DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

St. Vincent de Paul 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. Vincent de Paul. 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. Vincent de Paul. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Vincent de Paul.



Fr. M. Riakosh

Rev. Prakash Madineni, Pastor

OUR PARISH ROOTS

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church was originally built as a mission church in 1904. Built to serve both the Bohemian and Polish-speaking Catholic of the area, the founding pastor was Fr. Vincent Bednarek. With Fr.



Bednarek's passing, the mission was staffed by monks from Sacred Heart Abbey near Konawa or St. Bendict's parish in Shawnee.

Unfortunately, in January of 1954, the original wooden frame church burned to the ground. Rebuilding began immediately, and with the help of parishioners and the Catholic Extension society, the new church building was completed and dedicated in late 1954. Augustine Hall was added to the parish campus in 1990.

PARISH LIFE TODAY

St. Vincent de Paul Parish carries on this proud history as a warm, friendly, and generous community of faith. The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters work to enliven spirits and support special activities throughout the parish. The St. Vincent de Paul society see to the needs of the disadvantaged of the community. Our Religious Education and RCIA ministries ensure that children and those new to the faith are well informed, well prepared for their sacraments, and ready to answer Christ's call in their lives.



OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

St. Vincent de Paul 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. Vincent de Paul will raise significant funds toward needs of beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$115,000. St. Vincent de Paul will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$23,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Vincent de Paul.

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. Vincent de Paul.

With St. Vincent de Paul's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will:

Beautify the sanctuary

Address needed maintenance

