



## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Holy Trinity Catholic Church is participating in *One Church, Many Disciples*, along with every church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. This first ever major campaign will build a Shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, support faith formation ministries and strengthen local parishes, including Holy Trinity. We join with faithful from across the archdiocese who are also helping to ensure our local church is strong and vibrant for generations to come.

As an archdiocese, we form a faith community of 200,000 Catholics in central and western Oklahoma; we truly are *One Church, Many Disciples*! With the Beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother, each of us has the opportunity to share in his legacy. What an occasion to live Jesus' call to missionary discipleship.

Please take a moment to review the impact *One Church, Many Disciples* will have on Holy Trinity.



## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Celebrating 125 years of Faith



## OUR PARISH ROOTS

The Okarche townsite received its first settlers the same day as the Run that opened the surplus lands of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Reservation. Its name is an amalgam of the words Oklahoma, Arapaho, and Cheyenne.

In June 1892, Father Joseph Beck began offering Mass in the homes of Okarche Catholics, most of them of German background. Because of its heavy concentration of German Catholics, Okarche would gain a reputation as "the most Catholic town in the state." Plans were quickly laid for a parish church, which opened on the feast of the Ascension in 1893.

In its first ten years, the parish had grown from twenty families, to more than 125, many newcomers having arrived in response to advertisements in German publications. The physical growth of Holy Trinity was matched in terms of its spiritual development. At one point, Holy Trinity was credited with more vocations to the priesthood and sisterhoods than any parish of its size in the American Southwest. Blessed Stanley Rother, one of nine native Okarche priests, died the death of martyr on July 28, 1981, at the diocesan mission in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. Blessed Stanley was beatified on September 23, 2017, making him the first U.S.-born priest martyr beatified on American soil.





## PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, Holy Trinity is very active, with multiple clubs and ministry groups that benefit the faith community in Okarche. With a vibrant Catholic school, Knights of Columbus Council, and a variety of faith formation programs, Holy Trinity strives to “Make and Be Disciples.” As the home of Blessed Stanley Rother, Holy Trinity hosts tours that attract faithful from around the world.

## OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Holy Trinity welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City’s campaign, *One Church, Many Disciples*. This campaign will enable the building of a shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, and will fund shared ministerial needs. Through participating in this campaign, Holy Trinity will raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$750,000. Holy Trinity will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$150,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to Holy Trinity.



## OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

Through the *One Church, Many Disciples* campaign, we will not only play a significant role in this historic moment in the Church’s history, but we will also be able to support exciting new projects at Holy Trinity.

With Holy Trinity’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will make much needed church and sanctuary renovations, including a new paint job. In addition, we plan to make significant renovations to our school’s restrooms. Remaining funds will be used for ongoing maintenance and repairs.



**Sanctuary and Church  
Renovations**