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Archbishop Paul S. Coakley stands with the seminarians and priests who help direct them in the chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. (Sooner Catholic Photo/Cara Koenig)

Two Dozen Men Walk Journey of Faith as Oklahoma City Archdiocese Seminarians



By Fr. William Novak, V.G.
Director of Seminarians

Over the next few weeks, 23 men from parishes across the Archdiocese will begin another academic year and I will begin a Pastoral Year as they discern a call to the priesthood.

This year we welcome six new seminarians, which include one from Mexico. Rodrigo Cerna will study at the Seminario Hispano de Santa Maria de Guadalupe in Mexico City. The other new seminarians include Zak Boazman from St. Thomas More Parish, Kevin Hathaway, also from St. Thomas More, John Herrera from St. Joseph Parish in Norman, Tomas Sandoval from St. Monica Parish in Edmond, and Vic Luong from Our Lady's Cathedral. Danny Grover from St. Andrew Parish in Moore will begin a Pastoral Year at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Oklahoma City.

Our men in theology are enrolled in three different seminaries: St. Meinrad Seminary in

St. Meinrad, Ind., St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver, Colo., and the North American College in Rome, Italy. Our college seminarians attend Conception Seminary in Conception, Mo.

Brian Buettner from St. Mark Parish in Norman will be ordained a transitional deacon at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Oct. 4, and God willing, a priest at Our Lady's Cathedral on June 29, 2013.

Please pray for these men as they continue their formation and for all others who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

If you would like more information about the seminary, please contact Father Stephen Hamilton, Vocations Director, at (405) 721-9351.

**See photos of each seminarian on
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Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,
We thank you for calling
men and women to serve
in your Son's Kingdom as
priests, deacons, religious
and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit
to help us respond
generously and
courageously to
your call.

May our community of
faith support vocations
of sacrificial love in
our youth.

We ask this through our
Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen

***¡Regresan las páginas en español!
Vea las páginas 12 y 13***



On Assumption, Pope Says Mary is Listening to Prayers

By Catholic News Service

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Assumed into heaven, Mary is with God and is ready to listen and respond to cries for help, Pope Benedict XVI said. Joining God in heaven, Mary "does not draw away from us, does not go to an unknown galaxy," but becomes "even closer to each one of us," the Pope said Aug. 15 during his homily at Mass for the feast of the Assumption.

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The reception of Mary into heaven is depicted in the center section of a rose window at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Providence, R.I. The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug. 15, celebrates the belief that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. (CNS photo/Crosiers)

Put Out Into the Deep

Luke 5:4

Our Moral Duties as Catholic Citizens (Part 1)

With the general election rapidly approaching, now is the time for all citizens to prepare to cast our votes in a conscientious and informed manner. It is our right and our responsibility. It is not only a civic but a moral duty. Responsible citizenship is a virtue and participation in political life is a moral obligation. We Catholics take this responsibility very seriously, or at least we ought to.

Through our various pastoral statements the Catholic bishops of the United States through the years have repeatedly reaffirmed the Church's role in public life. We have emphasized our responsibility to participate in shaping the moral and ethical character of the society in which we live. We do not do this in a partisan manner. In fact, Catholics may often feel politically disenfranchised since no political party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to the full range of authentic human goods. These commitments begin with the protection of human life and dignity from conception to natural death. They include the promotion and defense of marriage, the preservation of religious liberty and the rights of conscience, as well as a host of other goods such as health care, a just economy and many concerns that bear directly upon human flourishing and the common good.

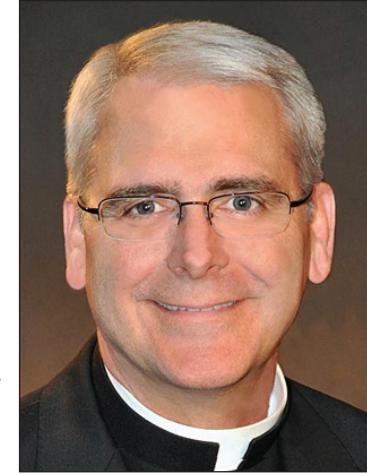
The clergy and laity have important complementary roles in public life. As bishops and priests, it is our duty to hand on the Church's moral and social teaching. It is neither our role nor our intention to tell Catholics how to vote regarding a particular candidate or office. Rather, it is our responsibility as teachers of the faith to assist Catholics in properly forming their consciences so that they may cast their votes in light of fundamental moral principles rooted in the truth as discerned through reason and enlightened by Catholic faith.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in his encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, concerning the specific responsibility of the

laity in public life. He says, "The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful." This duty of the laity calls for a serious engagement and real participation in public life. Our faith calls for a political engagement, however, that goes beyond sound bytes, partisan politics and narrow self-interest. Rather, Catholics ought to engage in this process based on the moral convictions of a well-formed conscience and focused on promoting the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good and the protection of the weak and vulnerable.

When we Catholics cast our ballots, we ought to be guided by moral convictions rooted in both our faith and human reason, not merely by our political affiliation. As Catholics we ought to work to influence and transform the party to which we belong, rather than allow the party to influence us in such a way that we ignore fundamental moral truths, such as the right to life, the nature of marriage or the dignity of the poor and the immigrant.

Faith and reason are the sources of our moral principles. Faith is never incompatible with human reason. Rather, it expands the horizons of reason. Our Catholic faith, as revealed through the Word of God and interpreted by the teaching authority of the Church, gives us a clear vision of what is true and good for each person, for the family and for society. It is the vision that Christ our Teacher has revealed to be in accord with our human nature and destiny as men and women created in the image and likeness of God, redeemed by Christ and endowed by God with dignity, rights and responsibilities. (To be continued).



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Seminary Burse Totals (as of 7/31/2012)

Father Joseph Beltran
\$104,625

Father Stephen Bird
\$11,200

Father Denis Blackledge
\$8,337

Father Wade Darnall
\$10,545

Father Larry Gatlin
\$10,000

Father Bernard J. Havlik
\$51,710

Father James A. Kastner
\$11,120

Father Kirk Larkin
\$5,200

Bishop Stephen A. Leven
\$65,739

Father John A. Petuskey
\$11,850

Father Clement E. Pribil
\$8,351

Father Stanley Rother
\$212,903

Archbishop Charles Salatka
\$185,970

Father John Scheller
\$10,000

Father Gerald Ucker
\$10,198



Pope Benedict XVI delivers the Angelus prayer from a window at the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Aug. 15. (CNS photo/Giampiero Sposito, Reuters)

Pope: Everything in Life Calls People to a Relationship with God

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Everything that happens in life, whether it first appears good or bad, is a reminder that human beings do not have absolute control over their own destinies but were made to be in a relationship with God, Pope Benedict XVI wrote.

"Each thing, each relationship, each joy, like each difficulty, finds its ultimate meaning in being an occasion for a relationship with the Infinite, the voice of God who continually calls us and invites us to raise our sights and to discover in him the fullness of our humanity," the Pope said in a message to participants in an annual meeting of the Communion and Liberation movement.

The Aug. 19-25 meeting in Rimini, Italy, was to focus on people's relationship with the infinite.

In his message, released at the Vatican on the meeting's opening day, Pope Benedict said the natural human yearning for infinity or eternity is, at its foundation, recognition that human beings are creatures.

"This word — creature — seems to be old-fashioned. People prefer to think of themselves as self-made and artisans of their own destiny. Considering the person, a creature can be uncomfortable because it implies an essential reference to something other or better," he said.

In fact, however, whether they believe in God or not, human beings have that inkling that they are not in complete control and

that they were made for eternity, he wrote.

Recognizing God as creator and entering into a relationship with him "does not hide or diminish, but brilliantly reveals, the greatest and supreme dignity of man, who is called to life in order to have a relationship with life itself, with God," the pope wrote.

Some people ask how it is possible for a finite creature like a human being to have a real relationship with the infinite God, he said. For Christians, the answer is that God assumed a finite form in Jesus Christ.

"From the Incarnation, the moment in which the Word was made flesh, the unbridgeable distance between the finite and infinite was erased," Pope Benedict wrote.

Also Aug. 19, the Pope recited the Angelus with visitors in the courtyard of the papal summer villa at Castel Gandolfo. Commenting on the day's Gospel reading, the Pope said that by taking on human form, Jesus was able to suffer and die for the redemption of all humanity.

"We need to accept him with faith, not be scandalized by his humanity," the Pope said.

Jesus continues giving himself to his followers in the Eucharist, his body and blood, he said.

"Let us rediscover the beauty of the sacrament of the Eucharist, which expresses all the humility and holiness of God: his making himself small, a fragment of the universe to reconcile it completely in his love," the Pope said.

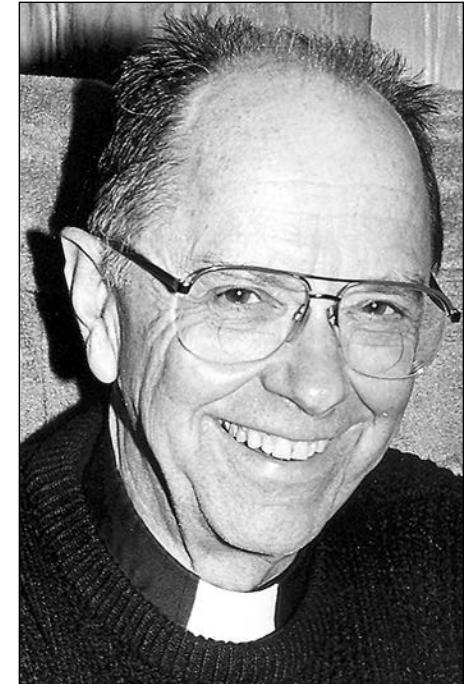
Father Burger's Death Recalls Life of Service

Reverend Joseph William Burger, 91, died peacefully on Aug. 21, 2012, after devoting more than 50 years actively ministering to the people of western Oklahoma.

Father Burger was born July 2, 1921, in New Hamburg, Mo., to Henry A. and Anna (Jelan) Burger. Father Burger and his four older brothers and sisters grew up in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he attended Catholic schools under the auspices of the Sisters of Notre Dame, graduating in 1939 from Saint Mary High School. His education was interrupted by World War II and his service in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific.

Following his discharge in 1945, Father Burger enrolled at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, and later transferred to the Art Institute of Chicago. After attending Maryknoll Seminary, Maryknoll, Md., for two years, the Most Reverend Eugene J. McGuinness accepted Father Burger for the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Father Burger completed his seminary training at Assumption Seminary, San Antonio, Texas, and was ordained on Dec. 21, 1954, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City.

Father Burger's first assignment was to Saint Peter Church, Woodward, and its missions, where he began his lifelong study of Spanish. Future assignments took him to Saint Joseph Church, Buffalo, Sacred Heart Church, Mangum, and its mission, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Hollis, and Saint Anthony of Padua Church, Okeene, and its mission, Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, Seiling. In 1978, Father Burger began a 10-year assignment at Saint Peter Church in Guymon with its missions of Church of the Good Shepherd, Boise City, and Sacred Heart Church, Hooker. His devotion to Hispanic ministry continued during his assignment to Saint Joseph Church, Blackwell, and Saint Joseph Church, Tonkawa,



Reverend Joseph William Burger where he served until his retirement in 2001.

Father Burger credited his dedication to his vocation to prayer. During his assignment at Mangum, he served as Archdiocesan Director of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Apostleship of Prayer. He also served as Archdiocesan Director of the Catholic Rural Life. In 1991 he received the Las Casas Award in Canton, Okla., in recognition of his advocacy for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people. In 2009, his brother priests honored him with the Father Stanley Rother Faithful Shepherd Award, which is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council.

Father Burger is survived by many nieces and nephews and his many friends at Saint Ann Nursing Home and elsewhere.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Avenue, Oklahoma City. Interment followed immediately at Resurrection Cemetery, 7500 W. Britton Road, Oklahoma City. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Smith and Kernke Funeral Home, 14624 N. May, Oklahoma City.



Annual Young Adult Mass and Cookout Set for Sept. 16

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Young Adult Annual Mass and Cookout will be held Sunday, Sept. 16 at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

The annual event, hosted by Archbishop Paul S. Coakley and the Youth and Young Adult Office, has become a time to gather, reflect and celebrate for youth and young adults throughout the area.

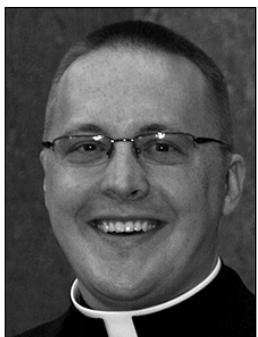
The day begins at 2:30 with registration. Mass will be celebrated

at 5 p.m. with the cookout following. Youth and young adults — those who are out of high school and in their 20 and 30s — are invited and encouraged to attend.

To register, call your local parish young adult contact or you may contact the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office at (405) 721-9220, or email Becky at Bjamie@archokc.org.

Please register by Sept. 11. Cost for the event is \$10.

Archdiocesan Seminarians



**Brian
Buettner**

Fourth Year Theology

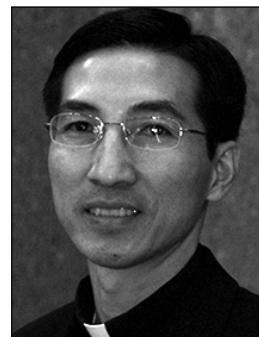
Pontifical North American College
Home parish: St. Mark, Norman



**Christopher
Brashears**

Third Year Theology

Pontifical North American College
Home parish: St. Joseph, Blackwell



**Linh
Bui**

Third Year Theology

St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: Our Lady's Cathedral



**Cristobal
Deloera**

Third Year Theology

St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: St. Charles, OKC



**Carson
Krittenbrink**

Third Year Theology

St. John Vianney Seminary
Home parish: Sts. Peter and Paul,
Kingfisher



**Timothy
Ruckel**

Third Year Theology

St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: Epiphany, OKC



**Daniel
Grover**

Pastoral Year

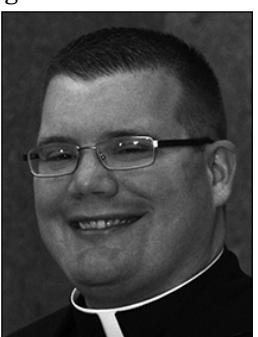
St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Home parish: St. Andrew, Moore



**Aaron
Foshee**

Second Year Theology

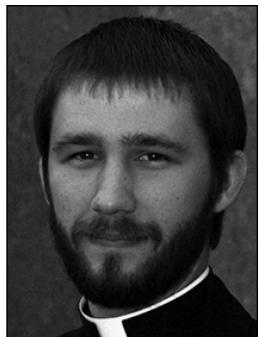
St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: Our Lady's Cathedral



**Lance
Warren**

Second Year Theology

St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: Immaculate
Conception, Marlow



**Andrew
Horn**

First Year Theology

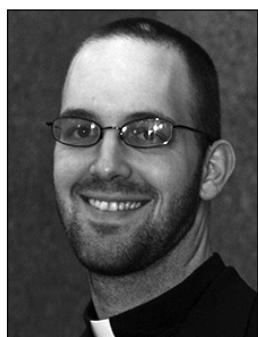
St. John Vianney Seminary
Home parish: St. John, Edmond



**John
Lewis**

First Year Theology

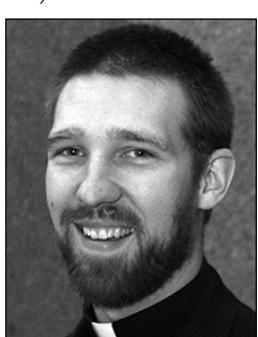
St. John Vianney Seminary
Home parish: Our Lady's Cathedral



**Mathew
Thomason**

First Year Theology

St. John Vianney Seminary
Home parish: St. John, Yukon



**Kelly
Edwards**

First Year Theology

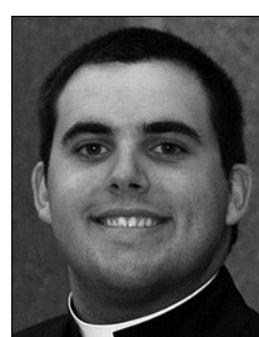
St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: St. Monica's, Edmond



**Edwin
Nalagan**

Second Year Pre-Theology

St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: St. Eugene, OKC



**Zachary
Boazman**

Spirituality Year

St. John Vianney Seminary
Home parish: St. Thomas More,
Norman



**Vuong
Luong**

First Year Pre-Theology

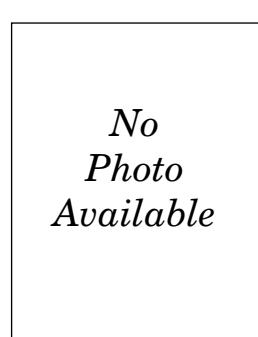
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**Kevin
Hathaway**

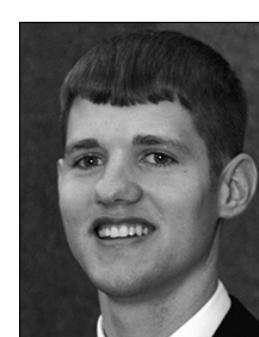
First Year Pre-Theology

St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: St. Thomas More,
Norman



**Rodrigo
Arturo
Serna**
Philosophy

Seminario Hispano De Santa Maria
De Guadalupe
Home parish: Parroquia Senoir del
Salitre



**Colby
Cantillon**

College Junior

Conception Seminary
Home parish: St. Mary, Ponca City



**Alexander
Kroll**

College Junior

Conception Seminary
Home parish: St. Francis Xavier,
Enid



**Bryan
McCaffrey**

College Junior

Conception Seminary
Home parish: St. Mark, Norman



**John
Herrera**

College Sophomore

Conception Seminary
Home parish: St. Joseph's, Norman



**Jerome
Krug**

College Sophomore

Conception Seminary
Home parish: St. Monica, Edmond



**Tomas
Sandoval**

College Freshman

Conception Seminary
Home parish: St. Monica, Edmond

Parish to Host Carnival

SHAWNEE — St. Benedict's Catholic Church, 632 N. Kickapoo, will host the "biggest garage sale in town" on Oct. 6. The day will include baked goods and a pancake breakfast.

The event starts at 8 a.m. and a carnival runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Take Exit 185 off I-40 and go south two miles, our church is on your right. Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

New Poverty USA Website Offers Statistics, Resources to Catholics

WASHINGTON — Catholics can learn about the state of poverty in the United States and concrete ways they can make a difference at a new website from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The site, www.povertyusa.org, was launched Aug. 15 and offers tools and resources to spread the word about poverty in America. Resources include an interactive poverty map with state and county level poverty statistics, a Poverty Tour video which gives viewers a sense of what it is like to live at the federal poverty line, videos and links to Poverty-USA's social media sites, including www.facebook.com/povertyusa.

The website, which is an initiative of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, will feature selected news stories related to the state of poverty in the United States. Also, on the county-level view of poverty statistics, visitors will be able to find examples of local organizations working to alleviate poverty in their communities.

"We are committed to providing educational content related to poverty as well as hopeful examples of what we can do to make the state of poverty better," said Ralph McCloud, CCHD national director. "We

welcome comments regarding the new site or suggestions for future feature articles or guest editorials."

Comments and suggestions may be sent to the Justice, Peace and Human Development main email. Those wishing to receive additional resources on a regular basis can sign up for the email newsletter, *Notes for Neighbors*.

CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the USCCB and works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. It has a complementary mission of educating on poverty and its causes. This dual pastoral strategy of education for justice and helping people who are poor speak and act for themselves reflects the mandate of the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching.

CCHD is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through an annual parish collection. CCHD's grants to local anti-poverty efforts are screened, awarded and monitored in close partnership with local Catholic dioceses. CCHD grants to groups in a local community require the explicit approval of the bishop of that diocese.

Gibbons's defense of the Knights of Labor may or may not have had much influence on Pope Leo XIII's endorsement of labor-organizing in the 1891 encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, but it set a pattern of Catholic support for trade unionism that continued in the United States for a century. That support seemed vindicated anew when the "independent self-governing trade union" Solidarity played a crucial role in the collapse of European communism in the 1980s.

But times and social realities change. The developing social doctrine of the Church has had to take account of new economic, demographic and fiscal realities — and that process has sometimes required serious rethinking of the Church's approach to public policy

and the positions the Church's leaders habitually take on specific issues. Similarly, the social doctrine must take account of the changing realities of American trade unionism: one of the most salient of which is that the majority of union members now belong to public-sector workers unions, not unions in the private sector. Most unionized American workers today are government workers.

The very idea of public-sector workers unions was resisted by such stalwart liberals as Franklin D. Roosevelt and AFL-CIO president George Meany. Now that public-sector unions are a large part of the American landscape, some of the theoretical concerns that were debated before government workers became unionized are no longer simply theoretical.

Social scientists typically raise three cautions about the distinctive character of public-sector workers unions: public-sector unions can distort labor markets by politicizing hiring and firing; public-sector unions tend to put serious pressure on public finances (for which weak



By George Weigel

The Church, Unions and Changing Times

The defense of nascent trade unionism in late-19th-century America is a bright chapter in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States. When a nervous Vatican was prepared to write off trade unions as the kind of "secret societies" the Church had long opposed, Cardinal James Gibbons of Baltimore defended the Knights of Labor in Rome and forestalled a Vatican condemnation of American unions — an accomplishment that helped the Church retain the loyalty of working class people.

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Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill and Polish Archbishop Jozef Michalik, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Poland, sign a joint message of reconciliation during a ceremony at Royal Castle in Warsaw Aug. 17. The message urged Poles and Russians to set aside centuries of anger and prejudice and work together to maintain their countries' Christian identities. (CNS photo/Kacper Pempel, Reuters)

Russian Orthodox, Polish Catholic Leaders Send Reconciliation Message

By Catholic News Service

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — The head of the Russian Orthodox Church and the president of the Polish Catholic Bishops Conference signed a joint message Aug. 17 urging Poles and Russians to set aside centuries of anger and prejudice and work together to maintain their countries' Christian identities.

The signing of the reconciliation "Message to the Nations of Poland and Russia" was the key moment of the first-ever visit of a Russian Orthodox patriarch to modern Poland.

"We enter a path of honest dialogue in the hope that it will heal the wounds of the past, facilitate our overcoming mutual prejudice and misunderstanding and strengthen us in our pursuit of reconciliation," said

the message signed by Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and Archbishop Jozef Michalik of Przemysl, president of the Polish bishops' conference.

The signing ceremony was broadcast live on Polish television.

Polish Catholic and Russian Orthodox officials had been preparing the statement for more than two years in an effort to overcome historical grudges between the two nations and long-standing tensions between the faithful of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Polish Catholic Church.

A long history of battles over territory became more complicated during World War II when Poland was invaded by both Germany and Russia. After the war, Poland came under the

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politicians, seeking electoral support, are at least as much at fault); and public-sector unions tend to diminish the quality of public services (by making it more difficult to apply the "good government" standards American trade unionism once supported).

To which cautions might be added — the self-interest of public-sector unions in expanding government (more government = more jobs; more government jobs = more members of AFSCME, NEA and other public sector mega-unions); the resistance of union-organized government workers to change (does any serious student of American elementary and secondary education doubt that the immense and humanly tragic failures of America's K-12 public schools have something to do with unions' resistance to performance standards for teachers?); the capacity of public-sector unions and their political allies to hold hostage the normal processes of democracy (see "Wisconsin"); and the ways in which public-sector unions' demands for ever-higher wages and benefits distort public finance and drain resources from other areas where social justice is at stake.

The right of workers to organize is a settled matter in Catholic social doctrine. But organized labor,

like other parts of society, has responsibilities to the common good. No one will begrudge a union the right to defend its own, that's why it exists. But when unions defend only their own, to the detriment of the rest of society (and in a prime American case, the detriment of poor, inner-city children), something is wrong.

Solidarity in Poland was a movement of social, cultural, moral and political renewal. It would be hard to say that about the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees or the National Education Association, just as it is impossible to draw an analogy between 21st-century AFSCME or NEA members and the union members of the pre-'60s AFL-CIO (much less the Knights of Labor in their sweatshops). Appeals to the Solidarity experience, or to "tradition," as a Catholic reason for uncritically endorsing public-sector unions' demands is not readily squared with either reality or Catholic social doctrine.

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Continuing Education Program

Catholic Foundation Program to Hold Fall Estate Planning Course

The Catholic Foundation is presenting a Continuing Education Program again this fall with an Estate Planning 2012 Course. The program has been scheduled from 8 a.m. until noon on Oct. 26, 2012, to be held at the Catholic Pastoral Conference Center.

The course is presented in support of the foundation's ongoing mission to procure and build endowment funds while serving as a permanent organization for managing and administering funds given to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City for the advancement and expansion of the Catholic Church in central and western Oklahoma. The course is open to the general public but is geared toward attorneys, accountants, financial planners and trust officers. Cost for this course is \$50 in advance and \$75 at the door. You can register online by clicking the Register Now Button below.

Our presenting program sponsor is Bank of Oklahoma. The Private Bank at Bank of Oklahoma provides individuals and families with comprehensive trust and estate administration, investment, financial planning and banking services through a highly experienced staff that works closely with their clients and their client's advisers.

We are excited to announce that Charles D. "Skip" Fox IV of Charlottesville, Va., is the presenter of this year's program. Fox is a partner with the law firm of McGuireWoods LLC, a law firm of approximately 900 attorneys in 19 locations worldwide.

Fox's extensive experience includes estate planning and administration, and charitable organizations. He works with clients regarding planning for families with closely held businesses, including ownership succession issues; the use of

family limited partnerships, limited liability companies and other techniques to transfer wealth at significantly reduced transfer tax costs; and counseling on the appropriate uses of family offices.

Fox also lectures annually around the country at numerous seminars on a variety of estate planning and trust administration topics for banks, bar associations and other organizations, including the University of Miami Heckerling Estate Planning Institute and the Notre Dame Estate Planning Institute.

Course topics include:

- ◆ Recent Developments in the Estate, Gift, Generation-Skipping Tax and Fiduciary Income Tax Fields
- ◆ Tax and Non-Tax Issues in Closely Held Business Succession Planning
- ◆ Asset Protection Planning — Fifteen Years After Alaska and Delaware Permitted Self-Settled Asset Protection Trusts
- ◆ The Top Ten Ethical Challenges Facing Estate Planners.

This continuing education course has been approved by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Oklahoma for a maximum of 4.00 credit hours, of which 1.00 hour is credit covering professional responsibility, legal ethics or legal malpractice prevention. This course has also been submitted to the Certified Financial Planners Board for 4.00 credit hours of Continuing Education.

For more information, please contact the Catholic Foundation at (405) 721-4115, or email mmills@archokc.org.

To register online, please go to www.cfook.org.

Retrouvaille to begin Sept. 7-9

Retrouvaille is a program designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationships.

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Retrouvaille Program:

Designed to help married couples in addressing relationship difficulties, this year's confidential program will begin Sept. 7-9 in Tulsa.

The main emphasis of the program is on the communication between

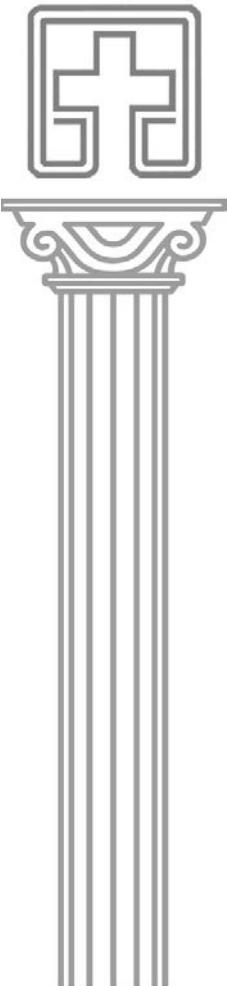
husband and wife. It gives couples the opportunity to both rediscover each other and to examine their lives together in a new and positive way.

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend session, which is then followed by six follow-up sessions. During the weekend a series of informal talks are given by a team of three couples and a priest.

Participating couples in the Retrouvaille program are not asked to share their problems with anyone else. There are no group dynamics or any type of group discussions.

For information about this year's Retrouvaille program, which is scheduled to begin the weekend of Sept. 7-9 in Tulsa, call 918-695-7010, or go to www.helpourmarriage.com.

All inquiries about the Retrouvaille program are kept confidential.



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Please Remember the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in Your Estate Plans

Tyler Success Story Begins with Family

By Greg Horton
For the Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — One day after Oklahoma City-based Tyler Media became the largest privately held media company in the United States, co-owner Tony Tyler wanted to talk about one thing: his parents.

"I am who I am today because of my parents," Tyler said. "This story is really about their influence in my life."

The Tylers moved to Oklahoma City when their sons were small. Tyler said they wanted a private school education for Tony and his older brother, Ty. The couple were from small

towns — mom from Cyril, dad from Okemah. They were farmers, and as Tony describes them, "farmers who feared God but weren't religious."

The family moved in across the street from a Catholic family who befriended the young couple. The boys were enrolled in St. James, and the family attended there throughout the boys' education. Both would go on to graduate from Mount Saint Mary High School and attend the University of Dallas, a private Catholic university.

Ralph Tyler originally started the family business in 1965. He remained in the media business until 1986. Tony Tyler moved back from Dallas in 1992, and two years later, Ralph re-entered the media business. The company would add outdoor advertising and outdoor signage operations over the next several years.

The sons purchased the business from their father in 1995. Ty serves as president, Tony as vice president. By 2000, Tyler Media had 3,600 advertising displays in Oklahoma, and by the mid-2000s, they had started to acquire radio and television stations.

"My father laid a fabulous foundation," Tony said. "We were able to grow rapidly because of the work he had done and how he had built the company."

Media Venture Partners offers a brief summary of the company's acquisitions: "Tyler Media bought its first radio station, KEBC-AM (now KGHM), in 1965, but exited the broadcast business in 1986. It returned in 1995 with the purchase of KTLS-FM (which it sold again in 1998) and added its first TV station, Oklahoma City's Telemundo affiliate KTUZ in 2004.

The company now also owns Univision affiliate KUOK-TV; two Class-A stations in Oklahoma City affiliated with Univision and Estrella TV; and a Univision-affiliated Class-A station in the Tulsa, Okla., market."

Tony Tyler was also instrumental in bringing Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting to KTLR AM 890. Programming includes the popular Kresta in the Afternoon, St. Joseph Radio, and

the excellent Catholic Answers Live.

Tony Tyler and his family now attend St. Mark's in Norman. His wife, Shelley, attended Sacred Heart, The Mount and the University of Dallas. The couple has four children, ranging in age from 3 to 14. They

are or will be attending All Saints, except for the oldest, who is already at his parents' alma mater.

The Tylers carry on the traditions set by their parents. Tony served on the board of regents for Oklahoma City Community College. He still serves on the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and the Interstitial Cystitis Association, a nonprofit health association.

"I don't talk about my living my faith," Tony said. "I guess it's not a conscious thing. My parents raised us to do the things we're supposed to do, to look at our lives and ask if we're doing the right things."

"My dad taught me that if someone asks for a favor, I should ask if I can say no," Tyler said. "If there is not a good reason to say no, I should do it. That's what our parents instilled in us."

On July 15 of this year, Tyler Media purchased Renda Broadcasting's Oklahoma City radio cluster, which was comprised of stations KMGL, KOKC, KOMA and KRKO. The move made Tyler the largest, privately held media company in the United States.

"When you look at the companies around the country, you have to talk about Clear Channel, CBS, or another large, public company to find the number of outlets we have," Ty Tyler said.

The Tyler Media family of companies also continues to dominate the outdoor advertising market in the Oklahoma City area, using the wisdom they learned from Ralph: hard work, wise investing, generosity, and care for family, parish and community.

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Tony Tyler



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley with Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting's Jeff Finnell and Deacon Larry Sousa. (Photo/Ray Dyer)

Catholic Radio Ministry Blessed With Opportunities, Growth

By Ray Dyer
Sooner Catholic

PRAGUE — Did you hear the one about the Catholic radio station that was started in Prague, but wound up in Tulsa?

No joke.

Jeff Finnell shakes his head when he tells how the events unfolded that have resulted in Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting now offering radio signals that cover roughly two-thirds of the state. Or, as he likes to put it, a potential listening audience of more than 2 million people.

Begun in 2006, Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting started in Oklahoma City with an AM station provided by Tyler Media. The next move was to the FM side in Oklahoma City. A couple of years later a station was established in Lawton after the FCC granted a permit to establish a low power FM station there.

During this time of growth, Finnell, Deacon Larry Sousa and the others who have given their time, talent and treasure to make Catholic radio in Oklahoma a reality submitted a proposal to start a low power station in Prague.

"We really didn't think much of it," Finnell said. "It was available, but we were told by our attorney that two applications submitted for the Prague area were ahead of ours."

The FCC accepts applications for these low power FM stations and then scores them. Two applications from Stillwater had scored higher than the plan submitted by the

Catholic Broadcast team.

"We figured we missed out," Finnell said.

They figured wrong.

"Out of the blue we are informed we've been granted the license to operate in Prague," Finnell said. Apparently the two applications from Stillwater seeking the rights in Prague were changed and re-submitted. The second Stillwater applications did not score as highly, thus opening the door for the Catholic station.

"God has opened so many doors for us," said Finnell, who serves as president of the Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting Board.

And God apparently wasn't finished with the Prague venture.

Finnell said connections have been made that will allow KIOP, the station in Prague, to relay its signal to two radio outlets, one in Bristow and the other in Tulsa. This means instead of reaching the 20,000 or so people who live in Prague and the surrounding area, Catholic radio will now have an audience of several hundred thousand in the Tulsa area.

Finnell said the radio ministry has received support from throughout the Archdiocese. In Prague, the effort received considerable support from the Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague as well as Saint Wenceslaus Parish, Prague, and Saint Michaels's Parish in Meeker.

KIOP will broadcast at 88.3 FM in Prague, while the signal will be carried on 105.7 FM and 94.9 FM in Tulsa and Bristow.

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Rick Swyden hugs a homeless man during his Sunday rounds. (Sooner Catholic file photo)

Game Marathon to Help Support Hot Dog Ministry

**By Rex Hogan
For the Sooner Catholic**

OKLAHOMA CITY — Over the years Bishop McGuinness students have helped raise funds for the Hot Dogs for the Homeless program. So have the St. Francis of Assisi Parish youth group.

Now the Oklahoma City-area Retro Gamers Society is joining the fund-raising effort to assist Hot Dogs for the Homeless.

The three groups have one person in common — Bishop McGuinness campus minister Aimee Phillips.

When Phillips was youth director at St. Francis of Assisi, Hot Dogs for the Homeless was on the youth group's service projects list.

When Phillips moved to McGuinness, the school started an in-house basketball tournament — called Hoops for the Homeless — that gave donations to Hot Dogs for the Homeless.

Phillips and her husband, Brandon, helped start the Oklahoma City-area Retro Gamers Society about two years ago.

It's a group of people who meet once a month to play "old" video games, Phillips said.

The street ministry was started about a decade ago by Rick Swyden, a

graduate of Mount St. Mary High School and a parishioner at St. Joseph's Old Cathedral. Each Sunday, Swyden and volunteers hand out hot dogs, chips and bottled water to the less fortunate walking the streets of Oklahoma City. On Aug. 31, the OCRGS will hold a marathon "gamethon" and play video games for 24 straight hours. There is a "donation" button on the OCRGS website where money will be collected for Hot Dogs for the Homeless.

"It takes about \$1,500 a month to provide food for the homeless," Phillips said.

She said the group also has taken their games to St. Anthony's Hospital Children's Unit, and to the City Rescue Mission to play videos with the kids there.

Other Catholic parishes and organizations that contribute to Hot Dogs for the Homeless include Catholic Charities, Bishop John Carroll Catholic School, Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Christ the King School, Church of the Epiphany of the Lord, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sacred Heart Church, St. Ann's Catholic Church, Elgin, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church youth group and Confirmation class, St. Joseph's Old Cathedral Social and Charitable Ministry and St. Monica Catholic Church.

St. Eugene Parish Readies for 16th Annual Festival of the Americas/International

**By Barbara M. Curcio
St. Eugene Parishioner**

OKLAHOMA CITY — The parish family of St. Eugene Church will celebrate its 16th Festival of the Americas/International on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It is sweet indeed to look back at so many years of celebration, each year anticipated anew with the kind of joy and pleasure that comes from an event resembling a beloved family gathering — or "reunion."

Sixteen years ago it started as a simple gathering to bring seemingly disparate groups together to learn about each other's cultures. But it was an inspired idea, and it soon grew into a much anticipated and signature event which now includes not only the parish, but visitors from the surrounding community, and sister parishes in a festival of shared food,

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There is no admission fee, and all day entertainment and fun for the kids is free as well. The free

entertainment provided by generous performance artist volunteers goes on all day long, and will include guitarist Edgar Cruz from 3 to 4 p.m. This year we will also be able to offer a look at our recently dedicated, beautiful new church — with guided tours available off and on all afternoon for those inclined.

Delicious multi-ethnic food prepared by parishioners and/or by famed ethnic restaurants in the city will be for sale to benefit the parish's outreach programs. We invite you to hear the sweet songs and taste the good food, and to enjoy the richness of diversity and the sweetness of unity that prevails.

Far left and right, scenes from the 2010 St. Eugene Festival of the Americas/International. This year's event is scheduled for Sept. 9. (Photos courtesy)



Volunteers distribute St. Anthony's Bread at the gates of the Capuchin monastery in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, Aug. 20. The monks of the Capuchin order distribute around 400 free bags of food donations for people in need every day. (CNS photo/Enrique Calvo, Reuters)

The World's Hunger Pangs Can Be Felt Across the Globe or Right Next Door

**By Greg Horton
For the Sooner Catholic**

OKLAHOMA CITY — St. Charles Borromeo Church hosted the Fighting Hunger in Oklahoma Forum on Saturday, Aug. 11. The event brought together representatives from four organizations, including Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City.

The event was sponsored by Bread for the World, a Washington, D.C., based nonprofit organization that utilizes faith communities to combat hunger worldwide. Keaton Andreas, a Duncan native, was the representative from Bread for the World. He told attendees that his mentor's words inspired him to get into the fight to end hunger.

"He told me that he would rather build a fence at the top of a cliff than operate an ambulance at the bottom," Andreas said.

Andreas said that faith communities and people of faith would need to delve more deeply into their empathetic sides if the fight against hunger is to succeed.

"We are trying to find a comprehensive way to end hunger," he said, "and people really need to ask themselves if this is something they can do."

The goal of forums like this is to raise awareness and generate advocacy on behalf of the poor and hungry. Andreas spoke favorably of the Catholic Church's history of social justice, especially in reaching out to the poor and hungry. He also called on attendees to understand the difference between advocacy and charity.

"We have to have both," he said, "but charity sees the 'poor' as a faceless mass to whom we give away our resources. That giving away is important. Advocacy forces us to ask who they are, how hard they work, whom they're supporting, and it speaks to the leaders of this nation on behalf of real people, not a faceless mass."

Andreas called on attendees to recognize that the poor and hungry "are worth every bit as much as we are." Recognizing that, he said, will energize people to advocate to change policies that affect hunger.

Andreas was followed by Richard Klinge, the associate director of Advocacy, Outreach and Legal Service for OKC Catholic Charities. Klinge reminded attendees of Pope Benedict XVI's words last year on World Food Day.

"Pope Benedict said, 'Freedom from the yoke of hunger is the first concrete manifestation of that right to life which, although solemnly proclaimed, often remains far from being

effectively implemented.' His words echo those of the USCCB, who call food a fundamental human right," Klinge said.

Klinge also discussed the Farm Bill that is currently held up in Congress. Klinge called on Catholics to address agriculture through the lens of their faith.

"Members of the Catholic community can differ about the specific application of these criteria," Klinge said, "but as Catholics, we share a fundamental concern for human life and dignity. The Farm Bill is not just a budget issue, it's a moral issue. What is it going to cost?" is a fair question, but it must be balanced with moral issues, and balancing the budget is important, but it must not be balanced on the backs of the poor."

Klinge challenged the attendees to be informed about legislation that affects agriculture, the poor, and hunger. He focused particularly on provisions of the Farm Bill that call for deep cuts to SNAP.

"That's the program that used to be called food stamps," Klinge said. "The cuts would eliminate \$16 billion in benefits. The needs of those who are hungry, homeless, out of work, or who live in poverty should come first in any budget."

Attendees also heard from William Tabbernee, executive director of the Oklahoma Conference of Churches, and Rodney Bivens, executive director of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. After the presentations, panelists took questions from the audience. Additionally, letters addressed to Senators Coburn and Inhofe and Rep. Frank Lucas were available to sign. The letters addressed the idea of budgets being moral issues, not just financial ones.

Andreas said it is important that churches have teams who are informed on the issues and educate other parishioners. As an example of effective ministries to address social issues, he cited JustFaith, calling it "precisely the kind of organization needed to keep people informed."



Mitchell Bequest Gives Church Role in Protecting 'Wind' Author's Legacy

By Mary Anne Castranio
Catholic News Service

ATLANTA (CNS) — Because of a generous bequest from Joseph Mitchell, the late nephew of celebrated author Margaret Mitchell, the Atlanta Archdiocese now owns 50 percent of the literary rights to her Pulitzer prize-winning, best-selling novel "Gone With the Wind."

But what does this mean for the Archdiocese of Atlanta? The short answer: continuing revenue from sales of books and merchandise and participation in protecting the copyright of Margaret Mitchell's legacy.

Deacon Steve Swope, who has been instrumental in making arrangements for the bequest, said the archdiocese will be diligent in continuing to honor Mitchell's opus, following in the footsteps of her late brother, prominent Atlanta attorney Stephens Mitchell.

He said, "His mission was to protect the dignity of the work, and we are going to carry that on. We are going to fiercely protect it from infringement. We have an obligation to do that."

First published in 1936 by Macmillan, the book sold 176,000 copies at its original release and was a runaway success. According to Publishers Weekly, by the end of 1938 more than a million copies had sold, and that number doubled after the release of the movie in 1939.

Today, an estimated 30 million copies have sold worldwide. Simon and Schuster now publishes the book, which sells an estimated 75,000 copies every year in hardcover and other formats.

According to "Margaret Mitchell's Gone With the Wind: A Best-seller's Odyssey From Atlanta to Hollywood," by Ellen F. Brown and John Wiley Jr., the publisher expects a "profitable future for the remainder of the copyright term," which ends in the United States in 2031, some 95 years after the first publication.

The book has been translated more than 30 times, including in countries as diverse as Albania, Chile, Denmark, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Turkey, Japan, Finland, the former Yugoslavia and Burma. New editions continue to be published in Europe and Asia; the copyright has expired in Canada and Japan.

When Margaret died in 1949, and her husband, John Marsh, three years later, their estate and the entire literary rights went to her brother, Stephens, a real estate attorney and faithful Catholic in Atlanta. He in turn left the rights in trusts split between his sons, Eugene and Joseph.

In the 1960s, Stephens later turned to law partners Paul H. Anderson Sr. and Thomas Hal Clarke Sr. for help in managing the copyright protection of his sister's book in the United States and abroad. Formally called the Stephens Mitchell Trust, the group was known as "the Committee."

Paul H. Anderson Jr. followed in his father's footsteps in 1976 to work with the Mitchell estate, along with Thomas Hal Clarke Jr., the son of the other attorney. Together they have protected the copyright for



Above, a young Margaret Mitchell is pictured with her mother, Maybelle Stephens Mitchell, and her brother, Stephens. A collection of the American author's personal effects were part of a multimillion-dollar bequest made to the Archdiocese of Atlanta by her last direct descendant, nephew Joseph Mitchell. He died last October. (CNS photo/courtesy of Atlanta Archdiocese). Below, Margaret Mitchell at the typewriter on which she composed "Gone With the Wind." (Photo courtesy)



decades. While the senior Clarke is retired at 98, the senior Anderson at 94 still serves on the Committee and has a perspective of the copyrights going back to the 1950s.

According to the junior Anderson, Stephens "did more than anyone to preserve and enhance the rights" of his sister's work.

Sales are still brisk in countries across the globe, particularly, said Anderson, in "countries who have suffered defeat in war."

Anderson said the owners of the trusts — and the archdiocese is now one of the owners — are entitled to "fairly significant" royalties from proceeds of book sales (the original novel and the two authorized sequels), merchandising, and at least \$100,000 per year from the movie rights. He declined to name an exact figure.

The caretaking of the trust and the literary rights will continue to be done by the lawyers of the Committee, on behalf of Eugene's heirs and the Archdiocese of Atlanta, in a new entity recently established to continue the tradition of protecting one of the best-selling novels in the world.

Castranio is executive editor of The Georgia Bulletin, newspaper of the Atlanta Archdiocese.

♦ In Brief ♦

CCHD Renewal Leads to Stronger Catholic Teaching

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A little self-reflection every now and then never hurts. Some call it prayer; others a retreat. Peter Maurin and Dorothy Day, co-founders of the Catholic Worker, called it "clarification of thought."

No matter how it's pegged, something worthy usually emerges. Stephanie Gyldendan, head organizer for ESTHER, a faith-based organization addressing social justice concerns in Neenah, Wis., finds such reflection a good thing. Members of the organization, a recipient of funding through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, have begun to reflect more deeply on their work at the behest of the campaign, the U.S. bishops' domestic anti-poverty campaign. And they liked what they saw, Gyldendan told Catholic News Service.

"It really brought in a rich discussion on why our faith traditions call us to engage in the community and work for justice," Gyldendan said.

Under revised guidelines developed in 2010 as CCHD underwent its own "review and renewal" after a period of reflection, organizations seeking church funding for anti-poverty work are being asked to consider how work on affordable housing, immigrant rights, police protection and school reform enhances Catholic moral and social teaching. ESTHER, which stands for Empowerment Solidarity Truth Home Reform, is an interfaith organization that includes seven Catholic parishes as partners.

Gyldendan said CCHD's new guidelines provide "room for conversation" to better understand how faith motivates action. CCHD-funded organizations are finding that the

revised guidelines leave no doubt that Catholic teaching must be upheld in all activities and affiliations.

Hughes — Prayer, Dialogue is Sisters' Gift to Church

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The way 900 women religious "went about the decision" of responding to the Vatican's doctrinal assessment of their organization was almost as "historic and important as the decision itself," said Dominican Sister Mary Hughes, a former president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

Sister Hughes, addressing a luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington, said that although the sisters devoted a significant amount of time to the assessment during their Aug. 7-10 meeting in St. Louis, they did not have "fiery speeches" or discourse but instead primarily engaged in contemplative silence, listening and prayer. At the close of the four-day assembly, LCWR leaders, speaking on behalf of the entire group, said they would pursue "open and honest dialogue" with church officials about the assessment by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The assessment, issued April 18, said a reform of LCWR was needed to ensure its fidelity to Catholic teaching in areas including abortion, euthanasia, women's ordination and homosexuality.

Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, charged with overseeing the group's reform, met with LCWR's national board Aug. 11. He said in a statement after the meeting that he is "truly hopeful that we will work together without compromising church teaching or the important role of the LCWR."

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influence of the Soviet Union. Under communism, the Catholic and Orthodox churches were subject to government pressure, with the minority Orthodox in Poland and minority Catholics in Russia suffering particularly harsh treatment.

The reconciliation message said, "Sin, which is the principal source of all divisions, human frailty, individual and collective egoism as well as political pressure, led to mutual alienation, overt hostility and even struggle between our nations."

"Similar circumstances had earlier led to the dissolution of the original Christian unity. Division and schism, alien to Christ's will, were a major scandal, therefore, we redouble efforts to bring our churches and nations closer to each other and to become more credible witnesses to the Gospel in the contemporary world," it said.

With the religious and political freedom that came with the fall of communism in the early 1990s, Patriarch Kirill and Archbishop Michalik said, the churches set out on a path of renewal, but still must face the effects of decades of official atheism and the growing secularism of modern societies.

Christianity "exerted a decisive impact on the identity, spirituality and culture of our peoples and of the entire Europe," the two leaders said, and maintaining the Christian faith is essential for the countries' future.

The churches and their faithful must make "every effort so that the social life and culture of our nations not be stripped of principal moral values, the cornerstone of a viable peaceful future," the message said.

The patriarch and the archbishop expressed particular concern about "the promotion of abortion, euthanasia and same-sex relations," as well as attempts to remove religious symbols from public places.

"In the name of the future of our nations, we call for the respect and protection of the life of each and every human being from the moment of conception until natural death. We believe not only terrorism and armed conflict, but also abortion and euthanasia to be grave sins against life and a disgrace to contemporary civilization," the church leaders' message said.

While Patriarch Kirill and Archbishop Michalik said they recognized the autonomy of church and state, they encouraged cooperation to protect the family, promote education and assist the poor.

The family, based on a permanent bond between a man and woman, "is a sound foundation of all societies. As an institution founded by God, the family warrants respect and protection as it is the cradle of life, a wholesome place of development, a guarantee of social stability, and a sign of hope for society," they said.



Residents react after visiting a cemetery decorated with opposition flags on the first day of Eid al-Fitr in Homs, Syria, Aug. 19. Archbishop Mario Zenari, the Vatican nuncio to Syria, said all sides in the conflict must rigorously respect international humanitarian law. (CNS photo/Sham News Network handout via Reuters)

Vatican Nuncio to Syria: People 'Stunned ... Worried for the Future'

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — People in Syria are “stunned and deeply saddened and worried for the future,” said Archbishop Mario Zenari, the Vatican nuncio to Syria.

In an interview with Vatican Radio conducted on Aug. 21, the nuncio said the previous day’s withdrawal of U.N. forces was “a sad blow. Three or four months ago, there was a good bit of hope for their mission, and now their departure plunges us back into this reality. The international community must not give up, it must keep trying.”

U.N. military observers left Syria Aug. 20 after it was clear the cease-fire they were meant to monitor did not exist. The same day, U.S. President Barack Obama warned there would be “enormous consequences” for Syria if it began moving or using its stockpile of chemical weapons.

Archbishop Zenari declined to comment on Obama’s remarks, but said, “At this moment we must require all sides in the conflict to rigorously respect international humanitarian law which, as we’ve seen, has gone to pieces because of the actions of both sides.”

While the 17-month-old conflict began as part of the pro-democracy Arab Spring movement, Archbishop Zenari

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Archbishop
Mario Zenari
Vatican nuncio to Syria

said, “Unfortunately, now there’s the impression and the general fear that things have gotten out of hand.”

And while the international community can and must help, he said, Syrians are the ones who must ultimately decide to lay down their weapons and start negotiating to find their way to a peaceful end of hostilities in their country.

“Finding a path to peace is a very difficult thing that will entail sacrifices; it’s painful, but it’s something that no one can do for the Syrians. We really need to encourage all ethnic and religious groups to find the path to peace together,” he said.

LAGOS, Nigeria (CNS) — Archbishop Alfred Adewale Martins of Lagos criticized the Nigerian government for its handling of the nation’s security challenges and warned against allowing an extremist sect to destabilize the country. The archbishop cautioned Christians against participating in violence but expressed his support for the call by the

Christian Association of Nigeria that Christians should defend themselves whenever they come under any attack. “The human life is sacred and must be regarded as such by anybody,” he told journalists during an Aug. 16 briefing at the Church of the Assumption. The Islamist militant group Boko Haram has taken credit for a series of attacks on places of

Catholic Charities Offers Relief, Counseling In Wake of Aug. 3 Wildfires

OKLAHOMA CITY — As Oklahomans begin to put together the pieces following the Aug. 3 wildfires, Catholic Charities Disaster Relief program is on hand to offer assistance and counseling to those affected in Glencoe, Luther and the Noble-Slaughterville area.

“Catholic Charities is ready and available to help victims in the aftermath of this disaster and help create a customized plan for recovery, including counseling, to all who have experienced loss and destruction as a result of these fires,” said Tim O’Connor, executive director of Catholic Charities.

Damon Britton, associate director of Children and Family Services, oversees the organization’s disaster response work. A part of the Oklahoma Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Oklahoma VOAD), Catholic Charities’ Disaster Relief program provides critical emergency assistance, counseling, community referrals and case management to

Oklahomans in the western two-thirds of the state. In addition, while some disaster recovery programs assist with the short-term needs, Catholic Charities focuses on case management to help people in the long term. O’Connor said one of the greatest immediate needs following a disaster is cash assistance for food, fuel and incidental expenses associated with relocation. The agency offers bank cash cards to help with unmet needs. Catholic Charities has set up a special fund to be used specifically for helping victims of these wildfires. For more information about Catholic Charities’ Disaster Relief program or to donate to the fund, visit www.catholiccharitiesok.org, or call (405) 523-3000.

Those in need of recovery assistance are encouraged to register with American Red Cross Disaster Services, which helps coordinate recovery efforts, or contact Catholic Charities’ Disaster Relief Program at (405) 523-3000.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Can Be a ‘Life-changing’ Experience

I attended a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat after struggling with my decision to have an abortion 14 years ago. I had been to confession and prayed for forgiveness, but even though I knew God forgives all, I couldn’t forgive myself and did not truly feel forgiven by God. I had to do something more. The retreat was an effort on my part to find forgiveness and move past this terrible decision I made so long ago.

The retreat was truly life-changing. I met women who had been through the same things I had. I found I was not alone in my grief and that others understood without judgment.

I did not need people to judge me. I did that enough to myself. I needed to find healing. I was able to connect with my child on a real level and affirm that she is a real person and a real soul in Heaven. I was able to say goodbye. I still think about my decision and my daughter, but now it is with a longing to meet her one day and I smile to think of her watching over me.

I have found closeness to God and Mary through this experience. The rosary is a place I find comfort. I never felt worthy to pray wholeheartedly before and I am so

glad to have that back.

The retreat is life-changing. I hope anyone struggling with the regret that abortion causes will attend a retreat and find the healing and forgiveness that God wants to give.

Are you suffering from an abortion, or know someone who is? You are not alone. Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ at a Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat Oct. 26-28. The retreat offers a profound opportunity, with a team of trained companions, therapists and clergy, to experience God’s love, forgiveness and compassion. Participation is strictly confidential.

The Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life. For more information, call (405) 623-3844 or email: rachelsvineyardokc@gmail.com.

The cost for the retreat is \$75 for meals, a private room and all retreat materials. Payment plans and financial assistance are available.

For a description of the retreat and a complete list of other retreat dates and locations, call 1-877-HOPE 4 ME, or visit the organization’s international website located at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Lagos Archbishop Criticizes Nigeria’s Handling of National Security

worship in northern and central Nigeria; in some cases, Christians have retaliated. Since 2010, Boko Haram has been blamed for more than 1,400 deaths. Archbishop Martins told journalists the government must deal quickly and decisively with any acts of aggression against Nigerians. He also said he supported dialogue, if necessary, between

warring parties. “War has never brought about lasting peace in the history of humanity,” he said.

The archbishop, who served as bishop of Abeokuta until being installed to head the Lagos Archdiocese Aug. 4, also criticized the government for “not doing enough to deal with corruption. It needs to do much more than it is doing so far.”

Lánzate a lo más Profundo

Lucas 5:4

Muy Pronto en una Parroquia Cercana a la de Usted

Desde mi llegada a la Arquidiócesis en febrero de 2011, he adquirido un conocimiento general de la mayoría de las comunidades parroquiales de la Arquidiócesis. Todavía tengo mucho que aprender. Sigue profundizando mi aprecio de la abundante historia y la vitalidad de la Iglesia en Oklahoma. A pesar de que constituimos una minoría relativamente pequeña de la población total del Estado hemos tenido un gran impacto en muchas áreas que afectan el bien común como la educación, la salud y servicios sociales. La Iglesia Católica ha sido un faro de la verdad y un fermento para el bien de la sociedad y en nuestras comunidades.

La exploración del entorno en el que los Católicos que vivimos en Oklahoma hoy revelan muchas tendencias importantes y dignas de mención.

—Estamos viviendo durante un periodo de cambio cultural y social rápido. Esto está siendo impulsado en parte por una economía globalizada y facilitado por las nuevas tecnologías digitales y medios de comunicación sociales.

—Somos de una gran diversidad étnica y el crecimiento de la población Católica en Oklahoma surge de una presencia hispana en rápido crecimiento.

—Estamos siendo desafiados por un espíritu secular cada vez más hostil que constituye una amenaza a las libertades fundamentales como la Libertad Religiosa y el derecho a la vida.

—Si bien el panorama económico general de gran parte de nuestra zona se ve brillante, muchos en medio de nosotros siguen viviendo en la pobreza y en las sombras que los hacen vulnerables a la explotación.

—Muchos de estos factores, además de otros, contribuyen a un debilitamiento en el matrimonio y en las estructuras familiares tradicionales, que a su vez quebranta nuestra capacidad para transmitir la fe con eficacia.

El reconocimiento de estas nuevas realidades han llevado a los últimos Papas a llamar a una Nueva Evangelización. Tenemos que encontrar nuevos métodos y medios de proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo para responder

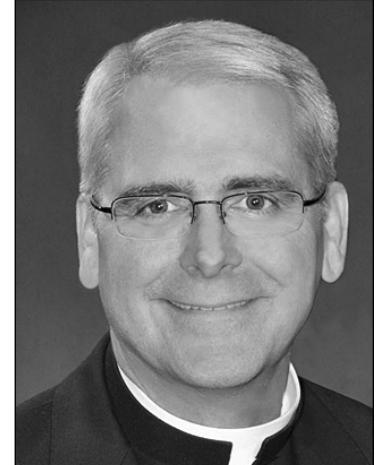
der a las preguntas más profundas y a las necesidades reales de las personas hoy en día.

Conforme voy obteniendo una mayor apreciación de nuestra rica herencia Católica en Oklahoma También estoy mirando hacia el futuro. Fiel a este pasado, ¿Qué es lo que el Señor nos pide hoy? ¿Hacia dónde nos está guiando el Espíritu Santo en la Iglesia en Oklahoma a medida que entramos en los retos y oportunidades de una Nueva Evangelización?

Con el fin de responder a estas preguntas he iniciado un proceso para desarrollar una Visión Mutuamente Compartida para establecer las principales prioridades pastorales de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City. Esto articulará la visión de concentrar nuestros esfuerzos en el transcurso de los próximos años. He formado un equipo para que me ayude con esta importante tarea. Necesito su ayuda. Ni yo ni el equipo podemos desarrollar esta Visión sin usted.

He aquí la manera cómo usted puede ayudar. A partir de septiembre y hasta noviembre habrá una serie de sesiones de escucha en varias parroquias ubicadas estratégicamente en toda la Arquidiócesis. Cuando usted se entere que vendré a una sesión de escucha en una parroquia cercana a la suya espero que pueda hacer el tiempo de venir para que yo pueda saber de usted. Su aporte será muy importante en el desarrollo de una visión clara y un puñado de prioridades que se convertirán en el centro de nuestras energías para los próximos años.

Usted se enterará más sobre esto en las semanas y meses venideros. Pero quería que lo escuchara de mí primero. Voy a venir a una parroquia cercana a la suya. Espero tener la oportunidad de escucharle.



Arzobispo Paul S. Coakley

Sesiones de Escucha-Vision Mutuamente Compartida

En la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City sigue al servicio del Reino de Dios en medio de nosotros, el Arzobispo Coakley, junto con un equipo representativo de líderes de la arquidiócesis, está buscando su opinión y consejo. Sesiones de escucha se llevarán a cabo de acuerdo con el siguiente esquema, para abordar las siguientes preguntas:

1. ¿Cuál es su visión para nuestro futuro en los próximos cinco años?

2. ¿Qué tres prioridades le gustaría ver que la arquidiócesis tomara durante un período de 24 meses?

En nombre del Arzobispo Coakley, agradeceríamos sus comentarios sobre estas dos cuestiones, como medio para facilitar el discernimiento. Recuerde que no habrá sesiones de escucha en todas las parroquias por lo que le suplicamos estar al pendiente de las fechas a la parroquia más cercana a usted. El propósito es desarrollar una Visión Mutuamente Compartida que exprese la vida y la dirección del futuro de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City. Por favor, tome en cuenta este esfuerzo de discernimiento en la oración. Gracias.

Fecha, Lugar y Hora

Martes, septiembre 11, 7 - 9 p.m
Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro

En el Centro Monseñor Connor
3214 N. Lake Avenue,
Oklahoma City

Jueves, septiembre 27, 7 - 9 p.m
En la Iglesia San Marcos el Evangelista

En el Salón Parroquial
3939 West Tecumseh Road, Norman

Martes, octubre 9, 7 - 9 p.m
Iglesia San Francisco Javier

En el Centro Leven
110 North Madison Street, Enid

Miércoles, octubre 10, 7 - 9 p.m
Iglesia San Pedro

1220 N. Quinn Street, Guymon

Martes, Octubre 16, 7 - 9 p.m
Iglesia Santa María

En el Salón San José
1218 Knox Avenue, Clinton

Jueves, noviembre 8, 7 - 9 p.m
Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia

En el Salón Kirk
1010 NW 82nd Street, Lawton

Decenas de Miles de Católicos se Reúnen Para Honrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Por Catholic News Service

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Eileen Frutos siempre ha sido atraída hacia María.

Siendo miembro del Apostolado Mundial de Fátima, ella dijo que frecuentemente reza con María y que sus rogativas han sido contestadas.

“Ella ha sido asombrosa para nuestra familia”, dijo la residente de Ventura el 5 de agosto en el coliseo Los Angeles Memorial.

Por eso Frutos y su esposo estaban asistiendo a la celebración de la Guadalupe que atrajo decenas de miles de católicos de todo el sur de California para celebrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y reverenciar una reliquia del manto en el que la imagen de ella apareció milagrosamente.

“Yo solamente estoy aquí para honrarla”, dijo Frutos, feligresa de

la iglesia Sacred Heart en Ventura. “A Jesús por María, eso es lo que siempre digo”.

Patrocinado por la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, los Caballeros de Colón y la organización mexicana sin fines de lucro Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos, el evento coincidió con el 10mo aniversario de la canonización de San Juan Diego el 31 de julio de 2002. Juan Diego fue el indígena a quien la Virgen de Guadalupe se le apareció y sobre cuya tilma apareció la imagen de ella.

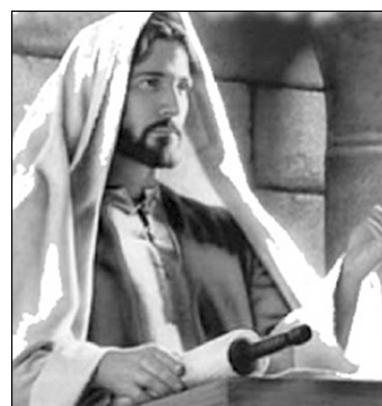
La celebración de Guadalupe fue una celebración en el sentido literal. Los asistentes pasaron el tiempo anterior al comienzo del evento haciendo “la ola” y de vez en cuando algún asistente gritaba “¡que viva la Virgen de Guadalupe!”, con una contundente respuesta “¡viva!”.

Nueva en Misa Español en St. James

A partir del Domingo, 2 de Septiembre 2012 a la 1:15 p.m. en la Iglesia Católica de St. James tendrá una Misa en Español. La Misa será cada Domingo a la 1:15 p.m. St. James está situada en el 4201 South McKinley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Muchas familias de habla Español viven dentro de los límites de nuestra parroquia y que ya están participando en nuestra vida parroquial. Durante los dos últimos años, hemos comenzado a bautizar, casar y ofrecer educación religiosa y servicios funerales. Le damos la bienvenida a los estudiantes hispanos en nuestra escuela. Ahora estamos completando los servicios pastorales de habla hispana, proporcionando los servicios regulares de adoración dominical en español. Todos son bienvenidos.

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Pedro Moreno Nombrado Director del Ministerio Hispano

Escrito por Ray Dyer
The Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Pedro Moreno no es alguien que trae puesta su fe en la manga, como dice el viejo refrán. No, el nuevo director del Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City es más probable que proclame su amor por Dios en su corbata.

"Oh, esto, tengo varias de ellas, ¡me encantan!", dijo, tocándose la corbata colorida que proclama "Con Dios todo es posible" (Mateo 19:26). "El cardenal Burke, cuando yo estaba con la Arquidiócesis de Saint Louis, dijo que yo era el único que él conocía que evangelizaba con su ropa."

Después de estar unos minutos con Moreno, de 53 años, de New York City hijo nacido de padres Puertorriqueños, uno tiene la sensación de que él está dispuesto a evangelizar con todo su ser.

Moreno llega a Oklahoma City de la Diócesis de Fort Worth. También ha enseñado teología, tanto en Inglés como en Español en la Universidad de Dallas. También se ha desempeñado como Director de Estudio de la Biblia en Inglés y Español, y como el director del programa de RICA en Español en la Iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol, Iglesia Católica en Fort Worth.

Moreno es un escritor prolífico que ha ganado numerosos premios de periodismo de parte la Asociación de la Prensa Católica. Una de sus obras fue publicada por CNN y puede ser encontrada en el sitio web de la Red de Noticias. Estuvo como Director Diocesano del Ministerio Hispano en Saint Louis. Anteriormente Moreno se desempeñó como Director del Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston, donde también se desempeñó como Representante de la Región X para el Ministerio Hispano.

Mientras servía en la Región X, y después, el señor Moreno hizo varias visitas a la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City para conferencias. Se convirtió en un buen amigo de varios miembros de las distintas comunidades religiosas aquí, incluyendo la hermana Merys Josefina Gómez, HCG, quien se desempeña en el Ministerio Hispano en Saint Charles Borromeo.

Fue la hermana Merys quien contactó a Moreno cuando la posición de la Arquidiócesis estuvo disponible. Ella estaba sirviendo en el comité de búsqueda para esta posición, encabezado por el Padre William Novak, encargado de encontrar un nuevo director para la oficina.

Casado desde hace más de 30 años y con tres hijas, Moreno pasó cinco años en el seminario antes de ser llamado al Sacramento del Matrimonio. Realizó sus estudios en la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico para obtener una Licenciatura en Artes especializada en Filosofía. Luego pasó a obtener una Maestría en Educación Religiosa de la Universidad. También continuó sus estudios de teología en la Universidad de Dallas y comenzó un Doctorado en Homilética en el Instituto Aquinas en St. Louis, Missouri.

El plan de Moreno para los primeros meses en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City es "escuchar y conocer a la gente". "También necesito aprender acerca de todas las bendiciones y cosas maravillosas que han estado ocurriendo ya en el Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City y celebrarlas."

Con una personalidad que parece una mezcla de la obra *West Side Story* y al Padre Flanagan famoso sacerdote irlandés; con un toque de La



Pedro Moreno

Madre Teresa con buena medida, Moreno tendrá poca dificultad de conocer a la gente. Él sale como una bola de energía bilingüe con un amor por el mensaje del Evangelio de Jesucristo y para las personas a quienes está destinado.

"Yo no tengo las respuestas, pero tengo un montón de preguntas", dijo Moreno al ser consultado sus metas para el Departamento del Ministerio Hispano. Él ha hecho su tarea, estudió la composición de la Arquidiócesis y se dio cuenta de que en algunos puntos, las cosas no parecen estar acorde.

Por ejemplo, Moreno dijo que la Oficina del Censo de los EE.UU. Informa que hay más de 227.000 hispanos que viven en el área que conforma la Arquidiócesis. Al mismo tiempo, la población católica total se dice que es aproximadamente 116.000.

"En los Estados Unidos se estima que el 60 por ciento de todos los hispanos son Católicos", dijo Moreno.

Duda que Oklahoma sea una excepción a esta estimación lo que significa que la población Católica de la Arquidiócesis es, probablemente, más del doble de lo que se informa.

"Se tiene a la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en Oklahoma City que tiene 11 Misas en un fin de semana, con nueve de ellas en Español", dijo Moreno. Los fieles a estas Celebraciones Eucarísticas llenan no sólo la Iglesia, sino que el gimnasio se llena también.

"Este es el oscurecimiento de la Arquidiócesis", dijo Moreno. "Y no está siendo causada por una sequía".

Moreno dijo que los Católicos estamos llamados a cumplir con la gente donde está, no cambiándolas, sino cambiando nosotros mismos.

"Dios era tan flexible que se hizo hombre. Se convirtió en uno de nosotros", dijo Moreno. "Si Dios puede llegar a ser hombre algunos de nosotros deberíamos ser capaces de aprender un poco de Español para llevar el Evangelio de Jesucristo a la gente".

Moreno sabe que algunos pueden incomodarse a esta idea, pero no está retrocediendo.

"He aprendido que a veces uno tiene que, por el bien de la justicia, uno tiene que ser un poco más agresivo. No de una manera fea, sino de una manera amorosa, como la manera de Cristo".

Moreno dijo que planea asistir a las "sesiones de escucha" que el Arzobispo Coakley ha programado en diversas parroquias de la Arquidiócesis. Él no estará allí para hablar, sino para escuchar.

"Tengo dos lenguas, y también tengo dos orejas", dijo Moreno.

Él también tiene algunas corbatas de colores que lo hacen fácil de divisar.

Fe, Servicio, Caridad Claves Para Evangelización, Dice Texto Sinodal

Por Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Los católicos que actúan como si la fe no tuviera nada que ver con la vida cotidiana y los que ven una estructura eclesiástica que es más burocracia que servicio son dos impedimentos en la capacidad de la iglesia de proclamar la fe en Jesús, dice el documento de trabajo para el próximo sínodo de obispos del mundo.

"Cada una de las acciones de la iglesia tiene un carácter esencial evangelizador y nunca deben ser separadas de la obligación de ayudar a otros a encontrar a Cristo en la fe", dice el documento que guiará el trabajo del sínodo, programado del 7 al 28 octubre en el Vaticano.

El Papa Benedicto XVI escogió como tema del sínodo "La nueva evangelización para la transmisión de la fe cristiana".

El documento de trabajo, emitido el 19 de junio, dice que los obispos y otros participantes sinodales se enfocarán en la fe en Jesús como el corazón de la evangelización; cómo los cambios en el mundo impactan la creencia y la práctica de la fe; cómo la liturgia, la catequesis y la actividad caritativa traen o deben traer la gente a la fe; y un vistazo a las formas particulares en que los católicos evangelizan y educan a la gente en la fe.

La nueva evangelización, este dice, "también implicará la valentía de



El Arzobispo Nikola Eterovic, secretario general del Sínodo de los Obispos, presenta un esquema para el Sínodo de los Obispos general de 2012 en una conferencia de prensa del Vaticano el 4 de marzo. El esquema habla del tema del Sínodo de la Nueva Evangelización. A la derecha está el Padre Jesuita Federico Lombardi, portavoz del Vaticano. (Foto de CNS/Paul Haring)

denunciar las infidelidades y los escándalos" dentro de la iglesia y "reconocer faltas mientras se continúa dando testimonio de Jesucristo".

Mirando dentro de la iglesia, dice el documento, "muchos lamentan el excesivo carácter burocrático" de las estructuras eclesiásticas, las cuales son "percibidas como alejadas de la persona promedio y sus preocupaciones cotidianas".

El documento de trabajo del sínodo se basa en las respuestas a un largo esquema y cuestionario publicado en marzo del 2011. Las respuestas provinieron de 114 conferencias episcopales, 26 oficinas del Vaticano y las uniones internacionales de superiores generales de órdenes religiosas masculinas y femeninas, dijo el arzobispo

Nikola Eterovic, secretario general del sínodo.

"Algunas de las respuestas", dice el documento, "se quejaron del excesivo carácter formal de las celebraciones litúrgicas, de una celebración casi rutinaria de los rituales y de la falta de una profunda experiencia espiritual, las cuales retiran personas en vez de atraerlas".

El arzobispo Eterovic dijo en conferencia de prensa el 19 de junio que el sínodo intentará responder a "la necesidad de nuevos instrumentos y nuevas expresiones para hacer la palabra de Dios comprensible en la vida del hombre contemporáneo".

El Papa Benedicto XVI hizo un llamado a que el sínodo responda a una situación donde, "debido a la falta de fe varias iglesias particulares están viendo un declive en la práctica sacramental y cristiana entre los fieles, al punto que algunos miembros hasta pueden ser llamados 'no creyentes'", dice el documento.

Durante el sínodo la iglesia también marcará el 50 aniversario de la apertura del Segundo Concilio Vaticano y el lanzamiento del Año de la Fe llamado por el Papa Benedicto XVI para energizar a los católicos y las comunidades católicas y promover un conocimiento más profundo de los principios esenciales de la fe.

"El Año de la Fe nos recordará el fundamento de la nueva evangelización: la fe en Jesucristo", dijo el arzobispo Eterovic.

Message for Modern Times Can Be Seen in Story of St. Augustine's Conversion

By Catherine McDonough
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — St. Augustine's "Confessions," the auto-biographical account of his sinful youth and eventual conversion to Christianity, may be a centuries-old story but its message still resonates today, according to the head of Ignatius Press.

For the first time, a feature film — titled "Restless Heart" — will tell the story of the fifth-century doctor of the church's journey to faith, said Mark Brumley, CEO of Ignatius Press.

"Catholics who have children who stray and leave the faith, or a spouse who is not Catholic ... can learn from the example of St. Augustine," Brumley said in a telephone interview with Catholic News Service.

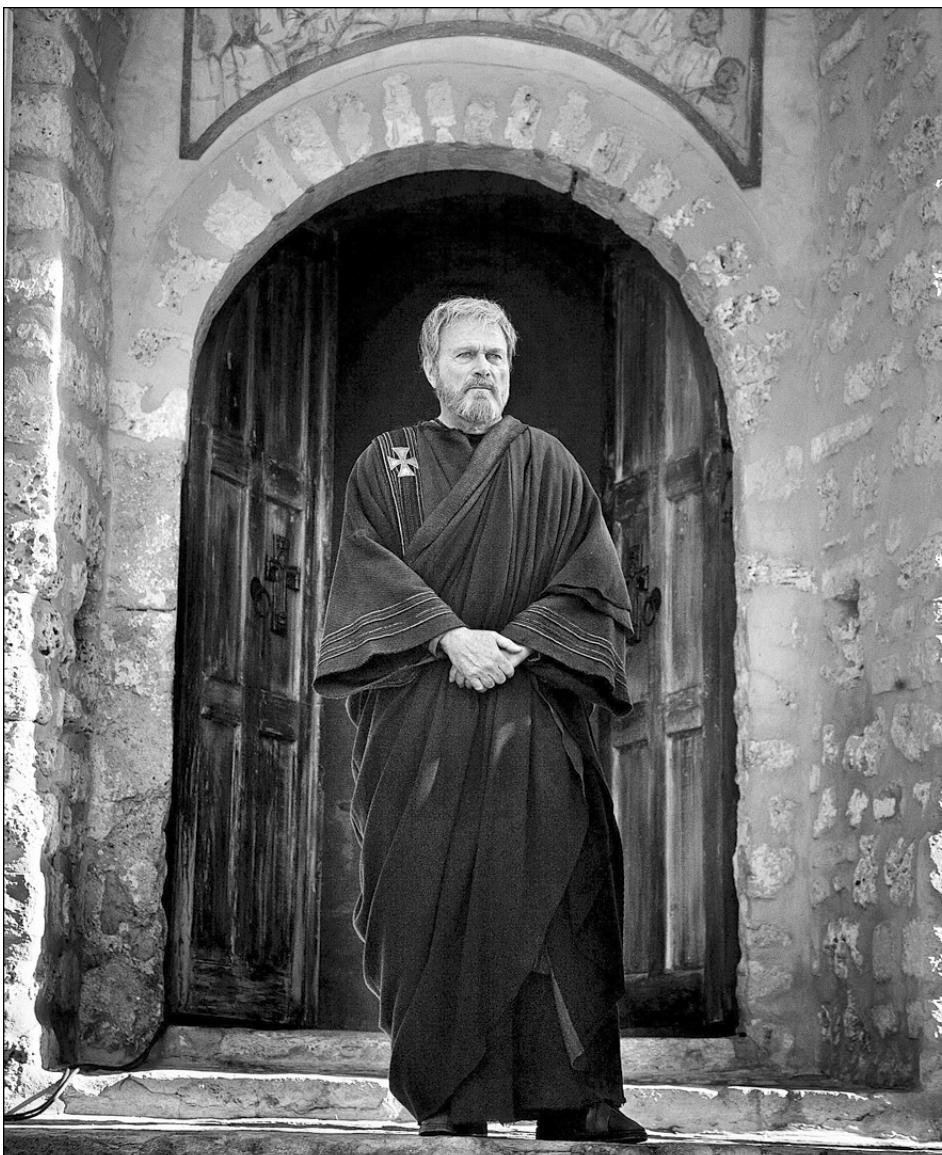
St. Augustine of Hippo (A.D. 354-430) "was raised in a family situation where his mother was a Christian and his father was not. He was not baptized as a child. He went off to school and was exposed to many perspectives at odds with faith," he said.

Later, after he converted to Christianity in 386 and was baptized, he "came to be a major figure," Brumley said.

The title of the movie is taken from a famous quote of St. Augustine: "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee."

The U.S. debut of the film was scheduled for Aug. 29 during the 2012 Catholic Marketing Network Trade Show at the Arlington, Texas, Convention Center, according to an Aug. 20 announcement from Ignatius.

Ignatius Press is working with parishes, organizations and individuals who want to arrange a



Franco Nero portrays St. Augustine later in his life in a scene from the movie "Restless Heart." The movie is a full-length feature film on the life of St. Augustine, the fifth-century doctor of the church. (CNS photo/courtesy of Ignatius Press)

screening of the film at a local theater or some other appropriate venue. Information about arranging a screening can be found online at www.restlessheartfilm.com.

"Restless Heart" is one of two films Ignatius Press is currently behind.

The other is "Cosmic Origins," about the intersection of faith and science, which is being made available for showings in parishes and schools.

Information for private screenings of the film "Cosmic Origins" can be found at www.cosmicoriginsfilm.com.

Either movie can be a fundraiser for parishes or groups, Brumley told CNS. Also, each can be a "faith raiser," he noted, which can help people deepen their faith during Pope Benedict XVI's Year of Faith, which starts in October.

Produced by an Italian public broadcasting station, "Restless Heart" was originally filmed in English as a miniseries and, with Ignatius Press as a partner, has made it to the United States as a full-length film.

"It is a truly inspirational film and I think people will be greatly moved," Brumley said. "They will be moved and inspired by the story of St. Augustine."

"Ignatius Press, for some time, has had the use of the media, especially film, as a way of evangelizing and teaching Catholics about their faith," Brumley told CNS.

The other film, "Cosmic Origins," brings together physicists from NASA, Harvard, Vanderbilt and Cambridge universities, and other well-known institutions.

They discuss the scientific evidence for God's existence and his role in creating the universe, and counter the view some hold that faith and science are not compatible, according to the film's executive producer, Jesuit Father Robert J. Spitzer.

A former president of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., Father Spitzer is founder and president of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith in Irvine, Calif.

"There is nothing that points away from God" in science, the priest told CNS in a telephone interview. "There is evidence for a Creator from space-time geometry. ... Without a Creator, you can't have space and can't have time."

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A girl lights a candle during an Aug. 14 evening celebration of the feast of Assumption in the Turkish town of Tokacli. The Aug. 15 feast celebrates the belief that Mary was taken, body and soul, into heaven at the end of her life. (CNS photo/Umit Bektas, Reuters)

With his 88-year-old brother, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger, seated in the front pew, the Pope celebrated an early morning Mass in the Church of St. Thomas. Using a white-handled cane, the Pope walked to the church across the square from the main entrance to the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo.

Mary's assumption, he said, gives believers "a sure hope: God expects us, he awaits us. We are not moving toward a void."

"And going to that other world, we will find the goodness of the Mother (Mary), we will find our loved ones, we will find eternal love," the Pope said.

Pope Benedict, who set aside his prepared text for much of his homily, said that Mary's closeness to God ensures her closeness to all God's creatures.

"Mary, totally united with God, has a heart that is so big that all creation can find a place there," a fact illustrated by the votive offerings people around the world leave at Marian shrines and statues when their prayers are answered, he said. Mary's presence in heaven shows that "in God there is room for man," he said.

At the same time, he said, she demonstrates that "in man there is

room for God," and when God is present within individuals and they allow God to influence the way they act in the world, the world becomes a better place.

Many people today speak of their hopes for a better world, he said. "If and when this better world will come, we do not know. But one thing is certain: A world that moves away from God will not become better, but worse. Only the presence of God can guarantee a better world."

The Christian hope for a better world and for finding a place with God for eternity "is not just yearning for heaven," but allowing one's desire for God to "make us untiring pilgrims, increasing our courage and strength of faith, which is at the same time the courage and strength of love," he said.

Later Aug. 15, Pope Benedict recited the Angelus with visitors crowded into the courtyard of the papal summer villa.

Continuing his reflection on the meaning of the Assumption, he said that "it shows us, in a brilliant way, our destiny and that of humanity and of history. In Mary, in fact, we contemplate that reality of glory to which each one of us and the entire church is called."

Calendar

AUGUST

26 Stroll Our Halls at the Mount. There is a new event in town! MSM will be hosting a "Stroll Our Halls" event from 2 to 4 p.m. This is a very simple "open house" type event to open MSM to the community. We often hear people tell us that they "had always wanted to see the inside of this old building, but never had the opportunity," or "I hear there are some really neat changes being made at The Mount." Well, this is their opportunity to come and see for themselves!

26 Organ Recital by Chris Ganza, music director of St. Charles Borromeo Church, 2 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond. Please join in celebrating the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church and enjoy a reception in the new gathering space after the program.

SEPTEMBER

1 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, Edmond, on the first and third Saturday of each month beginning with Holy Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the

chapel. For more information, contact Toni Harrelson at (405) 341-2199, or lmcoklahoma@sbc-global.net.

2 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Claire Fraternity meets at 1:15 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at St. Thomas More Church in Norman in the library. All are welcome. If you would like to learn how Francis lived, plan to attend one of our meetings. For more information, call Alice at (405) 473-7680.

6 Artist's Way Class. Would you like to get closer to God the Creator, in Whose image we are made, by developing your own creativity? Come join facilitator Katie Gordy at St. Monica Catholic Church for a 10-week course based on the book "The Artist's Way" by Julia Cameron. Though costing as much as \$300 some places, this course is FREE and only requires participants to buy the book. The course runs on Thursdays from Sept. 6 to Nov. 15 (no class on Sept. 20) from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Child care would be available if five or more children need it. Call Katie Gordy at 359-2700 to register.

7 Grandparents Day at Bishop

McGuinness at 7:20 a.m. in the McGuinness Frassati Chapel. Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren in a morning Mass, followed by refreshments served in the Commons area. Principal David Morton will visit with the grandparents and present a slide show of the school. RSVP to 848-9960, or development@bmchs.org.

7 First Friday Sacred Heart Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available prior to Mass. Mass is at 7 p.m. Those wanting to learn more about First Friday Devotion and the practice of consecrating the family and home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will find materials available after Mass. For more information, please call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944 or Diane Grim at (405) 528-6252.

8 The Benedictine Oblates of Red Plains Monastery will meet from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. in Room 125 at the Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. For more information, contact Jenny

Fenner, (405) 721-0832, or email jenfen@cox.net, or Sandy Poe, (580) 421-6554, or email sandrapoe@ymail.com.

7-9 Retrouvaille offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples living in cold, unloving relationships or heading for divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. Learn more by calling (918) 695-7010, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com. A new program starts in Tulsa with a weekend on Sept. 7-9, and continues each Sunday afternoon for the following six weeks.

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

28-29 St. Joseph Academy and Memorial High School All School Reunion. If you have not been contacted, please send information about you and your family, also if you would like to attend. Contact Cynthia Williams, 520 S. Garfield, Enid, Okla. 73703, or 580-234-1638.

Jobs Box

Development Director

St. Thomas More University Parish and Student Center is seeking a Development Director. The Development Director reports directly to the Director of Catholic Campus Ministry and is responsible for leading and managing the fund development program, raising funds for the ministry and programs of the Catholic Center at the university, and managing all committees involved in fund development activities. Primary responsibilities and relationships with other people in the institution are outlined in full at <http://archokc.org/jobs-box>.

To apply, send cover letter,

resume and salary requirements to simon@petrusdevelopment.com. No phone calls please.

Cafeteria Opening

Bishop McGuinness High School has a part-time position available in the cafeteria. If interested, please call Laura Scott at (405) 842-6656, or email Lscott@bmchs.org for details.

Special Education Teacher

Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy in Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time teacher to teach children ages 3-9 with autistic spectrum disorders in an 11-month

school-year program beginning in August 2012. The teacher must hold a standard Oklahoma Teaching Certificate in special education and either elementary education or early childhood education. Preference for a candidate who has completed training in Applied Behavior Analysis and experience teaching children with autism. Please submit Archdiocesan application along with a resume and copy of teaching certificate to Dr. Donna Kearns, Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy, 13404 N. Meridian Avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73120. The application form may be found at www.archokc.org.

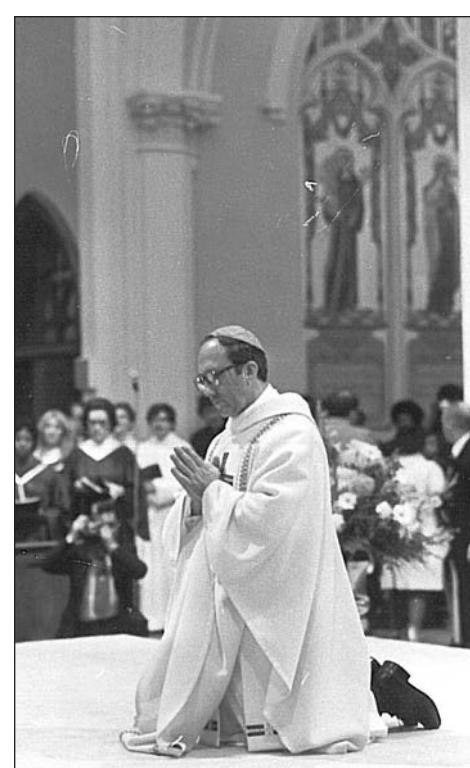
LPN, Direct Care /Residential Staff

The Center of Family Love has openings for Licensed Practical Nurses, direct care staff and residential staff. Paid training is offered for the direct care and residential positions. Day (7 a.m. to 3 p.m.), night (3 p.m. to 11 p.m.), overnight (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), and weekend double shifts available with health and wellness benefits starting the first of the month following just 90 days of employment. For consideration, apply in person at the corner of 6th and Texas Avenue in Okarche between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email resume to HR@cflinc.org.

An Evening with Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius Beltran

TULSA — Join Archbishop Emeritus Beltran as he is honored by Holy Family Cathedral on Sept. 8. This evening will be part of the dinner and auction to benefit the school endowment fund. Archbishop Beltran will receive the Katharine Drexel Award.

Archbishop Beltran was the second Bishop of Tulsa and served there for 15 years before being elevated to Archbishop of Oklahoma City. For tickets or more information, contact the Cathedral School at (918) 528-0422.



Above: Then Bishop Beltran being ordained Bishop of Tulsa in Holy Family Cathedral in 1978. At left, Archbishop Beltran now.

Young Adult Annual Mass & Cookout

with Archbishop Paul Coakley

Sunday, Sept. 16 from 2:30 to 7 p.m.

(Young adults are those in their late teens who are out of high school, 20s and 30s)
Meet other young adults from around the Archdiocese and learn about your faith.

When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. — Acts 14:27

Meet in Conference Rooms 2 and 3 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City. Schedule includes:

2:30 p.m. - Registration in Conference Rooms 2 and 3
3 p.m. - Welcome and Program
5 p.m. Mass
6 p.m. Cookout

To register: Call your local parish young adult contact or the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office at (405) 721-9220, or email Becky at Bjaime@archokc.org. Register by Tuesday, Sept. 11. Cost is \$10.

Moreno's Faith Leads Him to Hispanic Ministry

By Ray Dyer
Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Pedro Moreno isn't one to wear his faith on his sleeve, as the old saying goes. No, the new director of Hispanic Ministry for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is more likely to proclaim his love for God on his necktie.

"Oh, this, I have several of these, I love them," he said, fingering the colorful tie that proclaims "With God All Things Are Possible" (Matthew 19:26). "Cardinal Burke, when I was with the Archdiocese of St. Louis, said I was the only guy he knew who would evangelize with his clothes."

After a few minutes with Moreno, the 53-year-old New York City-born son of Puerto Rican parents, one gets the feeling he is willing to evangelize with his entire being.

Moreno comes to Oklahoma City from the Diocese of Fort Worth. He has also taught theology, both in English and Spanish, at the University of Dallas' School of Ministry. He has also served as director of Parish Bible Study in English and Spanish and as the director for the Spanish RCIA program at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Fort Worth.

Moreno is a talented writer, having won numerous journalism awards from the Catholic Press Association. One of his works was published by CNN and can be found on the Cable News Network's website. He spent a year as the diocesan director of Hispanic Ministry in St. Louis. Before that Moreno served as director of Hispanic Ministry in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, where he also served as Region X representative for Hispanic Ministry.

While serving with Region X, and



Pedro Moreno

after, Moreno made several visits to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City for conferences. He became good friends with several members of the various religious communities here including Sister Merys Josefina Gomez, HCG, who serves in Hispanic Ministry at Saint Charles Borromeo.

It was Sister Merys who contacted Moreno when the Archdiocesan position became open. She was serving on the search committee, headed by Father William Novak, charged with finding a new director for the office.

Married for more than 30 years and with three daughters, Moreno spent five years in seminary before being called to the sacrament of marriage. He studied at the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, obtaining a bachelor of arts as a philosophy major. He went on to earn a master's of Religious Education from the university. He also continued to study theology at the University of Dallas and began a Doctorate in Ministry in Homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Mo.

Moreno's plan for the first several months in the Archdiocese of

Oklahoma City is "to listen and get to know people. I also need to learn about all the blessings and wonderful things that have been going on already in Hispanic Ministry throughout the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and celebrate them."

With a personality that seems to mix Westside Story and Father Flanagan with a dash of Mother Teresa tossed in for good measure, Moreno will have little difficulty meeting people. He comes off as a bilingual ball of energy with a love for the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ and for the people for whom it is intended.

"I don't have the answers, but I have plenty of questions," Moreno said when asked his goals for the Hispanic Ministry Department. He has done his homework, studying the makeup of the Archdiocese and noticing that on some points, things don't appear to add up.

For example, Moreno said the U.S. Census Bureau reports there are more than 227,000 Hispanics living in the area that makes up the Archdiocese. At the same time, the

total Catholic population is said to be about 116,000.

"In the United States it is estimated that 60 percent of all Hispanics are Catholic," Moreno said. He doubts Oklahoma is an exception to this estimate, which means the Catholic population in the Archdiocese is probably more than double of what is being reported.

"You have Sacred Heart Church in Oklahoma City that has 11 Masses on a weekend, with nine of them in Spanish," Moreno said. The faithful at these Eucharistic celebrations fill not only the church, but the gymnasium is filled as well.

"This is the browning of the Archdiocese," Moreno said. "And it's not being caused by a drought."

Moreno said as Catholics we are called to meet people where they are, not by changing them, but by changing ourselves.

"God was so flexible He became man. He became one of us," Moreno said. "If God can become man, some of us should be able to learn a little Spanish to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people."

Moreno knows some may bristle at this idea, but he's not backing away.

"I've learned sometimes you have to, for the sake of justice, you have to be a little assertive. Not in an ugly way but in a loving, Christ-like way."

Moreno said he plans to attend the "listening sessions" Archbishop Coakley has scheduled at various parishes in the Archdiocese. He won't be there to speak, but to listen.

"I have a bilingual tongue, and I also have bilingual ears," Moreno said.

He also has some colorful ties that make him easy to spot.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 7pm
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Divine Initiative**

"With God all things are possible"

Matthew 19:26

Speaker: Father Joe Uhen from Piura, Peru