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The Mount celebrates groundbreaking for new cafeteria, commons

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Sisters of Mercy, Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School and honored guests officially broke ground Thursday on a cafeteria and commons area on the campus of Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School in southwest Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma's longest standing high school, Mount Saint Mary, announced it had surpassed its most ambitious fundraising initiative in history with the completion of Phase I of the Higher Ground campaign, raising beyond the original \$4.4 million goal. The 36-month campaign concluded in October, concentrating private support toward campus facility expansion at the 112-year-old landmark institution.

The project will create a new, 11,000-square-foot building to replace the current cramped cafeteria that seats 80 students. The new building will seat 300 students, have two serving lines, a coffee shop and a salad bar. The current 524-square-foot kitchen will expand to 1,884 square feet.

"I am delighted by the archdiocese's deep involvement in the life and mission of Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School," said The Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City.

"The growth and progress that this historic event represents is a demonstration that this cherished school is moving in a direction that will provide families of Oklahoma City and the surrounding communities a strong, viable and

sustaining Catholic education for years to come. Mount Saint Mary has a treasured past, but thanks to the generosity of so many, an even brighter future."

Talita DeNegri, principal of Mount Saint Mary, added, "We are able to look back upon what we've accomplished here at The Mount with feelings of fulfillment,

joy, comfort and confidence. We are grateful for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and The Sisters of Mercy's partnership that has guided us in the past and now guides us into the future.

Sister Pat Coward of the community leadership team of the Sisters of Mercy South Central Community, joined Archbishop

Coakley and Archbishop Emeritus Beltran at the groundbreaking.

"Inspiring bold thinking begins with a solid foundation. Throughout its history, Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School has laid a keystone to provide its students with an excellent faith-based, college-preparatory education. The Mount is a faith community serving our students and their families with an exceptional Christ-centered Catholic education."

Mayor Mick Cornett said, "You cannot discuss the history of Oklahoma City without mentioning Mount Saint Mary High School. It was one of the first educational institutions that this city had. As people continue to repopulate downtown and this area, it's fulfilling to see MSM awarded for its loyalty and commitment to this part of Oklahoma City."

The Mount is a faith community serving our students and their families with an exceptional Christ-centered Catholic education. For more information and how to enroll, go online to www.mountstmary.org.

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Catholic Charities opens new main services building

Catholic Charities' new main services building at 1232 N. Classen Blvd. in Oklahoma City is officially open to facilitate services to the community.

The agency's colorful logo – a lotus centered on the Cross of Christ – adorns the building's south-facing wall as a symbol to passersby of Catholic Charities' many social service programs.

"The new building will strengthen our services across the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and enhance operations at each of our regional locations in Ardmore, Clinton, Enid, Guymon and Lawton," said Patrick Raglow, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

The 33,860-square-foot, two-story structure was designed by Mass Architects Inc. to fit existing program needs while allowing for growth. Besides addressing Catholic Charities' increasing need for space, the building also fits requirements for people with disabilities, enabling the organization to serve more clients in-house.

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Put Out Into the Deep Luke 5:4

A tribute to Bishop Edward J. Slattery

On Sunday, May 8, I had the privilege of presiding at a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa in gratitude for Bishop Edward Slattery's 50 years of priestly ministry.

Father Slattery was ordained a priest on April 26, 1966, for the Archdiocese of Chicago where he served in a variety of pastoral assignments, including many years as president of the Catholic Extension Society. Late in 1993, he was named the third bishop of Tulsa and on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord in January 1994, Pope (now Saint) John Paul II bestowed upon him his episcopal ordination at Saint Peter's Basilica.

For the past 22 years, Bishop Slattery has been a good shepherd guiding the Church in eastern Oklahoma. As all bishops must do upon reaching the age of 75, Bishop Slattery has submitted his letter of resignation to Pope Francis and now awaits the Holy Father's acceptance of that resignation and the appointment of his successor. That could be imminent. In any case, once that successor is named, much of the attention and interest will naturally turn to the new bishop-designate.

Before that occurs, I want to take this opportunity to express my own appreciation for Bishop Slattery. When I was appointed Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province of Oklahoma City he was among the first to reach out to me in welcome. It has been a joy to collaborate with him. On behalf of the entire Church in Oklahoma, I want to express our gratitude for the many years of dedicated episcopal leadership given by Bishop Slattery.

Bishop Slattery's episcopal ministry has helped strengthen the Church in eastern Oklahoma in a variety of ways. He has built upon the firm foundations laid by those good shepherds who went before him. He, in his turn, has been a good steward of the gifts and talents of the faithful as can be easily noted in the construction of churches, schools and a beautiful new Catholic Charities campus.

He has fostered vocations to the priesthood and

consecrated life and shown a shepherd's care for his priests and religious in the diocese. He welcomed a variety of new religious institutes, including the Benedictines of Clear Creek Abbey, who have contributed to the witness of the Church through so many diverse charisms.

He has touched the lives of countless individuals through his pastoral visits, countless confirmations and numerous ordinations to the priesthood and diaconate over which he has presided. He has been attentive to the threefold office of teaching, governing and sanctifying God's holy people.

A bishop has many tasks that require his careful attention. The episcopal life and ministry is a busy one. One of the things that has inspired me about Bishop Slattery is how deeply he has rooted his episcopal ministry in prayer. Neither a priest nor a bishop can live like a monk. That would lead to the neglect of his pastoral duties. Nonetheless, throughout his years of ministry Bishop Slattery has given witness to the importance of prayer and the primacy of God's grace in ministry.

He has done this through his preaching, through his teaching and especially through his personal witness.

He has truly lived in the spirit of his episcopal motto which proclaims, "Tu Solus Sanctus," "You alone are the Holy One."

Bishop Slattery's life and ministry has drawn its vitality from a deep communion with God through prayer, both his personal prayer and his appreciation for the liturgy, the prayer of the Church.

Whoever the Holy Father appoints as the Fourth Bishop of Tulsa, he will follow a succession of shepherds who have truly been good and faithful servants. Thank you, Bishop Slattery!



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley



Bishop Edward J. Slattery

Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

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

- May 15 - Confirmation, 10 a.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
May 17 - Opening prayer at domestic and sexual violence conference, 8:30 a.m., Oklahoma City Community College
May 17 - Mass, 11:30 a.m., Saint Francis de Sales Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center
May 17 - Cemetery Board meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
May 17 - Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School graduation, 7:30 p.m., Petuskey Auditorium, BMCHS
May 18 - Presbyteral Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., CPC
May 18 - Confirmation, 7 p.m., Saint Joseph, Hennessey
May 20 - Blessing of chapel, 10 a.m., Catholic Charities, OKC
May 20 - Catholic Foundation Board meeting, 2 p.m., Catholic Charities offices, OKC
May 20 - Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School graduation, 7 p.m., Saint Mark, Norman
May 21 - Annual Day of Reflection with deacons, 9 a.m., CPC
May 21 - Confirmation, 5 p.m., Saint Thomas More, Norman
May 22 - Confirmation, 11:15 a.m., Saint Paul the Apostle, Del City
May 22 - Archbishop's Circle appreciation event, 5 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
May 24 - Vocations Board meeting, 10 a.m., CPC
May 24 - Mass, 11:30 a.m., Saint Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
May 24 - Archdiocesan Review Board meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
May 24 - Catholic Charities grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony, 4 p.m., Catholic Charities offices, OKC
May 25 - Confirmation, 6 p.m., Prince of Peace, Altus
May 26 - Catholic Charities Board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Catholic Charities offices, OKC
May 28 - Mass, 5 p.m., Saint Mark, Norman
May 29 - Confirmation, 11 a.m., Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, OKC

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Lord Jesus, merciful and patient, grant us grace, we beseech thee, ever to teach in a teachable spirit; learning along with those we teach, and learning from them; that we and they may all be taught of God.

Pew survey tracks effect of faith on Americans' everyday lives

By Mark Pattison, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON - A new Pew Research Center study of Americans across the religious spectrum finds that faith plays a measurable role in how people live their everyday lives.

"People who are highly religious are more engaged with their extended families, more likely to volunteer, more involved in their communities and generally happier with the way things are going in their lives," said the introduction to the study, "Religion in Everyday Life," which was issued in April.

"Nearly half of highly religious Americans - defined as those who say they pray every day and attend religious services each week - gather with extended family at least once or twice a month," compared to three in 10 of less religious Americans. Also, 65 percent of highly religious adults say they have donated money, time or goods to help the poor in the past week, more than half again as many as the 41 percent who are less religious.

"And, 40 percent of highly religious U.S. adults describe themselves as 'very happy,' compared with 29 percent of those who are less religious," the report said.

Of course, such virtue does not extend into all areas of life. "Highly religious people are about as likely as other Americans to say they lost their temper recently, and they are only marginally less likely to say they told a white lie in the past week," the Pew report noted. "When it comes to diet and exercise, highly religious Americans are no less likely to have overeaten in the past week, and they are no more likely to say they exercise regularly. Highly religious people also are no more likely than other Americans to recycle their household waste."

As for Catholics, "three-quarters of Catholics say they look to their own conscience 'a great deal' for guidance on difficult moral questions. Far fewer Catholics say they look a great deal to the Catholic Church's teachings, the Bible or the pope for guidance on difficult moral questions," with 21, 15 and

11 percent, respectively, saying they do, according to the report.

Catholics are the single largest religious group in the United States at 21 percent of the survey population, according to Pew's Besheer Mohamed, the report's principal author.

In a telephone interview with Catholic News Service, Mohamed said Catholics are so large within Christianity overall, "when we report 'x' percent of Christians say such-and-such, it's very hard to be one way and Catholics to be somewhere else."

He hastened to add, "That's not to say they're not distinctive," pointing to one response that showed 22 percent of Catholics say they believe Bible reading to be an essential part of their Christian identity, compared to 70 percent of highly religious Christians, 60 percent of evangelical Christians, 57 percent of Christians belonging to historically black denominations, 49 percent of all Protestants, 42 percent of all Christians, 27 percent of Christians in mainline denominations - and even 26 percent of Christians who are not highly religious.

Pew asked about 16 particular behaviors, in two groups of eight, as to whether they were considered by respondents to be essential to Christian identity. On none of them did more Catholics than Christians overall deem them essential; the closest they came was attending religious services - 35 percent of all Christians, 34 percent of Catholics.

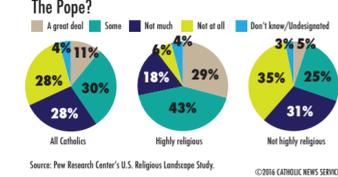
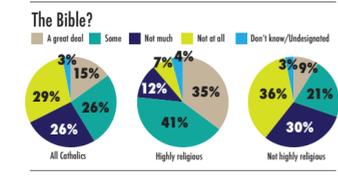
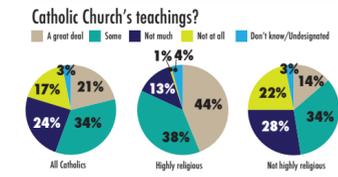
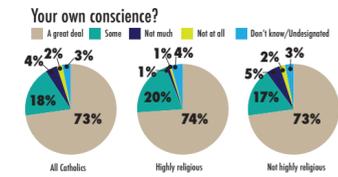
In descending order of importance, here is what Catholic respondents declared to be essential: believing in God; being grateful for what you have, being honest at all times; forgiving those who have wronged you; praying regularly; committing to spend time with your family; working to help the poor and needy; attending religious services; not losing your temper; reading the Bible or other religious materials; and - with a tie between them - helping in the congregation and dressing modestly. Bringing up the rear were work-

ing to protect the environment; buying from companies that pay a fair wage; living a simple lifestyle; and resting on the Sabbath. There were not great differences between Catholics and other Christians on the order of the list from top to bottom.

Pew purposely did not ask about specifics relating to the Ten

Catholics largely rely on own consciences when considering moral questions

How much do you look to each of the following for guidance on difficult moral questions?



Commandments, Mohamed said, adding it would have been "a little double-barreled."

When making major life decisions, Catholics are slightly more likely than Americans overall to use their own research (84 percent-82 percent), seek advice from family (50 percent-43 percent) and to ask advice from experts (30 percent-25 percent). They are a bit less likely to conduct their own personal and religious reflection (39 percent-45 percent) or to seek advice from religious leaders (10 percent-15 percent).

The report draws findings from Pew Research Center's U.S. Religious Landscape Study, which examined religious beliefs, practices and experiences of Americans, and from a supplemental survey designed to go beyond traditional measures of religious behavior - such as worship service attendance, prayer and belief in God.

In the survey, 2,437 Catholics were interviewed by phone from among 35,071 Americans.

Catholic Charities continued from Page 1

"In recent years, the need for Catholic Charities' services has continued to grow, while our operations have become increasingly challenged by space constraints. As we looked at several solutions, it became clear the most cost-effective option for the future would be to create a space that would allow expansion for a growing community," Raglow said.

Located at the midpoint of the expanding "Corridor of Hope," a group of social service agencies located along Classen Boulevard in Oklahoma City, Catholic Charities' new building is just blocks from complementary social service providers. On the north and west sides of the building are bus stops allowing clients easy access to transportation.

Upon entering the building, visitors are greeted by a spacious welcome center filled with colorful chairs and an inviting reception desk. On the west side of the room is a large window showcasing the towering crossbeam outside.

"The beam features an inset cross, representing the crossbeams of Christ's cross as well as the organization's position at the crossroads of church and community," Raglow said.

The interior of the building is complete with natural stone, wood and metal accents, blending with accent walls throughout the service areas. The lobby was designed to provide ample natural light.

Client-based programs are housed on the first floor and administrative offices are on the second floor along with an employee lunch room and several meeting areas. The facility also features the Chickasaw Nation Conference Center, a chapel dedicated to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and warehouse space that can be converted to office space as needed.

Financial support for the new building was made possible by Catholic Charities' Crossbeams capital campaign, co-chaired by Oklahoma City philanthropist Judy Love and Inasmuch Foundation President Bob Ross.

Launched in May 2014, the campaign achieved remarkable success due in large part to major gifts from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, The Chickasaw Nation, Connelly Paving Company, Nicole & Nick Dell'Osso, Devon Energy Corporation, The E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation, Inasmuch Foundation, Judy and Tom Love, The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation, Sarkeys Foundation, Saint Anthony Hospital and The Anne & Henry Zarrow Foundation as well as individual support throughout the state.

"We are truly grateful to Judy and Bob. As a result of their hard work and the extraordinary generosity of our donors, large and small, we are able to lay the foundation of Catholic Charities' next century of service," Raglow said.

Founded in 1912, Catholic Charities serves all, regardless of race, religion or national origin through its mission to provide help and hope through the Catholic tradition of service. Catholic Charities serves more than 13,000 Oklahomans annually. To learn more, go online to www.ccaokc.org.

Madill groundbreaking



Archbishop Coakley joined parishioners in the rain April 17 to help break ground for a new church building at Holy Cross Church in Madill.



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A Millennial Journey in Faith Live in the blessings of 'now'

Near the end of every semester in college, I was ready for the next: my new classes promised to be more interesting than the current ones, my schedule would allow more time for workouts, and my new work-study job would allow more time for studying. I thought of those last few weeks each semester as something I needed to "get through" before my life would get better. The circumstances of the next semester always promised to better encourage personal virtue and happiness.

To some extent, this was true: external circumstances can encourage or discourage virtuous actions; my schedule can help or hinder time for prayer, getting enough sleep, and eating healthy food.

At some point, however, I realized: this is it. This is my life, with constantly changing circumstances that will never be ideal. The platitudes and trite saying were correct: "Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why we call it the present."

The present is what we have. It is here, in the present, that God reveals himself to us and we can

come to know him, through circumstances joyous, difficult or banal. It is only in the present moment that we have the opportunity to practice and develop virtues such as self-control and patience. But, we only can do these things if we are attentive to where we are, instead of allowing ourselves to be distracted by the past, the future or a mindless diversion.

Despite coming to this realization years ago, it is a constant work to find a way to prepare for the future without spending every



moment waiting for the next thing: to get a new job, for the new job to start, to meet someone, to get married, to get pregnant, for the baby to be born, for the baby to go to sleep, for dinner time, for vacation and on and on. Though having an eye toward the future is necessary, I strive to do so while embracing the present.

During my engagement, a friend told me, "Enjoy this sweet, special time. Savor it." What difficult advice to follow in a time that is uniquely directed toward anticipating the future! We had to prepare, both for the wedding and the marriage, by sending invitations,



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buying wedding clothes, ordering flowers and cake, finding a place to live and discussing other necessary aspects of merging our lives together in beginning a family.

But, paradoxically, we best prepare for the future when we live in the present, while aware of the future.

The best preparation for marriage is in embracing the moments of decisions, preparations and plans for that is how to better know oneself and one's fiancé. That is how to learn what the other's priorities are in action, how to communicate and how to compromise.

Our whole life, ultimately, is a waiting: an anticipation and preparation for the heavenly banquet. As the best preparation for marriage is an attention to each moment of the engagement, the best preparation for union with God is attention to each moment of our lives, for it is here that He reveals himself to us.

Memorial Day Mass



Memorial Day Mass will be Monday, May 30, at 8 a.m. celebrated by Archbishop Coakley, and 11 a.m. celebrated Archbishop Emeritus Beltran, at the Resurrection Cemetery chapel, 7801 Northwest Expressway. All ground decorations will be picked up a week from Memorial Day. Pick up decorations families wish to keep before June 6.

Pilgrimages to archdiocesan Holy Doors of Mercy

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the opportunity to encounter the incredible Mercy of God has been made available by Archbishop Coakley for pilgrimages to eight "Holy Doors of Mercy" sites in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City; seven trips remain.

As a part of its work in the spiritual enhancement section of the Circle of Love program, Court Saint Mary (Guthrie) of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas has planned tours to all eight sites.

For more information, contact Gloria Belair at (405) 649-2421, (405) 834-0596 or gloriab@gbel323.com. For information on the Year of Mercy, indulgences, etc., go online to www.archokc.org/year-of-mercy/jubilee-year-of-mercy-home.

Schedule

- Saint Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee**
Saturday, June 11
8:30 a.m. - Leave Guthrie from St. Mary
10 a.m. - Mabee-Gerrer Art Museum
(Admission \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 children age 6 and older, free for children age 5 and younger.)
11:30 a.m. - Midday prayer at abbey
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Free time for lunch
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Guided tour of Saint Gregory's Abbey
3:30 p.m. - Leave for Guthrie

Blessed Sacrament, Lawton, and Holy Cross, Madill
Saturday, July 16

With 56 participants, cost of charter bus \$32 per person; 40 participants - \$42 per person. Register by May 20.

Saint Peter, Woodward, with optional stop at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Bison
Sept. 17

Saint Wenceslaus Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague, Prague
Oct. 23

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Saint Joseph Old Cathedral, OKC
Nov. 12

The Catholic Difference The presidential election: Now what?

Two days after that circular firing-squad known as the "Republican primaries" came to a de facto conclusion on the banks of the Wabash, the Wall Street Journal had this to say:

"A plurality of GOP voters has rejected the strongest presidential field in memory to elevate a businessman with few fixed convictions and little policy knowledge" to Republican nominee-presumptive, a man "who has the highest disapproval ratings in the history of presidential polling. ... Mr. Trump wasn't our first choice, or even the 15th, but the reality is that more GOP voters preferred him to the alternatives. Dozens of miscalculations made his hostile takeover possible, not least the decisions by other candidates in the early primary states to attack each other instead of Mr. Trump. ... Yet, GOP voters made the ultimate decision, and that deserves some respect unless we're going to give up on democracy."

Would it be "giving up on democracy" to suggest that those who voted for Strom Thurmond and the Dixiecrats in 1948 made a serious error? Or those who voted for George Wallace in 1968 and

1972? Or those who voted for Huey Long when the Kingfish, a Trumanian precursor, was riding high in Depression-era Louisiana? No.

It wouldn't be "giving up on democracy." It would be a matter of recognizing that democracy is an ongoing experiment in self-governance; that democracy's success in building humane societies is an accomplishment, not a given; and that the people can and do get it very wrong on occasion.

With all respect, this is one of those occasions. And, the mistakes are not all on the Republican side of the ledger. What about the Democrats who have never demanded an alternative to a septuagenarian crank who specializes in recycling the leftist bunkum of the 20th century, and a failed secretary of state who almost certainly committed felonies by breaching security regulations with her personal communications network?

At least some Republicans of conscience tried to urge their political brethren to choose a plausible, competent alternative to a narcissistic vulgarian; I haven't heard anything analogous on the other side of the aisle, and the seemingly tongue-tied Catholic Democrats in

the blogosphere are no exception to that default.

It has become a cliché to say that "no candidate and no party fully embraces the vision of Catholic social doctrine." True enough. But, previous election cycles gave Catholic voters a prudential choice between candidates who embodied at least some of the major themes of the social doctrine.

What is the thoughtful Catholic voter to do when neither of the presidential candidates is even minimally committed to human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity and solidarity, as the social doctrine understands those concepts?

When one party has elevated lifestyle libertinism to the first of constitutional principles (and is prepared to kill unborn children, jettison free speech and traduce religious freedom in service to hedonism), while the other is prepared to nominate a fantasist who spun grotesque fairy tales about an alleged connection between an opponent's family and Lee Harvey Oswald shortly before he closed the deal?

That will be a question to ponder carefully in the next six months. The immediate take-away that the American democratic experiment is in deep trouble - and that trouble has something to do with moral judgment.

The reduction of voting to a visceral exercise in anger-management, identity politics or class



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resentment (cf. "Trump campaign," "Hillary campaign," and "Bernie campaign") tells us that our political culture is sick. And, if the political culture is sick, that must have something to do with the state of the culture as a whole.

Did we really imagine that a culture of self-absorption and vulgarity, taking its cues from the passions of adolescence, was not going to cash out in our politics? If so, let's hope that we've been disabused of that fallacy. Such a sobering-up would be one, modest silver lining in the ominous storm clouds now gathering.

The reconstruction of a morally serious political culture is essential, if American democracy is not to descend into incoherence and what an eminent churchman once called the "dictatorship of relativism."

That reconstruction could start with U.S. Catholics leavening our politics - and the culture as a whole - with Catholic social doctrine.

Church celebrates Pentecost, feast of Corpus Christi

By Ted King,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance" (CCC 731).

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place, and suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and

resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church because it is the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, thereby enabling them to speak in different languages so that they could spread the Good News, which they did.

For example, Saint Thomas, who initially doubted Christ's Resurrection, hence his moniker "Doubting Thomas," went as far as India, and Christianity has been in India ever since.



The Holy Spirit, traditionally depicted as a dove, is pictured in a stained-glass window at St. John Vianney Church in Lithia Springs, Ga. The feast of Pentecost, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, is May 24 this year. *CNS photo/Michael Alexander, Georgia Bulletin*

Feast of Corpus Christi

The feast of Corpus Christi, meaning Body of Christ, and also nowadays known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is Sunday, May 29.

This feast honors the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist established at The Last Supper. The feast day dates back to medieval Europe. Corpus Christi had been promoted as a feast day by popes Urban IV and Clement V, and was formally proclaimed as a feast day throughout the Church by their successor Pope John XXII in 1317.

Every Corpus Christi Sunday, there is a procession led by the priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament inside a golden vessel known as the monstrance and ends with

An artist's depiction of a scene from the Pentecost appears in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis in the city of St. Louis. The feast, celebrated May 15 this year, commemorates the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles 50 days after Christ's resurrection. Pentecost also marks the end of the Easter season. *CNS photo/Crosiers*

Pray with us in our Feast of Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession!

Sunday, May 29, 2016
Immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass
Begins in Sanctuary of
St. John the Baptist Church, Edmond



the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

"So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me ... he who eats this bread will live forever'" (John 6:53-58).

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote: "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."



Rev. Elmer Conrad Schwarz

Father Schwarz, 88, died on April 26 in Oklahoma City. Father Schwarz was born on August 8, 1927, in Okarche to Conrad William and Susan Durisek Schwarz. Father Schwarz attended Holy Trinity Catholic School in Okarche before entering Kenrick Seminary in Saint Louis.



He attended Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati for theology, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1953, at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City.

In 1958, he completed graduate studies in Canon Law at Catholic University where he received his licentiate in Canon Law (J.C.L.). He also completed graduate studies at both Oklahoma City University and the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

Father Schwarz devoted 54 years in active ministry to the people of Oklahoma, serving as assistant pastor at Corpus Christi, Oklahoma City. He served as pastor of Saint William, Skiatook, and mission; Assumption Church, Muskogee and missions; Blessed Sacrament, Lawton and mission; Saint John Nepomuk, Yukon; and Holy Name of Jesus, Chickasha, where he retired in 2007. Father served as a judge for the Archdiocesan Tribunal from 1986 to 2012. He also served as a chaplain of the Catholic Lawyers Society.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Saint Francis de Sales Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center, in Oklahoma City on May 2 with interment at Resurrection Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City, 1232 N. Classen Blvd., OKC 73106.



Sister Sabina Ryan, O.P.

Sister Sabina Ryan, O.P., died April 8 at Saint Dominic Villa. The funeral Mass was held in Queen of the Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa followed by burial in the Motherhouse Cemetery.

Sister Sabina was born Aug. 29, 1926, in Omaha, Neb. Sister Sabina made her first religious profession as a Sinsinawa Dominican Aug. 5, 1953, and her final profession Aug. 5, 1956. She dedicated her life to education, teaching elementary and junior high for more than 41 years and serving as principal for three years. She volunteered at Saint Dominic Villa for 15 years. Sister Sabina ministered in Alabama, Illinois, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Iowa, New York, Florida and Wisconsin.

In the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Sister Sabina taught at Rosary School in Oklahoma City in 1977.



Saint Gregory's names Fr. Buckley acting president

SHAWNEE – Rev. Don Wolf, chairman of the board of directors for Saint Gregory's University, and the Rt. Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B., Chancellor of Saint Gregory's University, named Father Charles Buckley, O.S.B., as acting president and chief executive of the university.

Father Charles is a long-standing member of the monastic community at Saint Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee. He has served in a variety of roles throughout his time at Saint Gregory's, including mathematics professor, career counselor, dean of students and chaplain. He also served as vice president for academic affairs from 2002-2005.

The announcement follows a vote by the board of directors to confirm the title of emeritus on President D. Gregory Main, which will allow Main to continue his active role to advance the successful implementation of the recently announced strategic plan.

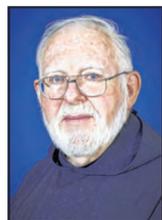
"The title of emeritus is our way of expressing appreciation and acknowledging President Main's countless contributions to Saint Gregory's

University," Father Wolf said. "The board's decision is intended to support the success of the university, which remains a primary focus of President Emeritus Main's attention and energy. We are especially fortunate that he will continue to help guide the implementation of the initial phases of the comprehensive strategic plan, which he spearheaded during the last year and the board approved in February."

The process for selecting the university's new president is underway.

Founded in 1875, Saint Gregory's University is Oklahoma's oldest institution of higher learning and only Catholic university. Saint Gregory's offers a liberal arts education rooted in the Benedictine tradition of cultivating the whole person – mind, body and spirit.

With campuses in Shawnee and Tulsa, Saint Gregory's features both traditional and adult degree programs, including associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs. For more information, go online to www.stgregorys.edu.



Father Charles Buckley

Archbishop Wells begins post in Africa, reminisces about Oklahoma

By Ted King,

One of the highest ranking Americans at the Vatican, Archbishop Peter B. Wells, was in Tulsa in April for a Mass of thanksgiving at Holy Family Cathedral.

Archbishop Wells was born in Tulsa in 1963, ordained a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa in 1991, and served as a curate there from 1992 to 1995. In 1996, then Father Wells was called to Rome to become a diplomat for the Holy See and in due course was named a monsignor.

Recently, he was ordained a bishop in Saint Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis, the only priest of the Diocese of Tulsa to become a bishop. After a brief visit in Oklahoma with his parents and many siblings, in-laws, cousins and other friends, Archbishop Wells returned to Rome and soon thereafter went to southern Africa, where he is the Apostolic Nuncio (ambassador) to the nations of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, and Namibia. Our Sunday Visitor obtained an interview with his Excellency on April 5.

Archbishop Wells said the Holy See has about 250 diplomats and 107 heads of missions, i.e. Apostolic Nuncios to nations and to government organizations, which are non-state entities like the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

He said the distinction between the Holy See and the Vatican, which are often in modern parlance used interchangeably: the Holy See is the entity that represents the Pope as the international pastor. The Vatican, the full name of which is Vatican City State, is the territorial jurisdiction that is a part of the Holy See.

Even if the Vatican didn't exist, the Holy See could and would enter into diplomatic accords with countries, etc. In 1929, the Church entered into an agreement with the Italian government known as the Lateran Treaty that created Vatican City as a sovereign state (instrumental in the enactment of which was the second bishop of Oklahoma, Francis Clement Kelley).

Archbishop Wells's becoming a diplomat in the service of the Holy See had as its genesis his having been a seminarian in the Vati-

can City State's Pontifical North American College (NAC), where he appeared to be a likely future candidate for the Holy See's diplomatic corps, and after having been a curate at Holy Family, he was called in 1996 to Rome and became a student at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, an elite, prestigious academy founded in the early 1700s.

Archbishop Wells noted it is "the longest continuously operating academy" of its kind in the world. There are about 30 students at any one time who spend two to five years learning international law and papal diplomacy.

"It's our preparatory academy for men who are preparing to enter diplomatic service for the Holy See," he explained.

The students are selected mostly based on recommendations from universities and seminaries they attended as was his situation, having been at NAC. He also obtained degrees from the Gregorian University and the Lateran University and the John Paul Institute, which is a part of the Lateran.

One of the skills needed to be a diplomat for the Holy See is being able to know and speak foreign languages.

Archbishop Wells said, "I have to have a working knowledge of a number of languages, as do most Vatican diplomats, Italian, of course, because it is our lingua franca. Then, we use French and Spanish and other languages that are used in our daily work."

When conversing with Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, he spoke in Italian. In addition to French, Spanish and Italian, Archbishop Wells knows and speaks German. He is fluent in four foreign languages.

After three years at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, then Father Wells, who later was named a monsignor, was sent in 1999 to the nunciature in Nigeria, and was there for three years. In 2002, he was called back to the Vatican to work in the English Section in the Secretariat of State, and in 2006 Pope Benedict appointed him as head of the English Section and in 2009 promoted him to become the assessor in the Secretariat of State Section of General Affairs, a posi-



Archbishop Peter B. Wells

tion he likened to being the Holy Father's deputy chief of staff, and is two positions below the Secretary of State, who is arguably the most important man in the Holy See after the Holy Father.

Monsignor Wells worked closely with the popes he served: John Paul II, Benedict and Francis, and he worked many long hours.

About Pope Francis and his working for him in southern Africa, Archbishop Wells said: "The Pope is concerned about every jurisdiction to which he sends a nuncio. He is especially concerned right now in every country where he sees a problem with people being more and more marginalized. In places like Africa and in the entire world, there is a real problem with young people and their ability to find sustainable employment. I think this is a big concern. I think he is also concerned about a number of plights that affect people in those regions."

Archbishop Wells added that what he knows about the region is "all on paper" and that he has to "be on the ground for a while" to know what's happening there.

"I can't wait to get on the ground, see what's going on, I'll listen carefully and look carefully and then see what the priorities will be. ... Africa, I truly believe, and the Pope has said it, is the continent of hope, and I think this century is going to be the African century." He believes the African voice is going to become more important in the Church and

in the world.

One of the challenges facing the Holy See is the influence of secular non-government organizations (NGOs) with regard to issues like family planning in the developing world. Archbishop Wells said it is a challenge, and the Church continues to reiterate its moral teachings and ethos, "which is proven in the long term to be very helpful to people and to populations regardless of what their faith is. And we continue to have good rapport with these NGOs in areas where we can work together. But there are certain areas where there are great differences."

Archbishop Wells is a citizen of the Holy See and carries a Vatican diplomatic passport, and he retains his American citizenship and passport.

When asked what he misses most about Oklahoma, the cosmopolitan prelate said, "I miss ... everything. I miss the people. I miss the food. I miss Oklahoma football. I miss my family."

One of the first things he did on his return to his home state was eat a ribeye steak. A few years ago, he attended a Notre Dame vs. Oklahoma football game at South Bend. A fan saw him wearing his Roman collar and said, "Notre Dame is gonna win today, father!" Monsignor Wells then put on his OU baseball cap, and the ND fan joked, "It's a sign of the end times!" OU won that game.



Are You Listening?

By Sally Crowe Nash

During our bi-annual radiothons, God always manages to bless us in new ways, helping us to connect with listeners and supporters. In the past couple of radiothons, our business sponsors played a central role, not only in pledging, but in generously supplying incentives to generate more donations for Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting.

Youth took center stage as eighth grader Joseph Homola, seventh grader McKaena Abernathy and sixth grader Trevor Skinner, representing Saint Phillip Neri School, led off donations Tuesday morning, presenting OCB with a \$250 check. The vision and leadership displayed by these students benefitted all of us listening to Catholic radio.

OCB joined fellow Oklahomans in honoring the memory of those killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, April 19, with a moment of silence.

Perhaps the highlight of God's gift to us came in response to our "Parish Challenge." OCB reached out to 16 parishes,

appealing to them for a donation. We turned to parishioners and asked them to match the donation of their respective parish. Two pastors set the standard: Father Tim Luschen of Saint Charles Borromeo and Father Bill Pruitt of Saint James the Greater, who generously donated to lead the "Parish Challenge."

Parishioners rushed in with pledges for their fellow parishioners to match. God certainly blessed our listeners with leadership during the radiothon!

In all, 12 parishes across Oklahoma participated in the "Parish Challenge." Those parishes were: Saint Charles Borromeo, Saint James, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Christ the King, Saint Bernard in Tulsa, Holy Family in Lawton, Saint Joseph in Norman, Saint Mark and Saint Thomas More, Saint Joseph Old Cathedral, Saint John the Baptist and Saint Monica. A humble "thank you" to them.

Next time, I will give you more on the status of the "Parish Challenge."



Choir students from across the archdiocese gathered at Christ the King on April 23 for the 1st annual Archdiocesan Choir Festival. The young choristers were treated to a day of rehearsals, singing and fellowship, culminating in a performance at the 5 p.m. Mass. Photo Dallas Gambrell, choirmaster at Holy Family, Lawton.

The Mount celebrates groundbreaking for new cafeteria, commons

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The Mount Saint Mary's groundbreaking is the first phase of the campus master plan and will be used to build a new student commons and new kitchen. The current cafeteria will be renovated and additional storage space and bathrooms will be added. An outdoor plaza area will be fashioned on the west side of the building replacing a portion of the parking lot between the gym and the new construction, along with an outdoor plaza area on the east side of the new commons. In addition, the old red brick building with its different names and functions through the years (Ms. Cunyan's Room, Sister Betty's Garage, band room, locker room and most recently, robotics room) will be torn down to make way for this facility expansion and upgrade. For more information, go online to www.mountstmary.org.



Photos Diane Clay

Pastoral Ministry Graduation

Four students recently celebrated graduation from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Pastoral Ministry Program at the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center.



Photos Cara Koenig



The students, Deacon D.W. Hearn, Karen Kreger, Long Luong and Rachel Perry earned bachelor's degrees through the program from Newman University.



Forgive offenses

A Spiritual Work of Mercy from heart of Christ

By Alvaro Melendez Marfull, Associate Director, Office of Hispanic Ministry

This work is connected with the heart of Christ's redemptive action. This means that when giving and receiving forgiveness we make Christ present in his most identifiable trait connected with the liberation he came to bring: reconciliation.

Forgive means etymologically "to give with intensity." (In verbs the prefix "for" many times implies intensity.) So, forgiveness is an intense or generous donation or gift. Something big that is donated as a freely given gift or offering. True forgiveness gives to another and does not retain or hold back because of its intensity.

Sacred history in the Old Testament mentions a grandson of Adam, called Lamech, son of Cain. This symbolizes malice, resentment and revenge taken to the extreme. He tells his wives:

"I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for bruising me. If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech 77 times" (Genesis 4.23 to 24).

This would be what Jesus Christ had on His mind when He tells Peter to forgive 70 times 7 (Matthew 18.21 to 22).

It is forgiving that neutralizes and breaks the power of evil. Only forgiveness allows the healthy evolution of society and civilization.

We know that sometimes it is not easy. Sometimes it can take years until we are free from the pain of the damage brought by others or inflicted on others. And, only then do we consider that we are ready to release our pain and let "free" those who have offended us and hurt us. And, we need to free ourselves too; our own offenses inflicted on our-

selves also need forgiveness.

Forgiveness has degrees and also is a process. There are apologies that are easier depending on the offense and injury.

The most extreme forgiveness is mercy. This is forgiveness almost without having reasons to forgive or having merited forgiveness. The only reason you have to forgive someone,

and how we interpret the actions of others. There are times when there are objective offenses and damages, but it depends on how you handle the degree to which it affects us and how we respond with sound justice.

We need to learn to love, that is why we also learn by forgiving and being forgiven. We learn slowly and with love. We learn with self-understanding and the understanding of others. And, of course, we learn with a sense of humor. Good humor involves human maturity, but also faith.

Where do we learn to forgive? Right where we learn to love. The catechism highlights the privileged place for the family in paragraph 1657:

"Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and 'a school for human enrichment.' Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life."



and be merciful, is because forgiveness has a value in itself. Our merciful forgiveness of others helps us be a reflection to others of a merciful God. It also may indicate a special friendship with Him.

Forgiveness may not appear as an act of pride, but an act of faith and discipleship in which the wrenching process is shared, one that Jesus himself lived. But, this is the process that allows life to triumph and bear fruit: peace for others and ourselves.

We must forgive offenses and all kinds of damage. This imperative is grounded in the divine will. But, its need is based on human and holistic health reasons.

Anger management has useful principles that help us live the process of forgiveness. For example, it helps us to consider that "resentment is a poison you drink hoping that others die." It also helps to think that our way of understanding life is full of distortions; that many of our reactions are the result of a wounded imagination. Most of our problems are only in our imag-



Parish and schools awarded fine arts grants

St. Mary's School in Ponca City was awarded a 2016 Pastoral Music and Fine Arts Grant from the Catholic Foundation to purchase a new Clavinova Yamaha Digital Piano. Gathered around the piano with Luke Spiers seated are Grace Sawyer; Angela Bunch, piano teacher; Nichole Caughlin; Kristen Guerrero, music teacher; and Nicole Caughlin. The Grant was made possible by the generous contribution of the Bobbie Dean Little Trust.



CFO Board Member John Hefner presents two grant checks to Father William Novak and Kari Stender, director of youth and family ministries, at St. Francis de Assisi. The first grant was for students in the youth group to attend a summer Steubenville Youth Conference and the second was for a Pastoral Music and Fine Arts Grant for Rosary School to purchase Orff musical instruments and choral music library expansion. The grants were made available because of gifts from Oklahoma Catholics.

Jobs Box

Teachers - OKC

Sacred Heart School, OKC, is seeking teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. Oklahoma teacher certification required. SHCS is a PreK-4 through eighth grade school. For application, call school office (405) 634-5673. Send resume to Joana Camacho, SHCS, 2700 S. Shartel Ave., OKC 73109.

Librarian

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School has a full-time opening for a certified high school librarian/media specialist for the 2016-17 school year. Position will promote and coordinate use of instructional resources, technology and equipment. Contact Talita DeNegri at tdenegri@mountstmary.org.

Middle school science teacher

St. Mary Catholic School, Lawton, is seeking a science teacher to teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science, as co-teacher for Project Lead the Way robotics and design classes for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants should hold a bachelor's degree in education with Oklahoma certification. Download application packet at www.archokc.org/multimedia/files/doc_download/294-teacher-application-packet. Send resume, cover letter and copy of teaching certificate to Nancy Post at nancy.post@stmarys-ok.org or by mail to St. Mary Catholic School, 611 S.W. 'A' Ave., Lawton 73501. Call (580) 355-5288.

Middle school math teacher

St. Mary Catholic School, Lawton, is seeking a math teacher to teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math, as co-teacher for Project Lead the Way robotics and design classes for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants should hold a bachelor's degree in education with Oklahoma certification, and be willing to employ differentiated learning strategies in the classroom. Download teacher application packet at www.archokc.org/multimedia/files/doc_download/294-teacher-application-packet. Send resume, cover letter and copy of teaching certificate to Nancy Post at nancy.post@stmarys-ok.org or by mail to St. Mary Catholic School, 611 S.W. 'A' Ave., Lawton 73501. Call (580) 355-5288.

Office manager

Holy Angels Church is seeking a well-qualified office manager. Applicants should be practicing Catholics and must have working knowledge of Microsoft Office and be fluent in English and Spanish. Full-time position with medical benefits. Send resume to lambertdunn@gmail.com with "Resume for Office Manager" in the subject line.

Early childhood teacher

St. Mary Catholic School, Lawton, is seeking a PreK-4 teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants should hold a bachel-

or's degree in education with Oklahoma certification. Download teacher application packet at www.archokc.org/multimedia/files/doc_download/294-teacher-application-packet. Send resume, cover letter and copy of teaching certificate to Nancy Post at nancy.post@stmarys-ok.org or by mail to St. Mary Catholic School, 611 S.W. 'A' Ave., Lawton 73501. Call (580) 355-5288.

Third grade teacher - Lawton

St. Mary Catholic School, Lawton, is seeking a 3rd grade teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants should hold a bachelor's degree in education with Oklahoma certification or pending certification. Download teacher application packet at www.archokc.org/multimedia/files/doc_download/294-teacher-application-packet. Send resume, cover letter and copy of teaching certificate to Nancy Post at nancy.post@stmarys-ok.org or by mail to St. Mary Catholic School, 611 S.W. 'A' Ave., Lawton 73501. Call (580) 355-5288.

School principal - OKC

Christ the King in Oklahoma City seeks a principal who will be a faith leader as well as an academic leader for a large Catholic parish school, serving more than 500 students in grades PreK-3 through 8. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic who has knowledge and understanding of the faith. Applicants should have a minimum five years teaching experience, preferably at a Catholic school, and a master's degree in education field. At least 18 semester hours of graduate work should be in administration, supervision and curriculum development. Position effective July 1. For application, contact (405) 721-4202.

Resident director - men's residence halls

Duties include minor student conduct, facility maintenance, conflict resolution, crisis intervention, administrative and operational functions, programming and community building. Bachelor's degree required with 1-3 years' experience in residential life. Compensation includes two-room suite with private bath and university meal plan (while classes are in session). To apply: www.stgregorys.edu/about-us/employment.

Teachers - Yukon

Saint John Nepomuk Catholic School in Yukon accepting applications for teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants should hold at least a bachelor's degree in education with state teaching certification. Send resume, cover letter and copy of teaching certificate to Natalie Johnson, principal, at njohnson@sjnok.org or by mail to Natalie Johnson, St. John Nepomuk Catholic School, 600 Garth Brooks Blvd., Yukon 73099.

Teachers - Kingfisher

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Kingfisher is accepting applications for full-time teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants should hold at least a bachelor's degree in education with state teaching certification. Send resume, cover letter and copy of teaching certificate to MJ Mateo, principal, at principal@stspeterandpaul.org or by mail to MJ Mateo, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School, 309 S. Main, Kingfisher 73750. Download teacher application packet at www.archokc.org/multimedia/files/doc_download/294-teacher-application-packet.

Office manager

St. Wenceslaus and The National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague seeking office manager to serve the parish and shrine. Applicant should be a practicing Catholic and must have working knowledge of Microsoft Office and proven leadership skills managing other office staff. Full-time with medical benefits. Send resume to Fr. Long at P.O. Box 488, Prague 74864 or e-mail longphannngo@yahoo.com. Write "Resume for Office Manager" in subject line.



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When St. Paul describes the gifts God has given the church, he includes teaching among the most important (1 Cor 12:28). No surprise there. "Go teach!" was the final mandate of Jesus. History has long taught that without teachers to announce the Gospel and educate the young, the church struggles to survive. Evangelization through good teaching is essential to Catholic life. Please consider supporting Catholic Schools by making a donation to the Catholic School Opportunity Scholarship Fund today. Thank you for your thoughtful gift.

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Perdonar las ofensas

Obra Espiritual de Misericordia desde el Corazón del Evangelio

Por Álvaro Marfull Meléndez,
 Director Asociado, Oficina de Ministerio Hispano

Esta obra está conectada con el corazón de la acción redentora de Cristo. Esto quiere decir que dando y recibiendo el perdón hacemos presente a Cristo en su rasgo más identificatorio y más conectado con la Liberación que nos vino a traer: La Reconciliación.

Perdón etimológicamente, significa "dar o donar mucho".

O sea es una "gran donación o regalo". (En verbos el prefijo "per" implica muchas veces intensidad como en "perdurar" y otros) Verdadero perdón está hecho para dar, no para retener. En Inglés una de las palabras que se usa es traducción literal de ello: "For" (intensidad) y "give" (dar).

La Historia Sagrada menciona en el Antiguo Testamento a un nieto de Adán, llamado Lamec, hijo de Cain. Este simboliza la malicia, el resentimiento y la venganza llevada al extremo. Les dice a sus mujeres "Yo maté a un hombre por una herida que me hizo, y a un muchacho por un moretón que me recibí. Cain será vengado siete veces, pero Lamec lo será setenta y siete" (Génesis 4,23-24).

Este sería el dato que tendría en sus pensamientos Jesucristo, en el momento en que le explica a Pedro que se debe perdonar 70 veces siete (Mateo 18,21-22).

Es perdonando como se neutraliza y deshace el poder de la maldad. Solo el perdón permite la evolución sana de una sociedad y de la civilización.

Sabemos que en ocasiones no es fácil hacerlo. A veces pueden pasar años hasta que estemos libre del dolor del daño recibido por

otros o infringido a otros. Y solo entonces consideramos que estamos preparados para soltar nuestro dolor y dejar "libres" a quienes nos han ofendido y hecho daño. Y liberarnos, también, de culpas propias.

El perdón tiene grados y también es un proceso. Hay disculpas que son más fáciles de otorgar dependiendo de la ofensa y del daño.

Perdona las ofensas voluntariamente

El perdón más extremo es la Misericordia. Esta otorga el perdón casi "porque sí". El único motivo que se tiene para disculpar con Misericordia a alguien, es solo el considerar que perdonar totalmente y de manera diligente algo que merece ser castigado tiene un valor o premio en sí mismo. En el perdón con Misericordia se produce una semejanza especial entre la humanidad y Dios. También puede indicar una especial amistad con El. El perdonar no puede aparecer como un acto de orgullo sino un acto de fe y de discipulado en el que se comparte el proceso desgarrador, a veces, que vivió el mismo Jesús. Pero es el proceso que permite que la Vida venza gracias a su fruto: la Paz propia y ajena.

Hemos de perdonar las ofensas y todo tipo de daño. Este imperativo tiene su fundamento en la Voluntad divina. Pero también su necesidad se basa en razones humanas y de salud integral.

El "anger management" tiene principios útiles que nos ayudan a vivir el proceso del perdón. Por

ejemplo ayuda a considerar que "el resentimiento es un veneno que uno bebe esperando que otro muera". También ayuda a pensar en que nuestra manera de comprender la vida, está llena de distorsiones que hacen que nuestras reacciones sean producto de una imaginación herida. La mayoría de nuestros problemas están solo en nuestra imaginación y en cómo interpretamos las acciones de los demás. Hay ocasiones en que hay ofensas y daños objetivos pero depende de uno manejar el grado en que nos afecta y en cómo respondemos con justicia sana.

Nuestra convivencia es una convivencia de egos en proceso de redención y de sanación. Decíamos que perdonar significa "no retener un don", el soltar dolores y resentimientos pero hacerlo sin dirigirlo a nadie es esencial para poder practicar esta obra de Misericordia. Porque ocurre que a veces nos hemos "enamorado" de un dolor y de una ofensa y esto se transforma en el motivo para una vida triste, amargada, depresiva. Esta obra de misericordia entonces parte muchas veces experimentando el perdón dentro de sí mismo.

Pero el ser humano lo tiene que aprender todo. Necesitamos aprender a amar por eso es que también a perdonar y ser perdonado se aprende. De a poco. Con amor.

Con autocomprensión y comprensión de los demás. Y por supuesto con sentido del humor. El buen humor implica madurez humana pero también de Fe. Alguien con buen humor sabe con claridad lo que es importante y lo que no.

¿Dónde aprendemos a perdonar? Ahí mismo donde aprendemos a amar. El catecismo destaca el lugar privilegiado de la familia "El hogar es así la primera escuela de vida cristiana y "escuela del más rico humanismo" (GS 52,1). Aquí se aprende la paciencia y el gozo del trabajo, el amor fraterno, el perdón generoso, incluso reiterado, y sobre todo el culto divino por medio de la oración y la ofrenda de la propia vida" (1657)

Nuestra capacidad o incapacidad para amar entonces, la podemos descubrir en la familia donde venimos. Y descubrir que necesitamos mucho perdonar y ser perdonados.



Adolescentes estadounidenses dicen que fe fue fortalecida en celebración juvenil en Roma

Por Junno Archo Esteves,
 Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO – Compartir y celebrar la alegría de la fe con miles de adolescentes católicos de todo el mundo fue un momento raro que no mucha gente puede experimentar, dijo una adolescente estadounidense.

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Lánzate a lo más Profundo

Luke 5:4

Un homenaje al Obispo Edward J. Slattery

El domingo 8 de mayo tuve el privilegio de presidir una Misa de Acción de Gracias en la Catedral de la Sagrada Familia en Tulsa, en agradecimiento por los 50 años de ministerio sacerdotal del Obispo Edward Slattery.

Padre Slattery fue ordenado sacerdote el 26 de abril de 1966, en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, donde se desempeñó en una variedad de tareas pastorales, entre ellos muchos años como Presidente de Catholic Extension. A finales de 1993, fue nombrado el tercer Obispo de Tulsa en la Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor en enero de 1994, el Papa (ahora San) Juan Pablo II le confirió la ordenación episcopal en la Basílica de San Pedro.

Durante los últimos 22 años, el Obispo Slattery ha sido un Buen Pastor guiando a la Iglesia en el este de Oklahoma. Como todos los obispos deben hacer al llegar a la edad de 75 años, el Obispo Slattery presento su carta de renuncia al Papa Francisco y ahora espera que el Santo Padre le acepte la renuncia y nombre su sucesor. Eso podría ser algo inminente. En cualquier caso, una vez que el sucesor sea nombrado, gran parte de la atención y el interés se dirigirá naturalmente al nuevo obispo designado.

Antes de que esto ocurra, quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para expresar mi agradeci-

miento por el Obispo Slattery. Cuando fui nombrado Arzobispo Metropolitano de la Provincia de Oklahoma City fue uno de los primeros en llegar a mí en señal de bienvenida. Ha sido un placer colaborar con él. En nombre de toda la Iglesia en Oklahoma, quiero expresar nuestro agradecimiento por los muchos años de dedicado liderazgo episcopal dado por el Obispo Slattery.



Bishop Edward J. Slattery

El ministerio episcopal del Obispo Slattery ha ayudado a fortalecer la Iglesia en el este de Oklahoma en una variedad de maneras. Construyó sobre los cimientos firmes establecidos por esos buenos pastores que estuvieron antes que él. Él, a su vez, ha sido un buen administrador de los dones y talentos de los fieles como puede observarse fácilmente en la construcción de iglesias, escuelas y un hermoso nuevo campus para Caridades Católicas.

Ha fomentado las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada y muestra el cuidado de un pastor con sus sacerdotes y religiosos en la diócesis. Dio la bienvenida a una variedad de nuevos institutos religiosos, incluyendo los Benedictinos de Clear Creek Abbey, que han contribuido al testimonio de la Iglesia a través de tantos diversos carismas. Tocó las vidas de innumerables personas a través de sus visitas pastorales, un sinnúmero de confirmaciones y numerosas

ordenaciones al sacerdocio y diaconado sobre los cuales presidió. Él ha estado atento al triple oficio de enseñar, gobernar y santificar al Pueblo Santo de Dios.

Un obispo tiene muchas tareas que requieren su atención. La vida y el ministerio episcopal son de gran actividad. Una de las cosas que me ha inspirado sobre el Obispo Slattery es lo mucho que ha enraizado su ministerio episcopal en la oración. Ni un cura, ni un obispo pueden vivir como un monje. Esto llevaría a la negligencia de sus deberes pastorales. No obstante, a lo largo de sus años de ministerio el Obispo Slattery ha dado testimonio de la importancia de la oración y la primacía de la gracia de Dios en el ministerio. Lo ha hecho a través de su predicación, a través de su enseñanza y, especialmente, a través de su testimonio personal.

Ha vivido realmente en el espíritu de su lema episcopal que proclama, Tu Solus Sanctus, Sólo Tú eres el Santo. La vida y el ministerio de Obispo Slattery ha tomado su vitalidad de una profunda comunión con Dios mediante la oración, tanto su oración personal como su aprecio por la liturgia, la oración de la Iglesia.

A quien el Santo Padre nombre como el cuarto Obispo de Tulsa, seguirá una sucesión de pastores que han sido realmente buenos y fieles servidores. ¡Gracias Obispo Slattery!



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley

Un océano de lágrimas nos llama a la misericordia, a la compasión, dice el Papa

Por Cindy Wooden,
Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO – Las lágrimas derramadas por hombres, mujeres y niños en todo el mundo todos los días claman, pidiendo misericordia, compasión y consuelo, dijo el papa Francisco durante una celebración especial de oración, durante este año de la Misericordia, que se ofreció a nombre de todos aquellos que derraman lágrimas.

“Cuántas lágrimas se derraman cada segundo en nuestro mundo. Cada lágrima es diferente; pero todas juntas forman como un océano de desolación que clama pidiendo misericordia, compasión y consuelo”, dijo el Papa el 5 de mayo mientras dirigía las oraciones en la basílica de San Pedro.

Antes de que el Papa hablara, él y los presentes escucharon a tres personas que rindieron su testimonio: Giovanna Astarita y Domenico Pellegrino, junto con su hijo Raffaele, hablaron del suicidio de Antonio, primer hijo de la pareja, cuando tenía apenas 15 años de edad. “Antonio arrastró mi vida, mi alma y mi mente hacia esa tumba también”, dijo la madre. La fe y una experiencia de que Dios seca mis lágrimas fue y ha sido la única cosa “que evita que me vuelva loca”, dijo.

Maurizio Fratamico habló de

cómo había trabajado, había viajado y había ganado mucho dinero, “de cómo usó y tiró “a muchas mujeres jóvenes, pero, al fin, se sintió vacío y solo. Su hermano gemelo había experimentado conversión y la había compartido. Y gracias a las lágrimas de sus padres y a las suyas propias, de remordimiento, Fratamico dijo que ha iniciado un camino de fe y que ha encontrado “la alegría que siempre había estado buscando”.

Qaiser Félix, periodista católico de Pakistán, habló sobre sus escritos en los que había informado acerca de la discriminación en contra de cristianos, lo que le llevó a recibir amenazas en su contra y en contra de su familia y, al pasar el tiempo, se vio obligado a huir y tratar de empezar una nueva vida en Italia. “Enfrentarse a la persecución y al miedo de la muerte es una experiencia terrible, especialmente porque pensaba en mis hijos”, dijo.

En las oraciones se incluyeron peticiones especiales por los

cristianos perseguidos, por las personas que sufren inminente riesgo de muerte, por las personas esclavizadas, por las víctimas de guerras y terrorismo, por menores de edad víctimas de abuso, por los enfermos de gravedad y por quienes los cuidan, por los acusados injustamente y los prisioneros, por los que se sienten abandonados, deprimidos y desesperados; por las personas que sufren de adicciones, por las familias que han pasado por abortos no buscados o

han sufrido la muerte de uno de sus hijos y por todos aquellos que han perdido su casa o se han visto forzados a dejarla, desprendiéndose del resto de su familia y de su trabajo.

Pero antes de que se entonaran las oraciones litúrgicas, las personas encargadas del orden pasaron por las bancas de la basílica con charolas para recoger las peticiones de oración de los presentes.

Al principio de su homilía, el papa Francisco les pidió a las

personas que se unieran a su intención para pedir la presencia del Espíritu Santo. “Que el Espíritu Santo ilumine nuestra mente para que podamos encontrar las palabras correctas que nos traigan consuelo. Que abra nuestro corazón ante la certeza de que Dios siempre está presente y nunca nos abandona en tiempos de prueba”.

Todos hemos experimentado la tristeza o el sufrimiento que nos hace anhelar una presencia confortadora y una palabra de consuelo, dijo. “Las lágrimas más amargas son las que han sido causadas por la malicia humana”, especialmente cuando un ser querido ha sido muerto violentamente.

Cuando uno sufre una pena o está de luto, dijo, Dios nos ofrece consuelo y “en su ternura viene y seca las lágrimas de nuestros ojos”.

Y volviéndose a una copia de la imagen de Nuestra Señora Gimiente de Siracusa, imagen mariana escogida especialmente para las oraciones, el Papa dijo: “Al pie de cada cruz, la madre de Jesús siempre está allí. Con su manto seca nuestras lágrimas. Con la mano extendida nos ayuda a levantarnos y nos acompaña por el camino de la esperanza”.

Perdonar las ofensas

Obra Espiritual de Misericordia desde el Corazón del Evangelio

Por Álvaro Marfull Meléndez,
Director Asociado, Oficina de Ministerio Hispano

Esta obra está conectada con el corazón de la acción redentora de Cristo. Esto quiere decir que dando y recibiendo el perdón hacemos presente a Cristo en su rasgo más identificatorio y más conectado con la Liberación que nos vino a traer: La Reconciliación.

Perdón etimológicamente, significa “dar o donar mucho”.

O sea es una “gran donación o regalo”. (En verbos el prefijo “per” implica muchas veces intensidad como en “perdurar” y otros) Verdadero perdón está hecho para dar, no para retener. En Inglés una de las palabras que se usa es traducción literal de ello: “For” (intensidad) y “give” (dar).

La Historia Sagrada menciona en el Antiguo Testamento a un nieto de Adán, llamado Lamec, hijo de Caín. Este simboliza la malicia, el resentimiento y la venganza llevada al extremo. Les dice a sus mujeres “Yo maté a un hombre por una herida que me hizo, y a un muchacho por un moretón que me recibí. Caín será vengado siete veces, pero Lamec lo será setenta y siete” (Génesis 4,23-24).

Este sería el dato que tendría en sus pensamientos Jesucristo, en el momento en que le explica a Pedro que se debe perdonar 70 veces siete (Mateo 18,21-22).

Es perdonando como se neutraliza y deshace el poder de la maldad. Solo el perdón permite la evolución sana de una sociedad y de la civilización.

Sabemos que en ocasiones no es fácil hacerlo. A veces pueden pasar años hasta que estemos libres del dolor del daño recibido por

otros o infringido a otros. Y solo entonces consideramos que estamos preparados para soltar nuestro dolor y dejar “libres” a quienes nos han ofendido y hecho daño. Y liberarnos, también, de culpas propias.

El perdón tiene grados y también es un proceso. Hay disculpas que son más fáciles de otorgar dependiendo de la ofensa y del daño.

Perdona las ofensas voluntariamente

El perdón más extremo es la Misericordia. Esta otorga el perdón casi “porque sí”. El único motivo que se tiene para disculpar con Misericordia a alguien, es solo el considerar que perdonar totalmente y de manera diligente algo que merece ser castigado tiene un valor o premio en sí mismo. En el perdón con Misericordia se produce una semejanza especial entre la humanidad y Dios. También puede indicar una especial amistad con El. El perdonar no puede aparecer como un acto de orgullo sino un acto de fe y de discipulado en el que se comparte el proceso desgarrador, a veces, que vivió el mismo Jesús. Pero es el proceso que permite que la Vida venza gracias a su fruto: la Paz propia y ajena.

Hemos de perdonar las ofensas y todo tipo de daño. Este imperativo tiene su fundamento en la Voluntad divina. Pero también su necesidad se basa en razones humanas y de salud integral.

El “anger management” tiene principios útiles que nos ayudan a vivir el proceso del perdón. Por

ejemplo ayuda a considerar que “el resentimiento es un veneno que uno bebe esperando que otro muera”. También ayuda a pensar en que nuestra manera de comprender la vida, está llena de distorsiones que hacen que nuestras reacciones sean producto de una imaginación herida. La mayoría de nuestros problemas están solo en nuestra imaginación y en

cómo interpretamos las acciones de los demás. Hay ocasiones en que hay ofensas y daños objetivos pero depende de uno manejar el grado en que nos afecta y en cómo respondemos con justicia sana.

Nuestra convivencia es una convivencia de egos en proceso de redención y de sanación. Decíamos que perdonar significa “no retener un don”, el soltar dolores y resentimientos pero hacerlo sin dirigirlo a nadie es esencial para poder practicar esta obra de Misericordia. Porque ocurre que a veces nos hemos “enamorado” de un dolor y de una ofensa y esto se transforma en el motivo para una vida triste, amargada, depresiva. Esta obra de misericordia entonces parte muchas veces experimentando el perdón dentro de sí mismo.

Pero el ser humano lo tiene que aprender todo. Necesitamos aprender a amar por eso es que también a perdonar y ser perdonado se aprende. De a poco. Con amor.

Con autocomprensión y comprensión de los demás. Y por supuesto con sentido del humor. El buen humor implica madurez humana pero también de Fe. Alguien con buen humor sabe con claridad lo que es importante y lo que no.

¿Dónde aprendemos a perdonar? Ahí mismo donde aprendemos a amar. El catecismo destaca el lugar privilegiado de la familia “El hogar es así la primera escuela de vida cristiana y “escuela del más rico humanismo” (GS 52,1). Aquí se aprende la paciencia y el gozo del trabajo, el amor fraterno, el perdón generoso, incluso reiterado, y sobre todo el culto divino por medio de la oración y la ofrenda de la propia vida” (1657)

Nuestra capacidad o incapacidad para amar entonces, la podemos descubrir en la familia donde venimos. Y descubrir que necesitamos mucho perdonar y ser perdonados.



Adolescentes estadounidenses dicen que fe fue fortalecida en celebración juvenil en Roma

Por Junno Arocho Esteves,
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Briefs

Making a Difference conference

A conference for faithful response to domestic violence and sexual assault organized by the Interfaith Alliance Foundation will be May 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Oklahoma City Community College, Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater, 7777 S. May Ave. The one-day education and training program is for pastors and key leadership of all faiths to address domestic and sexual violence. CEUs offered. Archbishop Coakley to offer morning prayer at 8:30. Register online at www.makingadifferenceconference.com.

Special Broadcast of Catholic Advocacy Day

A special one hour broadcast of the March 31 Catholic Advocacy Day will air on Friday, May 20, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting Network. The broadcast includes special messages from Archbishop Coakley, Bishop Slattery and former House Speaker Kris Steele. Go online to okcatholicbroadcasting.com to find a station.

Golf tournament

Knights of Columbus #6478, Yukon, will host the third annual golf tournament at Crimson Creek Golf Club in El Reno on May 21. Contact Danny Parks, (405) 620-1985 or Dick Pfeiffer, (405) 990-1826.

Corpus Christi procession

St. John the Baptist, Edmond, will hold the annual Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, May 29. It will begin in the sanctuary immediately following 9 a.m. Mass. Join in celebrating this glorious feast honoring the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Memorial Day Mass

There will be a Memorial Day Mass at 11 a.m. on May 30 at St. Patrick Cemetery in Lockridge on 234, between Council and County Line Road. Fr. Charles Murphy will officiate. Bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. Call Kathy Haskett Miller at (405) 446-4588.

Knights of Columbus pool season starts May 30

The Santa Fe Family Life Center's pool season begins Memorial Day weekend (May 30) and runs through Labor Day. The pool offers lap swimming, swim lessons, flexible hours and great fellowship. A family membership is \$275 for the summer; individual membership \$175. Knights' families can enjoy the pool and fitness club benefits for \$29.95 per month. Call (405) 840-1817 or visit 6300 N. Santa Fe Ave. Go online to www.sfflc.com.

Study of "Laudato Si"

The Pope Francis Fan Club at Epiphany will begin a study of the encyclical letter "Laudato Si" on Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the patio room at Epiphany, 7336 W.

Britton Road. To register, contact Bob Waldrop at music@epiphanyokc.com or (405) 722-2110, Ext 115. The Pope Francis Fan Club meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. at Epiphany.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program that gives words and materials to share Catholic faith with young children. It is rooted in the educational principles of Maria Montessori, the Bible and the liturgy of the Church. Level 1, Pt. 2 formation training available at St. Eugene June 15-18 and June 22-25. Contact Susan Ison at sison@steugeneschool.org or Christie Ardoine at csardoin@cox.net.

Garage sale

St. Francis of Assisi garage sale will be in the Parish Hall, 1901 N.W. 18, OKC, on June 16, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; June 17, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and June 18, 8 a.m. to Noon.

"33 Days to Morning Glory" retreat

Six-week retreat for men and women of the archdiocese. Learn what popes say is the "surest, easiest, shortest and most perfect means" to becoming a saint! Saint Louis de Montfort, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Saint John Paul II will teach us how they drew closer to the heart of Jesus through the heart of Mary. This program by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, has sold more than two million copies. Summer I session: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays; June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7 and July 14. Consecration: July 16. Register by May 27. Summer II session: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Mondays; July 18, July 25, Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22. Consecration: Aug. 22. Register by July 1 for this session. Cost \$30. Call Dennis or Cindy Case at (405) 359-0578.

Trip to Branson

Join Michael Zink June 14-16 on trip to Branson, Mo., to see the play "Moses." Included in the trip will be a performance by the Blackwoods and evening dinner cruise on the Branson Belle. Three days, two nights, \$389. Contact (405) 314-4120, Michael-thej@cox.net.

St. Philip Neri small group study

Wisdom & Works of Mercy small group study begins at St. Philip Neri on Aug. 22. Two sessions: Monday afternoons 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. or Monday evenings 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The 10-part study is the next stage in "Hearts Afire Parish Based Programs" for the New Evangelization and the follow-on to the "33 Days to Morning Glory" and "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" retreats. Contact Peggy Brown, (405) 737-4476.

Pro-life women's conference

And Then There Were None and

The Alice Paul Group announce the first ever Pro-life Women's Conference: Reclaiming the Narrative June 24-26 at the Hyatt Regency, Dallas. Panels and breakout sessions include pro-life activism, adoption, advocacy, sex trafficking, sidewalk counseling, pro-life media, grassroots organizing, new feminism, natural fertility care, and being a pro-life activist and a stay at home mom. Speakers include Kristan Hawkins of Students for Life of America, Rebecca Kiessling of Save the 1, Amy Ford of Embrace Grace, Bethany Bombarger of the Radiancance Foundation, Destiny Delarosa and Kristen Hatten of New Wave Feminists.

In the footsteps of Bishop Meerschaert

Pilgrimage to the religious and historical sites of the New Orleans area, August 25-29. Sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Worship and Spiritual Life. Theophile Meerschaert, Oklahoma's first bishop, travelled to New Orleans many times during his 32 years as bishop. Trip includes stops at Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, King of France; Old St. Patrick's Church and other historic churches; Old Ursuline Convent and St. Mary's Church; Immaculate Conception Parish; The National World War II Museum; Oak Alley Plantation; dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. Cost: Dbl occ. \$1,300/person, single occ. \$1,600/person; Deposit \$400 at time of reservation, includes round-trip air from Oklahoma City, hotel accommodations at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel (French Quarter), daily breakfast, one lunch, three dinners, admission to all scheduled activities, tips (except hotel room). Space is limited. Call (405) 721-5651, Ext. 158.

Pilgrimage to New Mexico

Join Father Joseph Arledge, St. Peter, Woodward, on a Year

of Mercy pilgrimage visiting the Catholic Missions of New Mexico, Sept. 11-16. Includes Santuario de Chimayo, Taos Pueblo, Capilla de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, Santuario de Guadalupe, Loretto Chapel and Miracle Staircase; San Francisco de Asis with its mysterious picture of Christ; San Miguel Mission, Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis, and many more. Six days, most meals, all admissions and roundtrip transportation from Edmond and Woodward. Call (405) 293-2003.

Fr. Janocha to lead pilgrimage to Ireland

Fr. Carl William Janocha, St. Mary, Medford, will lead a pilgrimage to Ireland Nov. 2-12. The trip is \$2,949 per person, including airfare from OKC, four-star hotels, most meals and more. Sites include Waterford Area, Killarney, Galway, Connemara, Knock, Sligo and Dublin. Highlights will be a tour of the Ring of Kerry, a visit to Blarney Castle and the opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone, Mass at the Church where the apparition of Our Lady of Knock occurred, a visit to the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher and the Book of Kells. A \$400 deposit required. Contact Fr. Janocha at (580) 395-2148; cwjanocha@kanokla.net.

Register for OLOG summer camp

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Camp is open to youth going into grade 4 through grade 12. Activities include crafts, hiking, swimming (in-ground pool), fishing, water sports, volleyball, canoeing, archery, scripture adventures, talent show, soccer, campfires and drama. Total cost per camper is \$300, with deposit due at registration. Scholarship assistance available. Download forms or register online at www.archokc.org/youth-and-young-adult-office/summer-camp. Call (405) 721-9220.

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| <p>May</p> <p>15 Pentecost Sunday.</p> <p>17 Monthly Novena to the Infant Jesus. Nine days of novenas to Infant Jesus of Prague. During these nine days, the novena prayers will be as follows - Monday-Friday following Noon Mass, Saturday following 5 p.m. Mass, and Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass.</p> <p>17 Making a Difference conference for pastors and key faith leadership to address domestic and sexual violence. 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at OCCC Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater, 7777 S. May Ave. Register online at www.makingadifferenceconference.com.</p> <p>17 The Dominican Lay (Third Order) group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Rother House, located at 1229 S.W. 41 in OKC. Contact John or Mary McClernon at (405) 330-6334.</p> <p>19 Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center chapel and Rm. 136. Contact Toni Calvey at (405) 630-0539, tonicalvey1900@gmail.com or visit www.SpiritOKC.org.</p> | <p>19 Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, an unending means of tapping the inexhaustible mercy of God from the source of our salvation. Thursdays 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., St. James, 4201 S. McKinley Ave. (405) 420-2527.</p> <p>20 Special OCBN broadcast of Catholic Advocacy Day 2016 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Go online to okcatholicbroadcasting.com to find a station.</p> <p>21 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, at St. Ann Nursing Home, OKC, on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Mass at 9:30 a.m.; meetings following. Fr. Tarasasio Tumuhereze is the spiritual director. Contact Karen Banks at (405) 396-9086 or Toni Harrelson at (405) 341-2199.</p> <p>21 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 Little Flower Church, OKC, from Noon to 4:30 p.m. Call Barbara Basgall (405) 826-3860 or Susan Staudt (405) 473-6328.</p> <p>22 Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.</p> | <p>26 Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, an unending means of tapping the inexhaustible mercy of God from the source of our salvation. Thursdays 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., St. James, 4201 S. McKinley Ave. (405) 420-2527.</p> <p>29 Feast of Corpus Christi. There will be a Eucharistic procession following the 9 a.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist, Edmond.</p> <p>30 Memorial Day. Catholic Pastoral Center closed.</p> | <p>30 Memorial Day Mass, 8 a.m. celebrated by Archbishop Coakley, 11 a.m. celebrated Archbishop Emeritus Beltran, Resurrection Cemetery chapel, 7801 Northwest Expressway.</p> <p>30 Memorial Day Mass, 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Cemetery in Lockridge, at 234 between Council and County Line Road. Bring covered dish, lawn chair. Call Kathy Haskett Miller at (405) 446-4588.</p> |
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2016 Addendum to Priest Assignments Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Effective June 28 (or when otherwise noted)



Rev. Brian Buettner Rev. Carson Krittenbrink Rev. Timothy Ruckel Rev. Daniel Grover

Pastor
 Rev. Brian Buettner Blessed Sacrament, Lawton
 Rev. Carson Krittenbrink St. Mary, Ponca City (with St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk)
 Rev. Timothy Ruckel St. Ann Church, Elgin (Mother of Sorrow, Apache and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sterling) Effective Date Changed to June 7, 2016

Administrator
 Rev. Daniel Grover Corpus Christi, OKC (with St. Robert Bellarmine, Jones) In residence at Christ the King

Special Assignment
 Rev. Brian Buettner Director of Vocations (part-time)
 Rev. Daniel Grover Chaplain, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School (part-time)

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Experts educate Catholic parish staff, clergy about “grooming”

By Diane Clay,

Dozens of safe environment facilitators, principals, directors of religious education, parish staff members and clergy attended a special session on creating safe environments for children in the Church with specific instruction on the process of “grooming.”

Grooming is a process used by child predators to target children and increase the opportunity to sexually assault or abuse them. The in-service training at the Catholic Pastoral Center was led by child specialist Maria

Rosales-Lambert with Oklahoma Interviewing Services and Special Agent Andi Hamilton with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Participants learned about the types of offenders, how they groom their environment and how parents and teachers can be aware of contact via the Internet, cell phone apps and video game services.

In particular, the experts said the perpetrator is often someone who has peripheral access to the child such as a school janitor or someone they met online. Some perpetrators use their positions of power to confuse the child and keep him or her from disclosing the abuse.

Grooming behaviors include:

- Giving gifts;
- Flirting;
- Inappropriate calls, e-mails, texts;
- Keeping secrets;
- Attempting to groom parents to gain trust;
- Luring with rewards such as driving or drinking.

More information can be found online at www.nationalcac.org and at www.archokc.org and click on Offices, then Safe Environment.

Diane Clay is editor of the Sooner Catholic.



Archbishop Coakley offers the opening prayer and remarks.

To report suspected abuse:

Oklahoma statewide hotline
(800) 522-3511

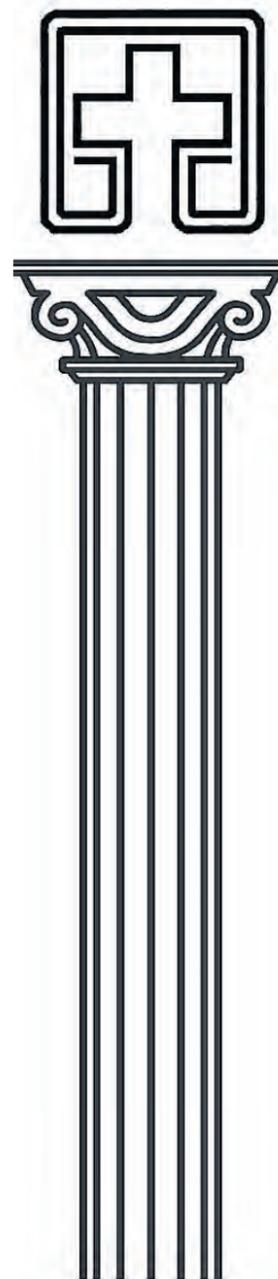
Local police department
Archdiocesan Hotline
(405) 720-9878



More than 120 principals, parish staff and clergy gathered for an in-service training on how better to protect children and continue to create a safe environment.



To recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, Father Fuller led a school assembly in prayer at St. Philip Neri in Midwest City. Pre-school students released balloons with a prayer card attached and the remaining students tied blue ribbons to the school fence. *Photos provided.*



The Catholic Foundation CORNERSTONE

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With the holidays and the end of the year approaching, now would be a good time to discuss an alternative to a cash charitable donation. While it's certainly worthwhile when you drop your loose change into the collection basket, there can be more tax beneficial ways to gift larger amounts.

It's true that a check is the easiest way to make a charitable gift to your parish, but if an investor wants to make a gift and receive a bigger tax break, there is a better option. If an investor has held an appreciated stock or mutual fund for more than one year, they can donate those securities to the Catholic Foundation and receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities, and eliminate any capital gains assessments on the future sale of the securities. In some cases, that could be as much as 23.8 percent in addition to a savings on your Oklahoma income tax.

Is there a time when gifting appreciated securities does make good sense? Absolutely. If you're unable to exactly establish when you bought a security or not able to easily determine the security's cash basis, then it makes sense to donate the security. Or, if you have a large allocation of appreciated stock, then gifting some of it is a very good way to lower your risk exposure as well as further diversify your portfolio. And, if you can't wait for "step up in basis" that occurs at death, then gifting the security is one viable option.

If you need income from your stock, consider using it to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity. You get income for the rest of your life. You get a partial tax deduction on the donation, and the Catholic Church will receive the residue of the annuity fund at your death.

For more information, contact the foundation office at:

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