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Center of Family Love receives grant, plans expansion

By Sally Linhart
The Sooner Catholic

OKARCHE – The Center of Family Love announced plans to expand their facility in Okarche after receiving a $1 million grant from the Newfield Foundation, an employee-driven organization of Newfield Exploration Company.

Expansion of the campus will give the CFL the ability to better serve residents and add more residents with physical and/or intellectual disabilities.

"The building will be much like a school, where they can identify what they love, what they're good at and what their talents are. It will empower them to be on a journey of discovery and growth, and live creative, joyful lives," Executive Director Debbie Espinosa said.

Day programs for residents will include pottery, Spanish, art, horticulture and Bible study.

Long-term plans for the COFL include new intermediate-care residential homes, an activity center, a larger chapel dedicated to Blessed Stanley Rother and improvements to existing facilities. Additions and improvements will take place in multiple phases.

Following Catholic social teaching has been the mission of the center since its inception, markedly life and dignity of the human person.

Espinosa repeatedly expressed the emphasis on giving every individual an equal opportunity to thrive, succeed and achieve goals.

"It gives me such great joy that we have a community of believers who see the beauty and dignity in every life," she said. "This seed money allows us to enable every individual to become the gift to the world that God intended."

Sally Linhart is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

JOURNEY TO THE PRIESTHOOD

"The Lord has been so good to me"

By Tina Korbe Dzurisin
The Sooner Catholic

Growing up as an only child in Enid, Deacon Alexander Kroll knew he was destined to be "rich and famous," as he puts it.

His mother, Stephanie Willis, had her own assumptions about his future. Kroll spent his high school summers helping at her husband's law firm, where Willis worked as a paralegal. As he ferried files from the post office to the courthouse, he befriended the local judges.

"They just loved him at the courthouse," she said. "We just assumed he'd grow up and take over the business someday or take over his father's farming business."

God had "bigger plans."

At a class to prepare for confirmation, Kroll listened incredulously to a Benedictine nun's assurance that some methods of prayer could lead to a genuine dialogue with the Lord.

"She said that there were ways to pray where, if you talked to God, he would talk back to you," Kroll said. "I thought she was nuts."

Despite his skepticism, Kroll tried her suggestions.

One evening, as he prayed in his room, he asked the Lord, "What do you want me to do with my life?"

God responded: "I want you to be a priest."

"I was like, 'Oh no, Lord, you know everything, you know I'm

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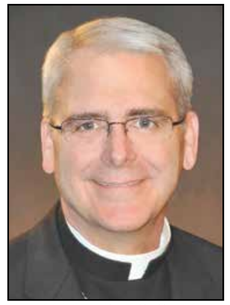
Dcn. Alexander Kroll will be ordained to the priesthood on June 29.
Photo provided.

Put Out Into the Deep Luke 5:4

Thank you!



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

It has been a marathon, but as of May 31 the historic "One Church, Many Disciples" campaign officially has ended. Now is the time to look back, assess the results and, most importantly, to express gratitude. Thank you!

Two years ago, after completing an encouraging feasibility study, we decided to move forward with the first-ever archdiocesan capital campaign that would engage all 107 parishes and missions of the archdiocese. We began quietly with a major gift phase followed by four waves of parish campaigns, which have now concluded.

The case for the campaign has included both local and shared ministry objectives. A portion of every dollar raised (either 20 percent or 50 percent) remains in each parish for local projects. Other elements include a renovation of The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, which began this week. We are establishing or adding to various endowments to support ministries that benefit all parishes such as a youth, young adult and campus ministry fund, a Catholic school fund, funds to support evangelization and discipleship, vocations and priests' retirement, and a fund for future growth.

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The signature element of the "One Church, Many Disciples" campaign is a shrine to honor Blessed Stanley Rother, an Oklahoma original and the first U.S.-born priest and martyr ever beatified. It will be a place of pilgrimage where the faithful will come from near and far to honor Blessed Stanley at his final resting place and to seek his intercession for their many needs.

It will be a place well suited to host many large diocesan events as it will be the largest Catholic Church in Oklahoma. It will be a place of welcome, serving all people, but in a particular way accommodating the growing Hispanic population in our metro area whose parish churches are significantly over-crowded. The plans for the Spanish colonial style church and campus are being developed right now. The campus will include an education building, a hall/event center as well as designated shrines/devotional areas and gathering spaces for outdoor events and processions. Some of these will develop over time, though all of these are included in the original case for the campaign.

All that remains is an ongoing effort to build a pilgrim center and museum that will be the point of entry for those visiting the campus. We are funding this element from special gifts solicited from outside of the archdiocese and our own parishes. We have a way to go before reaching the financial goal for this element.

So, how have we done? By any measure the "One Church, Many Disciples" campaign has been an extraordinary success. I am profoundly grateful for this response. I am grateful not only for the financial gifts, large and small, but also the personal engagement and interest of so many.

In addition to our fine archdiocesan staff and CCS professional consultants, the campaign has been driven by our local pastors and some 1,020 campaign volunteers around the archdiocese. To date, some 10,332 archdiocesan families have made financial commitments along with nearly 1,000 households from outside of the archdiocese.

After exceeding our original goal of $55 million, we eventually established a challenge goal of $80 million. As of today, we have received more than $89 million in pledges! There has been very strong grassroots interest in the campaign as is evident from the fact that 77 parishes already have exceeded their goals, one by as much as 306 percent!

To have experienced such extraordinary success in a climate that admittedly is very challenging due to a global abuse crisis and local economic challenges, speaks volumes of the faith, generosity and good stewardship of the people of this archdiocese. To each and every person and family who has made a gift, volunteered or prayed for the success of our "One Church, Many Disciples" campaign, I express my profound appreciation. You have inspired me! Thank you.

Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley's official calendar.

June 2 – Confirmation, 10 a.m., Saint Benedict, Shawnee
June 3 – Catholic Foundation Golf Tournament, Quail Creek Golf and Country Club, OKC
June 4 – Mass and dinner with camp staff, 4 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp
June 5 – Catholic Relief Services Overseas Operations Committee teleconference, 9 a.m.
June 6 – Archdiocesan School Advisory Council meeting, 7:30 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
June 6 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
June 6 – Senior Staff meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
June 7 – USCCB Pro-Life Committee conference call, 11 a.m.
June 7 – Catholic Foundation Board meeting, 1:30 p.m., CPC
June 9-10 – Catholic Relief Services Board meeting, Baltimore
June 10-14 – U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring Assembly, Baltimore
June 15 – Gift of Love Gala, 6 p.m., National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, OKC
June 16 – Confirmation, Noon, Immaculate Conception, Seminole

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By Sooner Catholic Staff

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✔ **To send photos,** event information or story ideas, e-mail tips@archokc.org.

✔ **The 20th annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference** is Aug. 2-4 at the Century II Convention Center, 225 W. Douglas Ave., in Wichita. The theme is "My Soul Magnifies the Lord." Visit catholicfamilyconference.org.

✔ **Save the Date** for the 2019 Archbishop's Dinner for Seminarian Education, benefiting the St. John Vianney Endowment for Seminarian Education at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8.

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Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Pope Francis issues new norms for the Church against those who abuse or cover up

By Andrea Tornielli
Vatican News

"Vos estis lux mundi." "You are the light of the world. … Our Lord Jesus Christ calls every believer to be a shining example of virtue, integrity and holiness." The Gospel of Matthew

provides the title and first words of Pope Francis's new Motu proprio dedicated to the fight against sexual abuse committed by clerics and religious as well as the actions or omissions of bishops and religious superiors that in any way interfere with or fail to investigate abuse.

The pope recalls that "the crimes of sexual abuse offend Our Lord, cause physical, psychological and spiritual damage to the victims and harm the community of the faithful," and mentions the special responsibility of the Successors of the Apostles to prevent these crimes. The document represents another result of the Meeting on the Protection of Minors held in the Vatican in February. It establishes new procedural rules to combat sexual abuse and to ensure that bishops and religious superiors are held accountable for their actions. It establishes universal norms, which apply to the whole Catholic Church.

An "office" for reporting in every diocese

Among the new indications given is the obligation for every diocese in the world to set up, by June 2020, "one or more public, stable and easily accessible systems for submission of reports" concerning sexual abuse committed by clerics and religious, the use of child pornography and cover-ups of the same abuse. The legislation does not specify what these "systems" consist of because it leaves operational choices to the diocese; and these may differ according to various cultures and local conditions. The idea is that anyone who has suffered abuse can have recourse to the local Church while being assured they will be well received, protected from retaliation and that their reports will be treated with the utmost seriousness.

The obligation to report

Another new indication concerns the obligation for all clerics, and all men and women religious, to "report promptly" all accusations of abuse of which they become aware as well as any omissions and cover-ups in the management of cases of abuse to ecclesiastical authorities. Though this obligation was formerly left up to individual consciences, it now becomes a universally established legal precept. The obligation as such is sanctioned for clerics and religious, but any layperson can, and is encouraged to, use the system to report violence and abuse to the competent ecclesiastical authority.

Not only child abuse

The document covers not only violence and abuse against children and vulnerable adults, but also sexual abuse and violence resulting from an abuse of authority as well. This includes cases of violence against religious by clerics as well as abuse committed against adult seminarians or novices.

Dealing with cover-ups

One of the most important elements is the identification, as a specific category, of so-called cover-ups, defined as "actions or omissions intended to interfere with or avoid civil investigations or canonical investigations, whether administrative or penal, against a cleric or a religious regarding the delicts" of sexual abuse. This section refers to those who hold positions of particular responsibility in the Church, and who, instead of pursuing abuses committed by others, have hidden them and have protected alleged offenders instead of protecting the victims.

The protection of vulnerable people

Vos estis lux mundi stresses the importance of protecting minors (anyone under 18) and vulnerable people. The definition of a "vulnerable person" is broadened to include "any person in a state of infirmity, physical or mental deficiency, or deprivation of personal liberty which, in fact, even occasionally, limits their ability to understand or to want to otherwise resist the offense." In this respect, the new Motu proprio echoes recent Vatican legislation (CCXCVII of March 26, 2019).

Respecting the laws of states

The obligation to report to the local ordinary or religious superior does not interfere with, or change, any other reporting obligation that may exist in respective countries' legislation. In fact, the norms "apply without prejudice to the rights and obligations established in each place by state laws, particularly those concerning any reporting obligations to the competent civil authorities."

The protection of victims and those reporting abuse

The sections dedicated to protecting those who come forward to report abuse also are significant. According to the provisions of the Motu proprio, someone reporting abuse cannot be subjected to "prejudice, retaliation or discrimination" because of what they report. The problem of victims who in the past have been told to keep silent is also addressed: these universal norms provide that "an obligation to keep silent may not be imposed on any person with regard to the contents of his or her report." Obviously, the seal of confession remains absolute and inviolable and is in no way affected by this legislation. Vos estis lux mundi also states that victims and their families must be treated with dignity and respect and must receive appropriate spiritual, medical and psychological assistance.

The investigation of bishops

The Motu proprio regulates the investigation of bishops, cardinals, religious superiors and all those who lead a diocese, or another particular Church, in various capacities and even temporarily. The rules apply not only in the case of these persons being investigated for having committed sexual abuse themselves, but also if they are accused of having "covered up," or of failing to pursue abuses of which they were aware, and which it was their duty to address.

The role of the metropolitan

There are new indications regarding the role of the metropolitan archbishop in preliminary investigations: if the accused individual is a bishop, the metropolitan receives a mandate from the Holy See to investigate. This strengthens his traditional role in the Church and indicates a desire to make the most of local resources with regard to investigations into bishops. Every 30 days, the person in charge of the investigation sends the Holy See "a status report on the state of the investigation," which "is to be completed within the term of 90 days" (extensions for "just reasons" are possible). This establishes specific timeframes and requires the Vatican dicasteries concerned to act promptly.

> Pope Francis's Motu proprio, "Vos estis lux mundi," establishes new procedures for reporting abuse and violence, and ensures that bishops and religious superiors are held accountable for their actions. It includes the obligation for clerics and religious to report abuse. Every diocese must have a system that allows the public to submit reports easily.
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Involvement of the laity

Citing the Canon Law article that stresses the important contribution of the laity, the norms

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CAMPAIGN	GOAL	RAISED TO DATE	% GOAL
CHALLENGE GOAL	**$80,000,000**	**$88,289,942**	**110%**
ARCHBISHOP COAKLEY'S LEAD GIFTS	$20,000,000	$23,719,941	119%
ROTHER MUSEUM & PILGRIM CENTER	$5,000,000	$2,528,104	51%
10 WAVE 1 PARISHES (Oct. '17 - Mar. '18)	$8,535,000	$10,380,560	122%
29 WAVE 2 PARISHES (Mar. '18 - Aug. '18)	$13,630,000	$16,140,773	118%
34 WAVE 3 PARISHES (Aug. '18 - Dec. '18)	$10,950,000	$14,262,390	130%
31 WAVE 4 PARISHES (Jan. '19 - May. '19)	$9,345,000	$10,923,578	110%
COMBINED PARISH CAMPAIGNS	$15,350,000	$11,028,713	72%
OTHER GIFTS	----	$45,894	----

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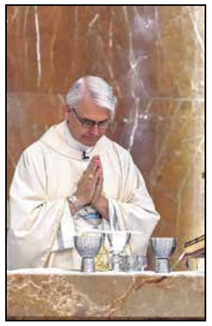
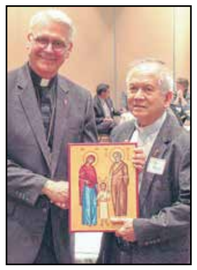


Around the Archdiocese

Blessed Stanley Rother Institute graduation. *Photos Tim Sharp/Sooner Catholic.*

Scout Mass, Oklahoma City. *Photo Cara Koenig.*



Deacon convocation, Oklahoma City. *Photos Avery Holt.*

Holy Spirit, Mustang. *Photo provided.*

St. Ann, Elgin. *Photo Jolene Schonchin.*

St. Matthew, Elk City. *Photo provided.*

Knights on Bikes Five-State Poker Run. *Photo provided.*

Sts. Peter and Paul, Hobart

First Communion on May 5

Baptism on May 11

Confirmation on May 19. *Photos provided.*

Meet the Chancery Staff

Fr. William Novak

Fr. William L. Novak
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi, Oklahoma City

Q: What does the vicar general do for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City?
A: As vicar general, I assist Archbishop Coakley in governance and operation of the archdiocese. I serve as a member of several advisory boards, including the Senior Staff, the Archdiocesan Finance Council, the Archdiocesan Building Committee, the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine Building Committee and the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma.

Q: What is the Moderator of the Curia?
A: As Moderator of the Curia, I oversee the functioning of the Catholic Pastoral Center and provide support to the directors and staff of the various secretariats. Recently, this included the reorganization of the chancery and its renovation.

Q: What are the requirements of someone in your position?
A: The primary requirement of my job is to be focused on the mission of the Church. I accomplish this by being a disciple of Jesus Christ and serving the Church in the archdiocese, working closely with Archbishop Coakley, the chancellor, human resources, communications and the chief financial officer.

Q: What's the favorite part of your job?
A: The favorite part of my job is meeting people from all over the archdiocese.

Q: What's the hardest part of your job?
A: The hardest part of my job is knowing that there is so much that needs to be done to advance the kingdom of God but knowing that I am only one person and can only do so much. I must lean on others and cooperate with them and, most especially, depend upon the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance.

Q: How does your job help advance the mission of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma?
A: I am able to address particular needs and set up structure and encourage other disciples to proclaim the Good News and follow the Lord's command to "Go Make Disciples."

Catholic Daughters of the Americas holds state conference in Oklahoma City

By Jolene Schonchin
The Sooner Catholic

Women from parishes across Oklahoma gathered May 3-5 in Oklahoma City for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 47th Biennial Oklahoma State Convention. The theme for the convention was, "Be Still, Listen, Be Blessed." The theme stems from Saint Teresa of Calcutta who said, "God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer."

Hostesses for the state convention were Court Holy Trinity, Okarche; Court Saint Mary, Guthrie; and Court Our Lady of Lourdes, Enid.

A memorial service was held May 3 for members who had died. Morning Mass was held May 4 at the Saint Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center with Father James Caldwell. The afternoon speaker was Father James Wickersham, pastor of Saint Mary in Guthrie. Keeping with the theme of the weekend, he spoke about prayer, especially praying the Rosary daily.

"A slow Rosary is one of the most beautiful things. Don't ever pray it just to pray it. Take your time with it. It is supposed to slow us down in our crazy world. Make it a true meditation," Father Wickersham said.

He also spoke about the three ways of the spiritual life as told by Saint John of the Cross – the Purgative Way, Illuminative Way and the Unitive Way.

He also urged endurance in prayer even when there is a period of dryness.

"It is a challenge to understand, but it is going to happen. Why does God do this? He is testing us. He takes away the good feeling in prayer because he does not want us to worship that good feeling. If we prayed and we always felt good, we would be addicted to the good feelings. We are easily addicted to the things that make us feel good. In life, there are some really tough moments and that is when we have to be faithful and go through it. The same is true of our spiritual life. We have to be persistent through those moments of dryness in prayer," he said.

Debbie Lattus, national director for the CDA, made her first trip to Oklahoma to attend the convention.

"Catholic Daughters have been serving God and his people for 116 years. Think back to the days when we were rolling bandages for the troops, we were working in soup kitchens to provide food for the hungry, setting up and working clothing drives to clothe the naked, and supporting pro-life rallies to protect the unborn and those unable to protect themselves. We, as Catholic Daughters, have always been immersed in events and issues that affect women, children, families and helping provide a good life for all of God's people," she said.

The CDA announced a gift to support seminarians with donations of $600 to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma and $400 to the Diocese of Tulsa. The 58th Biennial National Convention will be held July 14-19, 2020.

New state officers:
- Barbara Carpenter, state regent
- Karen Huber, state first vice regent
- Jo Ella Newbury, state second vice regent
- Debra Brzozowski, state financial secretary
- Karla Ludwig, state treasurer

The Circle of Love Award winners are:
- Spiritual Enhancement: Court Saint Jude, Lawton
- Youth and JCDA: Court Saint Francis of Peace, Altus
- Quality of Life: Court Salve Regina, El Reno
- Family: Court Saint Mary's, Guthrie

The Education Awards were given to the court that the students represented.

Art Division One:
- First Place – Saint Teresa
- Second Place – Saint Mary's
- Third Place – Holy Trinity

Art Division Two:
- First Place – Saint Mary's
- Second Place – Holy Trinity
- Third Place – Christ the King

Art Division Three:
- First Place – Christ the King

Poetry Division One:
- First Place – Holy Trinity
- Second Place – Christ the King
- Third Place – Saint Mary's

Poetry Division Two:
- First Place – Saint Teresa
- Second Place – Christ the King
- Third Place – Saint Mary's

Poetry Division Three:
- First Place – Christ the King
- Second Place – Saint Mary's

Poetry Division Four:
- First Place – Christ the King
- Second Place – Saint Mary's

Essay Division One:
- First Place – Holy Trinity
- Second Place – Saint Mary's
- Third Place – Saint Jude

Essay Division Two:
- First Place – Holy Trinity
- Second Place – Saint Mary's
- Third Place – Christ the King

Essay Division Three:
- First Place – Saint Mary's
- Second Place – Bishop Kelly

Photography Division Two:
- First Place – Saint Mary's
- Second Place – Holy Trinity
- Third Place – Christ the King

Photography Division Three:
- First Place – Saint Mary's

Photography Division Four:
- First Place – Saint Mary's
- Second Place – Saint Mary's
- Third Place – Christ the King

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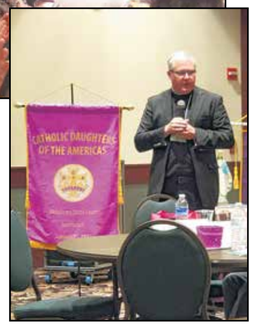

Above: Catholic Daughters State Board passed out yellow roses to the ladies of the courts.

Right: Dcn. Kevin Sartorius speaks about the Porta Caeli House in Tulsa. Porta Caeli House offers a place where the terminally ill can live out their remaining days in a comfortable, loving, caring and dignified manner. *Photos Jolene Schonchin/Sooner Catholic.*

Making Sense of Bioethics

The corpse raiders

Most people recognize the importance of obtaining consent before retrieving organs from the bodies of deceased persons. They also understand the necessity of showing respect for those bodily remains following death.

Recent news stories have chronicled the troubling story of a funeral home in Colorado clandestinely taking body parts out of corpses and selling them to medical supply companies. One family was horrified to learn that their mother's head, arms, pelvis and parts of her legs had been harvested without their knowledge or consent. They and others are now suing the company. The funeral home had been selling body parts to places as far away as Saudi Arabia and returning containers of ashes to the families that did not contain any actual trace of their loved ones.

The public outcry following these revelations, and the subsequent FBI investigation and legal prosecution of the funeral home directors, reminds us how easy it is to transgress important moral boundaries when we fail to respect the remains of the deceased.

Indeed, legal measures can remind us of our duties toward the dead, whether through laws that criminalize grave robbing, for example, or those forbidding the use of executed persons' bodies for research. A few years ago, Chinese officials were timing the capital punishment of their prisoners in order to harvest their organs as soon as well-paying foreigners had arrived in Chinese hospitals to receive those transplanted body parts. International pressure quickly mounted to ban the practice.

While it is clear that we shouldn't kill others for the purpose of obtaining their organs or body parts, it should be equally clear that when an intentional act of killing has already taken place, and a cadaver is available, valid informed consent is still required prior to harvesting bodily tissues. All ethically sound research involving human subjects is predicated upon informed consent, which needs to be given either by the donors themselves before they die, or by their duly appointed proxy, acting on behalf of, and in the best interests of, the deceased individual.

When it comes to extracting cells or organs from the corpse of a deceased child at an abortion clinic, however, these ethical requirements for consent cannot legitimately be satisfied.

Some have been tempted to argue that aborted children "would have consented" to organ donation if they had been given the chance, since those organs are no longer needed by them after death. But, if the justification for harvesting fetal organs is alleged to be the implied consent of the child, this has to be characterized as a false, even violent, presumption. The activity of harvesting tissues under these circumstances would only exacerbate the original evil act that terminated the child's life. Taking cells or tissues without consent would be a callous extension of the original desecration of his or her bodily life.

Additionally, it is important to recognize that even if the mother of an intentionally aborted child were to sign the dotted line saying she granted her permission for the baby's cells and organs to be donated, that consent would necessarily be null and void. Because she arranged for the taking of the child's life, she already categorically demonstrated that she does not have the child's best interests in mind. From the ethical vantage point, she disqualifies herself from being able to provide valid consent on behalf of her now-deceased child by the very decision to have the abortion in the first place.

While the action of taking bodily tissues without consent would be a lesser evil than the act of killing, this does not lead to the conclusion that we can therefore permit or encourage fetal corpse raiding at abortion clinics simply because we have some good use in mind, like pushing forward the frontiers of biological knowledge, or producing a new vaccine or even developing an important therapy for a serious disease.

Father Tad Pacholczyk
National Catholic Bioethics Center

Wherever cells from directly aborted fetuses are used in research or product development, alternative and ethically non-controversial cell sources should instead be pursued, using, for example, cells obtained from routine surgeries like the removal of an appendix, or foreskin removal during newborn circumcision or fetal remains following a spontaneous miscarriage, after valid informed consent is able to be properly obtained from the parents. Consent given after the natural loss of a pregnancy would be analogous to granting permission for an organ donation from a couple's naturally deceased newborn.

Even though significant scientific breakthroughs may have occurred in the past using illicitly gained cells and tissues from direct abortions, this cannot ethically sanitize this approach to tissue procurement, nor justify the continuation of the practice in the future. In fact, outlawing the use of the remains of abortion victims by scientists and researchers would be a small, but highly important, first step toward showing proper societal respect for the many unborn children who unjustly perish in abortion clinics today.

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

From the Archives ...

A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist

Father Huffer and an American Indian family

William Huffer (dubbed "Wild Bill" by his brother priests) was truly one of the great characters who contributed mightily to the growth and health of the Church in Oklahoma.

Born in Eupen, Germany, in 1877, he came to Oklahoma in 1900. This remarkable priest gave 60 years of service with his primary goals being to evangelize and be Christ to others. Few have achieved this aspiration with such fervor and humor.

He has been described as a "free spirit," which from all accounts was quite accurate. Adroitly avoiding administration as much as possible, he stayed close to those he served. He was an extremely competent pastor as he built the churches in Lawton, Mangum, Apache and Sterling. But, his true gifts were contained in his love of people and preaching the gospel.

For nine years, he was given the unique opportunity to be the diocesan missionary to non-Catholics. Wherever he went, he spoke to crowds drawn to his natural warmth and his ability to articulate the joys of the Catholic faith. He was appointed to the Catholic Indian Bureau in Washington and traveled nationally to the various tribes to repeat what he had done in Oklahoma for the next 11 years. Serving American Indians became his focus and his passion. As chaplain at the Indian School in Pawhuska, his generosity was legendary as he provided food and clothing for the boys of the school.

A vigorous man and a natural athlete, he often was seen chopping ice out of local creeks in the dead of winter to swim, continuing the practice well into his 60s.

His life-long love of photography has provided invaluable glimpses into the history of the Church in Oklahoma as he kept scrapbooks of all the churches in the state. These books are treasured as a time capsule and often used to verify or identify other photos less documented. His notations on the people and places pictured are priceless.

Father Huffer died on Jan. 15, 1962, in Enid where he had been in residence. At his funeral mass, his spirit, kindness and devotion to the people of God were fondly remembered.

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✓ **Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat** is a retreat for sacramentally married couples, giving them an opportunity to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together, will be Aug. 30 – Sept. 2 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Registration is 5:30 – 6 p.m. Aug. 30. The cost is $350 per couple. Scholarships are available. Contact Alex Schimpf at aschimpf@archokc.org or (405) 709-2755. Register online at archokc.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities.

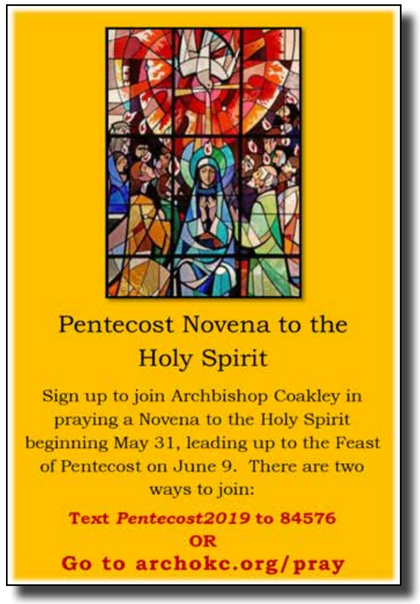
✓ **Bishop McGuinness** Catholic High School Class of 1969 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion Sept. 19-22. Contact Rich Tuohy at Rftuohy@aol.com, (405) 820-1812.

Real Life Disciples

A new Pentecost

In his new pastoral letter released this past January, Archbishop Coakley said, "Since my installation as archbishop nearly eight years ago, I have not ceased praying for a new Pentecost leading to a New Evangelization in Oklahoma. I am convinced of the crucial role the Holy Spirit plays in assisting in the work of evangelization and the life of every disciple. It is my prayer that each one of us will more fully embrace a relationship with the third person of the Trinity and will be blessed with a fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives."

In the latest issue of the Sooner Catholic, Archbishop Coakley called for us to join him in praying a special novena to the Holy Spirit during the nine days leading up to the Feast of Pentecost, starting May 31. You can join him with prayers in English, Spanish and Vietnamese at archokc.org/pray.



This call for a new Pentecost is not something new. It is something that many popes have called for and prayed for. Pope John XXIII implored the whole Church to pray in preparation for the second Vatican Council, asking God to send us a "new Pentecost." And, Saint John Paul II said, "We would do well to consider whether the Church today has sufficiently taken into account this link between Pentecost and evangelization. ... It is common to presume that since the first Pentecost the Church enjoys the fullness of the Spirit and can get on with the job of proclaiming the Gospel. But, a fresh outpouring of power from on high is as necessary today as it was in the early Church. To take the New Testament witness seriously is to conclude that there can be no New Evangelization without a new Pentecost."

To understand what is meant by a new Pentecost, it might be helpful to look back at what happened at the first Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit for the apostles meant the end of fearful hiding. They were gathered in the upper room after the crucifixion, fearing for their lives.

There were many gathered in Jerusalem at that time, people from "every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5). When the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost, the apostles all started speaking in different tongues. The crowd heard and understood what they were saying in their native tongue. Then, Peter stood up to proclaim the Gospel and to testify to Jesus crucified (Acts 2:14-40). His words cut to the heart, and about 3,000 people were added to the Church that day.

One of the principal gifts of Pentecost is conversion. The Holy Spirit is given for evangelization and for conversion of heart. Do we not need that same power, the same action of the Spirit today? We desperately need a new movement of the Holy Spirit in the Church, a new outpouring, a new spiritual ardor capable of penetrating hearts that have become hard and cold, including our own.

In our archdiocese, many good things are happening. We are in the midst of the canonization process of one of our own, Blessed Stanley Rother, with many people still riding the wave of grace from the huge Beatification event. We are nearing the end of a very successful capital campaign, "One Church, Many Disciples" and we are nearing the completion of our pastoral planning process called Vision 2030.

There is much to be excited about and much that stirs the spiritual ardor that Saint John Paul II speaks of when he talks about the New Evangelization. But, we know from experience that human ardor tends to wane. Merely human means will never prove sufficient in carrying out a New Evangelization. We need something more.

Jim Beckman
Director of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis

Pope Benedict XVI, during a meditation at the Synod on the New Evangelization, made a similar observation.

"The Church does not begin with our 'making,' but with the 'making' and 'speaking' of God. In the same way, the apostles did not say, after a few meetings: 'Now we want to make a Church,' and that by means of a constituent assembly they were going to draft a constitution. No, they prayed and in prayer they waited, because they knew that only God himself can create his Church, that God is the first agent: if God does not act, our things are only ours and are insufficient; only God can testify that it is he who speaks and has spoken. Pentecost is the condition of the birth of the Church: only because God acted first, the apostles are able to act with him and make what he does present."

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this weekend (June 9), let's join the archbishop in praying for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our archdiocese. This is a unique time for us, one in which the Lord is opening a door for mission.

Pray to the Lord for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the work of this New Evangelization throughout our archdiocese. I invite you to prayerfully recommit your life, your family and your work to the Lord, and be open to ways he is calling you to participate in this mission.

The Women of Achievement luncheon was held March 30 at St. Philip Neri in Midwest City. It was sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Central Region, an affiliation of the National Council of Catholic Women. *Photo Cara Koenig.*

The Oklahoma City Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women named Kelyn Calhoun Hancock as this year's ACCW scholarship recipient. Hancock is a senior at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School and is very active in speech and debate as well as a member of the cross-country team. He plans to attend OCCC to pursue a career in theatre. He is an active member of The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Presenting the award is Becky VanPool, president of the Central Region Council of Catholic Women and co-president of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. *Photo provided.*

Typical new U.S. priest: 33-year-old who prays Rosary, takes part in Eucharistic adoration

By Catholic World News

The typical member of the priestly ordination class of 2019 is a 33-year-old cradle Catholic, according to a recently released survey of 379 of the 481 men slated to be ordained to the priesthood in the United States this year.

The survey was conducted for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

The typical ordinand regularly took part in Eucharistic adoration and prayed the Rosary before entering seminary, according to the survey.

Seventy-five percent of the men were preparing for the diocesan priesthood.

Twenty-five percent of the ordinands are foreign born, with the most typical foreign countries of birth being Mexico (5%), Nigeria (3%), Colombia (2%) and Vietnam (2%). On average, these foreign-born seminarians have lived in the United States for 14 years and arrived in the United States at age 22.

A high percentage of ordinands attended a Catholic elementary school (47%), Catholic high school (39%) or Catholic college (38%).

In addition, 11% were home schooled, typically for eight years, at a time when less than 2% of U.S. children were educated at home.

Among the survey's findings:

■ The typical diocesan ordinand lived in his diocese for 18 years before entering seminary;

■ 70% of ordinands are white, 14% Latino, 8% Asian, and 6% black; 11% are converts, with the average age of reception into the Church being 18;

■ 34% have a relative who was a priest or religious;

■ 77% of the time, both parents were Catholic;

■ 5% have served in the U.S. Armed Forces; 17% had a parent with a military career;

■ 73% prayed the Rosary and 75% regularly participated in Eucharistic adoration before entering the seminary;

■ Ordinands typically first began to consider the priesthood at age 16;

■ 69% were encouraged by a parish priest to consider a vocation; 43% were encouraged by a friend, 39% by a parishioner, 38% by their mother and 33% by their father. The average ordinand received encouragement from four people;

■ 45% were discouraged by someone from considering a priestly vocation. 6% were discouraged by a priest; 10% were discouraged by their fathers, 12% by their mothers and 23% by other family members;

■ Ordinands, on average, have three siblings, with only 6% being only children;

■ 38% are the oldest children in their families; 22% are the youngest;

■ 55% had earned their undergraduate degree before entering seminary; 15% had earned a graduate degree;

■ 68% worked full time before entering seminary;

■ 53% took part in a parish youth group, 30% in Catholic campus ministry, 28% in Boy Scouts, 21% in a pro-life group, and 21% in the Knights of Columbus or Knights of Saint Peter Claver;

■ 10% took part in the charismatic renewal, and 6% in Cursillo;

■ 16% took part in a World Youth Day, 14% took part in a Franciscan University of Steubenville high school youth conference, 6% in FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), and 5% in a National Catholic Youth Conference;

■ 78% had served as altar servers, 53% as readers, 44% as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and 38% as catechists before entering seminary.

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St. John Nepomuk, Yukon

Happy Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Pruett at his 40th anniversary celebration on May 18.

Fr. McAuley at his 60th ordination anniversary celebration on May 23.

Fr. Chapman and his sister Ceci at his 50th ordination anniversary Mass at St. Ann Retirement Center on May 24.

Fr. Leven with his nephews, who served at his First Mass in 1959, on May 16 at St. Ann Retirement Center to celebrate his 60th ordination anniversary.

Photos Chris Plumberg/Sooner Catholic and provided.

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supposed to be rich and famous. I can't be a priest,'" Kroll recounted.

His mom said she also was initially "shocked and taken aback" when her son told her of the Lord's words to him in prayer.

She asked him the usual question: "Do you realize you'll never marry and have children?"

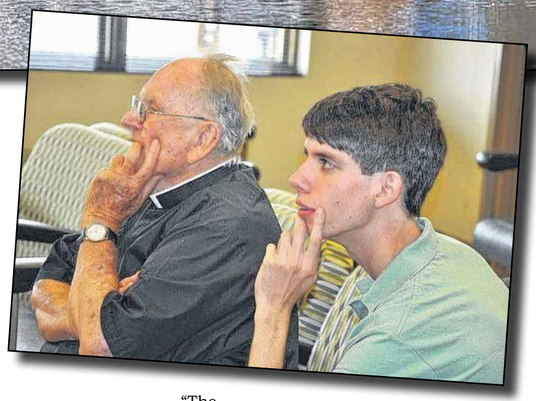
Kroll told his mother that while he'd dreamed of someday dancing with a little daughter who looked just like her, he wanted this more – and would need her support. She promised him he'd have it.

"Out of everything he could have chosen to be, he chose to be a priest for God, which still just blows me away," she said. "I couldn't be more proud or happy."

Looking back, Willis realizes her son's vocation, in a very real sense, "started before his birth." Willis and Kroll's father, Lynn Kroll, divorced when Kroll was young, but, during their early marriage, they struggled for more than a year and a half to conceive a child. One Sunday at Mass, Willis listened to the story of Hannah in 1 Samuel.

"I couldn't help but think of my own struggle to conceive," she said. "That day, just as Hannah did, I asked the Lord to give me a child and (promised) I would in turn dedicate and give that child back to him."

Despite these early intimations of God's call, as Kroll neared the end of his high



Above: Dcn. Alex Kroll with fellow seminarians at the Shellbourne Conference Center in Indiana.

Right: Dcn. Alex Kroll and Fr. Paul Gallatin.

Dcn. Alex Kroll with his dad Lynn Kroll, mom Stephanie Willis and step-dad Ron Willis. *Photos provided.*

school career, he still applied to several elite colleges and universities.

"I knew seminary was God's plan for me, but I thought, 'Well, you know, let's just see if I get into these big, fancy schools,'" he recalled. "I didn't get in anywhere I applied. It was sort of like God slapping me, saying, 'Nope, get back to work. You know I have a plan for you.'"

Kroll interviewed for seminary and was accepted. He ultimately spent nine years studying to be a priest – four years at Conception Seminary College in Conception, Mo., and five years at Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver.

Seminary proved to be "a time of tremendous growth" and of equally tremendous friendships, Kroll said, including a close friendship with classmate Deacon Zak Boazman. Along the way, priests at his hometown parish and various summer assignments strengthened him in his vocation, including Father Kevin Ratterman, Father Joseph Irwin, Father Rick Stansberry and Father Jim Goins.

Father Goins said Kroll's priesthood "will bring all manner of people closer to Christ."

"Deacon Kroll has a rare gift for holy and significant friendships," Father Goins said. "People are drawn to his warmth, his humor and his kindness."

Father Stansberry, who will preach Kroll's First Mass, said Kroll's "zeal and love for serving others is contagious."

Father Irwin emphasized Kroll's relatability: "Every assignment he has been at, people just rave about him and talk about his personality, his sense of humor, his intellect and his ability to be able to come up to you and speak to you and be a part of your life."

For Deacon Kroll, though, the most significant relationship of all, of course – and the one that has sustained him from his first decisive experiences in prayer to today – is his friendship with Jesus Christ.

"I consider my own unworthiness. I'm not anything or anyone special, yet Christ has chosen to share his priesthood with me," Kroll said. "The idea that, when I speak the words of consecration, Jesus Christ will obey and come down from glory at the right hand of God to become food for all of us is an overwhelming reality, an ineffable mystery."

"The Lord has been so good to me in my relatively short life, so merciful," he added. "If I can share just a small part of that as a priest, it still will never make any sort of return for the goodness he has shown me."

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The major prophets love to write

Mostly about the covenant, the love of God

The prophets have a unique ability to remind us of just how in need are God´s people, originally our Jewish elder brothers and sisters and now all of us too, of being faithful to our deep covenant relationship with God.

God loves us. Our relationship with God is a sacred covenant of love. The prophets, God´s messengers of love, remind us of Who God is and what this covenant is. They also try to catch our attention when we stray from that covenant of love with God and invite us to return to it.

In the Old Testament, Catholics celebrate four major prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezequiel and Daniel. We call them major because our good Lord kept inspiring them with more and more messages, so their writings are more extensive, a major piece of work. The 12 minor prophets, also God´s messengers of love and the topic of our next column, end up with less quantity of material but never lesser quality.

The prophets, God´s chosen communicators who speak in his name, receive their messages from God in various ways. The great Dominican doctor of the Church, Saint Thomas Aquinas, mentions four ways or paths: the intellectual path; the path of the imagination; the path of infused vision; the path of a natural vision. God communicated with the prophets in many and varied ways and he continues to do so with us today.

This gift of prophecy, according to Aquinas, is not a permanent one. One could be chosen to communicate God´s word today and then never again be chosen to speak in God´s name. The only eternally chosen communicator of God is Jesus Christ his son, the greatest prophet.

A prophet is not necessarily a man or a Jew. Scripture records the stories of various female prophets; Esther, Sarah, Miriam and a few others. In biblical times, there also were schools for prophets located around the temple and they practiced various forms of prayer and mysticism. Not all those who attended these schools ended up writing biblical texts.

The Old Testament also gives us an example of a non-Jewish prophet. Balaam was not Jewish, and some could even argue that his donkey also was very prophetic, see Numbers 22, 22-40. Sadly, we also can find, both then and now, an assortment of false prophets.

The topics covered by the prophets are varied, but they have the love of God and the faithful keeping of the covenant as the core message. They usually begin by reminding all who can hear their voice that we are called to love our Lord God, who is one. Monotheism is essential; there is only one sovereign, holy and loving God with whom we have a unique covenant relationship and breaking this covenant can bring dire consequences.

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Secretariado de Evangelización y Catequesis

Breaking the relationship with God is like cutting oneself off from life support or even worse!

The prophets also speak of the messianic hope, the triumph of God´s love over slavery and sin. The messiah will, and did, establish a new and permanent covenant. The messiah is a sign of hope and will come to us through the Davidic lineage. Isaiah speaks a lot of the coming messiah, the chosen one of the Lord. I invite you to sit down and hear the voice of this prophet, reading chapters 49 through 53.

Another topic covered by the prophets is the moral and social teachings that are tied to the covenant of love with God. If we truly believe in a God of love we must express our lives of faith through the way we treat one another with love, we need to take care of each other.

All these truths, the prophets remind us, also will be expressed in the various ways we worship our loving God. There are more details, but I´ll leave that for the next column.

A wonderful guide to Marian Consecration

By Molly McLeod Mirll
The Sooner Catholic

I must confess "33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecration" by Father Michael E. Gaitley, M.I.C., was quite illuminating. This book's design and format are easy to read. The author's conversational style accentuates an openness and optimism about his personal devotion such as when he stresses, "the more we unite ourselves to Mary the more she can bring us into the deepest possible intimacy with Jesus."

Not meant to be "covered" like browsed magazine pages or rapidly scrolling text lines along the base of computer or phone screens, the words, thoughts and images presented here are to be studied, reflected upon and well, yes, pondered. Having framed his open discussion into sections, each lesson begins with a reminder about the previous day's materials. The introduction provides information about what Marian Consecration entails, but the author also discusses how simply this goal may be reached.

References and links to certain biblical scriptures, concise summaries and reflection opportunities are provided, before the final day for assimilative contemplation and the day of consecration. Using a clear tone and a straightforward, step-by-step approach to assist greater understanding, Gaitley also adds helpful definitions and simple reminders of basic Catholic terms and phrases, historical facts, dates and highlights about the figures discussed.

References to specific scriptures provide insight into how the Holy Spirit worked through mere humans to benefit everyone, and details on how to pray the Rosary and suggestions regarding other prayers for daily devotionals were included in appendixes.

Book Review

This book includes detailed footnotes and even an ending "Cheat Sheet."

Concluding information explains how this personal venture may be turned into a group experience. As an historian, I enjoy reading historical accounts detailing certain "traits of mere humanity" for posterity. Just as I respect the passion reflected in Jesus' emotional overturning of merchants' tables in his father's house, I laughed aloud when reading the passage describing Saint Louis de Montfort's having once "knocked out a couple of drunks who wouldn't stop heckling him while he preached."

Three theme words summarizing de Montfort's influence were: passion, baptism and gift. The discussion moves forward through time to Saint Maximilian Kolbe whose three points of reference were: mystery, militia and love.

While Gaitley stated Satan does foster complacency and mediocrity, he stressed Saint Maximilian's teachings provide the simple formula to Sainthood: "W + w = S" (God's Will united with our wills equals Sanctity). Kolbe's question referring to what would be better than "to raise up a whole army of fighting knights and soldiers who give themselves to be instruments in the grace-filled hands of the Immaculata."

By the time readers meet Saint Teresa of Calcutta in "Week Three," a clearer image of her perspective toward the terms: thirst, heart and covenant is revealed. She explains how a daily examination of our consciences may "lead to praise and thanks, and praise and thanks sets us on fire with divine love."

"Week Four," which focuses on the thoughts and teachings of Saint John Paul II, culminates in an explanation regarding Marian Entrustment. During the final week, readers review and synthesize this new knowledge before we can consider personal consecration.

I found the exercise quite enjoyable and thought-provoking. For me personally, I believe I have discovered my mother's "secret weapon" to grace, humility, patience and, most importantly, love. I highly recommend this book, and then, pass it forward to others who you love. It is a wonderful guide to Marian Consecration, which has the potential to lead to quality self-discovery, awareness and sanctity.

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Non-runners run

Holy Family, Lawton, held a non-runners 0.5K run May 4. Coffee and donuts were served at the mid-point, with refreshments at the end, door prizes and a cash raffle. *Photos provided.*

"A Catechism for Business"

By John H. Doleza
The Sooner Catholic

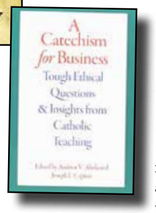
As a Catholic business owner, manager or employee, would you consider it "ethical" for your business organization to dispense contraceptives to employees as a health plan benefit? Would you consider it "ethical" for the business to operate on a Sunday? Would it be unethical to deny employees access to training and development activity?

These are tough questions for those of us desiring to have integrity with our Catholic faith and business life. The business sphere we work within is similar to the social sphere and spiritual sphere of our life in that all three spheres present us daily questions and challenges related to ethics. There is temptation to simply ignore the challenges with the thought they will disappear. The alternative of pondering on and identifying a solution that will help sustain our moral integrity may, at first, seem to require too much effort or to be impossible for us to achieve alone.

There is good news! A new book – "A Catechism for Business" by Andrew Abela and Joseph Capizzi – can serve as a resource for reflecting and meditating on the ethical challenges we might face in business.

Abela is the dean of the School of Business and Economics at the Catholic University of America, and Joseph Capizzi is the director of moral theology in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America. Together they have organized the content of the book with ethical questions of economic context and "applicability" of Catholic social teaching, giving us a simple tool for reflection and insight.

Book Review



For each question, the editors present quotes from various documents that help compose Catholic social doctrine and teachings. The questions are positioned within chapters that relate to key business function areas, including finance and investing, sales and marketing, and management and manufacturing.

In the opening chapter, the authors provide suggestion on methodology readers may apply to resolve "dilemma" (difficult choices for "what to do" on ethical issues). They suggest: (1) Find the question that is closest to Christian social thought/teaching; (2) Read the quotations provided; (3) Pray and meditate on them; (4) Read further in the cited documents provided by the book editors; and then, (5) Apply them to your specific situation.

While this book could benefit any Christian regardless of their role or affiliation with business, my opinion is it is most appropriate for business owners and managers. A personal observation from reading this book is it would be a great resource to use for a book study group of business managers to spark dialogue and fresh thinking on important ethical issues.

It doesn't require much investment of time to read "A Catechism for Business" as it is only 157 pages and the content is organized into seven chapters. So, if you have a little time some Sunday afternoon and are interested in business ethics, I would encourage you to read this book.

John Dolezal is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

Jobs Box

Cristo Rey OKC president

Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School is seeking a president. The school is part of the national Cristo Rey Network. The president is the chief executive officer, having overall responsibility for the management of Cristo Rey OKC, and must be Catholic. Preferred qualifications include: awareness of and commitment to Catholic traditions of education, service and social justice; exceptional communication and interpersonal skills; proven fundraising and/or revenue generating success; significant visionary leadership and management experience; strategic planning experience and execution capabilities; strong budget management skills. The president reports to the board. Position starts in July. E-mail cover letter, resume and statement of educational beliefs and vision for Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School to searchcommittee@cristoreyokc.org.

Marriage preparation coordinator

The archdiocese is seeking a coordinator of respect life ministry and marriage preparation. This position provides support to the director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry and serves as the coordinator for pro-life ministry and marriage preparation for the archdiocese. It is a full-time position with occasional evening and weekend responsibilities. Good oral and written fluency in English and Spanish; broad knowledge of and assent to the Church's teachings on the sanctity of human life; human sexuality, marriage and family life a must. A degree in theology or philosophy preferred. Send resume to nlargent@archokc.org.

On May 2, in a statewide contest held at the Oklahoma History Center, a team of four Catholic high school students from the Diocese of Tulsa qualified for the National History Day finals with their project, "Blessed Stanley Rother: An Oklahoma Martyr." Finals will be held June 10-13 in Washington D.C. Hannah and Jonathan Owen and Trinity and Matthew Fleming told Bl. Stanley's story and explained the Catholic concept of martyrdom and beatification. The project also was selected to appear at a daylong exhibition at the Smithsonian Institute along with one project from each of the other 49 states. The Bl. Stanley project was deemed the best project exemplifying Oklahoma history. *Photo provided.*

After-school care

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is seeking part-time help for the after-school care program. Hours are 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday during the school year. Contact Kailee Zehrung, after-school director, at (405) 348-5364, kzehrung@seasok.org.

Art teacher

St. Mary Catholic School in Lawton is seeking a part-time art teacher. Contact Principal Stan Melby at (580) 355-5288.

Oklahoma history instructor

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is seeking an Oklahoma history teacher. Candidates must have a bachelor's or master's degree, a valid Oklahoma teaching certificate in U.S. history/U.S. government/Oklahoma history/economics, and experience in inquiry-based learning, document analysis, developing student writing skills, and creating authentic assessments. Candidates also should have experience with making accommodations and modifications for students who receive special education services. E-mail resume, transcript(s), copy of certification and cover letter to Department Chair Jennifer Collins at jcollins@bmchs.org.

Music director

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School is seeking a full-time certified music director for the 2019-20 school year. Areas include instrumental music, marching band and vocal music. E-mail letter of interest and resume to Talita DeNegri at tdenegri@mountstmary.org or fax to (405) 631-9209.

English/language arts teacher - OKC

Christ the King Catholic School is seeking a language arts teacher for the 2019/2020 school year. Bachelor's degree in secondary education or a bachelor's degree in English along with a state teaching certificate required. Send resume and cover letter to Amy Feighny, Christ the King Catholic School, 1905 Elmhurst Ave., OKC 73120 or afeighny@ckschool.com. Download teacher application packet at archokc.org/careers.

Teachers - OKC

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City is accepting applications for P.E., computer lab, and Spanish teaching positions for the 2019-2020 school year. SHCS is a PreK-8 school. Send resume to Adriana Garza at principal@sacredheartokc.org or to Sacred Heart Catholic School, 2700 S. Shartel Ave., OKC 73109.

Teachers - OKC

The Catholic School of St. Eugene is accepting applications for a music teacher; PreK teacher; 1st and 2nd grade teachers; and a middle school English teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants should hold at least a bachelor's degree in education with state certification. Send resume, cover letter and application to Molly Goldsworthy, principal, at jobs@steugeneschool.org.

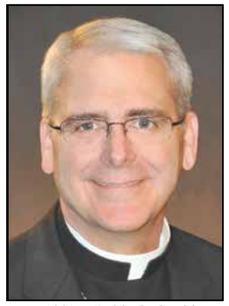
Early childhood teachers

St. Philip Neri Catholic School in Midwest City is seeking early childhood teachers. Applicants must hold state certification. Teaching experience preferred. Qualified, interested applicants should e-mail a resume to Principal Brenda Tener at btener@spnok.org.

To see more job openings, go online to www.archokc.org/jobs-box.

Lánzate a lo más Profundo Luke 5:4

¡Gracias!



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley

Ha sido una maratón, pero a partir del 31 de mayo, la histórica campaña "Una Iglesia, Muchos Discípulos" ha finalizado oficialmente. Ahora es el momento de mirar hacia atrás, evaluar los resultados y, lo más importante, expresar gratitud. ¡Gracias!

Hace dos años, después de completar un estudio de viabilidad muy alentador, decidimos seguir adelante con la primera campaña de la capital arquidiocesana que involucraría a las 107 parroquias y misiones de la archidiócesis. Comenzamos en silencio con una importante fase de donaciones significativas seguida de cuatro oleadas de campañas parroquiales, que ahora han concluido.

Vayan y Hagan Discípulos
UNA IGLESIA, MUCHOS DISCÍPULOS
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Los argumentos de apoyo para la campaña han incluido objetivos ministeriales locales y compartidos. Una porción de cada dólar recaudado (ya sea 20 por ciento o 50 por ciento) permanece en cada parroquia para proyectos locales. Otros elementos incluyen una renovación de la Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, que comenzó esta semana. Estamos estableciendo o agregando varios donativos para apoyar a los ministerios que benefician a todas las parroquias, como un fondo de ministerio para jóvenes, jóvenes adultos y recintos universitarios, un fondo de escuela católica, fondos para apoyar la evangelización y el discipulado, las vocaciones y el retiro de sacerdotes, y un fondo para el futuro crecimiento.

El elemento distintivo de la campaña "Una Iglesia, Muchos Discípulos" es un santuario en honor al Beato Stanley Rother, autóctono de Oklahoma y el primer sacerdote y mártir nacido en los Estados Unidos en ser beatificado. Será un lugar de peregrinación donde los fieles vendrán de cerca y de lejos para honrar al Beato Stanley en su lugar de descanso final y para buscar su intercesión por sus muchas necesidades.

Será un lugar muy adecuado para albergar muchos grandes eventos diocesanos, ya que será la iglesia católica más grande de Oklahoma. Será un lugar de acogida, al servicio de todas las personas, pero de una manera particular que se adapte a la creciente población hispana en nuestra área metropolitana, cuyas iglesias parroquiales están significativamente sobrepobladas. Los planes para la iglesia y el campus de estilo colonial español se están desarrollando en este momento. El campus incluirá un edificio educativo, un salón/centro de eventos, así como lugares designados como áreas devocionales y espacios de reunión para eventos y procesiones al aire libre. Algunos de estos se desarrollarán con el tiempo, aunque todos estos se incluyen en los argumentos de apoyo originales de la campaña.

Todo lo que queda es un esfuerzo continuo para construir un centro para peregrinos y un museo que será el punto de entrada para aquellos que visitan el campus. Estamos financiando este elemento con donaciones especiales solicitadas fuera de la arquidiócesis y nuestras propias parroquias. Tenemos un camino por recorrer antes de alcanzar la meta financiera para este elemento.

Entonces, ¿cómo nos salió todo? En cualquier medida, la campaña "Una Iglesia, Muchos Discípulos" ha sido un éxito extraordinario. Estoy profundamente agradecido por esta respuesta. Estoy agradecido no solo por los regalos financieros, grandes y pequeños, sino también por el compromiso personal y el interés de tantos.

Además de nuestro excelente personal arquidiocesano y consultores profesionales de CCS, la campaña ha sido impulsada por nuestros pastores locales y unos 1,020 voluntarios de la campaña en la arquidiócesis. Hasta la fecha, unas 10,332 familias arquidiocesanas han hecho compromisos financieros junto con casi 1,000 hogares de fuera de la arquidiócesis.

Después de superar nuestra meta original de $55 millones, finalmente establecimos una meta de desafío de $80 millones. A partir de hoy, ¡hemos recibido más de $89 millones en compromisos! Ha habido un gran interés popular en la campaña, como se desprende del hecho de que 77 parroquias ya han superado sus metas, ¡hasta en un 306 por ciento!

Haber experimentado un éxito tan extraordinario en un clima que ciertamente es muy desafiante debido a una crisis de abuso global y desafíos económicos locales, habla mucho de la fe, la generosidad y la buena administración de la gente de esta archidiócesis. A todas y cada una de las personas y familias que han hecho un donativo, han sido voluntarios o han orado por el éxito de nuestra campaña "Una Iglesia, Muchos Discípulos", les expreso mi profundo agradecimiento. ¡Me han inspirado! Gracias.

Lea la nueva carta pastoral del Arzobispo Coakley.

La nueva carta pastoral del Arzobispo Coakley, "¡Vayan y Hagan Discípulos! Construyendo una Cultura de Conversión y Discipulado para la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City", presenta la visión de la Arquidiócesis hasta el 2030. Lea la carta o descargue una copia en archokc.org/2030. Copias impresas disponibles en sesiones de escucha o en una parroquia.

Capilla de los Santos Inocentes y la Adoración Perpetua

La Fundación de los Santos Inocentes está buscando más adoradores para la Capilla de los Santos Inocentes. Póngase en contacto con Toni Harrelson en adoration.holyinnocents@gmail.com o (405) 341-2199.

Se Necesitan Voluntarios

Se necesitan voluntarios para la primera danza annual en de honor de Sta. Kateri Tekakwith el 6 de julio en St. John Nepomuk en Yukón. Regístrese en línea en http://bit.ly/HonorDancevolunteer o llame al (405) 721-1810. Obtenga más información en archokc.org/honordance.

Baile de honor de Santa Kateri

El Arzobispo Coakley invita a todos los miembros de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, la Diocesis de Tulsa, las diócesis de otros estados, las familias, los danzantes nativos y el púbico a unirse a él el 6 de julio para asistir a la danza de honor de St. Kateri Tekakwithuk en St. John Nepomuk en Yukón. El baile de honor incluirá misa, concursos de baile en powwow, la presentación de la nueva princesa de difusión católica de los indios americanos y ¡una comida increíble! Visita archokc.org/honordance. Los vendedores pueden comunicarse con Susan Callison al (918) 931-7514. Regístrese para ser voluntario en http://bit.ly/HonorDancevolunteer.

Registro de campamento católico abierto

La inscripción está abierta para el Campamento Juvenil Católico de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. El campamento es para estudiantes en los grados 4-12. Regístrese en archokc.org/camp o llame al (405) 721-9220.

Novena de Pentecostés al Espíritu Santo

Regístrate para unirte al Archbishop Coakley y juntos ofrecerle una Novena al Espíritu Santo comenzando el 31 de mayo y terminando el 9 de junio, Domingo de Pentecostés. Hay dos maneras para unirse:

Envíen el texto, "Pentecost2019" al 84576
O
Vayan a archokc.org/pray

A los profetas mayores les encanta escribir

Sobre todo, sobre la alianza, el amor de Dios

Pedro A. Moreno, O.P.
Secretariado de Evangelización y Catequesis

Los profetas tienen una capacidad única para recordarnos cuán necesitados están las personas de Dios, originalmente el pueblo judío y ahora también todos nosotros, de ser fieles a nuestra relación con Dios, la alianza.

Dios nos ama. Nuestra relación con Dios es una sagrada alianza de amor. Los profetas, los mensajeros del amor de Dios, nos recuerdan quién es Dios y qué es esta alianza. También intentan captar nuestra atención cuando nos apartamos de esa alianza de amor con Dios y nos invitan a regresar a él.

En el Antiguo Testamento, los católicos celebran cuatro profetas principales: Isaías, Jeremías, Ezequiel y Daniel. Los llamamos profetas mayores porque nuestro Señor siguió inspirándolos con más y más mensajes, por lo que sus escritos terminan siendo más extensos. Los 12 profetas menores, también mensajeros del amor de Dios y el tema de nuestra próxima columna, terminan con menos cantidad de material, pero nunca de menor calidad.

Los profetas, los comunicadores elegidos por Dios que hablan en su nombre, reciben sus mensajes de Dios de varias maneras. El gran Dominico y Doctor de la Iglesia, Santo Tomás de Aquino, menciona cuatro caminos para recibir los mensajes de Dios: el camino intelectual; el camino de la imaginación; el camino de la visión infusa; el camino de la visión natural. Dios se comunicó con los profetas de muchas y variadas formas y continúa haciéndolo hoy con nosotros.

Este don de profecía, según Aquino, no es permanente. Uno podría ser elegido para comunicar la palabra de Dios hoy y nunca más ser elegido para hablar en nombre de Dios. El único comunicador de Dios elegido eternamente es Jesucristo, su hijo, el profeta más grande.

Un profeta no es necesariamente un hombre o un judío. Las Escrituras nombran a varias mujeres que fueron profetas; Esther, Sarah, Miriam y algunas otras. En los tiempos bíblicos, también había escuelas para profetas ubicadas alrededor del templo y practicaban varias formas de oración y misticismo. No todos los que asistieron a estas escuelas terminaron escribiendo textos bíblicos.

El Antiguo Testamento también nos da un ejemplo de un profeta no judío. Balaam no era judío, y algunos incluso podrían argumentar que su burro también era muy profético, vea Números 22, 22-40. Lamentablemente, también podemos encontrar, tanto entonces como ahora, una variedad de falsos profetas.

Los temas de los profetas son variados, pero tienen el amor de Dios y el cumplimiento fiel a la alianza como el mensaje central. Por lo general, comienzan recordando a todos los que pueden escuchar su voz que estamos llamados a amar a nuestro Señor Dios, que es uno. El monoteísmo es esencial; solo hay un Dios soberano, santo y amoroso con quien tenemos una relación de alianza única y romper esta alianza puede traer consecuencias terribles.

Romper la relación con Dios es como desconectarse del soporte vital o, incluso, ¡peor! Los profetas también hablan de la esperanza mesiánica, el triunfo del amor de Dios sobre la esclavitud y el pecado. El mesías establecerá, y lo hizo, una nueva alianza que será permanente. El mesías es un signo de esperanza y vendrá a nosotros a través del linaje davídico. Isaías habla mucho del mesías venidero, el elegido del Señor. Los invito a sentarse y escuchar la voz de este profeta, leyendo los capítulos 49 al 53.

Otro tema cubierto por los profetas son las enseñanzas morales y sociales que están vinculadas a la alianza de amor con Dios. Si realmente creemos en un Dios de amor, debemos expresar nuestras vidas de fe a través de la forma en que nos tratamos unos a otros con amor, debemos cuidarnos unos a otros.

Todas estas verdades, nos lo recuerdan los profetas, también se expresarán en las diversas maneras en que adoramos a nuestro Dios de amor. Hay más detalles, pero los dejo para la siguiente columna.

De los Archivos ...

Una serie de Fotos de George Rigazzi, Archivista Arquidiocesano

William Huffer (apodado "Wild Bill" por sus hermanos sacerdotes) fue realmente uno de los grandes personajes que contribuyó poderosamente al crecimiento y la salud de la Iglesia en Oklahoma.

Nacido en Eupen, Alemania, en 1877, llegó a Oklahoma en 1900. Este notable sacerdote dio 60 años de servicio con sus objetivos principales: evangelizar y ser Cristo para los demás. Pocos han logrado esta aspiración con tanto fervor y humor.

Se le ha descrito como un "espíritu libre", que, desde todos los puntos de vista, era bastante preciso. Evitando hábilmente y lo más posible la administración, se mantuvo cerca de aquellos a quienes servía. Era un pastor extremadamente competente mientras construía las iglesias en Lawton, Mangum, Apache y Sterling. Pero, sus verdaderos dones estaban contenidos en su amor por las personas y la predicación del evangelio.

Durante nueve años, se le dio la oportunidad única de ser misionero diocesano para los no católicos. Dondequiera que iba, hablaba a multitudes atraídas por su calidez natural y su capacidad para articular las alegrías de la fe católica. Fue nombrado para el Catholic Indian Bureau en Washington y viajó a nivel nacional a las diversas tribus para repetir lo que había hecho en Oklahoma durante los próximos 11 años. El servicio a los indios americanos se convirtió en su enfoque y su pasión. Como capellán de la Escuela de Indios en Pawhuska, su generosidad fue legendaria al proporcionar comida y ropa para los niños de la escuela.

Padre Huffer y una Familia India Americana

Un hombre vigoroso y un atleta natural, a menudo se le veía cortando hielo de los arroyos locales en pleno invierno para nadar, continuando la práctica hasta los 60 años.

Su amor por la fotografía durante toda su vida le ha brindado una inestimable mirada a la historia de la Iglesia en Oklahoma al mantener álbumes con fotos de todas las iglesias del estado. Estos libros se guardan como una cápsula del tiempo y se usan a menudo para verificar o identificar otras fotos con menos documentación. Sus anotaciones sobre las personas y los lugares que aparecen en las fotos no tienen precio.

El padre Huffer murió el 15 de enero de 1962 en Enid, donde había residido. En su misa fúnebre, su espíritu, bondad y devoción al pueblo de Dios fueron recordados con mucho cariño.

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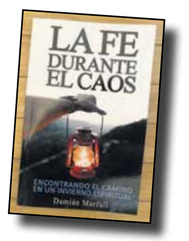
El Obispo Ramos, Secretario de la Conferencia de Obispos de Chile, respecto al libro de Alvaro (Damián) Marfull "La Fe durante el Caos" dice: "Valoro especialmente, el interés que manifiesta en ayudar a quienes están debilitados por las consecuencias del tiempo que vivimos. También su claridad para recalcar que todos tenemos el desafío de basar nuestra Fe en las enseñanzas que Jesús nos dejó, volver a ellas y transformar nuestra vida con Jesús en el centro". El libro puede ser adquirido en las librerías "St. Thomas Moore" (Edmond), "Saint Joseph worker" (Norman) y en Amazon.com.



- **Cobertura adicional de noticias** y eventos de la Iglesia y la arquidiócesis, solo en www.soonercatholic.org.
- **Para enviar fotos**, información sobre eventos o ideas de historias que pueden ser publicadas, envíe un correo electrónico a tips@archokc.org.

Briefs

Read Archbishop Coakley's new pastoral letter

Archbishop Coakley's new pastoral letter, "Go Make Disciples! Building a Culture of Conversion and Discipleship for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City," lays out the vision for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City through 2030. Read the letter or download a copy at archokc.org/2030. Print copies available at listening sessions or at a parish.

Holy Innocents' Chapel perpetual adoration

Holy Innocents' Foundation is seeking more adorers for the Holy Innocents' Chapel. Contact Toni Harrelson at adoration.holyinnocents@gmail.com or (405) 341-2199.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the first annual archdiocesan St. Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance on July 6 at St. John Nepomuk in Yukon. Sign up online at http://bit.ly/HonorDancevolunteer or call (405) 721-1810. Learn more at archokc.org/honordance.

St. Kateri Honor Dance

Archbishop Coakley invites everyone from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Diocese of Tulsa, dioceses from other states, families, native dancers and the public to join him July 6 for the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance at St. John Nepomuk in Yukon. The honor dance will include Mass, powwow dancing contests, the presentation of the new American Indian Catholic Outreach princess and amazing food! Visit archokc.org/honordance. Vendors can contact Susan Callison at (918) 931-7514.

Catholic camp registration open

Registration is open for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp. Camp is for students in grades 4-12. Register at archokc.org/camp or call (405) 721-9220.

Edmond children's day out

Registration is open for the children's day out program at St. John in Edmond. The NEST is a program for children ages 2 and 3 during the school year. The program offers full-time or part-time care for age 2 and part-time care for age 3. Find information about classes, schedule and tuition at stjohn-catholic.org/cdo/prospective-families. Contact nest@stjohn-catholic.org or (405) 340-1789.

CRCCW Spring Fling

All Catholic women are invited to the CRCCW Spring Fling at 10 a.m. June 8 at Epiphany of the Lord, patio room, 7336 W. Britton Rd., OKC. Fr. Bill Pruett will lead a wine tasting presentation. A $5 registration required. Contact Mary Ann Schmidt at sgmaschm@gmail.com or (405) 650-9674.

Pentecost picnic

The annual Pentecost Picnic at St. Gregory's Abbey will begin with 10:30 a.m. Mass June 9. This will be the last time to get St. Gregory's yearbooks. There is no charge for the picnic or yearbooks, but donations are always accepted. RSVP to retreats@monks.org or (405) 878-5296.

Gift of Love Gala

The Center of Family Love and the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus will host their annual Gift of Love Gala at 6 p.m. June 15 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Cost $175 pp or $1,750 for table of 10. Raffle tickets for a chance to win up to $20,000 worth of prizes, including a grand prize of $10,000, can be purchased for $100 per ticket. Visit www.centeroffamilylove.org/gala or call Nancy Altman at (405) 263-4658, Ext. 1042.

Catechesis - New Evangelization

Summer registration for Catechesis of the New Evangelization, the main entry-level course for the 2nd Degree in Theology program through Newman University, is now open. The course will be 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays, June 15 and 22, July 13 and 20. Visit archokc.org/institute.

School of Lectio Divina

Saint Joseph Monastery's School of Lectio Divina will have sessions June 11-14 and Sept. 25-28. Trained instructors lead session on the practice of prayer taught by the early Church fathers and facilitate the incorporation of that deep prayer into one's daily life. Contact Sr. Barbara at (918) 746-4209 or lectio@stjosephmonastery.org. Limited number of overnight accommodations. Visit www.stjosephmonastery.org/retreats.

Day of Reflection

"The Eucharist: The Sacrament of Transformation" will be presented by Fr. Boniface Copelin, O.S.B. 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. June 22 at St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee. Cost is $30 and includes lunch. Registration limited to 40. Contact (405) 878-5656, retreats@monksok.org.

Patriotic Rosary

St. John in Edmond will hold a patriotic Rosary for the needs of the country at 7 p.m. June 27 in the sanctuary. Contact the parish office at (405) 340-0691.

Oblate retreat

St. Joseph Monastery in Tulsa will have its annual oblate retreat 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. July 13 in the monastery library. Cost $20, includes lunch. The oblate book sale will be during the retreat. Contact AJ Tierney at (918) 746-4223, atierney@montecassino.org.

Come and See weekend

St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee will host a Come and See weekend June 28-30; Aug. 2-4 and Oct. 18-20. Register at vocations@monksok.org.

NCCW leadership training and development

The Council of Catholic Women is inviting all Catholic women to the Leadership Development Program, presented by the National Council of Catholic Women at 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. June 29 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in OKC. Cost is $30 pp (includes lunch and program materials). To register, contact Mary Ann Schmitt at (405) 650-9674, sgmaschm@gmail.com.

Quo Vadis Days 2019

Are you considering the priesthood? Quo Vadis Days 2019 is July 28-31 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp. It is for young men in high school and college who prayerfully are discerning their vocation. Space is limited. Register at qvdays.org or call the Archdiocese vocations office at (405) 721-9351 for more information.

Assembly of Catholic Professionals luncheon

The Assembly of Catholic Professionals third quarterly luncheon for 2019 is Aug. 1 at the Downtown Petroleum Club in Oklahoma City. The guest speaker is Carolyn Woo. To register, visit archokc.org/acp. Contact (405) 709-2745, acp@archokc.org.

Knights of Columbus Retreat

The retreat is open to all Catholics and will be held Aug. 3 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway. The speaker will be Fr. Phil Creider, a priest for 42 years, including 20 years as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy-Marines, will present "Following GOD the desert path." The full-day event will have Mass, breakfast, coffee, snacks. Lunch $20 pp. Contact Michael Zink at (405) 314-4120, Michael-the-j@att.net. Send check to Michael Zink KofC, 14616 Collingwood Lane, Edmond 73013.

Archdiocesan convocation

Save the Date: Plans are underway for a gathering of parish leaders on Dec. 7 at the Cox Convention Center.

Free Rother museum tour

The Heritage Gallery at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, presents "The Shepherd Cannot Run: A Retrospective on the Life of Bl. Stanley Rother." The free exhibit is open 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Special tours arranged by calling (405) 721-5651, Ext. 141.

Calendar

This calendar only covers the two weeks between issue dates and may not reflect all of the calendar items. To see a full calendar, go to www.soonercatholic.org.

June

2 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

2 St. Francis of Assisi Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Greater OKC meeting, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital, 1000 N. Lee. Contact (316) 558-0422, billfull@cox.net.

2 Meeting of the Third Order (Lay) Dominicans, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., St. Monica, Edmond (St. Ambrose Building) in room No. 105, for any Catholic layperson drawn to religious life. Call John or Mary McClernon, (405) 313-6611, (405) 414-9407.

2 Pray the Rosary for Life, 6:30 p.m., 2453 Wilcox Dr., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com

3 Feast of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions.

3 "Marriage Mondays" 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Marian Hall, St. John Nepomuk, Yukon.

5 Feast of St. Boniface.

6 Feast of St. Norbert.

6 Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact Elaine at (405) 358-3610, ccrprayers@gmail.com.

8 The Red Plains Benedictine Oblates of Mt. St. Scholastica, Noon - 2:30 p.m., Rm. A/B, St. Charles Borromeo, 5024 N. Grove Ave. Contact (405) 635-5665, jmmartinosb@yahoo.com.

9 Pentecost Sunday.

9 Pentecost picnic at St. Gregory's Abbey begins with Mass at 10:30 a.m.

11 Feast of St. Barnabas.

11 Catholic War Veterans (of any war/conflict) meeting, 7 p.m., St. Ann Retirement Center community room. Contact Fr. M. Price Oswalt at (405) 567-3404.

12 Catholic War Veterans USA the Oklahoma Memorial Post No. 168 will meet at 7 p.m., Sunnylane Family Reception Center, 3900 S.E. 29, Del City. Contact (405) 739-0036, OklaPost168@cox.net.

13 Feast of St. Anthony of Padua.

13 St. Ann's Ministry for pregnancy and infant loss, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., St. John Raphael House, Edmond. Contact (405) 340-0691, Ext. 197, parishnurse@stjohn-catholic.org.

13 The Catholic Women's Activity Club meets the second Thursday of each month September-May in the patio room at Epiphany of the Lord, 7336 W. Britton Rd., OKC. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Short program and business meeting. Contact Sharon Fernbaugh at (405) 721-2183.

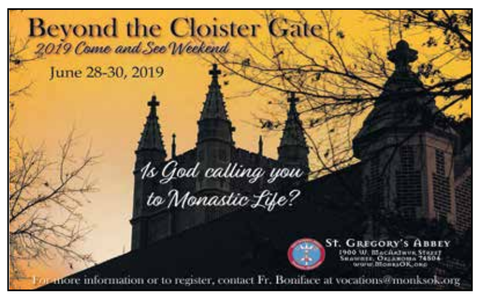
13 Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact Elaine at (405) 358-3610, ccrprayers@gmail.com.

14 Flag Day.

15 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of St. Teresa of Calcutta, meeting at St. Ann Nursing Home, OKC. Mass 9:30 a.m.; meeting following. Contact Toni Harrelson, (405) 341-2199.

15 The Oklahoma City Community of Secular Carmelites meets monthly at Little Flower, OKC. Anyone interested in deepening prayer life with community support, call Vicky Caudell at (405) 637-4611 or William Ginn at (405) 737-2024.

15 The Gift of Love Gala at 6 p.m. at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Call Nancy Altman at (405) 263-4658, Ext. 1042.



Gospel of Life School provides missionaries for the dying

The missionary disciples of the Gospel of Life School are volunteers who live and serve at the Saint. James Dwelling in Oklahoma City and the Saint John Paul II Dwelling in Moore. They assist the residents of the Gospel of Life Dwellings, which helps elders who would otherwise be alone. The missionaries accompany them "on their journey toward eternal life."

Applicants can choose to serve for an academic school year or a summer. Openings are available for summer 2019 and the 2019-2020 academic year.

Room and board and a small stipend are included. They are asked to raise some funds toward the cost of classes, retreats and pilgrimages. If there are difficulties, prospective candidates can work with Jim Armour, the director of the Gospel of Life School program, to find sponsorships.

The Gospel of Life Dwellings and the Gospel of Life School were created by Sister Maria Faulkner.

"There is a restlessness in our modern day; trying to fill oneself with material goods, prestige, exotic experiences or virtual realities. These young people discover a simple life and the beauty that comes with real encounters, real relationships and real giving of oneself in love for the sake of Christ and his Church. GOLS responds to the call of Archbishop Coakley to be disciples, make disciples and bear fruit for the Kingdom," Sister Maria said.

The Gospel of Life School is for those between ages 18 and 30. Six people from across the country responded to the inaugural program.

"It's been the best decision I've made in my entire life," said Anna, 23. "That call we have to follow Christ wholeheartedly; for everything to be his. Life will never be the same again."

Matt said of his hospice experience, "I realized the importance of the salvation of souls. It is amazing and overwhelming to play a part in that."

The year included classes in sacred Scripture and the Sacraments through the Blessed Stanley Rother Institute of the archdiocese as well as other classes in Franciscan spirituality, Spanish and communication.

This first year of the school will culminate with a pilgrimage June 10-18 to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico and to Santiago Atitlan in Guatemala. For further information and an application, go online to www.gospeloflifeschool.org.

Parishioners at St. John Nepomuk celebrate the 130th anniversary of the church with a pig roast and dancing on May 18 at Yukon Czech Hall. *Photos Dana Attocknie/ Sooner Catholic.*

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of the Motu proprio provide that the metropolitan, in conducting the investigations, can avail himself of the help of "qualified persons," according to "the needs of the individual case and, in particular, taking into account the cooperation that can be offered by the lay faithful." The pope has repeatedly stated that the specializations and professional skills of the laity represent an important resource for the Church. The norms now provide that episcopal conferences and dioceses may prepare lists of qualified persons willing to collaborate, but the ultimate responsibility for investigations remains with the metropolitan.

Presumption of innocence

The principle of presumption of innocence of the person under investigation is reaffirmed. The accused will be informed of the investigation when requested to do so by the competent dicastery. The accusation must be notified only if formal proceedings are opened. If deemed appropriate, in order to ensure the integrity of the investigation or of the evidence, this notification may be omitted during the preliminary stage.

Conclusion of the investigation

The Motu proprio does not modify the penalties for crimes committed, but it does establish the procedures for reporting and carrying out the preliminary investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, the metropolitan (or, in certain cases, the bishop of the suffragan diocese with the greatest seniority of appointment) forwards the results to the competent Vatican dicastery. This completes his contribution. The competent dicastery then proceeds "in accordance with the law provided for the specific case," acting on the basis of already existing canonical norms. Based on the results of the preliminary investigation, the Holy See can immediately impose preventive and restrictive measures on the person under investigation.

Concrete commitment

With this new juridical instrument, called for by Pope Francis, the Catholic Church takes a further and incisive step in the prevention and fight against abuse, putting the emphasis on concrete actions. As the pope writes at the beginning of the document: "In order that these phenomena, in all their forms, never happen again, a continuous and profound conversion of hearts is needed, attested by concrete and effective actions that involve everyone in the Church."

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