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Our Seminarians



The seminarian class of 2011 pictured with Archbishop Coakley. Seminarian profiles can be found on Pages 4 and 5.

Pope Tells Youth To Seek Christ First

Madrid, Spain (CNA/EWTN News) — Pope Benedict XVI told the hundreds of thousands of young pilgrims at World Youth Day in Madrid that they will be happy and at peace if they center their lives on the “solid rock” of Jesus Christ.

Build “your lives upon the firm foundation which is Christ,” he urged. “Then you will be blessed and happy and your happiness will influence others.”

“They will wonder what the secret of your life is and they will discover that the rock which

underpins the entire building and upon which rests your whole existence is the very person of Christ, your friend, brother and Lord, the Son of God incarnate, who gives meaning to all the universe.”

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Holiness, Conversion and the Sacrament of Penance

It has been my particular concern in these recent columns to teach about the extraordinary dignity of the Christian life expressed in the universal call to holiness. We are invited to “put out into the deep,” to leave behind a superficial faith and religiosity and discover the profound meaning and destiny of our lives. We are called to be saints!

The journey begins with the proclamation of the Gospel and call to conversion: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel.” (Mk 1:15). As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, “Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life.” (CCC 1427).

The Lord’s call to conversion continues to echo in the lives of Christians, even after Baptism, for we continue to sin. Though cleansed and renewed by the saving waters, we bear the wounds and disorder of sin deep within us. The ongoing work of conversion, therefore, continues as a task for the whole Church, who, “clasping sinners to her bosom, (is) at once holy and always in need of purification, (and) follows constantly the path of penance and renewal.” (LG 8).

Though our repentance must be expressed outwardly in our lives, it is not primarily a matter of “sackcloth and ashes.” Without an inner conversion of the heart, exterior forms of penance remain sterile. “Interior repentance is a radical reorientation

of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed.” (CCC 1431). True repentance enables us to see sin through God’s eyes, and thus experience profound sorrow and contrition. It is a grace to be sought, and one that the Lord is eager to bestow!

The interior penance to which we are called finds outward expression in many ways, but especially in the three traditional forms recommended by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. (Mt 6:1-18). These express and authenticate our interior conversion in relation to God, oneself and others.

Our ongoing conversion is sustained by our active participation at Mass, through which we participate in Christ’s redemptive sacrifice and are nourished with the Bread of Life in Holy Communion. It is from the Holy Mass that every grace flows as from a fountain of divine charity.

Christ has entrusted to his Church all of the means necessary to assist us along the way of repentance and holiness. “In order to reach this perfection, the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ’s gift.” (LG 40). One sadly neglected gift in our time, however, has been the Sacrament of Penance. Far too many Catholics approach this sacrament rarely, if ever. Without a renewed esteem for this gift and a return to its regular and frequent celebration, we remain severely hampered in our ability to realize our fundamental vocation through the call to holiness.



Archbishop
Coakley

*“Put out
into the
deep and
lower
your nets
for a
catch.”*

Luke 5:4

The Sacrament of Penance is the ordinary way of obtaining forgiveness and remission of serious sins committed after Baptism. It heals and strengthens us, reconciling us to God and to his Church.

It is through this sacrament of mercy that we encounter the mystery of God’s unconditional love which Jesus presents in the parable of the prodigal son. (Lk 15 11-32). It is this merciful face of Christ, who reveals the Father’s love for us, which we must rediscover through the Sacrament of Penance.

I call upon my brother priests and our catechists to commit ourselves to developing new pastoral strategies and an effective catechesis to renew our understanding and esteem for this sacrament. We need to find practical ways of encouraging its celebration and assure its ready availability in each of our parishes. We are stewards of the mysteries of God. As good stewards, let us exercise creativity and generosity in promoting this sacrament in an effective and compelling manner.

Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

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

Sunday, August 28 — Mass and Dinner with students at St. Thomas More, Norman, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30 — Mass at Catholic Pastoral Center, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 30 — ACCW Presidents and Representatives Luncheon, Catholic Pastoral Center

Thursday, September 1 — Mass at Catholic Pastoral Center, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 1 — Archdiocesan Personnel Board, Catholic Pastoral Center, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7 — Evening Prayer, Jubilarians Dinner with Priests of Archdiocese, Pastoral Center

Thursday, September 8 — Installation Mass for Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, Philadelphia, Pa.

Friday, September 9 — School Mass and Classroom Visit, St. John Nepomuk School, Yukon, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 10 — Mass with Diaconate Candidates, Installation of Lectors, Catholic Pastoral Center, 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 11 — Mass for Feast of Our Lady of LaVang, Our Lady’s Cathedral, 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 11 — Archbishop’s Annual Picnic for Archdiocesan Staff, Catholic Pastoral Center, 5 p.m.

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Briefs

Training Set For Project Gabriel

OKLAHOMA CITY — Project Gabriel is a parish-based outreach designed to assist women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. Project Gabriel provides assistance to women in a variety of ways such as a mentor or a volunteer giving auxiliary support such as preparing a meal, helping host a baby shower, gathering items, etc.

A training will be held on Sept. 17 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 N.W. Expressway from 9 a.m. to noon in Room 136. This is for those parishes already participating to send new volunteers for training and parishes that currently do not have Project Gabriel the opportunity to train personnel with the intention of starting this important ministry. For more information and to register, call the Office of Family Life at 721-8944.

Entrenamiento de Proyecto Gabriel

Proyecto Gabriel es un ministerio parroquial designado para ayudar a mujeres que se encuentran en una crisis de embarazo. Proyecto Gabriel provee asistencia de muchas maneras como un mentor o un voluntario dando apoyo auxiliar tal como preparando un alimento, ayudando a preparar un baby shower, juntar cosas de bebe etc.

Habr  un entrenamiento en Ingl s el 17 de septiembre, en el Centro Pastoral Cat lico, 7501 N.W. Expressway de 9:00 am – 12:00 medio d a en el sal n 136. Esto es una oportunidad para las parroquias que ya est n participando de enviar nuevos voluntarios al entrenamiento y para parroquias que actualmente no tienen el Proyecto Gabriel la oportunidad de entrenar personas con la intenci n de iniciar este ministerio importante. Para registrarse o m s informaci n, llame a la Oficina de Vida Familiar al 721-8944.

Center of Family Love Picnic Draws Crowd

OKARCHE — Council 4026 Knights of Columbus from Midwest City, led by Grand Knight John McCarthy, along with many council members and wives, visited the Center of Family Love in Okarche to host the annual picnic for 140 residents and staff members. Hamburgers and hot dogs were prepared and served along with numerous side dishes and pastries. PGK Steve and Emily Chuma donated a collection of beanie babies to the residents. Brother Salvatore Borrego volunteered

many hours planning, coordinating and gathering supplies to ensure a delightful picnic for all. The Center of Family Love is home to developmentally challenged adults with the Knights of Columbus being one of its major sponsors.

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A Retrouvaille program begins the weekend of Sept. 23-25, 2011.

For confidential inquiries, please call 918-695-7010, or go to www.helpourmarriage.com.

Choir Invited To Italy

EDMOND — St. Monica Church will host a "Taste of Italy" dinner and silent auction on Friday, Sept. 23. The event will help raise funds to send the St. Monica choir to Italy where it has been invited to perform as part of Mass at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, as well as at the main altar of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. The choir's performances will be part of the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood that takes place in Rome. For more information, call Melani Roewe at 282-3140 or Marie Connolly at 341-4889.

Golf Tourney Set

EL RENO — Sacred Heart Catholic School will host a four-person scramble golf tournament on Sept. 30. The tournament will be played at the P.B. Dye-designed Crimson Creek Golf Club in El Reno. Entry fee is \$60 per person for the 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Entry includes green fee, cart and range balls. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Cash prizes will be awarded. Flights determined by the number of teams.

For more information, contact Jay Mauldin at (405) 923-9028.

Walk to Support SVDP

NORMAN — All Saints Catholic School will be the site for a walk to help support Saint Vincent DePaul programs. The walk will be the Fourth Annual Friends of the Poor® Walk and Silent Auction. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. The walk is fun, there are no administrative fees, and all proceeds will directly benefit the people of south central Oklahoma. SVDP programs include food pantries, housing assistance, disaster relief, job training and placement, clothing, transportation and utility costs, thrift stores, home visits, care for the elderly, medicine and youth outreach. Our priorities are to maintain residence and essential utilities for elderly, single mothers and others in need. In 2010, the Oklahoma South Central District Council of St. Vincent DePaul distributed \$282,000 to needy families and individuals, helping 12,980 people. For more information, contact Noreen at (405) 706-7069.

Knights Fish Fry Helps Support Community

WEATHERFORD — Each spring the Knights of Columbus holds a Fish Fry and Drawing to benefit church and community. This year, as was done last year, the Knights donated most of the money received to the Weatherford School Backpack Program. The check, payable to the Oklahoma Food Bank, will be earmarked for Weatherford. It is our understanding there is a matching fund going on right now that will match an amount up to \$100,000. The Knights are additionally donating \$1,000 to the First Choice Pregnancy Care Center in Weatherford.

Did You Know!

Cars need tuned up periodically. Plants need fertilizer. Doctors, lawyers and professionals of all types need continuing education. All these things are important, but your marriage is more important.



In order for your marriage to stay rich year in and year out, you need to enrich it periodically.

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For more information, contact Rick and Bev Feller at (405) 376-4098, or rbfeller@gmail.com.

Archdiocesan Seminarian Class of 2011



**Brian
Buettner**

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



**Christopher
Brashers**

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



**Linh
Bui**

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



**Cristobal
Deloera**

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



**Daniel
Grover**

Second Year Theology
St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: St. Andrew, Moore



**Timothy
Ruckel**

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



**Aaron
Foshee**

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



**Lance
Warren**

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



**Andrew
Horn**

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



**Carson
Krittenbrink**

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



**John
Lewis**

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



**Matthew
Thomason**

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



**Kelly
Edwards**

Second Year Pre-Theology
St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: St. Monica's, Edmond



**Edwin
Nalagan**

First Year Pre-Theology
St. Meinrad School of Theology
Home parish: St. Eugene, OKC



**Joshua
Zakrzewicz**

Senior
Conception Seminary College
Home parish: St. Peter, Guymon



**Joshua
Berntsen**

Junior
Conception Seminary College
Home parish: St. Ann, Elgin

A Report from Father William Novak, Vocations Director

Quantity and Quality

A question I am frequently asked by priests and laymen and women is, "How many seminarians do we have?" Well, I am happy to say that we currently have 22 seminarians from 16 parishes who attend four different seminaries. This fall we will have eight men at Conception Seminary College in Conception, Mo.; eight at St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, Ind.; four at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver, Colo.; and two at the North American College in Rome, Italy. This is the most seminarians we've had in 20 years!

I am also happy to report that it is not just the quantity of seminarians that we celebrate this year but also the quality. These men, ranging in ages from 18 to 45, are serious about discerning God's call in their lives — they are dedicated, holy and good men.

Add One More

Although not studying to be a diocesan priest, Brother Simeon Spitz,

OSB, of St. Gregory Abbey in Shawnee will be attending St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pa., in the fall to continue his theological studies, which means that there are currently 23 men in the Archdiocese discerning the priesthood.

Summer Assignments

This summer we were fortunate to have 10 of our seminarians working in parishes in the Archdiocese and at Camp OLOG. Observing a priest, living in a rectory and serving among the people of God in a parish and at summer camp provides an excellent opportunity for our men to learn what it means to be a diocesan priest in Oklahoma. I am grateful to the pastors and the people of these parishes who welcomed and supported these men for a brief but important period of their formation. Two of our men attended the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University in Omaha this summer with 176 other seminarians from around the country. This 10-week in-

tensive spirituality program includes a seven-day silent retreat, classes on spirituality, prayer and service.

Emmaus Days

The Vocations Office hosts Emmaus Days, a retreat for young men discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood, every summer, and this year we had 15 participants from various parishes throughout the Archdiocese. During the two-day retreat at Camp OLOG, the men heard the vocations stories of various priests, including Fr. Mike Chapman, Fr. Phil Creider, Fr. Stephen Hamilton, Msgr. Edward Weisenburger and our newest priest, Fr. Cory Stanley. Archbishop Coakley celebrated Mass and we attended a holy hour together to pray for vocations.

Seminarian Days

Each year before our seminarians return to seminary, we gather at the Catholic Pastoral Center for a few days of prayer and fellowship called "Seminarian Days." This year we added a day and took a trip to Tulsa in

order to learn more about the history of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma. We visited the Cathedral, Catholic Charities and Christ the King Parish and heard presentations from Fr. Gallatin, Fr. Stieferman and Msgr. Gier. We also had dinner with some of the seminarians from Tulsa. It was a wonderful sight to see such a large number of Oklahoma seminarians together in one place. Also during Seminarian Days we were able to spend time with Archbishop Coakley, as well as priests from the Archdiocese. Another highlight was a trip to Sister BJ's Pantry for a few hours to assist her and many other volunteers in feeding the homeless in downtown Oklahoma City.

Pray for Vocations

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in receiving more information about religious vocations, please contact me at the Vocations Office at the Catholic Pastoral Center at (405) 721-9351.

Archdiocesan Seminarian Class of 2011



Colby Cantillon

Sophomore

Conception Seminary College
Home parish: St. Mary, Ponca City



Alexander Kroll

Sophomore

Conception Seminary College
Home parish: St. Francis Xavier, Enid



Bryan McCaffrey

Sophomore

Conception Seminary College
Home parish: St. Mark, Norman



Danny Truong

Sophomore

Conception Seminary College
Home parish: Our Lady's Cathedral



Logan Christopher

Freshman

Conception Seminary College
Home parish: St. Ann, Elgin



Jerome Krug

Freshman

Conception Seminary College
Home parish: St. Monica, Edmond



Sr. Barbara Joseph and Sr. Patricia with seminarians at BJ's Pantry.

Catholic Foundation Grant Request Deadline Nears

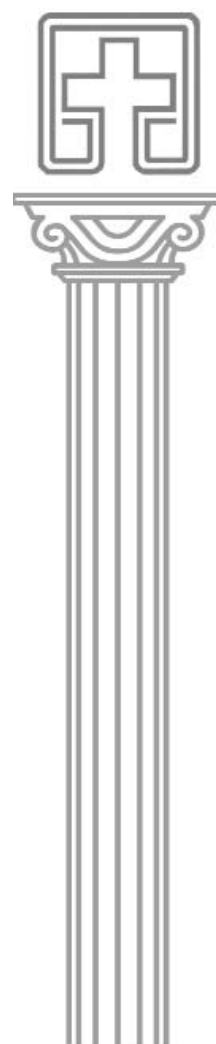
The Catholic Foundation annually awards grants in support of education-related projects to parish, school and religious education programs throughout the Archdiocese. Grants for audio and visual equipment, smart boards, program and teaching materials, classroom furnishings, books, Bibles and youth conference fees are among the many items that are requested. Increasingly, the grant requests have focused on technology as a means of engaging more students in the educational process. Teaching with technology increases not only the classroom attention level of all students, but the information retention level of individual students as well.

August starts the 2011 Grant Cycle for the Catholic Foundation. This year the Catholic Foundation Grant Committee will award grants totaling approximately \$71,000 to support these needs. Grants will be awarded based upon the significance of the project, its expected outcome and financial necessity. The funds awarded are intended to support the project of the requesting organization, and are not intended to supplement operating expenses. Grant requests will not be considered for auctions or fundraising events, debt reduction, brick and mortar type-projects, endowment funds or capital campaigns. With regards to applica-

tions for Steubenville and similar youth group mission trips, CFO grants will be awarded for up to \$100 per attendee for a maximum of 25 students, priests, deacons and volunteers for a total of \$2,500.

Grants can also be awarded for up to one-half of the \$5,000 cost of The Ten Commandments Monuments at your school. The school can apply for the Ten Commandments Monument grant in addition to a regular educational grant. These grants will be given high priority this year. Please reference The Ten Commandments project at the Catholic Foundation website at www.cfook.org for more information.

As funds are limited, there is no guarantee that grant requests will be awarded to all applicants. Please use the Catholic Foundation – 2011 Grant Request Form to apply for funding. Applications have been sent to pastors, DREs and principals. You may also download the grant request form from the Catholic Foundation website. Requests must be received at the Catholic Foundation, P.O. Box 32180, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-0380, on or before Friday, Sept. 30, 2011. The CFO Grant Committee will meet in October to consider all requests. The Catholic Foundation is proud to provide educational resources to students at parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese.



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Tim Staples To Speak In Western Oklahoma

ELK CITY – St. Matthew Catholic Church will host Tim Staples on Sept. 9 and 10. This outstanding speaking event will be free to the public.

Tim Staples was a self-described anti-Catholic who had an arsenal of Bible verses he would use to “set Catholics straight.” During his final year in the Marines, however, Tim met a Marine who really knew his faith and challenged Tim to study Catholicism from Catholic and historical sources. That encounter sparked a two-year search for the truth. Tim was determined to prove Catholicism wrong, but he ended up studying his way to the last place he thought he would ever end up: The Catholic Church!

Staples converted to Catholicism in 1988 and spent six years in formation for the priesthood earning a degree in philosophy. He then studied

theology on a graduate level for two years. He realized his calling was not to the priesthood and left the seminary in 1994 and has been working in Catholic apologetics and evangelization ever since.

Staples has given hundreds of talks all over the country and has helped thousands of people find their way home to the Catholic Church. His humorous enthusiasm captivates his audiences and his unique style has brought him great renown as an engaging speaker. Beginning on Friday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m., Staples will give a talk titled “Teen Apologetics.” He will teach teens to evangelize using two basic principles: If teens are going to be effective evangelizing their peers, they must be prepared and disciplined both intellectually and morally. Teenagers need to know how to answer common objections intellectually and they must

live the faith they profess. Staples concludes this talk with a challenge to chastity. Ages 11 through 20-plus will benefit from this talk.

On Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m., Staples tells his conversion story titled “Jimmy Swaggert Made Me Catholic.” At 11 a.m., a talk titled “Why Be Catholic?” tackles the problem with dealing with fellow Christians who do not accept that the Catholic Church was established by Jesus Christ with infallible authority in AD33.

There will be a break for lunch at noon with a deli sandwich, chips, homemade cakes and drinks. The lunch fee will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information, contact Carla Damron at (580) 243-8900 or St. Matthew Catholic Church at (580) 225-0066. St. Matthew is located north of Interstate 40, the first exit east of Elk City.

My Retreat at St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee

By Aaron Foshee
Seminarian

Before leaving to return to my seminary for the fall semester, I decided I would take a personal retreat at the Benedictine Abbey of St. Gregory in Shawnee. When I returned from it, I was filled with an even greater love for the local Church in the Sooner State, and so wanted to share with you my experience.

I began my retreat with a bit of trepidation. What should I expect? As I rolled my suitcase into the foyer of the monastery, I was greeted by Father Charles B., one of the senior monks of the abbey, who escorted me to my living quarters. I was immediately taken back by the silence of the place — it was not “dead silence,” but a reverent silence. I walked into the “clausura,” the cloister of the monastery, and my retreat began.

As retreats go, it was a fairly simple one. I had no specific guidelines to the retreat, save for reciting the Office with the monks while reading, reflecting and praying in private. I arrived on Sunday afternoon, and so had the opportunity to celebrate the entirety of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the monks. It was such an honor to pray with the monks in this way. I was allowed to sit in the north choir of the abbey church, where I began to learn the rhythm and flow of



the sung chant and spoken psalmody.

The day began with the rising bell, 5:30 a.m. This was followed by vigils at 6 a.m., breakfast at 6:45, and lauds at 7:15. I would follow this with my Holy Hour and spiritual reading. At 12:05 p.m. we prayed midday prayer, followed by recreation and reading. It was at this time that I had a chance to speak with the monks about their vocation stories as well as read a wonderful book titled “Tenacious Monks,” written by the late Father Joseph Murphy, O.S.B., which is the history of Sacred Heart Mission, now St. Gregory's Abbey. I am unaware if this book is still in print, but if you are ever interested in the establishment of Catholicism in Oklahoma, this is the book to find. At 5 p.m., Mass was celebrated. Dinner

followed at 5:45, with lectio read while the monks ate in silence. Vespers was prayed in the abbey church again at 6:45 p.m. Compline was prayed privately.

One of the things I utilized in prayer was the beautiful stained glass in the abbey church. Original to the church, which itself was built in 1942, the windows represent an architectural simplicity found in the art deco style of the period. The use of gem colors in the glass offset by the simple black lines used to draw the details of each character adds a majestic quality to the simplicity. I was particularly drawn to the rose window in the south choir of the church. From my own place in the north choir, I was able to reflect on this window at length. In it is de-

picted God the Father, wearing a three-tiered tiara, hands raised in benediction, and holding in front of Him the heavenly spheres — the sun and the moon and the stars. He is surrounded, in bold red letters, with the Latin inscription, “EGO SUM QUI SUM” — “I am Who I am.”

One of my favorite windows, however, happened to be in one of the small side chapel windows. In this window, no more than a yard tall and 10 inches wide, was depicted a demon, yes, a demon, cowering under the weight of his chains, with a grimacing face pointed toward heaven.

For such a simple pane of glass, this window spoke volumes to me. No matter the temptation, no matter the terror or fear aroused by evil, it has been overcome nonetheless. All it can do is grimace with terror itself at what it has rejected.

And so, with this small excursion into my retreat at St. Gregory's Abbey, I hope I have given you a reason to learn more about this amazing and historical place. For Catholics of the Sooner State, we owe so much to the legacy of the Benedictines who paved a way through political, religious, and of course, geographic “hard clay.” Oklahoma continues to be mission country, and St. Gregory's remains a Catholic beacon of education and culture.

Please pray for the growth and well-being of St. Gregory's Abbey.



Scouts Enjoy Trip

ARDMORE — Boy Scout Troop 112, sponsored by the Men of St. Mary Parish, began their summer expedition to Camp San Isabel near Colorado Springs, Colo., with the blessings and prayers of Father Tom Dowdell. Father Dowdell warmly greeted and talked with the Scouts and their leaders as they arrived to prepare for departure on the 10-hour drive to the mountains. All joined in prayer for a safe trip during their journey to enjoy God's creation. The Scouts were enthusiastic about the itinerary for the week that held many different terrains, challenges and sights. They started their trip with two days of white water rafting in 40-degree water.



Sister Rosalind Moss



Brenda Arambula holds up her granddaughter, Vivian Tedron.

Women of Faith

Sister Rosalind Tells Participants They Can Change World

By Ray Dyer

The Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sister Rosalind Moss’ search for the truth took her on a decades-long incredible journey that began with a tradition-rich Jewish faith and ended with an anchor-like faith in the truth of the Holy Catholic Church.

Today, Sister Rosalind serves as the founder of the Religious Order the Daughters of Mary/Mother of Israel’s Hope. The Order is making its home in Tulsa after it was first established in St. Louis by the invitation of Archbishop Raymond Burke, now Cardinal Burke.

On Saturday, Aug. 21, Sister Rosalind served as one of the speakers at the 2011 Annual Women of Faith, Women of Action Conference and she delivered a powerful message of the life-giving, life-changing grace given by an all-merciful and all-loving God. The conference is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Sister Rosalind said growing up Jewish in New York City, she never contemplated there could be any other faith than the one handed her by her parents. But a brother who began to question the existence of God started her on her own journey in search of the truth.

“We have a faith to die for,” Sister Rosalind told the more than 400 women, as well as a few men who attended the conference at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church. Archbishop Coakley celebrated Mass for the conference attendees. Earlier in the day, a number of priests heard confessions.

Sister Rosalind said she was 32 years old before “I heard there were some Jewish people who believed in Christ as the Messiah.”

At the time she thought this was impossible, but through her journey that included spending time in an evangelical Protestant frame of mind and trying to save “people like you,” she finally found her way home to the Catholic faith.

“It was as if someone opened the curtain and exposed the stage,” she said upon realizing that Jesus Christ truly is the Son of God and the Redeemer of the World.

Displaying a quick wit and a keen sense of timing, Sister Rosalind had the audience often roaring with laughter as she explained her life and the road she traveled on her way to the Catholic faith.

Sister Rosalind said her

first introduction to Catholicism came after her Jewish, turned atheist, turned Baptist brother met some “pro-life Catholics who really knew their faith.

“I call that phenomenon number one,” she deadpanned, referring to Catholics who actually know their faith. But that group of people sparked a curiosity in Sister Rosalind that led to more searching. After listening to tapes by Catholic apologist Scott Hahn, himself a one-time anti-Catholic guru, she said her feelings turned to “holy shock.”

“I knew it was true. Man cannot become God, but God can become Man,” Sister Rosalind said. She uses the same words when confronted now by those who are not yet able to grasp that the Eucharist is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.



“The Protestants say to me, God is not a piece of bread,” Sister Rosalind said. “I respond, God is not man either, but He

became one. I’m not going to tell God how to be God.”

It all made sense to Sister Rosalind when she realized Christ is the true Lamb of God. She said for more than 1,500 years the Jewish people sacrificed a lamb as a way of reconciling their sins to God. They placed their hand on the lamb as it was slaughtered, transferring their sins to the lamb. But the blood of a simple lamb was not sufficient to save them from their sinful selves. And so God, in his infinite love and wisdom, sent his own Lamb, Jesus Christ, into the world so man could be saved and share in eternal life. God spilled His own blood for love of man.

At every Catholic Church in the world, “Calvary is brought through time more than 2,000 years to every altar. That’s the Mass,” Sister Rosalind said.

She challenged women to “go home and love your husband, love your family.

“The greatest gift a mother

can give her children is to love their father. The greatest gift a father can give his children is to love their mother.”

Sister Rosalind said Jesus Christ established the Church and said the gates of hell would not prevail against it. For that reason, Satan takes great pleasure in attacking something that can be destroyed — the family.

“I don’t want you to be leaders,” Sister Rosalind told the audience. “Mary, was she a leader? She submitted herself to Joseph. She lived her life for God. There is no greater example for women than Mary,” Sister Rosalind said.

“Home is God’s design. Go home and love your husband. Go home and love your children with every ounce of your being. You will change the world.”

Father Robert Wood, pastor at Saint Mary Church in Guthrie, served as moderator for the Women’s Conference.



Teresa Ramirez traveled from Alva to attend the Women of Faith Conference. She said this was her first conference and she “loved it. I want to come again next year,” she said.



Members of the St. Monica Church choir had a booth at the Women’s Conference. From left, Melani Roewe, Melissa Briscoe, Mark Briscoe, Renee Gruntmeir and Luis Gruntmeir.



World Youth Day

WYD pilgrims packed into Madrid's famous Cibeles Square to greet the Pope. Below, Pope Benedict XVI leads a vigil at the Cuatro Vientos Airport. Photos/CNA



Youth

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The Pope made his remarks on the evening of Aug. 18 at the Plaza de Cibeles. The gathering was his first face-to-face meeting with the massive throng of cheering young people gathered from dozens of countries across the globe.

As the Pope mobile made its way to the plaza through the crowds, Pope Benedict smiled and waved to the thousands of youth waving their national flags and enthusiastically yelling their greetings.

The night's events included a local group of university students singing for the Pope, an official welcome from Archbishop of Madrid Cardinal Antonio María Rouco Varela, gifts being presented by several young people from the various regions of the world, and a liturgy that included a procession and gospel reading.

"Today Madrid is also the capital of the world's young people, and the gaze of the whole Church is fixed here," Pope Benedict said.

"Let us pray that His message of hope and love will also resound in the hearts of those who are not believers or who have grown distant from the Church."

In his homily, the pontiff drew from the

Gospel of Mark reading that contrasts the wise man who built his house on rock and the foolish man who built his house on sand.

When "we do not walk beside Christ our guide, we get lost on other paths, like the path of our blind and selfish impulses, or the path of flattering but self-serving suggestions, deceiving and fickle, which leave emptiness and frustration in their wake," he said.

But if "you build on solid rock, not only will your life be solid and stable, but it will also help project the light of Christ, shining upon those of your own age and upon the whole of humanity."

The Pope lamented that many people today create "their own gods" and believe that they need "no roots or foundations" other than themselves.

"They take it upon themselves to decide what is true or not, what is good and evil, what is just and unjust; who should live and who can be sacrificed in the interests of other preferences; leaving each step to chance, with no clear path, letting themselves be led by the whim of each moment."

He noted that although these temptations are "always lying in wait," it is important not to give in, since they lead to a fleeting and illusory half-life which fails to satisfy.

"We, on the other hand, know well that we have been created free, in the image of God, precisely so that we might be in the forefront of the search for truth and goodness," he reminded the youth. We are "responsible for our actions, not mere blind executives, but creative co-workers in the task of cultivating and beautifying the work of creation."

Pope Benedict encouraged the young pilgrims to use the upcoming days to get to know Christ better. If you are "rooted in him, your enthusiasm and happiness, your desire to go further, to reach the heights, even God himself, will always hold a sure future, because the fullness of life has already been placed within you."

In his closing remarks, the Pope dedicated "the fruits of this World Youth Day to the most holy Virgin Mary, who said yes to the will of God, and teaches us a unique example of fidelity to her divine son, whom she followed to his death upon the Cross.

"Let us meditate upon this more deeply in the Stations of the Cross. And let us pray that, like her, our yes to Christ today may also be an unconditional yes to his friendship, both at the end of this day and throughout our entire lives."



A sea of humanity blanketed the ground at the Madrid airport during World Youth Day. Photos/CNA

Archbishop Chaput Tells Youth: Intimacy With Christ Not Based Solely on Feelings

Madrid, Spain (CNA/EWTN News) — Archbishop-designate of Philadelphia Charles J. Chaput told thousands of young people gathered in Madrid for World Youth Day that an authentic relationship with Christ isn't based purely on emotions.

"Ultimately, it will not be how you feel that will determine how genuine and profound your encounter with Jesus is," he told pilgrims. "Instead, it will be determined by how much you are transformed into Him and how much you burn in the desire to bring Him to others, by announcing the Gospel, by serving the poor and the needy, by defending the unborn, by securing a culture that is not hostile to the growth of Christian families," he said.

Archbishop Chaput made his remarks to English-speaking youths at the Madrid Arena — which seats 12,000 people — on Aug. 17 for the "Noche de Alegría" or "Night of Joy."

The French lay movement the Emmanuel Community organized

the evening's events, which included prayer, worship, music and Eucharistic Adoration.

"If you want to know how mighty the transforming power of Jesus is, how much He is capable of changing your lives, do not focus too much on how intensely you feel tonight," Archbishop Chaput told the massive crowd.

"If He gives you a profound, moving experience, praised be to Him! If you don't experience that emotion, if you don't feel shivers running under your spine, praised be to Him too!"

The archbishop pointed to the examples of Saint Teresa of Avila and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, who both illustrate "how the transformative power of Jesus operates in our lives."

"St. Teresa of Avila experienced 30 uninterrupted years of dry, frustrating prayer life," he said. "Nevertheless, her fidelity to Jesus' calling, and her fervent dedication to reform the Carmelites were always intense and unstoppable."

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, "as

we learned after her death, went through a long, terribly painful period of total lack of spiritual consolations," the archbishop added. "She nevertheless achieved one of the most impressive Catholic congregations, dedicated to serve the poorest among the poor."

Archbishop Chaput said the "Noche de Alegría" must be centered on "He who is the reason for this event: the Holy Eucharist, Jesus in his real presence."

"In this way, this 'Night of Joy' will truly become an anticipation of what our lives should be."

Everything from "the testimonies from around the world, which you have heard, to music and praising — everything must revolve around and prepare us for the Eucharistic Adoration."

"But," he added, "receiving the Eucharist has consequences. Adoring Jesus in the Holy Sacrament, as we are preparing ourselves to do, has consequences" and requires action on the part of the faithful.

Archbishop Chaput pointed to the passage from the Gospel of Luke where Christ's disciples journey with him on the road to Emmaus after his death and resurrection.

After Christ shares the Scriptures with the disciples and breaks bread with them — a foreshadowing of the Mass, Archbishop Chaput explained — their eyes are opened to see who he really is.

"No doubt, the joy and peace experienced by the disciples after recognizing Jesus must have been indescribable," he said.

"But as deep, intense and personal as it was," the Archbishop concluded, "it did not paralyze them in individualistic satisfaction."

"On the contrary, it moved them to run back to their peers to bring the Good News to them."

"Brightened by the internal light that comes from personally experiencing Jesus, they were immediately moved to share the power of Jesus' redemption with the rest of the world."

Mass Celebrated For Sister Kay's Golden Jubilee

By Ray Dyer
The Sooner Catholic

When Catherine Powers was a young woman of 17, she knew what she would do with the rest of her life.

Raised by an aunt and uncle after her mother died when she was only 5 years old, young Catherine walked into the hospital room where her beloved aunt lay, recuperating from cancer surgery.

"I told my auntie, that's what we called her, that I wanted to become a nun. I remember her looking at me from the hospital bed and as a single tear rolled down her cheek she said, 'If that's what will make you happy in life, then it's fine with me.'"

Sister Catherine Powers, CND, never looked back.

On Aug. 21, Sister Kay, as she is affectionately known, celebrated the golden anniversary of her vows as a Religious Sister in the Congregation of Notre Dame. Now entering her 16th year as Superintendent of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Sister Kay, along with two archbishops, priests, friends, family, co-workers and plenty of Catholic schools principals took part in a Mass celebrating her love and devotion to Jesus Christ and the faith He established.

Archbishop Paul Coakley was the principal celebrant for the Mass and Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius Beltran, the man who hired Sister Kay in 1996, offered the homily.

Sister Kay was born in the Bronx, N.Y. She and her three siblings lived in the apartment with her aunt and uncle right across the street from the Catholic elementary school she attended. She would later attend Catholic high school in Manhattan before making her way to the outskirts of Chicago where she made her first vows on Aug. 24, 1961.

Sister Kay was immediately assigned to teach. Her first school was in a small community in Vermont, very close to the Canadian border. There she taught fifth grade before eventually being called back to Chicago. She remained in Chicago for years, teaching in the Catholic schools and eventually becoming a principal. She served as principal at three Catholic schools in the area before the



Sister Catherine Powers, CND, offers some remarks following Mass.

Photo/Cara Koenig

Lord came calling with a new plan for her life.

Sister Kay remembers it very well.

"Sister Ann Leonard of our community was serving as Superintendent of Education in Oklahoma City at the time," Sister Kay said. An election within the religious Notre Dame community resulted in Sister Ann Leonard being named Provincial. That meant she would return to the Notre Dame Mother House, leaving the position in Oklahoma City.

"Sister Ann Leonard told me I should apply for the position in Oklahoma City," Sister Kay said. She had been to Oklahoma while serving as Assistant Provincial, but seemed so established in the Chicago area the thought of leaving never

entered her mind.

But Sister Ann Leonard had other ideas. So did Archbishop Beltran.

Soon, Sister Kay received a call from Archbishop Beltran, asking her to come to Oklahoma City and interview for the superintendent position. Sister Kay said she met with the Archbishop on Holy Thursday. She would also have one-on-one interviews with former superintendent Jim Weinmann and Father Edward J. Weisenburger, now Monsignor Weisenburger.

Shortly after, Archbishop Beltran offered her the position.

So Sister Kay packed her bags and joined Sister Elizabeth (Sister Betty) Kehoe, CND, in Oklahoma City. Sister Kay was here to serve Catholic education and Sister Betty would help

establish the Saint Joseph Counseling Service sponsored by Catholic Charities. The two have lived in community together for the past 16 years.

Sister Kay's philosophy of Catholic education is straight-forward and to the point.

"If we are not different from public schools, we have no reason to exist," is how Sister Kay sums up the path Catholic education is called to follow. "When someone walks into one of our Catholic schools, they have to immediately know that this is different."

Sister Kay said that difference begins with the school principal and she does not hesitate to praise those principals who have devoted themselves to creating an atmosphere that strives for spiritual and academic growth in the Catholic schools scattered throughout the Archdiocese.

"We are blessed with some very talented and very dedicated principals," Sister Kay said. She has sat on every principal search committee since taking over the superintendent's job in 1996. During that time she has seen an elementary school reopened, Saint Joseph's in Enid, and a high school, Mount Saint Mary in Oklahoma City, go from near closure to the point it now boasts a waiting list of students wanting to enroll.

Also, Bishop McGuinness High School has been completely rebuilt during Sister Kay's tenure and there is great "hope" that a school for students who deal with autism will one day be opened. The Good Shepherd School, if it materializes, would be a partnership between the Archdiocese, Mercy Health Care and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Sister Kay said she looks for several qualities when interviewing prospective principals. First on the list is does the candidate "have a love for the Catholic faith." Second on the list is whether or not the candidate is a people person. She said some people are surprised when she tells them third on her list are the academic credentials of the candidate. "They can have all the education in the world, but if they can't work with people they won't make it," Sister Kay said. Finally, she wants a person running a Catholic school who is a "self-starter."

Celebrate Diversity Outdoor Retreat

For all youth grades 5 through 12
at **Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp**

Begins Friday, **October 7th** at **7pm**
Ends Sunday, **October 9th** at **10am**

To register, return **registration form** and **\$30** per person
by **Sept 30th**, to the Catholic Youth & Young Adult Office:
PO Box 32180, Oklahoma City, OK 73123
Phone: 405.721.9220
Fax: 405.721.5210

Food will be provided on Saturday and on
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Religious Emblem Counselor Training will be offered for those wishing to become a religious emblem counselor on Saturday, Oct 8th from 10am-noon. Please register; there is no charge for the training session only

Registration Form

MUST CHECK ONE - I am a member of:

A Scout Group ☐ A Youth Group ☐ Both ☐ Neither ☐

Name Adult ☐ Youth (grade)

Address City Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone Male/Female

Parish Name/# of your Group/Troop

Adult Counselor Training Complete Below:

Adult Religious Emblem Counselor Training - Saturday 10am-Noon

Attending Training only ☐ Boy Scout Training ☐ Girl Scout/Camp Fire Training ☐ Attending Retreat & Training ☐

IMPORTANT: All adults MUST have safe environment training to participate in the weekend.
Please confirm you have read this and have had the training - check here (☐)

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Catechetical Congress

Do This in Memory of Me

OKLAHOMA CITY — Catechists, youth ministers, Catechetical leaders, pastors and parish volunteers are all called to join fellow Catholics from around the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City for our 2011 Catechetical Congress.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Elinor Ford, will be speaking on the theme "Do This in Memory of Me." This is an excellent opportunity to reflect on living the Mystery of the Eucharist in our daily lives. We will also have the award presentation

for the Religious Educator of the Year.

This is a free event held at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway, on Saturday, Sept. 17. For additional planning purposes, please register to attend through your parish Catechetical leader.

Exhibits and refreshments begin at 7:45 a.m. At 8:30 a.m. there will be a welcome and opening prayer. Mass with Archbishop Paul Coakley will be celebrated at noon.



Jacob Stonecipher of Troop 160 and a member of St. Peter the Apostle Church in Guymon received his Eagle on Aug. 7. His troop, his parents, Ken and Sherry, and his parish congratulate him.

Registration Continues For Faith Community Nursing Course

OKLAHOMA CITY — Registration continues for Catholic Charities' upcoming Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course, which will be held Oct. 17-21 at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat Center in Guthrie. The program, which blends faith and health, is approved for 34 contact hours by the Kansas State Board of Nursing and is open to nurses of all faiths.

"This course offers registered nurses an educational and spiritual formation to assist them

in providing holistic health care to the faith community," said Mary Diane Steltenkamp, Catholic Charities Faith Community Nurse director. An independent nursing practice, Faith Community Nursing, which combines professional nursing and health ministry, is a recognized specialty for registered nurses. Faith Community Nurses are often called "parish nurses," "congregational health nurses" or "church nurses," and emphasize health and healing within a faith

community. The program does not involve hands-on health care. Instead, the nurse performs roles of educator, referral agent, advocate, personal health counselor, developer of support groups, coordinator of volunteers, and integrator of faith and health. The spiritual aspect is key to parish nursing and nurses serve with a faith community ministerial team by actively promoting wellness, wholeness and preventive health. The Faith

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St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine, Commemorated

Denver, Colo. (CNA/EWTN News) — On Aug. 27, one day before the feast of her son St. Augustine, the Catholic Church honors St. Monica, whose holy example and fervent intercession led to one of the most dramatic conversions in Church history.

Monica was born into a Catholic family in 332, in the North African city of Tagaste located in present-day Algeria. She was raised by a maid-servant who taught her the virtues of obedience and temperance. While still relatively young, she married Patricius, a Roman civil servant with a bad temper and a disdain for his wife's religion.

Monica dealt patiently with his distressing behavior, which included infidelity to their marriage vows. But she experienced a greater grief when he would not allow their three children — Augustine, Nagivius, and Perpetua — to receive Baptism. When Augustine, the oldest, became sick and was in danger of death, Patricius gave consent for his Baptism, but withdrew it when he recovered.

Monica's long-suffering patience and prayers eventually helped Patricius to see the error of his ways, and he was baptized into the Church one year before his death in 371. Her oldest son, however, soon embraced a way of life that brought her further grief, as he fathered a child out of wedlock in 372. One year later, he began to practice the occult religion of Manichaeism.

In her distress and grief, Monica initially shunned her oldest son. However, she experienced a mysterious dream that strengthened her hope for Augustine's soul, in which a messenger assured her: "Your son is with you." After this experience, which took place around 377, she allowed him back into her home, and continued to beg God for his conversion.

But this would not take place for another nine years. In the meantime, Monica sought the advice of local clergy,



goodbye to his mother, Augustine boarded a ship bound for Rome. Yet even this painful event would serve God's greater purpose, as Augustine left to become a teacher in the place where he was destined to become a Catholic.

Under the influence of Bishop St. Ambrose of Milan, Augustine renounced the teaching of the Manichees around 384. Monica followed her son to Milan, and drew encouragement from her son's growing interest in the saintly bishop's preaching.

After three years of struggle against his own desires and perplexities, Augustine succumbed to God's grace and was baptized in 387.

Shortly before her death, Monica shared a profound mystical experience of God with Augustine, who chronicled the event in his "Confessions." Finally, she told him: "Son, for myself I have no longer any pleasure in anything in this life. Now that my hopes in this world are satisfied, I do not know what more I want here or why I am here."

"The only thing I ask of you both," she told Augustine and his brother, Nagivius, "is that you make remembrance of me at the altar of the Lord wherever you are."

St. Monica died at age 56, in the year 387. In modern times, she has become the inspiration for the St. Monica Sodality, which encourages prayer and penance among Catholics whose children have left the faith.

wondering what they might do to persuade her son away from the Manichean heresy. One bishop, who had once belonged to that sect himself, assured Monica that it was "impossible that the son of such tears should perish."

These tears and prayers intensified when Augustine, at age 29, abandoned Monica without warning as she passed the night praying in a chapel. Without saying

Is Suffering-Stricken Life Still Something Grand?

Madrid, Spain — Surrounded by the smiles of mentally and physically handicapped youth, Benedict XVI affirmed that life is grand, even when afflicted by suffering.

The Pope led one of the most touching events on his World Youth Day schedule — his visit with some 200 youth with disabilities at the Foundation of St. Joseph's Institute.

"Youth, as I have said more than once, is the age when life discloses itself to us with all its rich possibilities, inspiring us to seek the lofty goals which give it meaning," the Holy Father said. "So when suffering appears on the horizon of a young life, we are shaken, and perhaps we ask ourselves: 'Can life still be something grand, even when suffering unexpectedly enters it?'"

He answered citing "Spe Salvi," in which he wrote that the measure of humanity is determined in relation to suffering and those who suffer.

"Jesus and, in his footsteps, his Sorrowful Mother and the saints, are witnesses who shows us how to experience the tragedy of suffering for our own good and for the salvation of the world," the Holy Father affirmed.

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Community Nursing Foundations curriculum, endorsed by the International Resource Center, includes instruction from local faith community nurses and community leaders with expertise in theology, ethics, counseling, community resources and education. Non-nurses interested in promoting health ministry within their faith community may enroll in the course. They will receive a pin titled "Lay Health Minister." Cost for the course is \$400, which includes tuition, materials, Continuing Education Units, first-year membership with FCNAOK, meals and lodging for four nights. For more information or to reserve your space, contact Mary Diane Steltenkamp at 523-3006 or mdsteltenkamp@catholiccharities-ok.org. Registration ends Sept. 30 and is limited to 15 people.

Mount Students Start Comparative Religion Journey

In the senior religious studies class at Mount St. Mary Catholic High School, students strive to gain a deeper understanding of their own faith, by examining the beliefs of other cultures. At the Mount, the Religion Department believes that through studying and experiencing different religious cultures, students will come to understand their own beliefs better. "In this age of global awareness and increasing global tension, the understanding of others is critical. It is so important for our students to understand and have a respect for the world and people

around them," said Brian Boeckman, director of the MSM Religion Department. The MSM class covers the origins of religious awareness and religion as a human phenomenon. The class will then look at a variety of religions and how they compare with their own cultural and religious experiences. The religions studied in the class will include Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Zen, Shinto, Islam and Judaism. In August, the Mount welcomed Albert Gray Eagle to begin the comparative religion journey with Native American Spirituality. Albert Gray

Eagle is a noted flute artist and performer who is skilled in the craft of making traditional flutes along with regional forms of creative writing. He provided storytelling as he explained how to make and play the flute. He also offered a perspective and philosophy of Native American culture of the past and present. In December, the religious studies class will take a field trip to a Hindu temple, Buddhist temple, Jewish synagogue and to an Islamic mosque. At these differing places of worship, Mount students will hear from the different religious leaders.

Calendar

AUGUST

29 Eucharistic Adoration at Christ the King Church, every Monday starting with Mass at 6:30 a.m. Adoration from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with Benediction at 6 p.m. Christ the King is located at 8005 Dorset Drive, Oklahoma City. All are welcome.

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

31 Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at St. Charles Borromeo Church from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closing with Benediction at 8 p.m. St. Charles is located at 5024 N. Grove Avenue in Oklahoma City. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER

1 Perpetual Adoration at St. Monica, St. Augustine Chapel. You can sign up for an hour or just drop in as time allows. For more information, contact the Coordinator for Adoration at St. Monica, Toni Harrelson, e-mail her at tonimah@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (405) 341-2199. St. Monica Parish is located at 2001 N. Western Avenue, Edmond.

1 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at Epiphany Parish, every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and daily (M,T,W,F) from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Epiphany is located at 7336 W. Britton Road, Oklahoma City 73132.

1 Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 5 p.m. to midnight at St. Gregory's Chapel, St. Gregory's Monastery, Shawnee. The evening will begin with Mass at 5 p.m. with Adoration to follow. Included is vespers with the monks.

2 First Friday Adoration at St. Francis of Assisi in Oklahoma City. After the 7:30 a.m. Mass, and concludes at 5:30 p.m. with closing prayer and Benediction. This is open to all. St. Francis is located at 1910 NW 19th, Oklahoma City.

2 Holy Family Home Mass, 11:30 a.m., Holy Family Home, 6821 Eddie Drive, Midwest City. To confirm that Mass will be held that day and for directions, contact HFMH, 741-7419.

3 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta meet in the Council Room 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, LMC, at (405) 341-2199 or lmc-oklahoma@sbcglobal.net.

4 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. For more information, call Alice at (405) 473-7680.

8 The Catholic Women's Activities Club is a club made up of women from our parish. CWAC is a group that enjoys programs on Gardening, Music, Civics and the Arts. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at noon from September through May in the Patio Room of Epiphany of Our Lord Church (7336 W. Britton Road). All Catholic women are invited. For more information, call June at 525-6904 or Pearl at 524-3641.

9 Grandparents Day at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, 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.

9 Bingo Night at St. Joseph's Church in Norman. Light supper served at 6:30 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. with a first session; second session at 8:30 p.m. \$5 per session, no limit on blackout cards, group photo of all the winners.

10 Spanish-Language Marriage Preparation Program for couples that are married civilly or through common law and want to have their marriage blessed by the Church. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

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

11 Charismatic Healing Mass, 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 3901 S.W. 29th St., Oklahoma City.

Jobs Box

Director for the Academic Success Center

St. Gregory's University, a Catholic and Benedictine liberal arts community (est. 1875), seeks qualified applicants for a full-time Director for the Academic Success Center beginning August or September 2011. This is an exempt position which assigns students needing tutoring to appropriate tutors (or faculty volunteers, or self), promotes Support Center services, monitors and evaluates tutoring sessions, processes payroll. A more complete job description is posted on the SGU website, <http://www.stgregorys.edu/>. Minimum requirements are a master's degree or higher, commitment to help students succeed, teaching experience,

tutoring experience, supervisory experience in an educational setting, excellent interpersonal skills. The candidate should be self-directing, able to work effectively with students with physical and learning disabilities, able to work with a flexible schedule. The Center Director will serve as the ADA representative and may teach one course per semester in an appropriate field. SGU has approximately 750 traditional and adult students. Candidate should be able to accommodate change and growth at the university and should value the education of diverse populations. We are committed to excellence in teaching. Shawnee is a small, multi-cultural city in the Oklahoma City metro area. Candidates must be supportive of the Catholic and Bene-

dictine identity of the university. Send letter of application, vita, transcripts, statement of teaching and tutoring philosophy and three letters of recommendation to Human Resources, St. Gregory's University, 1900 W. MacArthur Drive, Shawnee, Okla. 74804, attention Dr. Ron Faulk, Provost. Application materials may be sent electronically to hr@stgregorys.edu or via mail service. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled, which will be announced on the SGU website.

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The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in north Oklahoma in the Enid-Stillwater area. This

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Archbishop Coakley with the Emmaus Days participants at Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Camp.

