DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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



Rev. Thomas Pudota





OUR PARISH ROOTS

In 1907 Fr. Casper Douenburg began to conduct weekday services for the Catholics in the Clinton area. Mass was usually celebrated in the Brown Hall, on the second floor of what was afterward the Hoffman furniture store. A frame church was begun in April 1910 at Ninth and Modell, then virtually out in the country but later the center of a residential district. The church, 25 by 50 feet was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Renovated in 1925, this building served until 1962 when it was replaced by the present church. When Father Morris Statham was appointed the first resident pastor in 1943, he had the chutch moed to the 1200 block of Knox Avenue and constructed a two-story brick rectory. He also buit a structure intended as a school, but always used for religious education and as a parish hall. The new St. Marys was designed by Oklahoma City architect James Biegnell, and opened on December 23, 1962.

PARISH LIFE TODAY

At St. Mary 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. With different activities around the parish including an active youth group, religious education classes, various Hispanic ministries, a partnership with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, work with Catholic Charities, a prayer chain, and various other happenings, the parish community of St. Mary is striving to welcome all people into deeper communion with Jesus.



St. 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. Mary will raise



significant funds toward needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve our parish campaign goal of \$240,000. St. Mary will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$48,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above our goal will be returned to us.

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 continue our work to build a new rectory for our beloved priests. This update will allow for the shepherds of our parish to have a comfortable space to live and work.

Construction of New Rectory