



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Saint Damien of Molokai 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 St. Damien of Molokai. 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 St. Damien of Molokai. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Damien of Molokai.

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OUR PARISH ROOTS

St. Damien of Molokai parish began when ground was broken in November of 2009 on a site in far northwestern Oklahoma County adjacent to St. Patrick's Cemetery, one of the earliest Catholic cemeteries in Oklahoma. Founding pastor, Fr. Howard Remski, F.S.S.P. held Mass at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School as construction continued on the Spanish mission style structure.

Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran dedicated the church to St. Damien of Molokai, on October 1, 2010. St. Damien, a Belgian priest who devoted his life to missionary work among the Hawaiian lepers, had been canonized nearly one year earlier in October of 2009. Pews and a large church bell were donated, and Fr. Remski organized parishioners to install the pews, set up the altar and make the Archdiocese's newest church ready for daily use.

St. Damien of Molokai is an apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, under the approval of Archbishop Coakley, who are committed to providing Catholics with the Extraordinary Form of the Mass.





PARISH LIFE TODAY

Our parish campus is vibrant and alive stemming from our daily offering of the ancient liturgy of the Church. Our daily Masses are well attended, including the presence of many of our children and the boys who attend Saint John Bosco Institute on site. Our catechism classes instruct more than 100 of our youth, and our Blessed Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Youth Group enlivens the parish. The choir brings appropriate, reverent and beautiful music to our chapel in line with ancient tradition.



OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

St. Damien of Molokai 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, St. Damien of Molokai will raise significant funds toward needs of beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$155,000. St. Damien of Molokai will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$31,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Damien of Molokai.

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 a new project here at St. Damien of Molokai.

With St. Damien of Molokai's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will begin funding a new rectory building. This will provide three major benefits:

More room for our current priests

A larger rectory will allow for more comfort and indoor garage parking.

More room for our parish

A new rectory will free up the existing building for use by the parish.

More room for future priests

Should we be so blessed by our Lord, a larger rectory would be able to accommodate more priests.