



## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Prince of Peace 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 Prince of Peace. 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 Prince of Peace. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Prince of Peace.



*Fr. Cory Stanley*

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## OUR PARISH ROOTS

Father William Huffer celebrated the first Mass in Altus in 1906. This Mass was held in the upper story of the old Opera House on the corner of Main and Broadway. A house was purchased in 1914 to be used as a church. In the early years, the Dominican priests from the Catholic Church in Mangum came to Altus once a month to celebrate Mass. This house was used until 1926 when Father Hugo purchased the old Church of Christ building and had it moved to East Liveoak Street. It was at that time the church was given the name of St. Sophie Magdalen. By 1962 the need for a new church was imperative, and Bishop Reed appointed Father Philip Bryce for the task. He oversaw the construction of Prince of Peace. In 1969 Sophia Hall was dedicated with seven classrooms to be used for religious education. Ten years later a wing was built with additional classrooms, and the whole facility was renamed the Father Stanley F. Rother Center.





## PARISH LIFE TODAY

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At Prince of Peace Parish we continue our proud history as a warm, friendly, and generous community of faith, striving always to grow closer to our Lord through prayer, service, and commitment. Our Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, and Guadalupanos work to enliven spirits while supporting special activities throughout the parish. Our parish welcomes all to worship and to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church as well as to give in service through our various ministries.



## OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

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Prince of Peace 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, Prince of Peace will raise significant funds toward meeting the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve our parish campaign goal of \$315,000. Prince of Peace will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to our goal, totaling \$63,000. Plus, 50% of every

## OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

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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 Prince of Peace. With Prince of Peace's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will make necessary improvements around our parish including projects to repair the terrazzo floors in the church, continue upgrades to the LED/energy efficient lighting, and repair and preserve bricks and mortar on the buildings.



**Repair the terrazzo floors in the church**

**Continue upgrades to LED/energy efficient lighting**

**Repair and preserve bricks and mortar on the buildings around campus facilities**