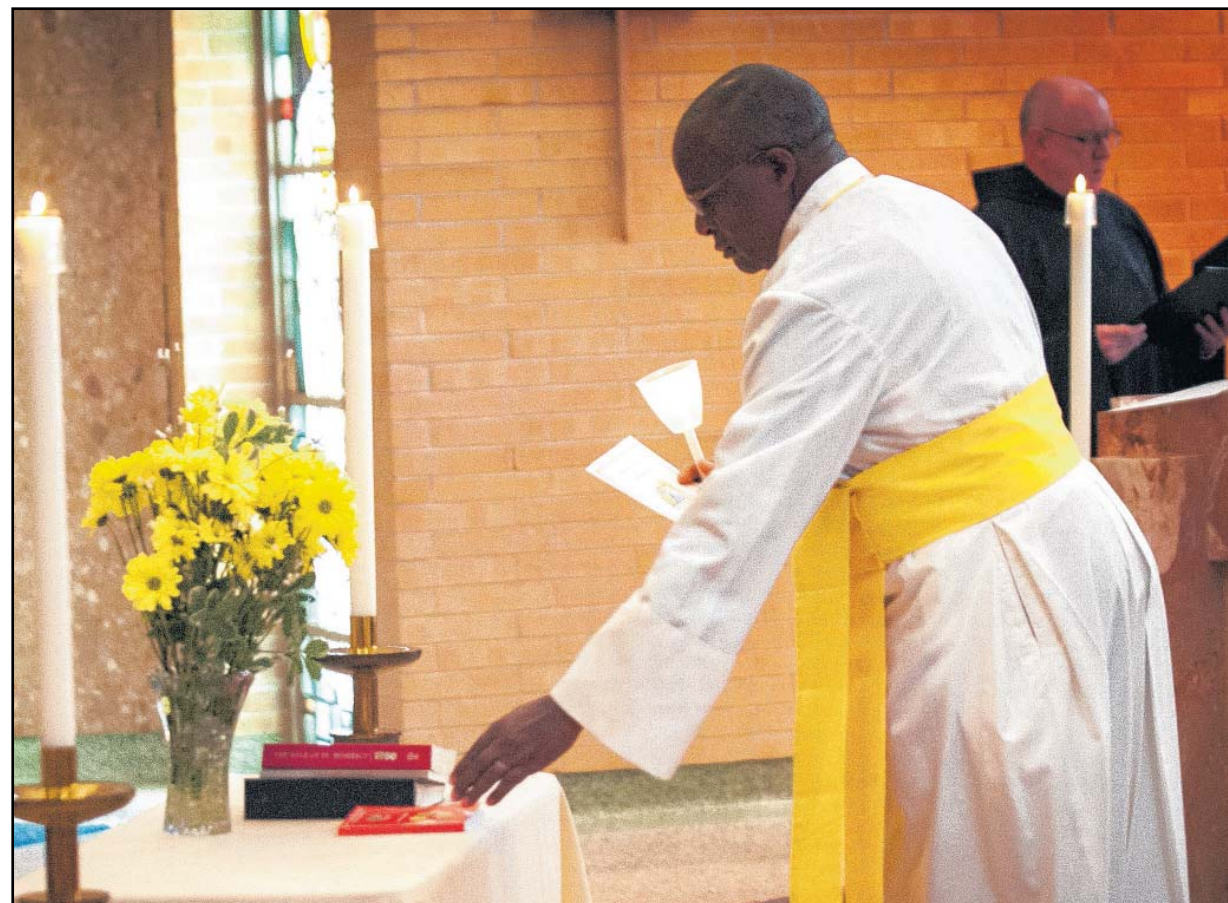
What has surprised you the most in your vocation? When I was first discerning a religious vocation, I thought I probably had to be a religious in a religious community to secure a teaching position in a Catholic school. A lay teacher was a rarity. Today, I am the only Sister in a Catholic school that was founded by a religious community and completely staffed by religious women for many years.

What is the most fulfilling part of your vocation? Recognizing that God is my Giver of Life and Sustainer is the most fulfilling part of my vocation. God not only sent His Son to redeem me, but has sent many people, young and old, into my life to remind me of all His goodness to me. Ministry to and with others is fulfilling.

What is your advice to young women who are in the process of discerning their vocation? Do not forget to pray for God’s guidance in choosing your vocation. When the religious vocation possibility “hangs around” in your mind, research the possibility. Pray about it, and speak to your spiritual director or someone you know at your Church. Explore religious communities and keep an open mind.

The Sisters of Mercy came to Indian Territory at Sacred Heart in 1884, at the invitation of the Benedictine Monks. Soon the Sisters were ministering to many Catholics throughout central and western Oklahoma before it was a state.

Archdiocese celebrates Year of Consecrated Life



Archbishop Coakley celebrated the Year of Consecrated Life with a Vespers service attended by consecrated men and women from around the archdiocese. Top, Fr. John Baptist Sseruwu of the Apostles of Jesus. Above left, the archbishop leads the Vespers service as Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen and Br. Benet Exton of the Benedictine Fathers pray. *Photos Br. George A. Hubl, O.S.B.* Above right, Sr. Kay Powers and Sr. Betty Kehoe, both of the Congregation de Notre Dame, stand with sisters from the Medical Sisters of St. Joseph and the Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. At left, Sr. Barbara Joseph Foley (Carmelite Sisters of Saint Therese) greets Fr. Lowell Stiefelmann. *Photos Cara Koenig.*

A prayer for St. Valentine’s Day



Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we who solemnize the festival of blessed Valentine, Thy Martyr, may, by his intercession, be delivered from all the evils that threaten us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Valentinus was a Roman priest martyred during the reign of Claudius II. Since he was caught marrying Christian couples, which was a crime, Valentinus was arrested and imprisoned. Claudius sentenced him to death when he tried to convert the emperor. His death sentence was carried out on Feb. 14 in circa 269 AD.

In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius marked Feb. 14 as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

St. Valentine is pictured in a stained-glass window at the Basilica of St. Valentine in Terni, Italy. While some details of St. Valentine’s life are lost to history, the local diocese believes he was the martyred 3rd-century bishop of Terni. *CNS photo/Paul Haring.*

Sister Helen Prejean visits Oklahoma, calls for end to death penalty

By Sooner Catholic Staff

Sister Helen Prejean, author of “Dead Man Walking,” visited Oklahoma in January to protest capital punishment and call for a focus on life. She held a news conference at the Oklahoma State Capitol along with human rights groups and legislators.

“I have worked to end the death penalty since witnessing my first execution,” Sister Helen said. “I think we set down the road 30 years ago thinking it would deter crime. ... (But) the people who get in situations and do the killing don’t even think they’re going to get caught. And, if you don’t think of consequences, it doesn’t deter your actions.”

Prejean visited Oklahoma shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court de-

cided to review Oklahoma’s death penalty protocol and the drugs used to carry out the punishment. Until the review is complete, the court agreed to stay future executions at the request of Attorney General Scott Pruitt.

“We don’t end the cycle of violence by committing more violence,” Archbishop Paul Coakley said. “In all of these crimes, we lost a life, and the death penalty only serves to further devalue human dignity. When available, we should choose other non-violent ways to ensure justice and protect society.”

Regarding the death penalty, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

“Assuming that the guilty party’s identity and responsibility have



Sr. Helen Prejean speaks at a news conference at the Oklahoma State Capitol. *Photo provided.*

been fully determined, the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human

lives against the unjust aggressor. If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people’s safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person.

Today, in fact, as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm — without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself — the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity ‘are very rare, if not practically non-existent.’” (#2267)

Okarche’s Center of Family Love provides roses for Rose Day

By Ray Dyer
Special for the Sooner Catholic

More than 1,000 Oklahomans converged on the state Capitol for the annual Rose Day event to celebrate life and present roses to legislators.

While the residents of the Center of Family Love weren’t at the capitol in person, they played a role in the Rose Day activities. Some 255 roses, grown by the residents at the center’s greenhouse, were handed to state lawmakers, Gov. Mary Fallin and Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb. The roses are a reminder of the sanctity of life and a gentle way of asking elected leaders to support pro-life legislation.

The Center of Family Love sent 200 red roses to be distributed, while 55 white roses were placed in the capitol, representing the estimated 55 million lives lost to abortion since the Jan. 22, 1973, U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Nellie Tayloe Sanders, vocational director for the Okarche-based Center of Family Love, a home for intellectually disabled adults, said

statistics show “nine out of 10 intellectually disabled babies” are aborted.

Organized by the Baptist General Convention, Rose Day is considered the “signature pro-life” effort in Oklahoma. The Rose Day Committee, of which Sanders is a member, consists of members from the Baptist General Convention, Catholic Charities, Oklahomans for Life, the Center of Family Love and others.

The roses were delivered to lawmakers followed by a pro-life rally in the House Chamber.

“We are so proud to be a part of this positive effort to encourage our legislative body to protect the unborn in our state,” said Debbie Espinosa, the center’s executive director.

This is the 24th annual Rose Day event and every year an overflow crowd fills both the House and Senate chambers.

Sanders said Rick Smith is the father of a child with Down Syndrome who started a website dedicated to his son, Noah, as a way to promote greater understanding of the beauty of the intellectually disabled.



Jon, a resident of the Center of Family Love in Okarche, gathers roses for Rose Day. *Photo provided.*

“I heard him say these people are so special because they have the infinite capacity to love and be loved,” Sanders said. “And then he said, and this really got me, he said ‘Their hearts are not disabled. They see where love is needed and may act accordingly. We are all called to be citizens of the civilization of love.’”

complicity than we think. The issue involves everyone!” Pope Francis wrote.

“We couldn’t be more thrilled that the focus will now be international,” said Ambassador Johnny Young, executive director of USCCB Migration and Refugee Services. “Our brothers and sisters around the world want to prevent human trafficking as much as we do. It’s awe-inspiring to think that Catholics from so many different countries will gather together on the same day to pray for the same cause.”

Bishop Martin Holley, auxiliary bishop of Washington, will hold a special Mass on Sunday, Feb. 8, for the victims and survivors of human trafficking at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Catholics are encouraged to host or attend prayer services or awareness-raising events in their own communities and parishes. More information is available at www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/day-of-prayer.cfm

USCCB’s Anti-Trafficking Program is an advocate for better protection for victims of human trafficking, provides training and technical assistance to service providers and educates the public on the prevalence of human trafficking. In 2013, USCCB launched the Amistad Movement to empower immigrants and local leaders to prevent human trafficking in their communities.

Join the Archbishop’s Mission

“Make Disciples” for our Church, one body, Christ’s body

By Thomas Maxwell

Disciples are critical for the success of the work of the Church and fulfillment of God’s plan for us all. God’s plan finds its fulfillment through His Son, Jesus, and His Church – working together as one body – Christ’s body – serving the needs of His people.

To serve these needs for the Church in Oklahoma, the appeal for the Archdiocesan Development Fund was created to “develop the life of the archdiocese through ministry.”

The annual ADF Archbishop’s Appeal is the very lifeblood for the work of the Church in Oklahoma.

Donations help make possible the many ministries that support the Catholic faithful through archdiocesan-wide masses, vocation awareness and discernment programs, programs that serve our young people, protect the rights of the unborn, support Catholic schools and religious education, strengthen marriages and families, advocate for the least amongst us, fund the education of seminarians, the care of retired priests and formation programs for our clergy, religious and Catholic laypersons.

The ministries can be separated into three basic divisions.

Ministries of Worship
Clergy
Religious
Seminarians
Worship/Liturgical music
Vocations
Priest continuing education

Ministries of Word
Deacon continuing education
Catholic schools
Christian formation
Communication
Evangelization

Ministries of Service
Central office
Family life
Hispanic offices
Marriage tribunal
Youth/Young adults
Deacon formation
Prison ministry
Retreats
Conference center

To exist and to serve, the Church needs to grow. Disciples develop from the seeds planted by other true disciples through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, flowing through loving hearts

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Parish/Mission	Total Received	Total Donors	Parish/Mission	Total Received	Total Donors
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Our Lady's Cathedral	\$80,687.00	212	St. Patrick Church, Walters	\$1,300.00	11
St. Joseph Old Cathedral, OKC	\$25,931.00	70	Prince of Peace Church, Altus	\$12,638.76	78
Corpus Christi Church, OKC	\$6,985.00	40	St. Helen Church, Frederick	\$2,332.00	25
Holy Angels Church, OKC	\$13,734.00	243	Sacred Heart Church, Mangum	\$1,649.00	19
Immaculate Conception, OKC	\$9,118.10	68	Saints Peter and Paul, Hobart	\$2,600.00	10
Little Flower Church, OKC	\$13,024.30	398	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hollis	\$1,413.00	11
Sacred Heart Church, OKC	\$15,551.95	192	St. Eugene Church, Weatherford	\$20,168.00	58
St. Patrick Church, OKC	\$17,686.30	90	Sacred Heart Church, Hinton	\$2,045.00	5
St. Andrew Dung Lac Church, OKC	\$36,760.00	151	Blessed Sacrament Church, Thomas	\$3,075.00	8
St. Francis of Assisi Church, OKC	\$98,400.00	260	St. Matthew Church, Elk City	\$26,713.00	87
St. James the Greater Church, OKC	\$78,719.65	440	Queen of All Saints Church, Sayre	\$4,145.00	12
Holy Family, OKC	\$325.00	4	St. Mary Church, Clinton	\$10,769.00	30
St. Joseph Church, Norman	\$44,424.00	240	St. Ann Church, Cordell	\$1,050.00	4
St. Mark the Evangelist, Norman	\$102,913.94	325	St. Peter Church, Woodward	\$29,084.00	155
St. Thomas More, Norman	\$74,399.00	244	Sacred Heart Church, Mooreland	\$1,435.00	10
St. Andrew Church, Moore	\$62,112.00	237	Holy Name Church, Shattuck	\$6,500.00	12
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Del City	\$26,596.00	92	St. Joseph Church, Buffalo	\$1,685.00	12
St. Philip Neri Church, Midwest City	\$61,721.25	184	St. Peter Church, Guymon	\$10,607.13	225
Korean Martyrs Church, OKC	\$3,170.00	22	Sacred Heart Church, Hooker	\$298.61	4
Our Lady of Lebanon, Norman	\$0.00	0	Church of the Good Shepherd, Boise City	\$2,000.00	1
Christ the King Church, OKC	\$347,991.38	427	St. Frances Cabrini Church, Beaver	\$584.00	6
St. John the Baptist, Edmond	\$372,817.60	777	Sacred Heart Church, Alva	\$4,225.00	18
St. Monica Church, Edmond	\$106,787.00	219	Our Mother of Mercy, Waynoka	\$2,310.00	5
St. Damien of Molokai, Edmond	\$1,455.00	12	St. Cornelius Church, Cherokee	\$3,845.00	9
St. Eugene Catholic Church, OKC	\$94,485.50	265	St. Anthony of Padua, Okeene	\$21,843.00	35
St. Charles Borromeo Church, OKC	\$71,610.50	277	St. Thomas Apostle Church, Seiling	\$4,000.00	8
Holy Spirit Church, Mustang	\$35,681.00	134	St. Ann Church, Fairview	\$5,010.00	13
St. John Nepomuk Church, Yukon	\$94,660.00	312	St. Francis Xavier Church, Enid	\$26,840.50	126
Epiphany of the Lord, OKC	\$128,599.00	419	St. Gregory the Great Church, Enid	\$21,880.00	63
St. Benedict Church, Shawnee	\$30,438.00	79	St. Michael Church, Goltry	\$1,675.00	7
Immaculate Conception, Seminole	\$1,385.00	10	St. Mary Church, Medford	\$11,140.00	16
St. Joseph Chapel, Wewoka	\$650.00	4	St. Joseph Church, Pond Creek	\$800.00	4
Our Lady of Sorrows, Chandler	\$12,748.60	38	St. Mary Assumption Church, Wakita	\$4,180.00	7
St. Louis Church, Stroud	\$4,170.00	10	St. Joseph Church, Bison	\$7,870.00	26
St. Wenceslaus Church, Prague	\$7,090.00	23	St. Joseph Church, Hennessey	\$14,903.00	51
St. Michael Church, Meeker	\$3,860.00	13	Church of St. Mary, Ponca City	\$66,880.00	176
St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Jones	\$6,640.00	25	St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk	\$3,950.00	26
St. Teresa of Avila Church, Harrah	\$28,099.00	80	St. Joseph Church, Blackwell	\$7,860.00	36
St. Vincent De Paul Church, McLoud	\$10,915.00	29	St. Joseph Church, Tonkawa	\$9,095.00	22
Sacred Heart Church, Konowa	\$2,448.00	9	St. Rose of Lima Church, Perry	\$14,416.82	31
St. Mary Church, Wanette	\$200.00	2	Sacred Heart Church, Billings	\$2,770.00	5
St. Mary Church, Ardmore	\$33,542.00	108	Sacred Heart Church, El Reno	\$28,270.00	96
St. Joseph Church, Ada	\$13,100.00	61	St. Joseph Church, Union City	\$23,279.99	46
St. Francis Xavier Church, Sulphur	\$4,645.00	20	Saints Peter & Paul, Kingfisher	\$20,955.00	61
St. Catherine of Siena, Pauls Valley	\$698.00	10	St. Rose of Lima Church, Watonga	\$3,260.00	12
St. Peter Church, Lindsay	\$8,470.00	7	Holy Trinity Church, Okarche	\$22,760.00	79
Our Lady of Victory Church, Purcell	\$22,283.00	37	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Calumet	\$10,625.00	9
Holy Cross Church, Madill	\$6,524.00	100	St. Mary Church, Guthrie	\$31,885.00	100
Good Shepherd Church, Marietta	\$1,425.00	10	St. Margaret Mary, Crescent	\$8,172.00	14
St. Patrick Church, Anadarko	\$3,805.00	14			
St. Richard Church, Carnegie	\$310.00	3			
Our Lady of the Rosary, Binger	\$1,080.00	4			
Blessed Sacrament Church, Lawton	\$26,790.00	96			
Holy Family Church, Lawton	\$43,699.65	189	Target Totals	\$3,076,322.53	9,497
St. Ann Church, Elgin	\$8,855.00	23			
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sterling	\$8,543.00	25			
Mother of Sorrows Church, Apache	\$2,735.00	8			
Holy Name of Jesus, Chickasha	\$25,397.00	53			
Assumption Church, Duncan	\$8,119.00	41			
Immaculate Conception, Marlow	\$4,485.00	13			

Return ‘fire to your faith’ with adult faith formation classes

By Sarah Cooper
For the Sooner Catholic

After being received into the Catholic Church six years ago, Bryan Hooper began to seek more ways to strengthen his faith.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program educated him as a convert, making an indelible impact, but he wanted to learn more about Catholicism. At Saint John Nepomuk parish in Yukon, Hooper found a vast array of programs that drew him closer to Christ.

“We are all on a journey in our Catholic faith. On that journey, we need to build on our faith through study and prayer,” Hooper said. “We cannot afford to be stagnant these days. We need to know why we are Christians, in particular, why we are Catholic Christians.”

Today, Hooper serves as the coordinator of outreach ministries for Saint John Nepomuk, and considers adult faith formation to be a vital part of a dynamic parish setting. Each week, staff members and volunteers offer several classes and programs to meet

their community’s busy schedule. They continue to work to use more multimedia-based curriculum, and they have utilized video lectures by Father Robert Barron and The Augustine Institute’s Symbolon series.

In Archbishop Paul Coakley’s pastoral letter, “Go, Make Disciples,” he called on parishes across the archdiocese to “increase participation in adult faith formation opportunities by 5 to 10 percent.”

From these adult faith formation opportunities, strong Catholic witnesses are formed and sent into their communities to evangelize others, he said.

The Catholic Church of Saint John the Baptist in Edmond recently experienced a surge of participation in adult faith formation classes. After discovering that busy and unpredictable schedules were an impediment to attendance, staff members and volunteers worked to find a solution. The church now offers Bible studies four days a week along with a weekly “lunch and learn” program, and an adult Sunday school class.

Karen Cherry, a member of

the women’s Bible study at Saint John, said she believes participation in adult faith formation bears fruit in many aspects of her life.

“Obviously, it brings new light to Scripture that we may have read or heard many times by helping us put it in context of time and place,” Cherry said. “Each lesson

young adults in his parish through discussion groups on contemporary topics. He has found that if the subject matter can be applied to everyday life, more parishioners join.

“Whenever we are advertising adult faith formation, we ask the question, ‘Are you on fire for your



Fr. Marvin Leven leads an adult faith formation class at St. John the Baptist in Edmond. *Photo provided.*

requires a commitment to reading and reflecting on what we’ve read, which always brings us closer to God. It also bears fruit in not so obvious ways. We are more likely to answer ‘yes’ when asked to step up in another ministry. In the end, our whole parish benefits from the fruits that come from this program.”

At Saint Peter Catholic Church in Woodward, Father Joseph Arledge is reaching out to the

faith?’ and if not come to the bible study because you will be able to understand why the saints of old died for their faith,” Father Arledge said. “It peaks their interest.”

To find a faith formation class in your area, contact your local parish. For a list of parishes in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, go online to www.archokc.org and click on Directory.

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New discipleship groups nourish Catholics’ relationship with Christ

By Carole Brown
Director of New Evangelization

Although most Catholics are sacramentally initiated, many have not been “personally” initiated into the life of an intentional disciple of Jesus. They have not experienced a personal encounter with Jesus, or entered into a personal relationship with him. A new faith series started by the archdiocese hopes to nourish this bond.

The National Directory of Catechesis says: “The new evangelization is directed to the Church herself: to the baptized who were never effectively evangelized before, to those who have never made a personal commitment to Christ and the Gospel, to those formed by the values of the secularized culture to those who have lost a sense of faith, and to those who are alienated.”

“It is also directed to all human cultures so that they might be open to the Gospel and live in harmony with Christian values. The new evangelization is aimed at personal transformation through the development of a personal relationship with God, participation in sacramental worship, the development of a mature ethical and social conscience, ongoing catechesis, and a deepening integration of faith into all areas of life. The purpose of this evangelization is to bring about faith and conversion to Christ.”

In order to address this lack, individuals from several parishes have been helping the Office of



Jesus breaks bread with his disciples, depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Peter Church in Woodward. *Photo archives of Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.*

New Evangelization to test-pilot a series of faith studies, designed to lead baptized adult Catholics through a process of intentional personal discipleship.

This series, developed by Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) in Canada, was originally designed for use on college campuses. A number of dioceses around the country are now testing them for use in the parish, including the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

The method used is somewhat different from other scripture studies in several ways.

First, it is intentionally aimed at initiating baptized adult Catholics into a personal relationship with Jesus, nourished and lived in the Church. Through a conscious act of self-en trustment to Jesus, disciples are formed in the heart and habits of a disciple. They are given the tools to lead others to become disciples of Jesus.

The second way in which this method is different is that it works by “multiplication.” One person disciples a small group, and then mentors them as they start their own group of disciples. The process gradually mushrooms.

The hope is to eventually train enough leaders to lead a small group process in each parish as a natural first step of adult faith formation. After completing the initial process, disciples are ready for the work of lifelong catechesis.

Carole Brown is the director of the office of New Evangelization.

Oklahoma’s San Juan Diego School fosters faith for Hispanic Catholics

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

A little more than a year ago, Archbishop Paul Coakley brought forth, in both English and Spanish, his first pastoral letter, “Go, Make Disciples.”

This letter established a clear vision for future archdiocesan pastoral ministry deeply rooted in a Christ-centered path of holiness and mission that includes a vision for the growing and expanding presence of our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

This pastoral letter is best interpreted and understood through the lens of two papal documents, which serve as bookends to the archbishop’s pastoral letter, Pope Benedict’s “Porta Fidei” and Pope Francis’ “Evangelii Gaudium.”

A priority in the pastoral letter is Hispanic ministry. This priority, prayerfully discerned and identified from all that was heard during eight listening sessions and carefully considered in the light of all the data received, is an important step in our gospel call to make

disciples of all nations.

Among the archbishop’s goals for Hispanic ministry, was a call to enroll the first class of Spanish language adult faith formation in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City by June 2014.

This task, entrusted to the Office of Hispanic Ministry, came to fruition with the San Juan Diego School. The school is a major triumph within the archdiocese and a sign of the fruitfulness of the pastoral letter among the Hispanic community.

The school is already into its second semester and is present in eight parishes. It has faculty of more than a dozen priests, religious and laity, and is forming close to 300 adults from 20 different parishes – all in Spanish.

The first year of the program is dedicated to an in-depth study of the United States Catechism of Adults and the second year will be dedicated to a one-year introduction to the Bible. The third year of the program will cover the areas of spirituality and ministry.



Sr. Merys Josefina Jimenez, HCG, with students at the San Juan Diego School. *Photo provided.*

Feedback from the pastors, faculty and students has been so positive that new satellite centers at parishes with a Hispanic community are already in development.

The programs are forming disciples to assist parishes in bringing

Christ our Savior with joy to their respective faith communities.

This is a special moment and Latinos are saying, “¡Gracias!”

Pedro Moreno is director of the archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry.

Parishes, archdiocese develop new programs for marriage

Groups designed for all marriages, English & Spanish

By Anamaria Scaperlanda Biddick
For the Sooner Catholic

The archdiocese’s Office of Family Life, which provides support for families throughout central and western Oklahoma, has implemented several marriage enrichment programs to bolster relationships from the beginning of marriage to those in crisis.

The newest series, called Date Night, is part of the international Covenant of Love and is a parish-based ministry for all couples.

George Rigazzi, director of the Office of Family Life, said bringing the program to Oklahoma will, “build a realistic understanding of the commitment that is marriage, aid couples in comprehending common issues in all marriages and strengthen parishes.”

“In many parishes, it’s difficult to get to know other married couples because of the sheer size of the parish. This program can energize the marriage and form community in the Church.”

Rigazzi added that the effort is part of the call to re-evangelize those who have already heard the Gospel, an effort called the New Evangelization.

“It is something to plug into the parish for couples, as part of New Evangelization, to get to know each other and support each other in their marriages,” he said.

Steve Pokorny, director of Covenant of Love, said the program began with a marriage in crisis. Seventeen years ago, Greg and Julie Alexander were on the razor’s edge of divorce.

“They went to the priest to get a divorce validated and then the priest asked them to look into God’s plan for marriage. They prayed a prayer, ‘God, if you save our marriage, we will do everything in our power to save others’ marriages.”

After God helped heal their marriage, they began coaching couples, and the ministry grew. They trained other couples to work with marriage preparation, marriage enrichment and couples in crisis. The goal of Covenant of Love is to help all marriages.

“Most parishes, have marriage prep and ‘Father, we’re having trouble, save us.’ Not much



New spouses exchange rings as Pope Francis, pictured in the background, celebrates the marriage rite for 20 couples during a Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica. *CNS photo/Paul Haring.*

is regularly going on to minister to couples to nourish their marriage,” Pokorny said.

Pokorny stressed the importance of investing in relationships.

“The best gift you can give your children is to love your spouse. We are a reflection of God and God is love. Children need to see that.”

During the Date Night program, couples come together once a month for an evening of food, fellowship, lessons, group discussion and 20 minutes for individual couple discussion.

The program leads couples in developing a greater understanding of the Church’s teaching on marriage.

Rigazzi said several parishes are looking into implementing the program.

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Marriage Programs

✂ **Theology of the Body for Couples** (English/Spanish): One-day seminar for all married and engaged couples to encounter a refreshing perspective on marital love.

✂ **Forever for Real** (English/Spanish): Workshops to provide tools for long-lasting relationships.

✂ **FOCCUS Facilitator Training:** To train those involved in marriage preparation.

✂ **Pre-Cana:** A retreat for engaged couples.

✂ **Convalidación/Pre-Marriage** (Spanish): A program for those married civilly or through common law who would like to have their marriages blessed by the Church.

✂ **Marriage as Covenant:** Weekend retreat for engaged couples.

✂ **Parish Sponsor Couple Training:** Training for couples aiding in parish marriage preparation.

✂ **Marriage Encounter** (English/Spanish): A special opportunity to help married couples examine their lives together and grow in love.

✂ **To Seal & Strengthen Love:** A program based on the five love languages.

✂ **Parenting Classes:** Training session on how to implement a program in your parish.

✂ **Stepping into Marriage with Children:** Marriage preparation for those previously married and/or have children.

✂ **Natural Family Planning** (English/Spanish): Information and instructions on Natural Family Planning methods, Billings and Sympto-Thermal. Each method can be used for couples trying to conceive.

✂ **Retrouvaille:** Retreat for couples in troubled marriages, including those separated or divorced.

✂ **Beginning Experience:** Weekend for those coping with experience of losing a loved one.

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Review: Two stories for our times

By J.E. Helm
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We live in a world where the evening news is filled with reports of national and international violence. How are we to endure and not be debased by this evil? The lives of two men, who fought in World War II and were unbroken by its terrors, can provide us with encouragement and inspiration.

“Unbroken,” by Laura Hillenbrand, has been a New York Times bestseller and recently was made into a motion picture directed by Angeli-na Jolie.

The full title of the book is “Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption,” and the book is exactly that. It is the story of Louis Zamperini, an Olympic runner who became a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator.

On a search and rescue mission over the Pacific, Zamperini’s plane, The Green Hornet, experiences engine failure and crashes into the shark-infested sea. Zamperini and two other men miraculously endure 46 days on a small raft before being captured by the Japanese. One of the men dies; Zamperini becomes a prisoner of war.

Hillenbrand’s extensive research has yielded all-too-vivid descriptions of bombing raids and attacks. Her narrative of the airmen’s survival at sea is terrifying, and the reader cannot fail to be impressed by the men’s resourcefulness and courage. They survive being strafed by a Japanese plane. They catch and eat fish and birds, and survive by capturing rainwater.

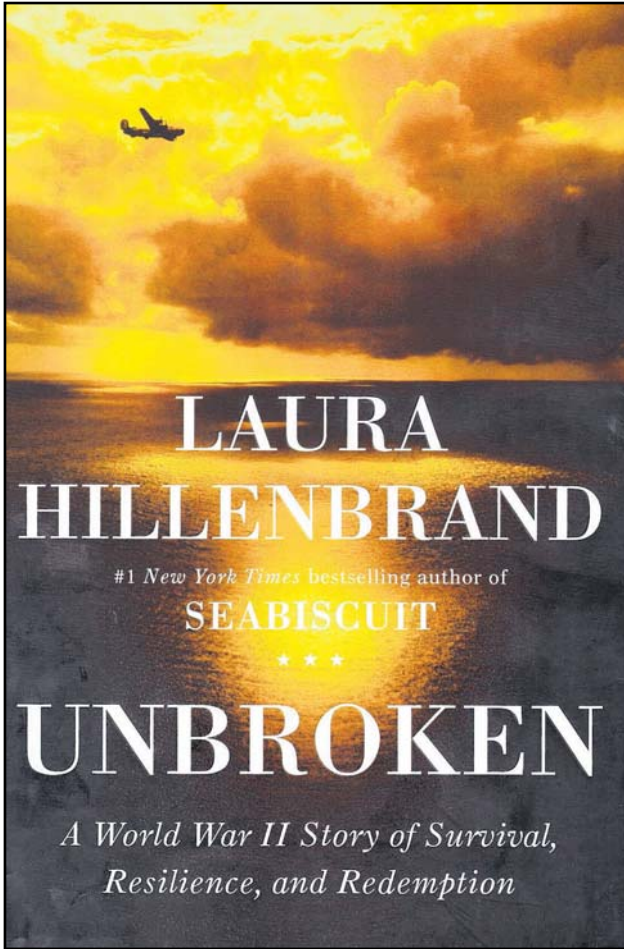
The tale goes from bad to worse. Zamperini is transferred from one prison camp to another where he is starved and beaten. He witnesses men being tortured and killed. He becomes the special focus of a psychotic Japanese guard, Mutsuhiro Watanabe, called “The Bird,” who singles out Zamperini for special punishment.

How human beings can endure so much and yet remain “unbroken” is the message of Zamperini’s prison camp ordeal. He survives the war, marries, struggles with readjustment, and is eventually saved – psychologically and spiritually – when he experiences conversion at one of Billy Graham’s first evangelical crusades.

Zamperini went on to spend his life sharing his message of endurance and rebirth. He established Victory Boys Camp and helped many delinquent teenagers reclaim their lives. He was a motivational speaker and wrote of his story of survival in Devil at My Heels. He traveled to Japan to visit and forgive former prison guards. He even wrote to forgive Watanabe, who refused to meet with him.

The first part of “Unbroken” is a bit tedious, with about 50 pages providing a little too much detail about Zamperini’s growing up years. At the end of the book, the reader wishes for more about Zamperini’s life and work in this last part of his life.

For readers who want more, there is Zamper-



ini’s other book, “Don’t Give Up, Don’t Give In,” a series of short chapters about the work he did after the war and why he did it. This little 238-page book has chapters titled “It’s Not How You Win, It’s How You Lose,” “Don’t Ask Why, Ask What’s Next,” and “Don’t Forget to Laugh.” There is even “You’re Only as Old as You Feel.” Zamperini died on July 2, 2014, at the age of 97, just two days after the manuscript for his book was sent to the editors.

A Higher Call

Another World War II true story that is sure to inspire is “A Higher Call” by Adam Makos. This is the story of two pilots, one American and one German.

The first 130 or so pages describes the life and early flying career of Franz Stigler, the German pilot in the story. His life, as described, shows that not all Germans were Nazis and not all Germans supported Hitler. Stigler was similar to American flyers, who simply chose to serve their country.

Throughout the war, Stigler carries a rosary in his pocket, a rosary whose black beads are worn to a pale lavender at war’s end by Stigler’s frequent use of them.

Next, we meet the Americans. Stigler’s rival is Charles Brown, a B-17 pilot from West Virginia. The alternating “American” and the “German” sections of the book become shorter, almost as if the two main characters are on a collision course to meet each other.

On Dec. 2, 1943, they do meet in the skies over northern Germany. Brown’s plane has

been fiercely damaged in a bombing run over Germany. Stigler, flying a fighter Bf-109, in an act of unprecedented chivalry, refuses to shoot down the American plane and its injured crew. Instead, he escorts them over the border where German anti-aircraft guns, unsure of what they are witnessing, also refuse to fire on the B-17. The plane miraculously crosses the North Sea and lands safely in England.

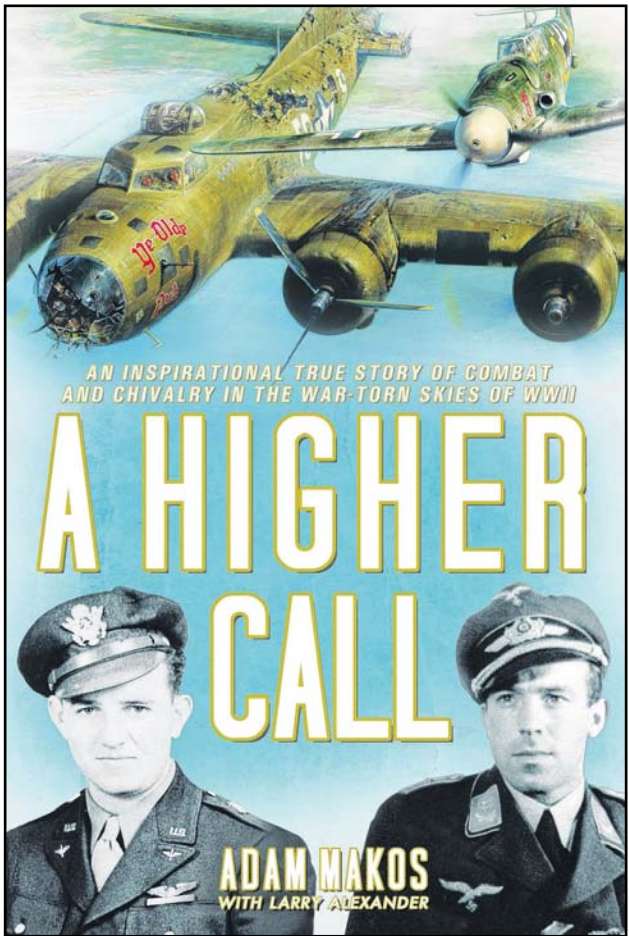
Brown survives the war and lives a happy, successful life in Florida. Stigler is not so fortunate. He finds himself desperate to find work in war-torn Germany where second-in-command Nazi leader Hermann Goering had led people to believe that the cowardice of its Air Force pilots was a chief reason for Germany’s failure to be victorious.

Stigler leaves Germany for Vancouver, finds work, marries and lives out his life. Now, the best part of this book, like the story in “Unbroken,” is in the final chapters.

Brown cannot forget the German pilot who allowed him to live. Stigler, too, wonders if the Americans survived. Eventually, the two men connect with one another and begin a long friendship that finds Stigler being invited to and attending a reunion of Brown’s 379th Bomber Group in 1990. Both men are gone now, following each other in death, eight months apart, in 2008.

“A Higher Call,” like “Unbroken,” shows us that war and violence cannot defeat the best part of the human spirit, the indefatigable desire for peace and reconciliation.

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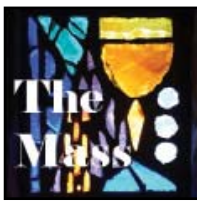


Matthew Kelly in Tulsa

Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you ready for more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God’s plan for your life? Catholic speaker and author Matthew Kelly will present “Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose” on March 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Cox Business Center in Tulsa, with special musical guest Eliot Morris. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.DynamicCatholic.com or call (859) 980-7900.

Why is our central act of worship called a Mass?

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



Our celebration of the Eucharist is such a deep and profound reality that it actually has many names, with each of them shedding some light on a different, but all interconnected, aspect and depth of our celebration.

Our Mass, like most swimming pools, has different levels of depth. The greater the depth of understanding, the more you begin to enjoy the profound love of God, which is celebrated at each Mass.

Let’s take a look at some of these names and see what they add to our understanding of this great mystery of faith and how deep we can go.

I say “mystery” in the sense of a God given truth that is beyond our ability to even imagine it and even after God reveals it to us, its inner core truth is still beyond our ability to fully and completely understand it.

The first name for our central act of worship, taken from the Greek biblical New Testament texts of the Last Supper, is Eucharist, which means thanksgiving. This is appropriate because central to our act of worship to our loving God is giving Him thanks for the many blessings He has given us, among them: love/ life, creation/nature, redemption/salvation and sanctification/friendship.

The next common name, also found in the New Testament, is The Lord’s Supper. This is because of its connection with the Last Supper, which the Lord took with his disciples on the eve of his Passion, Holy Thursday.

Another name for our official act of worship is the Breaking of Bread. Jesus as head of the family blessed and distributed the bread at the Last Supper and this action also becomes a way in which his disciples will recognize him after his Resurrection. It also became among the first names Christians used for their Eucharistic assemblies and by doing so they signified that all who eat the one broken bread,

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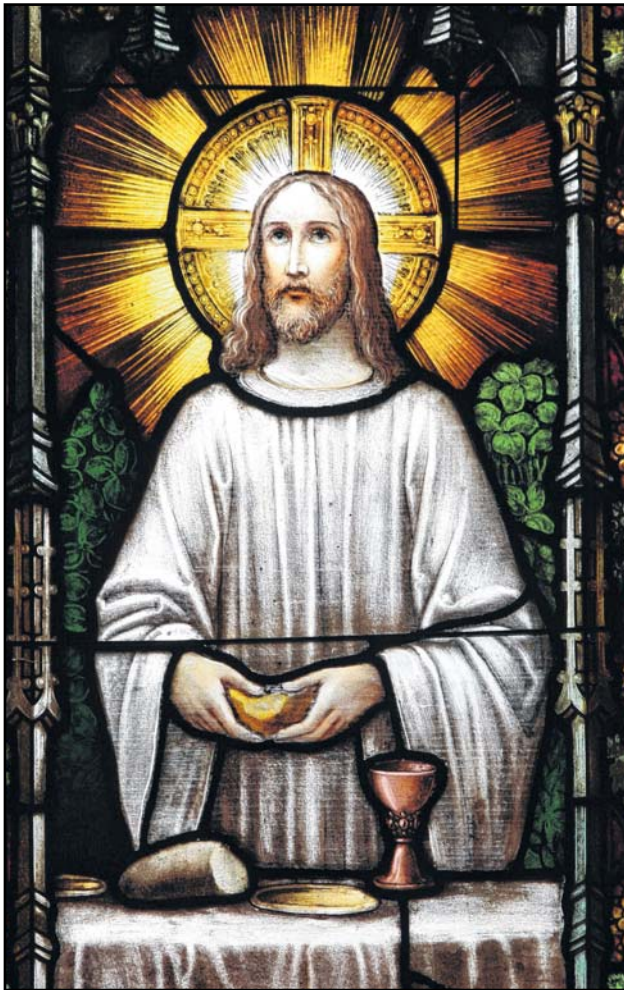
On Sunday Jan. 25, Epiphany of the Lord parish in Oklahoma City hosted an ecumenical program to mark the culmination of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The multi-faith program was sponsored by the Oklahoma Alliance for Liturgy and the Arts. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a worldwide program of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity.

Music and the arts were highlighted at the service that opened with jazz-ballet style sacred dance, performed by “Arts Revealing the Son.”

The entire congregation joined in several hymns, and Epiphany’s Three Kings Choir delivered the offertory, “Fill My Cup, Lord.” The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015 was “Give Me to Drink” (John 4:7). In keeping with the idea of this passage, a display of clear glass water pitchers and green plants was arranged around the church’s Baptismal font.

Father Stephen Bird, pastor at



Christ’s supper at Emmaus is depicted in a stained-glass window at the Basilica Church of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Southampton, N.Y. CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz, Long Island Catholic.

Christ, enter into communion with him and form in Him one body, the Church.

Two names deal with the deepest part of what our act of worship means, which is the memorial of the Lord’s Passion, Good Friday, and Resurrection, Easter Sunday. These two names are The Holy Sacrifice and The Holy and Divine Liturgy. We call the Mass a Holy Sacrifice, sacrifice meaning offering, because it makes present the one sacrifice/offering of Christ the

Savior at Calvary and includes the Church’s offering of itself as the Body of Christ. The holy sacrifice/offering of the Mass is our offering of praise, our spiritual offering.

The name Holy and Divine Liturgy (and keep in mind that liturgy means the official public worship of God) is because the Church’s whole liturgy finds our Holy and Divine Lord, Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ in its center and most intense expression of the celebration of this sacrament. In the same sense, we also call the Mass our Sacred Mystery because Jesus Christ is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament/Mystery.

Because of Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist, another name for the Mass comes from something we do at Mass. By receiving and accepting our Lord and Savior Jesus in the Eucharist, we all enter in a sacred common union with the Lord. This Sacred common union is better known as Holy Communion because, by this sacrament, we unite ourselves to Christ, who makes us sharers in his Body and Blood to form a single body, the Church.

Finally, we come to the most common name and what started all this some paragraphs ago. This name actually has nothing to do with what occurs during the core celebration of the Eucharist.

Believe it or not, the name Mass refers to what happens after Mass is over! The name comes from an old Latin word Missa and is directly connected to our dismissal, Ite Missa Est. At the end of Mass, we are all sent forth to live and share the love of God and the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ, which we have just celebrated. To share the love of Christ is our missio or mission.

So now, after looking at the various depths of this pool that we call the Mass, through the eyes of the Catechism, I invite you to send me pictures of the Mass as celebrated in your parishes (pmoreno@archokc.org). In future columns, I can use them as I reflect on the different parts of our Eucharistic Celebration.

See you at Mass...



Pastors and members of communities belonging to the Oklahoma Conference of Churches at the prayer service closing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Photo Cara Koenig.

serves as president of OALA.

At the conclusion of the service, all clergy present were invited to join the clergy near the altar for the Sending Forth, and all joined in a processional.

Rev. Mary Hughes Gaudreau, a Methodist minister representing the Oklahoma Conference of Churches, noted that the Council has members “representing 16 denominations.”

Christine Russell of Epiphany recently moved to Oklahoma from Nebraska. She attended the service because she “has never been to an ecumenical prayer group before.”

“Anytime you come together with a group of people to pray, there are always extra blessings,” she said.

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Lánzate a lo más Profundo

Luke 5:4

¡ÚNANSE A MÍ!

¡Alabado sea Jesucristo! El año 2014 fue un año de bendiciones, retos y oportunidades para la Iglesia en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City. A través de sus oraciones, su participación y su apoyo pudimos hacer frente a esos desafíos y abrazar esas oportunidades. Dios es bueno. ¡Y Dios nunca se deja ganar en generosidad! Ahora tengo el privilegio de presentarles a ustedes los detalles de la solicitud de fondos para la Campaña del 2015 de los Fondos de Desarrollo Arquidiocesanos, ADF por sus siglas en inglés, les pido su apoyo.

El tema de la edición 2015 de nuestra campaña anual es “Únanse a Mí. Nuestra Misión: Hacer Discípulos”. Estamos construyendo intencionalmente sobre el tema del año pasado y nuestro mandato de fomentar el discipulado entre todos los fieles y a lo largo de los márgenes de nuestras comunidades.

Francisco nos ha advertido en repetidas ocasiones sobre el peligro de convertirse en una Iglesia que es auto-referencial y solo mira hacia adentro en lugar de centrarse en nuestra misión de compartir la Buena Nueva y formar discípulos que van a transformar el mundo. Cada uno de nosotros somos llamados por nuestro nombre y enviado como discípulo misionero para dar testimonio de Jesús, que es la luz del mundo y la sal de la tierra. Esta es nuestra misión, la esencia misma de lo que significa ser católico.

El Fondo de Desarrollo Arquidiocesano es uno de los principales medios que nos permite cumplir con nuestro mandato de “Vayan y

Únase a la Misión del Arzobispo

“Hacer Discípulos” para nuestra Iglesia, un cuerpo, cuerpo de Cristo

Por Thomas Maxwell

Discípulos son esenciales para el éxito de la labor de la Iglesia y el cumplimiento del plan de Dios para todos nosotros. El plan de Dios encuentra su cumplimiento a través de Su Hijo, Jesús, y Su Iglesia - trabajando juntos como un solo cuerpo - el cuerpo de Cristo – sirviendo las necesidades de Su pueblo.

Para servir estas necesidades para la Iglesia en Oklahoma, la solicitud de fondos para el Fondo de Desarrollo Arquidiocesano, ADF por sus siglas en inglés, fue creado para asistir en el “desarrollo de la vida de la arquidiócesis a través del ministerio.”

La solicitud anual de fondos para el ADF de parte del Arzobispo es una ayuda importante para la labor de la Iglesia en Oklahoma.

Las donaciones ayudan a hacer posible: ministerios que apoyan a los fieles católicos a través de toda la arquidiócesis como la Oficina de ministerio Hispano y su Escuela de San Juan Diego y la Oficina de Vida Familiar con sus programas que fortalecen a los matrimonios y las familias; programas de promoción vocacional y programas de discernimiento; programas de pastoral juvenil; programas que promueven la protección de los derechos de los no nacidos; apoyo a las escuelas católicas y la educación religiosa; programas para ayudar a los pobres y necesitados; el financiamiento de la educación de los seminaristas; cuidado de los sacerdotes jubilados y programas de formación para nuestros sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos católicos.

Los ministerios se pueden separar en tres divisiones básicas: Culto, la Palabra y Servicios.

Ministerios de Culto
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Seminaristas

Culto de Adoración/Música Litúrgica
Vocaciones
Educación Continua de los Sacerdotes

Ministerios de la Palabra
Educación Continua de los Diáconos
Escuelas Católicas
Formación Cristiana
Comunicaciones
Evangelización

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Oficina Central
Vida Familiar
Oficina Hispana
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Para existir y para servir, la Iglesia necesita crecer. Discípulos se desarrollan a partir de semillas sembradas por otros buenos discípulos a través de la inspiración del Espíritu Santo, fluyendo a través de corazones llenos de amor y dignas manos, promoviendo los ministerios y apostolados proporcionados por la Iglesia.

Que este llamamiento anual para apoyar económicamente el Fondo de Desarrollo Arquidiocesano sea un tiempo para cada uno de nosotros evalúe la calidad de nuestro amor por Jesucristo y nuestro agradecimiento por los dones recibidos de Dios.

Así que, dondequiera que estemos en nuestra peregrinación de crecimiento como discípulo, demos el siguiente paso hacia un más profundo amor a Jesús y dejemos que el Espíritu Santo nos continúe mostrando el camino como

anza, sanan y llevan el amor de Cristo a todas las personas. El ADF apoya estos esfuerzos y ayuda a hacerlos posible. Agradezco a las numerosas personas y familias

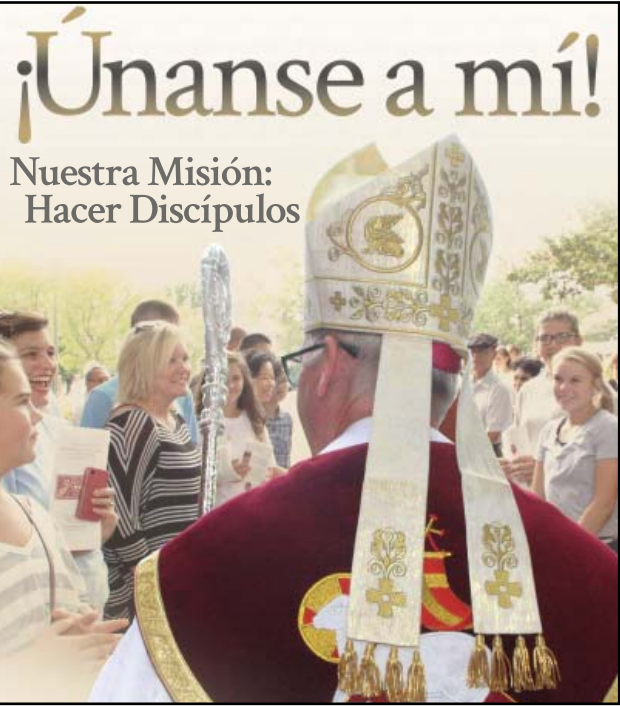
en todo el centro y el oeste de Oklahoma que generosamente apoyan a sus parroquias y la Arquidiócesis a través del ADF cada año. Pero con el fin de ampliar nuestro alcance y llevar esperanza a los que viven en los márgenes de nuestras comunidades, tenemos que ampliar nuestra base de apoyo. Invito a cada uno de ustedes a que me acompañen en esta importante obra de fe.

Invito a cada uno de ustedes en oración consideren un regalo de sacrificio para apoyar la misión de Cristo y de su Iglesia en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City. Las obras educativas, pastorales y apostólicas apoyados por el ADF tocan la vida de todos los católicos y todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis. Por favor, únanse a mí para hacer un donativo generoso de acuerdo a sus medios y en consonancia con las bendiciones que han recibido.

Sepa que usted y sus seres queridos están en mis oraciones. Gracias por todo lo que hacen para apoyar a su parroquia y nuestra Arquidiócesis.



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley



discípulos de Jesucristo a través del apoyo y participación en muchos de los ministerios proporcionados a través de las parroquias y la arquidiócesis. Este apoyo e influencia afecta directa e indirectamente a todos en esta arquidiócesis, ¡Un Cuerpo en Cristo Jesús - Una Iglesia!

Gracias a las generosas contribuciones a esta campaña anual, feligreses católicos financian entre el 40 y 45 por ciento de los costos de mantenimiento de los programas y ministerios proporcionados por la Arquidiócesis.

Encuentren el amor de Dios en sus corazones y que sea una guía para nuestro crecimiento como discípulos que apoyan a Su Iglesia.

Thomas Maxwell es el Director Ejecutivo de la Campaña ADF del Arzobispo.

¿Por qué nuestro acto central de culto a Dios se llama Misa?

Por Pedro A. Moreno, OP, MRE

Director del ministerio Hispano



Nuestra celebración de la Eucaristía es una realidad tan intensa y profunda que en realidad tiene muchos nombres y cada uno de ellos arroja luz sobre un aspecto diferente y más profundo de nuestra celebración.

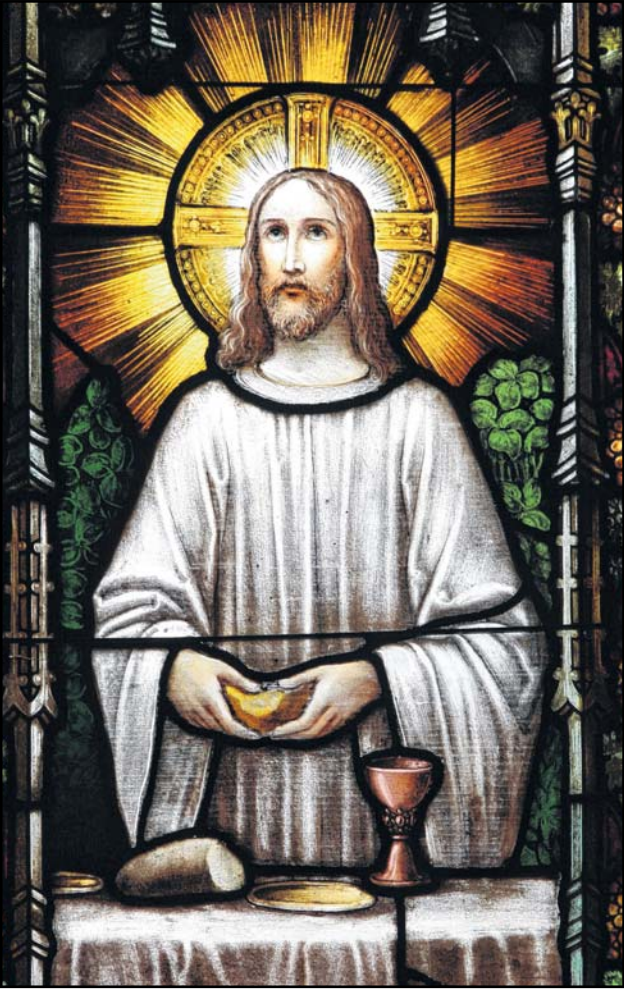
Nuestra Misa, como la mayoría de las albercas, tiene diferentes niveles de profundidad. Cuanto mayor sea la profundidad de la comprensión de lo que se celebra, más se empiezan a disfrutar del profundo amor de Dios, celebrada en cada Santa Misa.

Echemos un vistazo a algunos de estos nombres y ver lo que añaden a nuestra comprensión de este gran misterio de fe y veamos cuan profundo podemos llegar en esta alberca. Digo misterio, de donde obtenemos la palabra sacramento, en el sentido de una verdad dada por Dios que está más allá de nuestra capacidad para imaginar e incluso después de que Dios nos revela esta verdad sigue estando más allá de nuestra capacidad de entender plena y completamente.

El primer nombre para nuestro acto central de culto, tomada de los textos bíblicos griegos del Nuevo Testamento de la Última Cena, es Eucaristía, que significa “acción de gracias”. Esto es apropiado porque el centro de nuestro acto de culto al Dios de amor es el darle gracias por las muchas bendiciones que Él nos ha dado, entre ellos: amor/vida, creación/naturaleza, redención/salvación y santificación/amistad.

El siguiente nombre, también se encuentra en el Nuevo Testamento, es la Cena del Señor. Esto es debido a su conexión con la Última Cena que el Señor celebró con sus discípulos en la víspera de su Pasión, Jueves Santo.

Otro nombre para nuestro acto oficial de culto es “La Fracción del Pan” o “el Partir el Pan”. Jesús como cabeza de la familia bendijo y repartió el Pan en la Última Cena. Esta acción también se convierte en una forma en la que sus discípulos lo reconocerán después de su Resurrección. También se convirtió entre los primeros cristianos en el nombre de sus asam-



La cena en Emaús de Cristo está representada en una vidriera en la Basílica Iglesia de los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y Maria en Southampton, Nueva York. Foto de CNS/Gregory A. Shemitz, Long Island Catholic.

bleas eucarísticas y al hacerlo, significaba que todos los que comen el Pan partido, Cristo, entran en comunión con Él y en Él forma Un Solo Cuerpo, la Iglesia.

Dos otros nombres se refieren a la parte más profunda de nuestro acto de culto y adoración, el memorial de la Pasión del Señor, Viernes Santo y la Resurrección, Domingo de Pascua. Estos dos nombres son “El Santo Sacrificio” y “La Santa y Divina Liturgia”. Llamamos a la Misa un Santo Sacrificio, sacrificio significa ofrenda, porque actualiza el único sacrificio/ofrenda de Cristo el Salvador en el Calvario e incluye la ofrenda de la Iglesia de sí misma como

el Cuerpo de Cristo. El Santo Sacrificio/ofrenda de la Misa es nuestra ofrenda de adoración, alabanza, nuestra ofrenda espiritual.

El nombre de la Santa y Divina Liturgia (tener en cuenta que liturgia significa el culto público y oficial a Dios) es porque en cada liturgia de la Iglesia encontramos en su centro a nuestro Santo y Divino Señor, Salvador y Redentor, Jesucristo en la más intensa expresión de la celebración de este sacramento. En el mismo sentido también llamamos a la Misa nuestros “Sagrados Misterios” porque Jesucristo está realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento/Santo Misterio.

Debido a la Presencia Real de Cristo en la Eucaristía otro nombre para la Misa proviene de algo que hacemos en la Misa. Al recibir y aceptar nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo en la Eucaristía todos entramos en una santa y común unidad con el Señor. Esta sagrada unidad, compartida entre todos los que se acercan a recibir la Eucaristía, es mejor conocido como la “Santa Comunión”, porque por este sacramento estamos en común unión con Cristo, que nos hace partícipes de su Cuerpo y de su Sangre para formar Un Solo Cuerpo, la Iglesia.

Finalmente, llegamos al nombre más común y lo que empezó todo esto hace unos párrafos. Este nombre en realidad no tiene nada que ver con lo que ocurre durante el corazón de la celebración Eucarística.

Lo creas o no, ¡El nombre de la Misa se refiere a lo que sucede después de que la Misa ha terminado! El nombre proviene de una antigua palabra latina Missa y está conectado directamente a nuestra despedida, Ite Missa Est. Al final de la Misa todos somos enviados para vivir y compartir el amor de Dios y la Buena Nueva de la Salvación en Jesucristo que acabamos de celebrar. El compartir el amor de Cristo es nuestra missio o misión.

Así que ahora, después de ver las diferentes profundidades de esta alberca que llamamos la Santa Misa, a través de los ojos del Catecismo, los invito a enviarme fotos de la Misa celebrada en sus parroquias (pmoreno@archokc.org). En futuras columnas puedo usarlas al seguir reflexionando sobre las diferentes partes de nuestra Celebración Eucarística.

Nos vemos en Misa...

Campamento Católico de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 2015

Las inscripciones para el Campamento de Verano de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ya comenzaron! Pueden bajar el formulario de inscripción de nuestra pagina de internet www.archokc.org haga clic en la oficina de Pastoral Juvenil (**Youth & Young Adult Office**) o regístrese por internet (**ON-LINE**). ¡Inscribase los mas pronto posible ya que esperamos que las sesiones se llenen rápidamente!

Sesión 1	7-12 Junio	Grados 6 & 7
Sesión 2	14-19 Junio	Grados 4 & 5
Sesión 3	21-26 Junio	Grados 5 & 6
Sesión 4	28 Junio - 3 Julio	Grados 7,8,9
Sesión 5	5-10 Julio	Grados 4 & 5
Sesión 6	12-17 Julio	Grados 7 & 8
Sesión 7	19-24 Julio	Grados 9,10,11,12

¡Las inscripciones para el campamento de verano ya comenzaron!

¡Inscripción en línea ya está disponible!

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor de llamarnos a la Oficina de Pastoral Juvenil al (405)721-9220 o por correo electrónico OLOG2014@archokc.org No se les olvide seguimos por Facebook para saber de los mas reciente!





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Lent


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during the 40 days of Lent and by doing so have empowered themselves over something that may have controlled them. Others have lost weight due to fasting. These benefits are not the specific purposes of Lent, but they are nonetheless benefits from this penitential time.


From Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, to Easter Sunday on April 5, there are 46 days, and six of those days are Sundays. Sundays are not a part of Lent. If giving up something, you may take Sunday as a time to indulge yourself a little before Monday comes.

Lent is a reminder to Catholics of Christ's journey in the wilderness and temptation by the devil before his return to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) and Holy Week in which we remember His passion, death and resurrection (Easter).

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Briefs

St. Eugene's Lenten Mission

Fr. David Knight will be returning to the parish of St. Eugene. Fr. Knight will celebrate Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-8. He also will lead the Lenten Mission from Feb. 9-13. There will be morning and evening missions Monday through Wednesday in English. Missions on Thursday and Friday evenings will be in Spanish. Everyone, especially non-Catholics, are invited to join us at the Lenten Mission to listen to Fr. Knight's discussion about Sacred Scripture and Bible Study, based on his book "His Way, An Everyday Plan for Following Jesus."

Retrouvaille

The secular world would have us believe that troubled marriages are beyond hope; we have proven them wrong! Hope and healing for troubled, separated and divorced couples can be found at the OKC Retrouvaille program Feb. 13-15 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway. Visit www.retrouvaille.org or call (405) 443-3541. No group sharing.

Faithfully Yours: Discover Natural Family Planning (NFP)

NFP cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. It is effective, healthy and mar-

riage building. The Sympto-Thermal Method, offered through the Couple to Couple League, is a natural, highly effective method for postponing or achieving pregnancy. The next class series begins Sunday, Feb. 22, at 12:15 p.m. at St. Monica Church in Edmond. The second and third classes will be held on Sunday, March 29, and Sunday, April 26. Register at www.ccli.org or contact Matthew and Michaela Dietrich at (319) 541-3181.

Beginning Experience

Hope for a new beginning. There is help for the heartache of separation, divorce and widowhood at a Beginning Experience Weekend. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Trained team members who have suffered the loss of a loved one share their own experience as they lead participants through presentations, private reflections and small group sharing. The next Beginning Experience Weekend will take place at the Catholic Pastoral Center March 6-8. To register, contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

Save the date

Lenten retreat at St. James the

Greater Church in Oklahoma City with internationally known author Fr. Jacques Philippe. Retreat in English on Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Openness to the Holy Spirit in Daily Life." No charge for the retreat; free will offering; potluck lunch. For more information, call Sr. Maria at (405) 778-1107.

Annual bingo night

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School will host the 7th annual Irish Family Bingo Night on Sunday, March 8. The event is sponsored by the BMCHS Alumni Association and will be held in the Bishop McGuinness Commons. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 6 p.m. Children are invited to attend. Event includes raffle drawing, bingo packs \$7 for 10 games with pre-registration. Deadline is March 6. Contact Carly Wegener at (405) 761-0997.

Birmingham pilgrimage

Join Rev. Stephen Hamilton (St. Monica, Edmond) on a pilgrimage to Birmingham, Ala. Discover the Swiss winemaking heritage of Arkansas' Wiederkehr Wine Cellars, Subiaco Monastery, explore Memphis' exciting Beale Street; tour the Crystal Shrine Grotto, St. Paul's Cathedral, Ave Maria

Grotto, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament/Queen of the Angels Monastery, and tour EWTN studio. We'll join the EWTN studio audience for a live taping of EWTN Live! May 4-8, 2015. \$749.00 per person, dbl. occ. Deposit: \$100 pp; balance due April 1. Includes four-night hotel accommodations, eight meals and all entrance/admission fees as per itinerary. Full details at www.travelovertures.com.

Catholic Foundation Scholarships available

The 2015-2016 Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma scholarship applications are available. The foundation offers a \$6,000 scholarship (\$1,500 per year) to students attending a non-Catholic college or university, and a \$12,000 scholarship (\$3,000 per year) to students attending a Catholic college or university. Visit the CFO website at www.cfook.org for more information or contact your pastor, DRE or high school counselor for an application. For questions, contact CFO at (405) 721-4115 or cfo-info@archokc.org. Applications are due by April 8.

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.soonercatholic.org.

February			
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 Fr. M. Price Oswalt at (405) 567-3404.	14	St. Valentine's Day
11	Catholic War Veterans USA Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday in the Sunnyslane Family Reception Center, 3900 SE 29, Del City. For more information, contact Ken at (405) 739-0036 or by e-mail at OklaPost168@cox.net .	14	Scout Religious Emblem Training 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the CPC. Register with the Youth and Young Adult Office at (405) 721-9220.
12	An "Advocacy 101" workshop will be held Feb. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the CPC with video-	14	The Oblates of St. Benedict of Mt. St. Scholastica meet once a month at the CPC. Newcomers meet from Noon to 1 p.m., with oblates meeting from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Judith Martin, (405) 635-5665.
		14	Mardi Gras Theme dance at St. Charles Borromeo. Dance lessons at 7:30 p.m.; dance music 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Bring a favorite finger food to share. Call Dorothy at (405) 604-4603.
		17	Monthly Novena to the Infant Jesus. During these nine days, the novena prayers will be as follows: Monday-Friday following Noon Mass, Saturday following 6 p.m. Mass, and Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass.
		18	Ash Wednesday. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast and abstain from meat.
		19	Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m. at the CPC, Rm. C-1. Call Toni Calvey at (405) 630-0539 or visit www.SpiritOKC.org .
		19	St. Gregory's presents "No Exit." This existentialist French one-act play examines the interactions of three damned souls in hell. Performances at 8 p.m. Feb. 19-21; 3 p.m. Feb. 22, at Sarkeys Performing Arts Center. For more information, go online to www.stgregorys.edu .
		20	First Friday of Lent. Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from meat.
		22	Natural Family Planning class (Sympto-Thermal Method). Class series begins Feb. 22 at 12:15 p.m. at St. Monica Church in Edmond in the St. Patrick room. Register for the 3 classes at www.ccli.org or contact Matthew and Michaela Dietrich at (319) 541-3181 or dietrichmichaela@yahoo.com .

Job Box

Principal

Rosary Catholic School, a Pre-K through 8th grade school and ministry of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Oklahoma City, is seeking a principal for the 2015-2016 school year. Rosary enrolls approximately 240 students, with a professional staff of 35, and is fully accredited. Candidates must be practicing Catholics who have

knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. In addition, candidates should hold a master's degree in educational administration or related field and have a minimum of five years educational experience. Applications are available by contacting the archdiocesan Department of Catholic Education at (405) 721-4202 or ccarter@archokc.org.

Admissions counselor

St. Gregory's University seeks an admissions counselor for the College of Continuing Studies, Tulsa campus. Candidates must be able to evaluate qualifications of students for admission, develop a marketing plan for their specified territories and represent the university at various programs and conferences. Fluency in Spanish

preferred, but not required. To apply, send a letter of application that includes a statement of how qualifications are met, curriculum vita, transcript copies and contact information for three professional references to hr@stgregorys.edu or mail to Human Resources Department, St. Gregory's University, 1900 W MacArthur Dr., Shawnee 74804.

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