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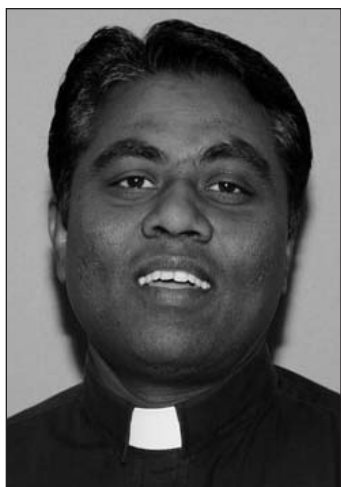
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Luke 5:4

Our Moral Duties As Catholic Citizens (Part 2)

In my previous column I began to write about our moral duties as Catholic citizens. Among these duties we have a moral obligation to vote. Through this exercise of our civic and moral responsibility, we Catholics help shape a more just society which safeguards the dignity of each person, advances the common good and gives special emphasis to the needs of the most vulnerable. This responsibility takes us beyond partisanship and self-interest. It requires that we cast our ballot according to the exercise of a properly formed conscience.

Conscience is something that is often misunderstood or even misrepresented. It is not just a “hunch” or feeling about what is right and wrong. Conscience is certainly not something we can invoke simply to be able to justify doing what we please as a kind of pure subjectivism or relativism.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act.” (CCC 1778). It is the very voice of God resounding in the human heart. Because we have a serious obligation to obey the judgment of our conscience about what is right and just, we have an equally serious moral responsibility to form our consciences properly and with great care. Without proper formation based on universal moral principles rooted in both human reason and the revealed truths of our faith, our conscience is likely to make erroneous judgments about the right course of action in particular instances. Without careful formation, conscience can become a blind guide.

The formation of our conscience involves several elements. First, it requires a genuine intention to seek the truth. We have to search the Sacred Scriptures and the teaching of the Church as presented, for example, by the Catechism of the Catholic Church. What does the Church teach about marriage or religious liberty, for example? Next, it involves a careful examination of the facts and background about various choices. Finally, it involves prayer and reflection to help us discern the will of God and the best course of action in a particular concrete situation.

The exercise of a properly formed conscience is greatly assisted by the virtue of prudence. This cardinal virtue enables us to “discern the good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.” (CCC 1806). Sometimes there are various ways to achieve the good outcome we are seeking. Prudence assists us to choose the best means available. In terms of public policy, even Catholics with well-formed consciences may differ legitimately in our prudential judgments when it comes to the best way to achieve certain goods and to address various social issues. For example, we may differ in our prudential judgments on the best

public policies for addressing the challenges of poverty, achieving universal health care or comprehensive immigration reform.

However, even though we may differ in our prudential judgments about the best means to achieve a good end, there are some things we must never do, either as an individual or as a society. There are certain acts which are always evil under every circumstance, regardless of good intentions. These “intrinsically evil” acts are always wrong because they are always incompatible with human dignity and with the love of God and neighbor. They are always opposed to the authentic good of persons.

An intrinsically evil action can never be chosen even to achieve a good end, such as finding a cure for disease. Pre-eminent among these intrinsic moral evils is the direct and intentional taking of innocent human life. In our time, “abortion and euthanasia have become the pre-eminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others.” (USCCB, Living the Gospel of Life, 5). Other intrinsic evils include human cloning and embryo-destructive stem cell research, euthanasia, torture, acts of racism and directly targeting non-combatants in acts of war or terrorism. We could add to this list such things as the futile attempt to redefine marriage as anything other than a permanent union between one man and one woman.

As voters we must always oppose these evils and those who promote them. In addition to always opposing intrinsically evil acts, we have a positive duty to promote the good. Both opposing evil and doing good are essential obligations. We have not exhausted our responsibility merely because we might be passionately committed to one particular aspect of the Church’s moral or social teaching.

Nevertheless, in the pursuit of a just and a well-ordered society, not all issues have equal weight and importance. They must not all be treated as morally equivalent. Pope John Paul II cautioned that concern for the “right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.” (Christifideles Laici, 38).

In the next article I will write about the complexities of applying these principles when voting according to a properly formed conscience.



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

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

- September 10** - USCCB Committee Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- September 11** - Department Head Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 10 a.m.
- September 11** - Finance Council Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 2 p.m.
- September 11** - Archdiocesan Review Board Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 3:30 p.m.
- September 11** - Envisioning Team Listening Session, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7 p.m.
- September 12** - Presbyteral Council Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 9:30 a.m.
- September 12** - Personnel Board Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 3 p.m.
- September 13** - Catholic Relief Services Board Meeting, Baltimore, Md.
- September 14** - Envisioning Team Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 10 a.m.
- September 16** - Our Lady of LaVang Mass and Celebration, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 11:45 a.m.
- September 16** - Young Adult Mass, Catholic Pastoral Center, 5 p.m.
- September 17 - September 20** - Priests Retreat at Monserrat Jesuit Retreat House, Lake Dallas, Texas
- September 21** - School Mass and Classroom Visits, St. John Nepomuk School, Yukon, 8:30 a.m.
- September 21** - Dedication of New Addition at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, 6:30 p.m.
- September 22** - Deacon Advisory Board Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 9 a.m.
- September 22** - Red Mass, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 5 p.m.
- September 23** - Archbishop’s Annual Picnic for CPC staff, principals, school board members and deacons at Catholic Pastoral Center, 5 p.m.



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From the Archbishop...

My dear Friends in Christ:

Our shared faith in Christ is a marvelous gift. As you and I are members of the Body of Christ, we each have a responsibility to use our gifts in service to God and to one another. We work together, we work for the good of all, so that everyone has a share in the goodness of God’s kingdom here on earth.

Catholic Charities is so much more than a faith-based agency helping the poor. Catholic Charities is a living expression of the faith which you and I share. We can all participate in this important work that reaches into the hearts of those whose hopes have faded, others whose lives are torn apart and the many children and families who do without those things which are essential to live in dignity. Our faith tells us that we cannot turn our back on those who suffer. We all can, and should, help.

For 100 years our faith has been proclaimed in the many great ministries of Catholic Charities here in Oklahoma. Through Catholic Charities we have fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, kept families together during times of hardship and disaster. We have welcomed the stranger, and respected the dignity of each person who has come to our door. In these acts of service, Christ is ever present to both the one who is served and the one who serves. In the eyes of each other, we encounter the face of Christ when we serve in His name.

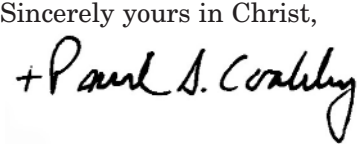
Last April, I saw firsthand the efforts of Catholic Charities in responding to the victims of the destructive tornado that ravaged Woodward, Okla. Working with St. Peter Parish volunteers, community responders and local organizations, Catholic Charities was there on behalf of each one of us to bring immediate help to the victims, and more importantly, to continue to ensure that their long-term recovery needs are met. This is just one example of our faith in action. There are so many more.

Today, I come to you as your Archbishop to remind you of this important need in our Archdiocese and ask your help. When we act together and live our faith in service to our brothers and sisters, we are sharing in the Church’s mission of evangelization. There are many in Oklahoma who need help and who depend on your gifts. Will you please join me in making a generous gift to this annual appeal which supports the many works of Catholic Charities throughout the year?

We as an Archdiocese have always been very generous in responding to this annual appeal, and I ask that each household consider a generous gift that will provide the means for Catholic Charities to remain steadfast in proclaiming the Gospel in its service to all who seek help this year.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family and my personal gratitude for all that you do in service to the Church in our Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

From the Executive Director... Our Faith and Our Works

Dear Friends:

As Catholic Charities announces our 2012 appeal, we embrace the theme that our faith is professed through our works. Our faith is our Catholic identity. It is a gift that we can freely share with everyone. And for the past 100 years, our works of mercy and justice have enriched our faith, forever changing the lives of many children, families and individuals in Oklahoma.

Catholic Charities is a very special place. People in need are served every day, and our volunteers and team are strengthened by the trust and faith of those we help. There is a sacred facet to this ministry, for in every encounter of serving people, God’s infinite love is exposed.

Our legacy has been built by the faith and trust which thousands of people have placed in Catholic Charities. It is a safe place where people can share their story without judgment or reprisal. It is a place of hope, healing and forgiveness. All who serve grow in their understanding of God’s love and His mercy. Our legacy has been nurtured by the lives of all who have been helped.

In many ways I have personally been touched by the gratitude of people who have in their own way “given back” to Catholic Charities. “I will say a prayer for you.” Those who have so little affirm our faith and see beyond the help they have received.

There are many people who will ask for help this year. With God’s grace and the prayers and support we receive through this appeal, Catholic Charities will be there for all who ask for help. All of the works of Catholic Charities depend on a successful appeal, and we count on you to share your faith with those we serve. You will be blessed with the prayers of gratitude which we hear every day.

Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities.



Tim O'Connor
Executive Director

De parte del Arzobispo...

Mis queridos amigos en Cristo:

Nuestra fe común en Cristo es un don maravilloso. Como tú y yo somos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, cada uno de nosotros tenemos la responsabilidad de usar nuestros dones al servicio de Dios y en servicio de nuestros hermanos. Trabajamos juntos, trabajamos para el bien de todos, para que todos tengan una participación en la bondad del reino de Dios aquí en la tierra.

Caridades Católicas es mucho más que una agencia basada en nuestra fe que ayuda a los pobres. Caridades Católicas es una expresión viva de la fe que usted y yo compartimos. Todos podemos participar en esta importante obra que llega a los corazones de aquellos cuyas esperanzas se han desaparecido, y otros cuyas vidas están destrozadas y los muchos niños y familias que no tienen las cosas que son esenciales para vivir con dignidad. Nuestra fe nos dice que no podemos dar la espalda a los que sufren. Todos pueden y deben ayudar.

Durante 100 años, nuestra fe ha sido proclamada en los ministerios de Caridades Católicas aquí en Oklahoma. A través de Caridades Católicas hemos alimentado a los hambrientos, protegido a los que no tienen hogar, y mantenido unidos las familias en tiempos de dificultades y desastres. Hemos dado la bienvenida al extranjero, y hemos respetado la dignidad de cada persona que ha llegado a nuestra puerta. En estos actos de servicio, Cristo está siempre presente tanto para el que se sirve y el que sirve. A los ojos de los demás, nos encontramos con el rostro de Cristo cuando servimos en su nombre.

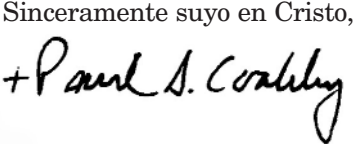
El abril pasado, vi de primera mano los esfuerzos de Caridades Católicas en dando ayuda a las víctimas del tornado destructivo que destrozó a Woodward, Oklahoma. Trabajaron con voluntarios de la parroquia de San Pedro, voluntarios de la comunidad y organizaciones locales, Caridades Católicas estaba allí en nombre de cada uno de nosotros para llevar ayuda inmediata a las víctimas, y lo más importante, siguen ayudando para asegurar que los necesidades de recuperación se cumplen. Este es sólo un ejemplo de nuestra fe en acción. Hay muchos más.

Hoy vengo a ustedes como su arzobispo para recordarles de esta importante necesidad en nuestra Arquidiócesis y pedir su ayuda. Cuando actuamos juntos y vivimos nuestra fe en el servicio a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, estamos compartiendo en la misión de la Iglesia de evangelización. Hay muchas personas en Oklahoma, que necesitan ayuda y que dependen de sus dones. ¿Por favor únanse a mí para hacer una donación generosa a esta colecta anual que apoya las muchas obras de Caridades Católicas en todo el año?

Nosotros como un Arquidiócesis siempre hemos sido muy generosa en la respuesta a esta colecta anual, y pido que cada familia considere un regalo generoso que ayudan a Caridades Católicas a permanecer firmes en la proclamación del Evangelio en su servicio a todos los que buscan ayuda este año.

Tengan seguridad de mis oraciones por ustedes y mi gratitud personal por todo lo que hacen en el servicio a la Iglesia en nuestra Arquidiócesis.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,



Muy Reverendo Paul S. Coakley
Arzobispo de Oklahoma City

De parte del Director Ejecutivo... Nuestra Fe y Nuestras Obras

Estimados Amigos y Amigas:

A manera que Caridades Católicas anuncia nuestra colecta 2012, adoptamos el tema de que nuestra fe es profesada por medio de nuestras obras. Nuestra fe es nuestra identidad Católica. Es un don que podemos compartir libremente con todo el mundo. Y durante los últimos 100 años, nuestras obras de misericordia y justicia han enriquecido nuestra fe, cambiando para siempre la vida de muchos niños y niñas, familias e individuos en Oklahoma.

Caridades Católicas es un lugar muy especial. Las personas necesitadas son ayudadas todos los días, y nuestros voluntarios y el equipo se ven reforzados por la confianza y la fe de aquellos a los que ayudan. Hay un aspecto sagrado a este ministerio, ya que en cada encuentro de servir a la gente, el amor infinito de Dios está expuesto.

Nuestro legado ha sido construido por la fe y la confianza que miles de personas han depositado en Caridades Católicas. Es un lugar seguro donde las personas pueden compartir sus historias sin juicios ni represalias. Es un lugar de esperanza, sanación y perdón. Todos los que sirven crecen en su comprensión del amor y misericordia de Dios. Nuestro legado se ha nutrido de las vidas de todos los que han sido ayudados.

En muchos sentidos, yo personalmente he sido tocado por la gratitud de las personas que a su propia manera han "devuelto" a Caridades Católicas. "Voy a decir una oración por ti". Los que tienen tan poco, afirman nuestra fe y ver más allá de la ayuda que han recibido.

Hay muchas personas que pedirán ayuda este año. Con la gracia de Dios y las oraciones y el apoyo que recibimos a través de este recurso, Caridades Católicas estará ahí para todo el que pida ayuda. Todas las obras de Caridades Católicas dependen de una colecta exitosa, y contamos con ustedes para compartir su fe con aquellos a quienes servimos. Ustedes serán bendecidos con las oraciones de gratitud que oímos todos los días.

Gracias por apoyar a Caridades Católicas.



Tim O'Connor
Director Ejecutivo

A Light in the Storm:

How Catholic Charities Helps Oklahomans Rebuild Following A Disaster

On April 15, as Woodward slept, a tornado struck the west side of the city, leaving behind six fatalities, 36 injuries and a swath of destruction. Four months later, as summer temperatures rose, wildfires ravaged the communities in Cleveland, Oklahoma and Payne counties, burning more than 100,000 acres and destroying 255 homes. The disasters were vastly different, but all had one thing in common: support from Catholic Charities.

In each of these areas, Catholic Charities' Disaster Relief program joined other members of the Oklahoma Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Oklahoma VOAD) to help those affected by providing on-site resource coordination, much-needed solutions and emotional support at the local Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC).

"A disaster not only has a material and financial impact, many families also experience emotional after-effects," said Ashley Moore, director of Catholic Charities' Disaster Relief program. "Our program was created to address the aftermath at all levels and help create a customized plan for recovery. For some survivors, the shock can be so overwhelming, that it can be difficult to navigate the system alone. That's why our staff is trained to provide disaster assistance to all of those in need."

Established in 1995, Catholic Charities' Disaster Relief program provides critical emergency assistance, counseling, community referrals and recovery services to Oklahomans affected by a disaster within the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. While some disaster recovery programs assist with short-term needs, Catholic Charities focuses on long-term case management to help people long after the MARC has disbanded.

Moore said it is the emphasis on long-term care that sets Catholic Charities apart. While some families are only in need of temporary assistance after a disaster, others may require more in-depth assistance, ranging from clothing and furniture replacement to home repairs, relocation, utility assistance and deposits. Regardless of the families' circumstances, she encourages everyone who has been affected by a disaster to register with American Red Cross Disaster Services, which helps coordinate recovery efforts. Moore cautions people with homeowners or renters insurance that they may still need post-disaster support to help fill the gaps that may not be covered by their policies or arise during the claims process, such as counseling and deposits on new services.

In Woodward, locating housing still presents a



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, right, and Father Scott Boeckman survey Woodward tornado damage. Sooner Catholic File Photo

hardship for those affected by the tornado. Northwest Oklahoma's largest city, Woodward has experienced a recent population boom due to the growth of energy jobs in the area, and with it, a small housing crisis. Fortunately, the community was quick to respond to the disaster by coordinating fast cleanup efforts and the formation of Recovery Woodward, a local long-term recovery group composed of local businesses, public and private entities, as well as members of the Oklahoma VOAD, which is working to address the need for housing.

"The community of Woodward has been extremely supportive not just of the survivors, but also everyone involved in the recovery process," Moore said. "What they've done in such a short time is an incredible example of a community working together to rebuild after a disaster."

Although long-term recovery is still in the planning phase for those impacted by the recent wildfires, it is already clear that the financial need is great. According to Moore, 85 percent of those affected had no property insurance, making the recovery process especially challenging.

Catholic Charities continues to work with people in Canadian, Grady, Logan and Kingfisher counties who were impacted by the May 2011 tornadoes that affected 224 homes and business. In the months following the storms, Catholic Charities' Disaster Services worked with 214 people to offer assistance, counseling and financial planning.

"For many families, the effects of a disaster can continue long after the MARC closes," Moore. "That's why Catholic Charities is committed to helping as long as it takes to help people put their lives back together through a loving hand-up."

One of the greatest immediate needs following a disaster is cash assistance for food, fuel and incidental expenses associated with relocation. To help meet these unmet needs, the agency offers bank gift cards. For more information about Catholic Charities' Disaster Relief program, visit www.catholiccharitiesok.org, or call (405) 523-3000.

Catholic Charities by the Numbers

In 2011, your generosity helped...

3,584 people received rent and utility assistance through the Emergency Assistance program.

211 disaster victims received long-term case management.

1,700 people received gifts through Adopt-a-Family.

33 percent of St. Joseph Counseling Center clients were counseled in Spanish.

40 percent of St. Joseph Counseling Center clients received counseling for grief or loss.

119 refugees were served by Migration and Refugee Services.

91 percent of teen mothers at Holy Family Home gave birth to healthy babies.

63 women from Sanctuary Development program for homeless women were moved into permanent housing.

7,000 hours of service were donated by Catholic Charities volunteers.

"We will demonstrate our Faith through our works."

James 2:18



Director of Family Support Services Ashley Moore and Case Manager Viviana Martinez are ready to help at the Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) in Woodward. The Disaster Relief program provides critical emergency assistance, counseling, community referrals and recovery services to those affected by disaster.

Catholic Charities Offers Support, Comfort for Those Choosing Adoption

Hundreds of adoptions are finalized each year in Oklahoma, with many of them facilitated by non-profit organizations such as Catholic Charities.

Founded in 1912, the organization, which began enriching the lives of children as St. Joseph's Orphanage, will mark its 100th anniversary on Oct. 6, 2012.

Throughout its first century, Catholic Charities has joined thousands of children with loving families, creating a lasting bond between adoptive parents and birth mothers, who hope to provide a better life for their children.

At Catholic Charities, however, family support doesn't just end with placement. In fact, the organization offers a wide range of services to help all of those involved in the adoption process, including follow-up consultations, counseling for adoptive families and birth mothers, and post-adoption assistance for adult adoptees.

"Adoption can be a life-changing decision for all of those involved. Each adoption is as unique as the people involved, and their needs can change over the years. With that in mind, we are devoted to helping people throughout the continuum of adoption, from pre-adoption counseling to post-adoption services, regardless of where or how long ago the adoption took place," said Kirsten Lee, director of Catholic Charities adoption program.

One segment of Catholic Charities that has grown in recent years is its post-adoption services, which consists of three levels: a Non-Identifying Report, Contact Registry and the search itself. Searches can be done for those adopted through Catholic Charities since 1912.

The Non-Identifying Report provides an overview of the adoptee's file without identifying information, such as the birth parents' names.

The Contact Registry enables both parties (birth parent and adoptee), if they mutually agree, to establish communication and contact with the help of Catholic Charities.

The Search — In this process, agency staff attempts to locate a birth parent or the adult adoptee (must be at least 18 years old). Both the adoptee and the birth parent(s) must mutually accept the search program. If contact is desired, the agency staff works with all parties to establish communication.

"There are a wide range of reasons people seek our post-adoption services. No matter the situation, however, Catholic Charities ensures that throughout the search, all parties' privacy, sensitivity and care are carefully considered," said Search and Reunion Coordinator Stephanie Storzyszyn.

To conduct a search, Catholic Charities charges a non-refundable fee for each of its post-adoption services, which vary according to the search level. However, as with most of the agency's services, options are available for those experiencing financial difficulty.

Storzyszyn estimates Catholic Charities has performed 31 post-adoption searches, 23 Non-Identifying Reports, and placed 15 on the Contact Registry in the past three years. Post-adoption searches are not without challenges, warns Storzyszyn.

She recommends that anyone looking for information on his or her birth parents seek a professional's assistance. In addition, the process can take awhile, so patience and



In May, Catholic Charities hosted a 100-year reunion for the adoption program. Many families gathered together to celebrate and share loving stories.

realistic expectations are advised for those undertaking a post-adoption search.

Additional difficulties may arise for people who seek adoption information on their own since Oklahoma state law mandates that adoption files be sealed. A court order from an Oklahoma County judge is required for the release of

adoption documents or birth parents' names. Even with a court order, however, there are often limits as to what can be released.

To learn more about Catholic Charities' Post-Adoption Services, visit www.CatholicCharitiesOK.org, contact Stephanie at (405) 523-3012, or call Catholic Charities toll free number, 1-800-375-8514.



Charity today, Hope for the next 100 years.

Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals Brings Increased Need for Immigration Services

In recent weeks, the offices at Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services have been filled with young immigrants who hope to qualify for the Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy announced on June 15. Though not a path to citizenship, the new policy offers relief that was not previously available, including legal protection from deportation and the right to request work permits.

On Aug. 15, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services began accepting applications from eligible immigrants, and though still in the early phase, the response has been incredible. In fact, during a two-week period in August, Catholic Charities met with 120 new clients, many of whom were DACA applicants and their families.

"This deferred action offers a wonderful opportunity for many young Oklahoma immigrants. The interest in applying for DACA has been very high. The young people eligible for DACA have called Oklahoma their home since they were children," said Richard Klinge, Catholic Charities Associate Director of Advocacy, Outreach and Legal Services.



According to Catholic Charities, all requests for deferred action are reviewed on a case-by-case basis to insure the accuracy and completeness of each application. In addition to completing the DACA application, it is recommended that young immigrants obtain a passport or other consular identification from their home country as part of the process.

To be eligible for the deferred

action, young immigrants must meet the following requirements:

- Be 15 to 30 years old.
- Have entered the United States before the age of 16.
- Have been present in the United States for five years as of June 15, 2012.
- Have not been convicted of one serious crime or multiple minor crimes.

— Be currently enrolled in school, graduated or have a GED, or are honorably discharged veterans of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States.

"The requirements for eligibility are high, but many of these young people are putting in the work required to complete the applications with the hope of attending college and creating a better life for themselves and their families," Kate Barber, an attorney with Catholic Charities said. "As a result of the high interest, however, there are some who seek to take advantage of immigrants. We caution anyone who is looking to apply for the program to seek the advice of a qualified attorney, such as those in our office, and not try to do this by themselves or through a notario. A small mistake on the forms may not only lead to denial of the application, but also could resort in deportation for the applicant."

Individuals who wish to learn more about the new rules or need help evaluating if they meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to contact Catholic Charities Immigration Services at (405) 523-3001.

Emergency Assistance Program Provides Help, Hope

The works of Catholic Charities is that of loving service for those in need in Oklahoma. Last year over 600 families experienced this hope through the Emergency Assistance Program.

In its mission to provide help and hope to those it serves, Catholic Charities strives to provide not only a service but to be a companion to those it helps throughout difficult times. Though the needs have changed over time, Catholic Charities' Family Support Services

(FSS) has continued to provide love and hope.

Over the past two years, FSS has seen an increase in need for its emergency assistance services. Between Oklahoma City, Lawton, Enid, Clinton and Guyton, Catholic Charities receives more than 2,000 phone requests each month from families needing help with their rent or utility payments. Payments are not made directly to the clients, but are made on behalf of the clients to the service providers.

In addition to the financial assistance, each client attends a budgeting class and is given the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Envelope System to help them better manage their financial resources. They are also encouraged to enroll in the Family H.O.P.E. program.

Through Family H.O.P.E. (Help Organize Prioritize Empower), FSS provides intensive case management services to clients. As the case managers work with these families, they work together as a team to look

at the underlying causes of the family's crisis. Together, the client and case manager work to develop a plan to not only address the immediate needs, but set both short- and long-term goals with action steps to help them avoid future crises and gain continued self-sufficiency.

Though the needs of the community may change, Catholic Charities' Family Support Services will continue to rise to meet them. Not just to provide help, but be there to provide hope.



Faith Community Nurses from throughout the Archdiocese gather quarterly to share in their faith and their ministry.

Upcoming Book to Provide a Resource on Creating Rituals

This fall, Catholic Charities will release its first book, *The Blue Boat, A Collection of Stories About Rituals*. Written by Mary Diane Steltenkamp, director of Catholic Charities' Faith Community Nursing program, the book provides examples of ways in which rituals have been used to promote healing. It is a resource not only for nurses but all those involved in ministry.

"In Faith Community Nursing, we

place an extra focus on the spiritual dimension of healing. The seeds from this book arose from my early days as a Faith Community Nurse, when I encountered several people in need of solace during a difficult time," Steltenkamp said. "I began to experiment with creating rituals and with the incredible support of Catholic Charities, was encouraged to compile them in a book. This book includes stories of my experience and support

for those who hope to incorporate rituals into their own practice."

Established in 1997, Catholic Charities' Faith Community Nursing program provides training and assistance to faith communities throughout the archdiocese. Previously available only to registered nurses, this healing ministry training has evolved to include all interested in promoting health within the parish. The ministry now encourages Faith Community

Nurses, professional nurses and non-nurses (also known as lay health ministers) to join as a team to promote health and wholeness. Different models of ministry have developed to meet the needs of a given faith community.

For more information about beginning a health ministry program in your parish, contact Steltenkamp at mdsteltenkamp@catholiccharities-ok.org, or call (405) 523-3006.

St. Joseph’s Grows Counseling Outreach to Rural Areas

Since its inception in 1990, St. Joseph’s Counseling Center has helped hundreds of families find hope and healing from its Oklahoma City office. Earlier this year, however, St. Joseph’s realized there was a dire need to reach those in rural areas, where access to counseling services are limited. The office partnered with St. Peter Church in Woodward this June to launch a pilot project serving families in northwest Oklahoma.

“We’re really excited about this outreach project. In the past, people have always come to us from throughout the state, but now, we can offer counseling in areas where it might not be readily available, or accessible, especially to those whose native language is Spanish,” said Monica Palmer, associate director for clinical services at Catholic Charities. “This not only offers a wonderful opportunity for us to partner with parishes throughout the state, it also is a way for our office to let people throughout the state know they matter.”

Developed as a part of Catholic Charities case management services following the recent Woodward tornadoes, the counseling outreach service has helped those in need receive counseling as well as connection to local resources within the community. Palmer said the tornadoes caused a great deal of trauma for many within the community, some of whom are still dealing with the after-effects.

Fortunately, through its partnership, Catholic Charities was able to meet this need by offering services every other week. As part of a pilot outreach effort, a St. Joseph’s counselor makes the five-hour round-trip drive to Woodward to visit clients in office space provided by St. Peter Church. The project’s test period will last about a year, but early feedback has been wonderful, from the clients as well as the parish.

The outreach project also presents an opportunity for growth. “Everyone has been incredibly supportive of this effort,” said Palmer. “If things go well in Woodward, we will begin looking at additional prospects within Oklahoma. Other parishes have shown interest in hosting counseling outreach programs in their area. We may not be able to reach all of those in need, but by going where services are harder to find, we are fulfilling our goal to provide mental health assistance to as many Oklahomans as is possible.”

St. Joseph’s Counseling Center offers confidential counseling services to individuals, groups, families and children in the context of the Catholic tradition. In addition, St. Joseph’s provides educational programs, consultation and referrals to community resources.

Catholic Charities To Celebrate Mass in Gratitude of Centennial

To conclude its yearlong Centennial commemoration, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will celebrate its history with a special Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. All are invited to attend the Mass and following reception, both to be held at 3214 North Lake Avenue in Oklahoma City.

“Throughout our first 100 years, Catholic Charities’ works have touched the lives of thousands of people in need,” said Catholic Charities Executive Director Tim O’Connor. “However, we haven’t done it alone. To show our gratitude for the loving support of many faithful Oklahomans, we invite all our friends and supporters to join us for a special Mass and reception to reflect upon our Centennial and look toward our future.”

The seeds of Catholic Charities were planted in 1912 when St. Joseph’s Orphanage opened, providing thousands of Oklahoma children a home with the opportunity for education and support as they grew into young adults.

Today, Catholic Charities is a major private provider of social services to children, families and individuals in Oklahoma, working alongside public and private organizations to help meet the basic needs of those who have the least. In addition to its direct services, Catholic Charities also advocates at the local and state levels for public policy that promotes the common good on behalf of those whose voices are not heard.

Seating for the event is limited. To learn more about the event and Catholic Charities, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesOK.Com.

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Catholic Women Gather for Day of Reflection, Prayer, Fellowship

By Anamaria Scaperlanda Biddick
For the Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — On Saturday, Aug. 18, women from around Oklahoma gathered at Church of the Epiphany of the Lord for the Women of Faith, Women of Action Conference. The conference was organized by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW).

Barbara Wann, current president of the ACCW, said, “The Oklahoma City Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women began hosting a women’s conference four years ago in an effort to fulfill its mission to ‘support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.’”

The event began with a prayer service led by Father Stephen Bird, pastor of Epiphany of the Lord Parish. Throughout the day, attendees were encouraged by a series of speakers, interspersed with time for prayer, confession, or to visit the many booths containing books, beautiful handmade jewelry, art, icons and more.

Leah Darrow, former parishioner at St. James the Greater in Oklahoma City as well as a previous contestant on “America’s Next Top Model,” began the morning by relating her return to the Catholic faith.

After time to discuss the talk and shop, Lisa Hendey, author and founder of CatholicMom.com, spoke about the challenges and opportunities of raising teenagers in a technological age. After a light lunch, the Corpus Christi Choir opened the afternoon session with joyful, spiritual music in the African-American tradition. They encouraged the attendees to supplement the percussion aspect of the music with their hands. At the close of their concert, the choir received a well-deserved standing ovation.

Cris Carter, superintendent of Catholic schools, informed the women about Good Shepherd School and the two women of action who initiated the school for children with autism or similar disorders. The ACCW helps support the school, and took the school as its project, encouraged by Archbishop Coakley to do so.

Lisa Hendey gave a second talk on desires of Catholic women. The talk focused on ways that women of



Lisa Hendey gestures as she addresses attendees of the Women of Faith, Women of Action Conference on Aug. 18. Hendey, author and founder of CatholicMom.com, was one of several speakers during the event, organized by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

different ages can better serve and encourage each other in parish life. Mary Diane Steltenkamp, Director of the Faith Community Nursing Program at Catholic Charities, was the last speaker, “an easy choice” for the ACCW, according to President Barbara Wann, as “she is the epitome of faith in action.” Her humor peppered her theme of walking to heaven with Mary.

The day ended through a strengthening of faith through prayer, that the attendees may heed the call to be women of action.

Annette Ruckel led the rosary before the celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Coakley and Father Stephen Bird.

Cathy Biddick of St. Mary’s Parish in Ardmore said, “I came up with two other ladies because I’m always looking for ways to increase my faith. It’s my first Women of Faith Conference. I enjoyed the day, and I especially enjoyed Leah Darrow.”

Leah Darrow spoke of the mercy and forgiveness of God through her story of straying from a life of faith and virtue to her return to the Church. She attended St. James Catholic School and Mount St. Mary High School before moving to Missouri with her family as a

sophomore. She allowed her new friends to define who she should be and her definition of happiness.

Their definition of happiness, which she adopted, included a boyfriend. Before the home-coming dance, she said, “I picked out my nails, my dress, but not my morality.”

At that point, she began to make choices that led her away from God’s definition of happiness and toward her own. Even though she regretted what she was doing, she “didn’t know if [she] could believe in God’s mercy,” so she continued on that path. These choices and her interest in fashion led her to the show, “America’s Next Top Model.” After she was off the show, she remained in New York with a developing modeling career. She continued pursuing “vanity

and greed” in an environment where goodness was relative and self-seeking was prized. “I had a comma in



Participants of the Women of Faith, Women of Action Conference were called upon to take action in their lives and with their faith.

my paychecks: I thought I was making real money. I loved people talking about me. I loved the billboards. I’d stay around my billboard until someone said, ‘Is that you?’”

Vanity, she said, always starts out nice but it ends up rearing its ugly head. “It begins with, ‘You’re so pretty,’ and then it turns over on itself. ‘You might want to see a doctor about that, someone might

find out you’re over 35.’”

This happens, she said, because “we’ve forgotten where we’re from. God is the author of beauty. He created us, formed us in the womb. He gave you beauty to show his beauty and presence in the world.” Darrow continued living this

life forgetful of the author of beauty, seeking vanity and greed, until one day during a photo shoot, she saw herself as an observer would see her.

She saw her hands cupped together, then raised. Though she felt that she was in God’s presence, a feeling of disappointment came over her: what she offered was not what He gave.

She walked out of the photo shoot and called her dad, who drove across the country to take her home. The first place he took her was the confessional, because, he said, “Church is home.”

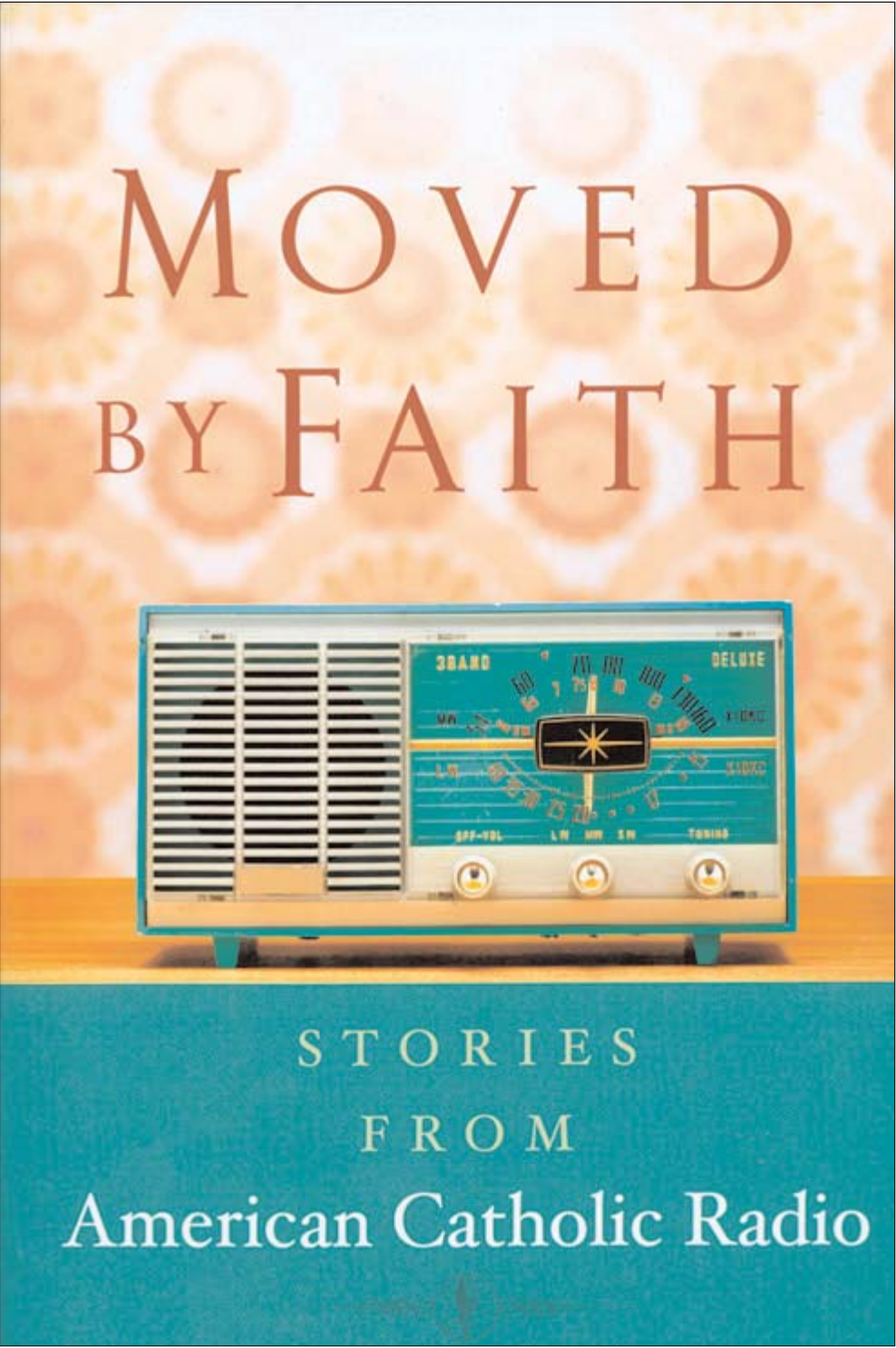
Since that day, she has prayed “every day for conversion, to turn away from sin, and re-define happiness based on the truth of Jesus Christ.”

Darrow’s message of the love and mercy of God that calls us to cultivate virtue is one that appeals to women (and men) of all ages and walks of life. “Virtue is ageless, as is love as seen through the eyes of Jesus Christ. It gets at the core of the human person.”

Brenda Arambula, past president of the ACCW, said she knows Darrow from watching her grow up at St. James and helped bring her back to Oklahoma to participate in this year’s conference, where she called all women of faith to cultivate virtue reflected in action.

Darrow’s talk, like the whole day, encouraged the attendees to walk as children of the light, living faith in action.

Leah Darrow, a former parishioner at St. James the Greater, spoke of her return to the Catholic faith. After a stint on the “America’s Next Top Model” television show, Darrow said she followed a path of greed and vanity, which she ultimately stepped away from, thanks to her family and her faith.



Zarick Provides Treasure of Role Models in ‘Moved by Faith’

“Moved by Faith: Stories from American Catholic Radio” by Judy Zarick, published by St. Anthony Messenger Press, 28 W. Liberty St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. Paperback, 133 pages, Copyright 2012 St. Anthony Messenger Press, \$12.99

Judy Zarick, executive producer of “American Catholic Radio,” has put together a great collection of stories that will inform and inspire readers to live out their faith more fully daily.

These witness stories come from more than 300 interviews Zarick has conducted through the years for American Catholic Radio. I have been a fan of the program’s weekly broadcasts for several years and was delighted to see a book come out. The book is divided into eight chapters. Each chapter contains several stories related to a given theme and concludes with thoughts and questions which summarize what we have just read. Zarick successfully motivates and challenges readers into action. In the book of St. James we read the following:

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.” (James 2:26). None of the men or women whose stories are told in this book has a faith that was dead.

Kelly Ann Lynch recalls the story of her good friend, Father Mychal Judge, chaplain of New York City firefighters and first recorded victim of the attack on 9/11. This priest was there for Kelly throughout her life, its joys and its

trials. The Lynch family was devastated when learning of Father Judge’s death.

Kelly Ann recalled a critical time this man of God was there for her family. Kelly’s daughter, Shannon, had suffered from a rare liver disease. Six weeks of age at the time, this wise priest told Kelly: “Well, you must give your baby back to God.”

In a sense it was the wise words of Father Judge that opened the doors for this young mother to give to her baby twice — a portion of Kelly’s healthy liver was transplanted into Shannon. Reading the details of this family’s journey of faith is truly inspirational.

The story of Robert Rogers, who lost his entire family, yet kept his faith. Readers will come to realize his powerful belief in prayer.

“... One day in August 2003, while driving home from a wedding in Wichita, in a matter of seconds, right before his eyes, Robert lost his entire family. ... The family and their van were caught up in a downpour.”

Throughout this overwhelming experience, Robert says the family prayed, “Jesus, save us.” Robert believes Christ has. He believes “Our days are ordained by God.” (Psalm 139).

Judy Zarick has given us a wonderful treasure of role models to live our faith!



By Bill Zalot



Principals receiving checks from the Catholic Foundation’s 2012 Golf Classic included, front row from left, Jaque Cook, Anne Coddling, Suzette Williams, Talita DeNegri, Karen Carter, Connie Diotte, Cris Carter, Tammy Jacobs, Karen Lynn and Angie Howard; back row from left, Monti Allen, Joana Camacho, Allyson Helm, Diane Floyd, Shannon Statton, Leslie Schmitt, David Morton, Wade Laffey, Jay Luetkemeyer, Todd Gungoll, Mary Dresel and CFO Executive Director Barney Semtner.

Local Catholic Schools Principals Celebrate CFO Golf Classic Proceeds

Catholic Schools principals from schools throughout the Archdiocese recently had a great deal to celebrate as they accepted the Catholic Foundation’s 2012 Golf Classic proceeds distribution.

The distribution was made at the group’s August Principals Meeting, which was held recently at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

Net proceeds of the Golf Classic are split evenly between the Catholic Schools Endowment Fund and the 21 Catholic Schools situated in the Archdiocese. Each of those 21 schools received a check for \$1,700 as their pro-rata share of this year’s Golf Classic proceeds.

Foundation Golf Classic chairwoman Jaimee Zorio said, “The Foundation has always supported Catholic education in the Archdiocese with scholarships and grants.

“The Golf Classic specifically supports Catholic Schools, which is a critical part of the faith development of our youth,” Zorio said.

Since the inception of the Catholic Foundation’s Golf Classic as a fundraiser for the Foundation, over \$300,000 has been contributed to the Catholic Schools Endowment Fund that benefits the schools located in the Archdiocese.

Organizers are already planning for next year’s Golf Classic, which is a major fundraiser for the Foundation and an event looked forward to by parishioners throughout the Archdiocese.

Mark your calendar for the 2013 Golf Classic, which is scheduled to be held June 3 at Gaillardia Country Club in Oklahoma City. GMX Resources has again agreed to be the presenting sponsor for the Golf Classic, organizers said.

International Priests Show Us World With New Eyes, Heart

"My country is not your country. My ways are not your ways." These words are from an Indian Priest who I was talking with about the possibility of my future visit to India. He said that if I came to visit his home city, I would leave with a broken heart. He said the impact of seeing what poverty does to a person will change me. I know he is right. Whenever we bump up against someone or something that is different, it invites the human person to change the way they see the world.

We are blessed to have so many men from India and other countries who are currently serving in the Archdiocese. In my role of working with International Priests, I have talked to many people who work and live with these men, and one common theme I hear is that these International Priests living among us change the way they see the world and the Church. These missionaries invite us outside of the American experience of the world and Church to grow into a more nuanced view. And these people tell me that they are better off for it.

Of course, I also hear criticisms about how they wish, "Father did not have so much of an accent" or that "It is not always easy working with someone from a different culture." However, what seems to rise about these criticisms is the quality of the men themselves.

What people are really looking for in their priests, no matter where they are from, are good human beings. And from this goodness, the sign of Christ's presence is more clearly seen. And I am happy to report that we have an abundance of these types of "visible signs" among our International Priests. In 1975, Paul VI said, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." We are fortunate to have so many "witnesses" living and ministering in the Archdiocese.

Father Scott A. Boeckman
Vicar for Priests



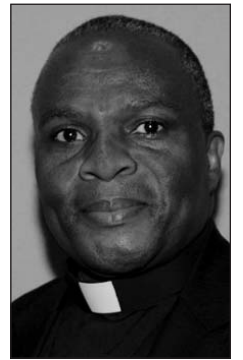
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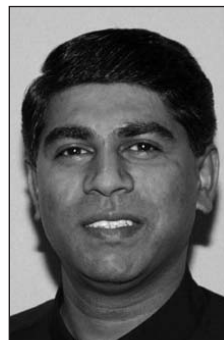
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Reporting Abuse/Pastoral Response Hotline

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, through its programs, organizations and events, has numerous daily contacts with many children and young people. It is, therefore, important that all people of the Archdiocese work together to protect the rights of children and be alert to the possibility for child abuse.

Under Oklahoma state law, all individuals MUST report an incident or suspicion of sexual abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age) to the civil authorities. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services has established a statewide abuse reporting hotline: **1-800-522-3511**. This number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **If you feel a child is in immediate**

danger of harm, call 911.

For the safety of children and the healing of victims, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel: **1-405-720-9878**. The Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, a licensed professional counselor, will respond to calls to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hotline.

A report to the Archdiocese does not relieve the individual of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by Oklahoma state law. In Oklahoma, failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable in law.

Reportes de Abuso/ Línea de Respuesta Pastoral

La Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City a través de sus programas, organizaciones y eventos, cuenta con numerosos contactos diarios con muchos niños y jóvenes. Es, por lo tanto importante que todo el personal de la Arquidiócesis trabajen juntos para proteger los derechos de los niños y estar atentos a la posibilidad de algún maltrato infantil.

En virtud de la Ley del Estado de Oklahoma, todos los individuos DEBEN informar de un incidente o sospecha de abuso sexual de un menor (persona menor de 18 años de edad) a las autoridades civiles. El Departamento de Servicios Humanos ha establecido una Línea directa para reportar abusos a nivel estatal para reportar: **1-800-522-3511**. Este número está disponible las 24 horas del día, 7 días a la semana. **Si usted se siente un niño está en peligro inmediato de daño llame al 911.**

Para la seguridad de los niños y recuperación de las víctimas, la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City ofrece una línea directa para denunciar el abuso de un menor (pasado o presente) por un miembro del clero u otro personal de la Iglesia: **1-405-720-9878**. El Coordinador de la Arquidiócesis de Asistencia a las Víctimas, un consejero profesional con cedula, responderá a las llamadas a la Línea de Ayuda Pastoral de la Arquidiócesis. Si necesita en Español, por favor solicítelo y una persona de habla Española le ayudara.

Un reporte a la Arquidiócesis no excusa al individuo de la obligación de denunciar el abuso infantil a las autoridades civiles como lo requiere la Ley del Estado de Oklahoma. En Oklahoma, el no reportar el abuso infantil es un delito penado por la ley.

Campaign 2012: Burke vs. Hobbes?

You likely think the 2012 presidential race is a contest between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. That, of course, is true, insofar as the names on our Nov. 6 ballots go. But the 2012 race for the White House is something more — something with deeper historical roots in modernity’s wrestling with political power and how that power contributes to the common good. This is a contest, to take symbolic reference points, between Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679) and Edmund Burke (1729-1797).

Both were British subjects. Both had a profound impact on modern political theory. Both knew that religion and politics — Church and state — had been thickly interwoven into the history of the West, although here the deep differences between these two paradigmatic figures begin to sharpen: Hobbes tried to drive religious conviction out of the modern public square, while Burke fashioned a vision of political modernity that drew in part on the rich social pluralism of the Catholic Middle Ages.

In a Hobbesian world, the only actors of consequence are the state and the individual. In a Burkean world, the institutions of civil society — family, religious congregation, voluntary association, business, trade union and so forth — “mediate” between the individual and the state, and the just state takes care to provide an appropriate legal framework in which those civil-society institutions can flourish.

In a Hobbesian world, the state monopolizes power for the sake of protecting individuals from the vicissitudes of a life that is “solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short.” In a Burkean world, civil society provides mediation that cushions interactions between individuals and life’s challenges.

A Hobbesian world is a world of contracts and legal relationships, period. A Burkean world has both contracts and covenants: more subtly textured human associations (beginning with marriage) by which men and women form bonds of affection, allegiance and mutual responsibility.

Catholic political theorists have always had major difficulties with Hobbes, and not simply for his promotion of what we would call, today, the “naked public square”: a public space shorn of religious conviction. Hobbes’ vision of the state is far too cold for the social sensibilities of Catholics, who habitually think of society as organic, not artificial or contrived.

By contrast, Burke’s defense of society’s “small platoons” has numerous affinities with Catholic social doctrine, from Leo XIII through Benedict XVI. John Paul II was particularly forceful in his defense of the mediating institutions of civil society, describing them in the 1991 encyclical *Centesimus Annus* as schools of freedom.

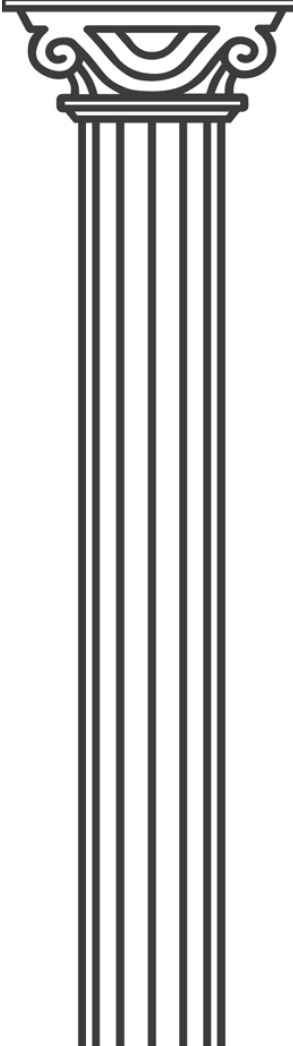

No American presidential candidate will run on an explicitly Hobbesian platform. And the complexities of life are such that a purely Burkean republic is unlikely anytime soon. The issue here is one of tendencies, orientations, visions of possibility. And at that level, 2012 really is shaping up as a contest between “Hobbes” and “Burke.” For as the candidates have presented themselves to the country over the past months, it has become ever more clear that America will choose in 2012 between two paths into the future. Along one path, there is, finally, room for only the individual and the state. Along the other path, the flourishing institutions of civil society empower individuals and contribute to real problem-solving. In the former, the state defines responsibilities and awards benefits (and penalties). In the latter, individuals and free, voluntary associations assume responsibility and make their contribution to the common good.

Hobbes vs. Burke. It’s an old argument. It’s also the argument we shall have between now and Nov. 6.

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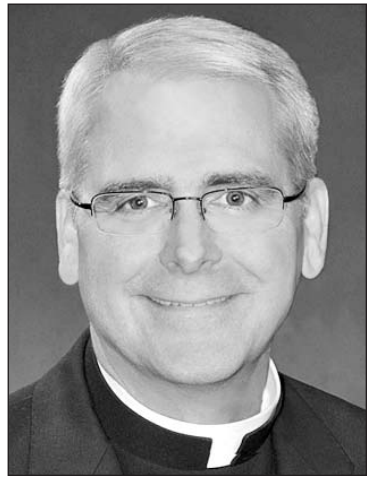
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Nuestros Deberes Morales Como Ciudadanos Católicos (Parte 1)

Con las elecciones generales acercándose rápidamente ahora es el momento para que todos los ciudadanos se preparen para emitir nuestro voto de manera consciente e informada. Es nuestro derecho y nuestra responsabilidad. No es sólo una obligación civil, sino también un deber moral. Ser ciudadanos responsables es una virtud y la participación en la vida política es una obligación moral. Nosotros los Católicos tomamos esta responsabilidad muy en serio. O por lo menos deberíamos hacerlo.

A través de nuestras diversas declaraciones pastorales de los obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos a través de los años han reafirmado en repetidas ocasiones el papel de la Iglesia en la vida pública. Hemos hecho hincapié en nuestra responsabilidad de participar en la formación del carácter moral y ético de la sociedad en que vivimos. Nosotros no hacemos esto de una manera partidista. De hecho, a menudo los Católicos pueden sentirse políticamente marginados dado que no hay un partido político, y solo hay pocos candidatos que comparten plenamente nuestro compromiso global para toda la gama de auténticos bienes humanos. Estos compromisos comienzan con la protección de la vida y dignidad humana desde su concepción hasta su muerte natural. Estos incluyen la promoción y defensa del matrimonio, la preservación de la libertad religiosa y los derechos de la conciencia, así como una gran cantidad de otros bienes, tales como el cuidado de la salud, una economía justa y muchas preocupaciones que llevan directamente al florecimiento humano y del bien común.

El clero y los laicos tienen roles importantes que son complementarios en la vida pública. Como obispos y sacerdotes tenemos el deber de transmitir la enseñanza moral y social de la Iglesia. No es nuestro papel ni nuestra intención, decirles a los católicos cómo votar con respecto a un candidato en particular o a un puesto político. Más bien, es nuestra responsabilidad como maestros de la fe ayudar a los Católicos a formar una conciencia correcta para que puedan emitir sus votos a la luz de los principios morales fundamentales que están arraigados en la verdad que surge de un discernimiento a través de la razón e iluminada por la fe Católica.



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley

El Papa Benedicto XVI escribe en su carta encíclica, *Deus Caritas Est*, con relación a la responsabilidad específica de los laicos en la vida pública. Él dice: "El deber inmediato de actuar en favor de un orden justo en la sociedad es más bien propio de los fieles laicos." Este deber de los laicos exige un compromiso serio y verdadera participación en la vida pública. Nuestra fe requiere un compromiso político, sin embargo, uno que vaya más allá de citas ligeras, la política partidista y estrecho interés propio. Más bien los Católicos deben participar en este proceso fundamentándose en las convicciones morales de una conciencia bien formada y enfocada en la promoción de la dignidad de cada ser humano, la búsqueda del bien común y la protección de los débiles y vulnerables.

Cuando nosotros los católicos presentemos nuestro voto debemos de ser guiados por convicciones morales enraizadas tanto en nuestra fe como en nuestra razón humana, y no sólo por nuestra afiliación política. Como Católicos debemos trabajar para influir y transformar el partido al que pertenecemos, en lugar de permitir que el partido influya en nosotros de tal manera que dejemos a un lado las verdades morales fundamentales, como el derecho a la vida, la naturaleza del matrimonio, o la dignidad de los pobres y de los inmigrantes.

La Fe y la razón son las fuentes de nuestros principios morales. La Fe nunca es incompatible con la razón humana. Más bien, expande los horizontes de la razón. Nuestra Fe Católica, tal como se revela a través de la Palabra de Dios e interpretada por el Magisterio de la Iglesia, nos da una visión clara de lo que es verdadero y bueno para cada persona, para la familia y para la sociedad. Es la visión que Cristo nuestro Maestro ha revelado para estar en acuerdo con nuestra naturaleza humana y nuestro destino como hombres y mujeres creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios, redimidos por Cristo y dotados por Dios con dignidad, derechos y responsabilidades. (Continuará).

Cortas Enseñanzas de Apologética Católica

Es un honor y una gran alegría escribir a través de este periódico de la Arquidiócesis algo para la fe del creyente católico, en especial para el católico hispano, que reside en Oklahoma. Hoy más que nunca es imperante conocer la doctrina de la Iglesia católica. El católico se encuentra bombardeado desde diferentes flancos, por ideologías que desdican y contradicen las enseñanzas del magisterio de la Iglesia y su doctrina. Creando de este modo una gran confusión en la fe del creyente; de manera particular del católico sencillo y humilde que no posee mayor conocimiento de su fe. Así pues, desde este medio escrito, se me ha dado la oportunidad de iniciar unas cortas enseñanzas para que el creyente aprenda amar a la Iglesia Católica a la cual pertenece; aprenda a conocer por que se la ataca y persigue tanto; aprenda a conocer quien la ataca y persigue; aprenda a defenderla y a dar respuesta de la esperanza y de la

fe a todo aquel que le pregunte.

Como decía mas arriba, la Iglesia hoy más que nunca se haya atacada, mal interpretada; perseguida y hasta porque no decirlo debilitada. No obstante la Iglesia

ha sabido a lo largo de los siglos sobreponerse a incontables contratiempos y dificultades, por

Eso tiene ya más de dos mil años y los poderes del maligno no podrán en contra de ella.

Invito a Ud. querido lector, que se aproxima a estas páginas dedicadas a la comunidad hispana, que se tome su tiempo; solo algunos pocos minutos, que le serán de gran provecho no solo para su fe sino para el conocimiento de la Iglesia católica y lo que ella enseña.

Decía su Santidad, el Papa



Por Padre Raúl Sánchez

Benedicto XVI en oportunidades pasadas, que uno de los tantos enemigos que posee la Iglesia católica son algunos de sus mismos miembros, ya sea por su anti testimonio o por su desconocimiento de la misma doctrina del magisterio eclesial. De la misma manera, uno de los obispos más famosos de Estados Unidos en la década de los 50 y 60; el obispo Sheen, afirmaba: Que no existen ni 100 personas que odian a la Iglesia Católica; pero si existen cientos de miles que la odian por lo que CREEN que ella es. Es por esto y otras razones más hondas e igualmente serias dentro de un enorme contexto histórico que nos hizo pensar en esta columna dedicada y pensada en usted estimado hermano católico. Es necesario que usted conozca su fe; conozca a la Iglesia y conozca a todos aquellos que por desconocerla, poseen un errado concepto de ella.

En la próxima edición de este periódico iniciaremos con los temas:

QUE ES APOLOGETICA Y QUIENES SON LOS ENEMIGOS DE LA IGLESIA CATOLICA. Esto como punto de partida y centrarnos con quien o quienes son los debatientes de la Iglesia católica en su caminar de dos mil años. Que esta columna que saldrá cada quise días lo vaya informando y vaya aclarando aquellas dudas que ha podido tener hasta el momento. Sometamos estas enseñanzas al amor providente de Dios Padre, para que todos juntos podamos ser mejores cristianos, mejores católicos y mejores miembros de Iglesia en nuestras parroquias.

Nota del Editor: El Padre Sánchez, original de Columbia y recientemente incardinado en nuestra Arquidiócesis, es párroco asociado en la Parroquia de San Pedro en Guymon. Preguntas sobre la fe y de apologética pueden ser dirigidas a la Sra. Edith Miranda emiranda@archokc.org.

Las personas laicas comparten responsabilidades en la iglesia

Por Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — En tanto se llevan preparativos por los católicos para la celebración del 50o aniversario del Segundo Concilio Vaticano, todos los fieles necesitan renovar sus esfuerzos para asegurarse que las personas laicas estén al tanto de sus responsabilidades con la iglesia y de que se les permita ejercerlas, dijo el papa Benedicto XVI.

“La responsabilidad compartida requiere un cambio de forma de pensar, especialmente en cuanto al papel que los laicos tienen en la

iglesia, a quienes no se les debe considerar como simples ‘colaboradores’ de la clerecía, sino como personas que son verdaderamente corresponsables del bienestar y acciones de la iglesia”, escribió el papa en un mensaje dirigido a la asamblea del Foro Internacional de Acción Católica.

En la reunión que se llevó a cabo del 22 al 26 de agosto, en Lasi, Rumania, se congregaron representantes de grupos de Acción Católica de todo el mundo. En este foro internacional se promueve la participación de personas laicas en la parroquia y vida de la comunidad; en especial, por medio del estudio y

aplicación de los principios de enseñanza social de la iglesia católica.

En el mensaje del papa Benedicto, dado a conocer por el Vaticano el 23 de agosto, se decía que la iglesia necesita “una comunidad de personas laicas, maduras (en su fe) y comprometidas (en la acción), capaces de contribuir específicamente con la misión de la iglesia” en forma tal que se respeten los diferentes papeles y ministerios de cada miembro.

En la constitución dogmática de la iglesia del Segundo Concilio Vaticano “Lumen Gentium” se

describe el estilo de relaciones dentro de la iglesia como “familiar”, dijo el papa. Cuando se ve a la iglesia como familia, se enfatiza la responsabilidad compartida, el apoyo mutuo y la acción conjunta; mientras, al mismo tiempo, se reconoce el papel especial de guía que les pertenece a los pastores de la iglesia, dijo.

El papa les pidió a los miembros de Acción Católica que trabajen con la iglesia y para la iglesia por medio de “la oración, el estudio, la participación activa en la vida de la iglesia, (y) con mirada atenta y positiva hacia el mundo, en continua búsqueda de las señales de los tiempos”.

Vivencias de Fe

Cada Comienzo es una Nueva Oportunidad

Este pasado fin de semana tuve la oportunidad de compartir unas horas con mis hermanos y hermanas participantes del Congreso Carismático aquí en Oklahoma City. Como soy nuevo en la ciudad, y para colmo de males de mala memoria, los conocidos son pocos y los desconocidos miles.

Al finalizar la Santa Misa camine hacia el área de la cafetería y tome un asiento para esperar que bajara la fila de los millares en busca de su cafecito y pan dulce. Como por providencia divina un señor, maduro en años y como iba a darme cuenta maduro en su vivencia de la fe, se me acercó con dos tacitas de café en las manos y me ofreció una.

Su nombre, Don Rejino Placencia, disculpen si no deletreo bien su nombre. Este caballero de Dios está a punto de cumplir sus 87 años y al preguntar su ciudad de origen dice con enorme orgullo, “¡Soy Jalisciense!” Disfruté mucho de la conversación con Don Rejino, también disfruté del cafecito y pan dulce, pero las palabras de este hombre de Dios me llegaron al corazón.

Me dijo, “Hay que aprovechar las oportunidades...” Por qué razón este señor, que nunca antes había visto en mi vida, se decidió venir a mi mesa para ofrecerme café y decirme estas palabras, solo Diosito sabe, pero la realidad es que no las puedo sacar de mi mente. Aquí estoy, apenas comenzando como el nuevo Director de la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano y escucho una voz que me dice, “Hay que aprovechar las oportunidades...”.

Cada comienzo es una nueva oportunidad que nos da Dios para servirle mejor y responder mejor a su



Una puerta abierta es signo de una Nueva Oportunidad. Dios nos abre puertas...

llamado. La realidad es que cada mañana que despertamos con vida tenemos una oportunidad para comenzar de nuevo y comenzar mejor. A veces podemos pensar que no tenemos fuerzas o quizás pensemos que somos



Por Pedro A. Moreno, O.P.

prisioneros o estamos esclavizados a una u otra situación o condición. Aunque nos sintamos así, la realidad es que quien vaya humildemente al Señor e implore su perdón y misericordia insistiéndole “Dame otra oportunidad Señor.” Espere con paciencia y confíe en su generosidad y esa nueva oportunidad llegará. Posiblemente sea por caminos inesperados, posiblemente a través de Oklahoma, pero la oportunidad llegará.

Cuando llegue esa oportunidad para comenzar de nuevo, abramos nuestro corazón al poder del Espíritu Santo, démosle gracias a Dios y digamos como Don Rejino, “¡No me achicopalo!” y vaya hacia delante.

Nota del Editor: El Sr. Pedro A. Moreno, O.P., MRE, Director de la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, es graduado de la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico y fue profesor de teología en la Universidad de Dallas. El Sr. Moreno es casado, tiene tres hijas y está disponible para actividades de formación en las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis. Para más información pueden contactar a la Sra. Edith Miranda emiranda@archokc.org.

Reportes de Abuso/ Línea de Respuesta Pastoral

La Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City a través de sus programas, organizaciones y eventos, cuenta con numerosos contactos diarios con niños y jóvenes. Es, por lo tanto importante que todo el personal de la Arquidiócesis trabajen juntos para proteger los derechos de los niños y estar atentos a la posibilidad de algún maltrato infantil.

En virtud de la Ley del Estado de Oklahoma, todos los individuos DEBEN informar un incidente o sospecha de abuso sexual de un menor (persona menor de 18 años de edad) a las autoridades civiles. El Departamento de Servicios Humanos ha establecido una Línea directa para reportar abusos a nivel estatal: **1-800-522-3511**. Este número está disponible las 24 horas del día, 7 días a la semana. **Si usted siente que un niño está en peligro inmediato llame al 911.**

Para la seguridad de los niños y recuperación de las víctimas, la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City ofrece una línea directa para denunciar el abuso de un menor (pasado o presente) por un miembro del clero u otro personal de la Iglesia: **1-405-720-9878**. El Coordinador de la Arquidiócesis de Asistencia a las Víctimas, un consejero profesional, responderá a las llamadas a la Línea de Ayuda Pastoral de la Arquidiócesis. Si necesita ayuda en Español, por favor solicítelo y le ayudarán.

Un reporte a la Arquidiócesis no excusa al individuo de la obligación de denunciar el abuso infantil a las autoridades civiles como lo requiere la Ley del Estado de Oklahoma. En Oklahoma, el no reportar el abuso infantil es un delito.

María, reina del cielo, vela por sus hijos, dice el papa durante audiencia

Por Catholic News Service

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italia (CNS) — Honrando a María como reina, los católicos la ven ejerciendo el mismo tipo de realeza que Jesús: de humildad, servicio y amor, dijo el papa Benedicto XVI.

Marcando la fiesta de la Realeza de María el 22 de agosto en su audiencia general, el papa dijo que según la realeza de Jesús no tenía nada que ver con el poder terrenal; de hecho, los cristianos lo reconocen como rey cuando está en la cruz; así la realeza de María es ejercida a través de la obediencia a Dios y ayudando a aquellos que recurren a ella.

Realizando su audiencia en el patio de la casa papal de verano en Castel Gandolfo, el papa dijo ante la multitud que la realeza de María es “consecuencia de estar unida con su hijo, de estar en el cielo, en comunión con Dios”, dijo el papa.

Desde el cielo ella participa en el amor de Dios para el mundo, dijo el papa. Ella “vela por nosotros, sus hijos, hijos que recurren a ella en oración para darle gracias o para pedir su protección maternal y su ayuda celestial, tal vez después de perder el camino, estando oprimidos por el sufrimiento o la angustia”, dijo el papa.

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Groundbreaking celebration

MOORE — Father Jack Feehily, center, smiles Sunday, Aug. 26 as he prepares to dig at the ceremonial groundbreaking for St. Andrew Catholic Church's Youth Center. With Father Feehily are parish members. Workers started the actual dirt leveling earlier in the month. The 10,000-square-foot Youth Center will have two large learning centers for junior high and senior high school students, two smaller classrooms, a youth ministry office and a chapel. The building is expected to be finished in spring 2013. (Photo by Thomas Maupin)



Several Catholic Radio Events on the Horizon

Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting to Hold Radiothon

Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting will be holding a radiothon from Monday, Sept. 19 through Friday, Sept. 23 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Each night listeners can tune in to KTLR AM 890 and FM 94.1. There will be special guests throughout the week. Please help support this vital ministry!

Sunday Mass Broadcast on Oklahoma Catholic Radio

Oklahoma Catholic Radio, KTLR, will now be broadcasting Sunday Mass from noon to 1 p.m. on 890 AM and 94.1 FM. Many individuals in our area cannot attend Mass every Sunday for various reasons. Motivated by the need, Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting has been working with Tyler Media to offer all Oklahoma Catholics more access to the celebration of the Mass. The Mass will broadcast from St. Mark's Catholic Church in Norman. This

is an excellent opportunity for those who are unable to attend Mass, especially the home-bound and sick, to experience God's word and the Eucharist.

New Radio Program on Oklahoma Catholic Radio

There is a new program on Oklahoma Catholic Radio on Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. "The Dr. is In" featuring Dr. Ray Guardendi will be airing weekly on KTLR AM 890 and FM 94.1. Dr. Guardendi is a Catholic clinical psychologist who

is father to 10 children. His radio program focuses on the challenges Catholic parents and families face.

Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting is dedicated to answering the call of Pope John Paul II for a "New Evangelization" by providing positive, wholesome and inspirational programming in the state of Oklahoma. For more information, please visit their website at www.oklahoma-catholicbroadcasting.com.

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER

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.

11 Listening Session at Our Lady’s Cathedral from 7 to 9 p.m. in Monsignor Connor Center. All are welcome.

11 Catholic War Veterans (of any war/conflict) will meet the second Tuesday of each month in the community room of St. Ann Retirement Center at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Father M. Price Oswalt at (405) 567-3404.

12 Catholic War Veterans USA. Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Sunnyside Family Reception Center located at 3900 SE 29th St. in Del City, every second Wednesday. For more information, contact Ken at (405) 739-0036, or by email at OklaPost168@cox.net.

14 BINGO at St. Joseph Church in Norman. A light dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., first session begins at 7 p.m., second session at 8:30 p.m. It is

\$5 for each pad of 10 games, plus door prizes and unlimited blackout purchases.

14-16 Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Allow God to work and move in your relationship, strengthen your love, deepen communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament. The next WME is at the Oklahoma City Pastoral Center on Sept. 14-16. For more information, contact John and Tena Franklin at (405) 209-3515, or tena.john.franklin@gmail.com.

15 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 Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the chapel. For more information, contact Toni Harrelson at (405) 341-2199, or lmcoklahoma@sbcglobal.net.

15 Project Gabriel Training at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 N.W. Expressway, from 9 to 12 p.m. 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 start-

ing this important ministry. For more information and to register, call the Office of Family Life at 721-8944.

15 The Community of the Secular Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mt. Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus - Oklahoma Community and Province of St. Therese meets at Little Flower Church, OKC, from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Katherine Payne at (405) 210-4826 or Betty Sharp at (405) 408-4275.

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

16 TAP into FAITH! This month’s topic is Social Media: A Blessing or a Curse?, with Father Rick Stansberry, pastor of Christ the King, OKC. Single or married, ages 21 to 121. 8 p.m. talk, 8:45 p.m. Q & A. Tap into Faith is held at Alfredo’s Mexican Cafe located at the SW corner of 33rd and Broadway, Edmond. For more information, call Alison Giordano at 639-9787 or Mary Lacher at 401-4105

17-25 Monthly Novena to The Infant Jesus. Nine days of Novenas to Infant Jesus of Prague monthly.

21-22 Beyond the Physical Abuse Presentation by Dr. Montalvo-Liendo, highlighting themes relevant to gendered roles and traditional female social roles and how these roles have been subverted. Dr. Montalvo-Liendo’s presentation will be in English on Friday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. on Sept. 21. Dr. Montalvo-Liendo’s presentation will be in Spanish on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Both presentations will be in Conference Room C-1 of the Catholic Pastoral Conference Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City. Questions concerning the conference may be directed to Lisa Carrasco at 721-5651 Ext. 109. There will be no charge for either presentation.

23 Retrouvaille Reunion. Couples who have completed the program and living in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City are invited to a reunion from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23 at St. Joseph Church in Union City. Come and join us for a nice social and help us build our local Retrouvaille Community. It will be an opportunity to meet Father Mark Mason, who is now working with the Retrouvaille program in the Archdiocese.

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