



## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Little Flower Parish 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 Little Flower. 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 Little Flower. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Little Flower.



Fr. Jorge Cabrera, OCD

## OUR PARISH ROOTS



From its very beginnings our parish has been staffed by the Discalced Carmelite Friars. In July 1921 Bishop Theophile Meerschaert gave permission for the Discalced Carmelites from the Province of Valencia, Spain to found a mission in Oklahoma City to minister to its Mexican population. The Carmelites had arrived to the U.S. from Mexico after being expelled by Pancho Villa during the Mexican Revolution. On August 11, 1921, the Carmelite Provincial Definitory of Aragon-Valencia gave its permission for this endeavor. Fathers Edward Soler, Boguslaus Jacazsek, Jose Vicente Guaita, and Jerome Castellet took possession of a wood frame house on the now 1100 block of South Walker St. that same year. On May 13, 1922 they had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. In the spring of 1926, construction of a new monastery and church began under Fr. Raymond Gomez and these were dedicated on March 24, 1927. A

"student wing" was added to the monastery during the Spanish Civil War when some students from Spain were sent to study here; the school building later used for catechism classes was built in 1947. In 2007 the Santuario Guadalupano was built to accommodate the growing Hispanic congregation.



## PARISH LIFE TODAY

Little Flower is a community of faith that gathers in fraternity to celebrate the mystery of God's saving love. As shown by the large number of people participating in the Eucharist, in the sacrament of Reconciliation and in various parish ministries, our parish continues to flourish. Our Religious Education program strives to evangelize and teach faith to the youngest members of our community, their parents and adults that the Lord has brought to his Church. The group *Married Couples with Christ* offers formation and support to married couples and others preparing for it so that they live their full vocation in marriage. Our clinic provides free medical care to low-income families who would not otherwise have access to medical care. In addition the Charismatic Renewal, Guadalupanos, Cursillistas and our *Elevated* youth group ministries also contribute to the life of the Spirit in our community.



## OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Little Flower 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, Little Flower will raise significant funds toward needs of beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$695,000. Little Flower will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$139,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to Little Flower.

## 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 Little Flower.

With Little Flower's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will make necessary repairs on our beautiful church. Among other areas we will:

**Reinforce the foundation underneath the main altar to avoid damage**

**Restore the stained glass windows**

**Replaster and paint the inside north wall of the church**

**Renovate areas damaged by water intrusion**