



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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



Rev. James A. Wickersham, Pastor

OUR PARISH ROOTS

Our beautiful parish church was built as a project of Father John Sullivan, pastor of Guthrie from 1947 to 1959. St. Margaret Mary opened in 1953. For years the pastor was Father George R. Carpentier O.P., the saintly pastor of Guthrie's parish for African-American Catholics, St. Catherine's. Bishop McGuinness blessed the new St. Margaret



Mary on April 30, 1956. A week later the bishop received word from Catholic Extension that a donation of \$25,000 had been granted. After Father Carpentier retired in 1965, our parish became the responsibility of priests teaching at Bishop McGuinness High School. Most recently, it has come under the care of the pastor of St. Mary in Guthrie.



OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Saint Margaret Mary 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. Margaret Mary will raise significant funds toward the needs of this beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$65,000. St. Margaret Mary will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$13,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Margaret Mary.

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 St. Margaret Mary.

With St. Margaret Mary's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will address needed maintenance to the exterior of the church building, including repairing the siding and new exterior lighting.

