

**Go Make Disciples**

## Archbishop Coakley moves confirmation to middle school

*Guidelines for Fall 2021 and Fall 2022 coming May 1, 2021*

Archbishop Paul Coakley announced on Sept. 29 a change in placement for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Preparation for Confirmation will be completed in one year instead of two and will be held in the sixth or seventh grade instead of during high school.

The Secretariat for Evangeliza-

tion and Catechesis will assist parishes in preparing for and implementing the transition, which will begin by Fall 2022. No changes will be made this year.

The decision to move Confirmation to a younger age comes after months of prayer and input from clergy, parish staff and parents with the goal of boosting involve-

ment in youth ministry and better serving families.

"We all need to think deeply about our Church and about the needs of our young people, particularly in light of our modern culture and all of the unique challenges they are facing today. We need to equip our children with all of the grace available.

Unfortunately, there are a number of youth in high school who have been baptized and received First Communion but never were confirmed, leaving thousands without the gift of Confirmation to strengthen them," Archbishop Coakley said.

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**Hospital chaplains, priests bring peace, sacraments to ill during pandemic**

Photo Avery Holt/Sooner Catholic.

**By K.S. McNutt**  
*The Sooner Catholic*

**T**he work of priests and hospital chaplains can be beautiful and inspiring, but – in this time of coronavirus – it also can be difficult and discouraging.

"COVID has so consumed everything. It's possible to lose the dignity of the person because of the disease," said Father Kevin Ratterman, a chaplain at Mercy Hospital

in Ardmore. "Much is being lost to social distancing and lack of access."

Precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease have limited people's access to pastoral visits and the sacraments.

"We take all of the necessary precautions when going to the hospital, including wearing gloves, masks, using cotton balls during the Anointing of the Sick and limiting contact," said Father Brian

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**Julia Anderson-Holt named educator of the year**



**By Sooner Catholic Staff**

Julia Anderson-Holt, a science teacher at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, was named the 2020 Archbishop Paul. S. Coakley Catholic Schools Educator of the Year on Sept 25 during the annual education institute held virtually from the Catholic Pastoral Center.

Anderson-Holt has been a

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## Put Out Into the Deep

Luke 5:4

### The least of my brothers and sisters

In less than a month, Americans will go to the polls to elect local, state and national leaders, including our president and vice president. This will be a consequential election no matter the outcome. There is much at stake.

Adding to the drama that every election cycle produces is the undeniable fact that this election is being conducted during a year of nearly unprecedented turmoil. We are in the midst of a global pandemic that has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives in the United States and more than a million worldwide. It has produced economic uncertainty and loss of jobs across the land. Racial tensions have spawned protests and erupted in violence. Natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, floods and tornadoes have focused attention on the fragility of the environment, which is, as Pope Francis has reminded us, “our common home.” Fear, incivility and division are infecting our world through the often-toxic influence of social media.

So, how do we weigh all of these factors and many others as we prepare to exercise our precious right to vote as responsible citizens and faithful Catholics?

Every four years, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issues its Faithful Citizenship document as an exercise in the bishops’ duty to teach and apply moral principles that impact and guide the choices we must make so we can approach the polls in a way that reflects not primarily our party’s interests, but especially our faith as Catholics.

In the 2020 version of the Faithful Citizenship document, the bishops write: “For all Catholics, including those seeking public office, our participation in political parties or other groups to which we may belong should be influenced by our faith, not the other way around.” Our approach to contemporary issues ought to be guided by our identity as followers of Christ and brothers and sisters to all who are created in God’s image and likeness.

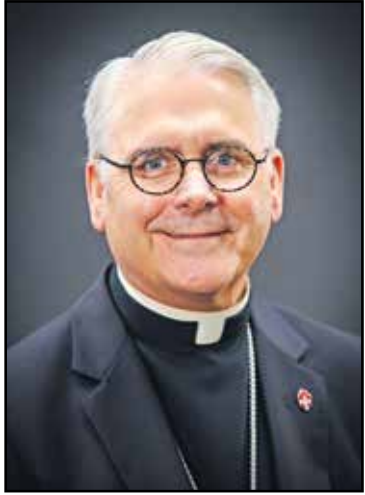
There are certainly many issues that have moral weight and social importance, but they are not all equal in demanding our attention and concern. So where do we start? The bishops of the United States this year reaffirmed that “The

threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.” There is simply no other issue that poses as great a threat to human life and dignity as abortion.

To date, there have been more than 60 million unborn children lost to abortion in the United States since 1973. (There were 862,000 in 2017, according to the Guttmacher Institute.) Direct abortion is an intrinsic evil, meaning that it is always and everywhere wrong to take the life of an innocent unborn child no matter the circumstances. The protection of innocent life is fundamental to our defense of every life, and our unborn sisters and brothers are the most innocent and most vulnerable of all. If we fail to defend the most innocent, then our defense and advocacy for the rights and dignity of every other human person is inauthentic. Certainly we have not done all we must do even when we have properly considered the impact our vote will have on the unborn child.

Respect for life must begin at conception and extend to natural death. It’s not either/or. It’s both/and. We also must be advocates for the poor and the immigrant and the marginalized in our society. We have a duty to defend the dignity of all regardless of their race, sex, ethnicity or religion, and to protect the liberty to live those beliefs outside of the four walls of a church. We have a responsibility to care for our common home and remember those who will come after us. We have to be concerned for the incarcerated and the condemned, because it is to all of these that Jesus came to proclaim Good News and with whom he identified.

As he said in speaking of the last judgment, “Whatever you do or fail to do the least of my brothers and sisters you do or fail to do to me!” (cf. Matthew 25:40,45).



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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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](mailto:tips@archokc.org).

✓ **A Rachels’ Vineyard retreat** will be held Nov. 6-8 for healing after abortion for men and women. Space limited. All inquiries are confidential. Visit [ccek.org/healing-after-abortion](http://ccek.org/healing-after-abortion). Contact (918) 508-7142, [rachel@ccek.org](mailto:rachel@ccek.org).

✓ **Join the Serra Club** The Serra Club of Oklahoma City is a group of lay women and men who promote and pray for vocations in the archdiocese. The group meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom and at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City. Followed by Mass. All welcome.



*Almighty God, whose beloved Son, Jesus Christ, went about doing good, and healing all manner of illness and disease: continue, we beseech you, his gracious work among us. Grant to physicians, nurses and all health care professionals, wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; keep them safe and preserve them from all contagion. Cheer, heal and sanctify the sick, and send down your blessing on all who care for them healer, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

### Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

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

- Oct. 13** – Napa Institute Principled Entrepreneurship Virtual Conference
- Oct. 15** – Mass for Medical Professionals, 6:30 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
- Oct. 16** – Senior Staff meeting, 10 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
- Oct. 17** – Mass and blessing of new discipleship building, 5 p.m., St. John Nepomuk, Yukon
- Oct. 18** – Virtual Marriage Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m. (live-streamed on [archokc.org/live](http://archokc.org/live))
- Oct. 19-22** – Priests Retreat No. 1, Monserrat Retreat Center, Lake Dallas, Texas
- Oct. 22** – Tax Credit Scholarship reception, 6 p.m., CPC
- Oct. 25** – Mass, 1:30 p.m., Our Lady of Sorrow, Chandler

## “Fratelli tutti:” short summary of Pope Francis’s social encyclical

*Fraternity and social friendship are the ways the Pontiff indicates to build a better, more just and peaceful world, with the contribution of all: people and institutions. With an emphatic confirmation of a ‘no’ to war and to globalized indifference.*

By Isabella Piro  
Vatican News

What are the great ideals but also the tangible ways to advance for those who wish to build a more just and fraternal world in their ordinary relationships, in social life, politics and institutions?

This is mainly the question that Fratelli tutti is intended to answer: the Pope describes it as a “social encyclical,” (6) which borrows the title of the “Admonitions” of Saint Francis of Assisi, who used these words to “address his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavor of the Gospel” (Par 1). The Encyclical aims to promote a universal aspiration toward fraternity and social friendship. In the background of the Encyclical is the COVID-19 pandemic which, Francis reveals, “unexpectedly erupted” as he “was writing this letter.” But the global health emergency has helped demonstrate that “no one can face life in isolation” and that the time has truly come to “dream, then, as a single human family” in which we are “brothers and sisters all” (Par 8).

#### Ch. 1: Dark clouds cover the world

In the first of eight chapters, which is entitled “Dark Clouds over a Closed World,” the document reflects on the many distortions of the contemporary era: the manipulation and deformation of concepts such as democracy,



Read Pope Francis’s new encyclical Fratelli Tutti at [archokc.org/encyclicals](http://archokc.org/encyclicals).

freedom, justice; the loss of the meaning of the social community and history; selfishness and indifference toward the common good; the prevalence of a market logic based on profit and the culture of waste; unemployment, racism, poverty; the disparity of rights and its aberrations such as slavery, trafficking, women subjugated and then forced to abort, organ trafficking (see Par 10-24). It deals with global problems that call for global actions, emphasizes the Pope, also sounding the alarm against a “culture of walls” that favors the proliferation of organized crime, fueled by fear and loneliness (see Par 27-28).

#### Ch. 2: Strangers on the road

To many shadows, however, the Encyclical responds with a luminous example, a herald of hope: the Good Samaritan. The second chapter, “A stranger on the road,” is dedicated to this figure. In it, the Pope emphasizes that, in an unhealthy society that turns its back on suffering and that is “illiterate” in caring for

the frail and vulnerable (see Par 64-65), we are all called – just like the Good Samaritan – to become neighbors to others (see Par 81), overcoming prejudices, personal interests, historic and cultural barriers. We all, in fact, are co-responsible in creating a society that is able to include, integrate and lift up those who have fallen or are suffering (see Par 77). Love builds bridges and “we were made for love” (Par 88), the Pope adds, particularly exhorting Christians to recognize Christ in the face of every excluded person (see Par 85).

#### Ch. 3: Vision of an open world

The principle of the capacity to love according to “a universal dimension” (see Par 83) is also resumed in the third chapter, “Envisaging and engendering an open world.” In this chapter Francis exhorts us to go “outside” the self” in order to find “a fuller existence in another” (Par 88), opening ourselves up to the other according to the dynamism of charity which makes us tend toward “universal fulfillment” (Par 95). In

the background – the Encyclical recalls – the spiritual stature of a person’s life is measured by love, which always “takes first place” and leads us to seek better for the life of the other, far from all selfishness (Par 92-93). The sense of solidarity and of fraternity begin within the family, which are to be safeguarded and respected in their “primary and vital mission of education” (Par 114).

#### Ch. 4: Heart open to the world

To the theme of migration, the latter, entitled “A heart open to the whole world.” With their lives “at stake” (Par 37), fleeing from war, persecution, natural catastrophes, unscrupulous trafficking, ripped from their communities of origin, migrants are to be welcomed, protected, supported and integrated. Unnecessary migration needs to be avoided, the Pontiff affirms, by creating concrete

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“It has become common to view Confirmation as a choice to become an adult in the Church. As a sacrament, God offers Confirmation as a free gift that is actually more about God confirming ‘us’ as his children, not us confirming our faith in God. As we move forward, let us focus on supporting our families and parents, and on being thoughtful and intentional in our formation and youth ministry efforts. Thank you to everyone who has collaborated on this challenge and to everyone who will be working to implement the new guidelines in the future.”

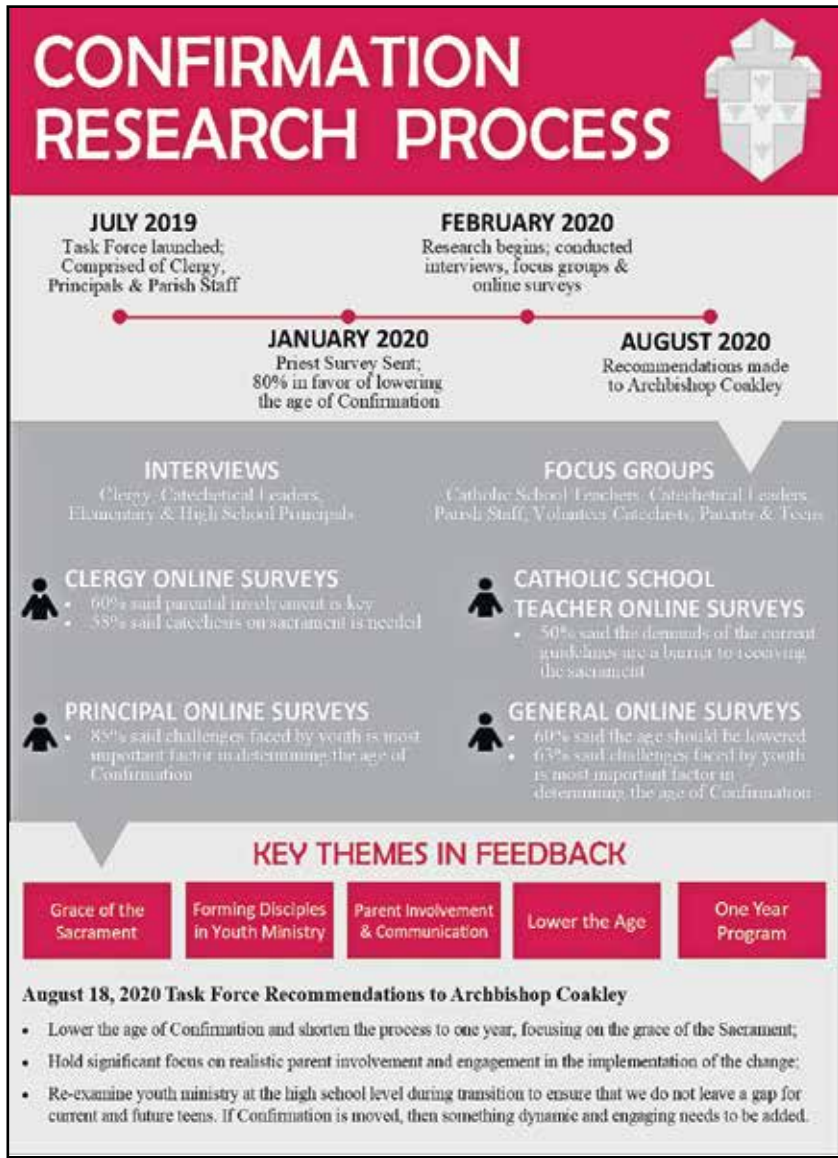
In the summer of 2019, Archbishop Coakley created the Sacramental Preparation Revision Task Force to review sacramental guidelines and consider potential changes for the placement of Confirmation. The task force

included directors of religious education, principals, priests, youth ministers, deacons, parents and archdiocesan staff.

The Priests’ Council also reviewed guidelines, and all priests were given the opportunity to provide feedback on various aspects of Confirmation and how it should be implemented in parishes.

The Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis will dedicate the remainder of this year to developing options and guidelines, mindful of parishes’ unique needs. The options and guidelines will be sent to pastors no later than May 1 for a Fall 2021 or Fall 2022 start. The transition will include bolstering youth ministries for middle school and high school and planning Confirmations for youth in the “gap years.”

To enroll in Confirmation, contact your parish’s office.



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## Farewell parade

for Dcn. Angelo Lombardo and his wife Annie

Parishioners at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Norman had a staff luncheon and farewell parade for Dcn. Angelo Lombardo and his wife Annie on Sept. 16. The Lombardos moved to Flower Mound, Texas. Annie Lombardo retired from her director of religious education position and Dcn. Lombardo will phase out his involvement. The choir serenaded them as the parade of cars went by. There were flowers, balloons, signs and gifts. *Photos provided.*

## From the Archives ...

A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist

Due to the Stock Market crash in October 1929, the abject poverty, the anguish of not being able to provide for the essentials of the family, and the vagaries of extreme weather all played a role when recalling the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Oklahoma's drought affected one of the staples of its society, the family farm. Citizens left in droves seeking work when crops failed, leading to the term "Okies." While most Oklahomans see the term as a badge of honor today, it was used in the pejorative sense during this dark period.

The Church in Oklahoma suffered mightily along with the people she served. Being on the brink of financial collapse caused constant frustration in not being able to help those in need. It was a struggle to keep the doors open and many of the clergy received little to no salary. In 1933, Catholic Charities had \$300 in cash and owed \$4,200 on a mortgage payment. Saint Rose of Lima in Perry lost its money due to a bank failure in 1932.



In 1932, Bishop Francis Kelley moved out of the episcopal

residence due to the expense of upkeep and moved into Saint Anthony Hospital in a small apartment. He remained there until a new home was purchased in 1939 as the economy began to strengthen due to the coming war.

Bishop Kelley was a prolific writer and lecturer who toured the country and his fees were gifted to the general fund of the diocese to keep it afloat.

Father David Monahan wrote, "Some Catholic institutions made feeble attempts to be of assistance – the Knights of Columbus in Tulsa tried to serve as an unemployment agency; Associated Catholic Charities served as a clearing house for the distribution of clothes; and Saint Anthonys Hospital began to feed those who gathered in



Depression era western Oklahoma family. Photo Fr. Bill Huffer.

a daily food line. Father Caudron at Henryetta hired the unemployed to work on church property. But, the appeals for help far outstripped the ability to meet them."

Despite the misery and "hard times" endured by the people of Oklahoma, the Church persevered, and after the Second World War, enjoyed a period of unprecedented growth and prosperity.

Much is owed to the hearty souls who maintained their faith and the sacrifices of the clergy during this tumultuous time.

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Meet the  
**Seminarians**  
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This is part of a series to introduce the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.



**Patrick  
Estabrooks**

### What is your home parish?

My home parish is Saint John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Yukon.

### What seminary do you attend?

I am currently studying philosophy as a sophomore at Conception Seminary College.

### If it is God's will, what year will you be ordained a priest?

If it is God's will, I will be ordained a priest in 2027.

### What advice would you give to someone discerning a call to the priesthood?

My advice to anyone discerning the priesthood is to always listen to what the Lord calls you to do, no matter what it may be. Your journey to the Lord is filled with many small "yeses" along the way, not just one decision to follow him.

### What do you look forward to most about becoming a priest?

What I look forward to most about being a priest is to be able to administer the Sacraments of Healing and bringing more souls into the state of grace the Lord calls us to.

### Name one thing that every Catholic needs to know.

Sometimes the Lord allows us to be tested in order to draw us closer to him. Do not be afraid of trials and hardships, but instead use it as a time to grow in your relationship with him.

### Why choose a life of sacrificial love?

A life of sacrificial love is a life that most closely reflects the life of our Lord!

### To learn more about seminary, contact:

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okcvocations.com



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opportunities to live with dignity in the countries of origin. But at the same time, we need to respect the right to seek a better life elsewhere. In receiving countries, the right balance will be between the protection of citizens' rights and the guarantee of welcome and assistance for migrants (see Par 38-40). Specifically, the Pope points to several "indispensable steps, especially in response to those who are fleeing grave humanitarian crises:" to increase and simplify the granting of visas; to open humanitarian corridors; to assure lodging, security and essential services; to offer opportunities for employment and training; to favor family reunification; to protect minors; to guarantee religious freedom. What is needed above all – the document reads – is global governance, an international collaboration for migration which implements long-term planning, going beyond single emergencies, on behalf of the supportive development of all peoples (see Par 129-132).

### Ch. 5: Better politics

The theme of the fifth chapter is "A better kind of politics," which represents one of the most valuable forms of charity because it is placed at the service of the common good (see Par 180) and recognizes the importance of people, understood as an open category, available for discussion and dialogue (see Par 160). This is the populism indicated by Francis, which counters that "populism" which ignores the legitimacy of the notion of "people," by attracting consensuses in order to exploit them for its own service and fomenting selfishness in order to increase its own popularity (see Par 159). But a better politics is also one that protects work, an "essential dimension of social life." The best strategy against

poverty, the Pontiff explains, does not simply aim to contain or render indigents inoffensive, but to promote them in the perspective of solidarity and subsidiarity (see Par 187). The task of politics, moreover, is to find a solution to all that attacks fundamental human rights, such as social exclusion; the marketing of organs, tissues, weapons and drugs; sexual exploitation; slave labor; terrorism and organized crime. The Pope makes an emphatic appeal to definitively eliminate human trafficking, a "source of shame for humanity," and hunger, which is "criminal" because food is "an inalienable right" (Par 188-189).

The politics we need, Francis also underscores, is a politics centered on human dignity and not subjected to finance because "the marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem"; the "havoc" wreaked by financial speculation has demonstrated this (see Par 168). Hence, popular movements have taken on particular relevance: as true "torrents of moral energy," they must be engaged in society with greater coordination. In this way – the Pope states – it will be possible to go beyond a Policy "with" and "of" the poor (see Par 169).

Another hope present in the Encyclical regards the reform of the UN: in the face of the predominance of the economic dimension, a task of the United Nations will be to give substance to the concept of a "family of nations" working for the common good, the eradication of poverty and the protection of human rights. Tireless recourse "to negotiation, mediation and arbitration" – the Papal Document states – the UN must promote the force of law rather than the law of force (see Par 173-175).

### Ch. 6: Dialogue and friendship

From the sixth chapter, "Dialogue and friendship in society," further emerges the concept of life as the "art of encounter" with everyone, even with the world's peripheries and with original peoples, because "each of us can learn something from others. No one is useless and no one is expendable" (see Par 215). Then, of particular note, is the Pope's reference to the miracle of "kindness," an attitude to be recovered because it is a star "shining in the midst of darkness" and "frees us from

the cruelty ... the anxiety ... the frantic flurry of activity" that prevail in the contemporary era (see Par 222-224).

### Ch. 7: Renewed encounter

The value and promotion of peace is reflected on in the seventh chapter, "Paths of renewed encounter," in which the Pope underlines that peace is connected to truth, justice and mercy. Far from the desire for vengeance, it is "proactive" and aims at forming a society based on service to others and on the pursuit of reconciliation and mutual development (see Par 227-229). Thus, peace is an "art" that involves and regards everyone and in which each one must do his or her part in "a never-ending task" (see Par 227-232). Forgiveness is linked to peace: we must love everyone, without exception – the Encyclical reads – but loving an oppressor means helping him to change and not allowing him to continue oppressing his neighbor (see Par 241-242).

### "Just War"

Part of the seventh chapter, then, focuses on war: "a constant threat," that represents "the negation of all rights," "a failure of politics and of humanity," and "a stinging defeat before the forces of evil." Moreover, due to nuclear chemical and biological weapons that strike many innocent civilians, today we can no longer think, as in the past, of the possibility of a "just war," but we must vehemently reaffirm: "Never again war!" The total elimination of nuclear arms is "a moral and humanitarian imperative." With the money invested in weapons, the Pope suggests instead the establishment of a global fund for the elimination of hunger (see Par 255-262).

### Death penalty

Francis expresses just as clearly a position with regard to the death penalty: it is inadmissible and must be abolished worldwide. "Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity" – the Pope writes – "and God himself pledges to guarantee this" (Par 263-269). There is emphasis on the necessity to respect "the sacredness of life" (Par 283) where today "some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed" such as the unborn, the poor, the disabled and the elderly (Par 18).

### Ch. 8: Religion and fraternity

In the eighth and final chapter, the Pontiff focuses on "Religions at the service of fraternity in our world" and emphasizes that terrorism is not due to religion but to erroneous interpretations of religious texts as well as "policies linked to hunger, poverty, injustice, oppression" (Par 282-283). A journey of peace among religions is possible and that it is therefore necessary to guarantee religious freedom, a fundamental human right for all believers (see Par 279).





## Tax Credit Scholarship recipients

The schools pictured received 2020 scholarships from the Tax Credit Scholarship program, which distributes scholarship money to all 19 schools in the archdiocese with gifts from individual and corporate donors. The program works as a bridge to help financially struggling

families gain access to high-quality Catholic schools. For the 2020-2021 school year, the program distributed more than \$900,000 in scholarships.

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St. John Nepomuk Catholic School



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School



Sacred Heart Catholic School, El Reno



Rick A. Miller with the Knights of Columbus has been appointed the Master of the Oklahoma District in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province. His appointment was effective Sept. 1. Photo provided.

### Knights of Columbus Retreat

The Knights of Columbus Retreat is Dec. 5. Sr. Diane Koorie, R.S.M., is the host speaker. Contact Michael Zink at (405) 314-4120; [michael-the-j@att.net](mailto:michael-the-j@att.net).

## Catholic Charities 2020 appeal raising funds, awareness in archdiocese

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is engaging parishes across central and western Oklahoma to spread the word about the good works of Catholic Charities and to bring awareness to the 2020 appeal. Thirteen staff members spoke on behalf of the organization to 25 churches, totaling 53 Masses.

This year, the goal of the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is to raise \$2.54 million for people and families in need.

"Everyone has been affected by the pandemic in some way, but by giving to Catholic Charities, you have the opportunity to make a

difference in the lives of our most vulnerable citizens," Executive Director Patrick Raglow said.

This year, a special effort has been made to reach our Hispanic parishes with the addition of a Spanish speaking resource coordinator. To date, these parishes have donated more than \$208,600.

"There has been a lot of eagerness and willingness from the archdiocese's Hispanic parishioners to participate in the ongoing culture of inclusivity of Catholic Charities," said David F. de los Santos, parish and resource coordinator. "Many Hispanic parishioners have been

yearning to come back to Mass and are excited to maintain this energy and faith."

Catholic Charities has raised \$1,621,360 so far with a goal of \$2,540,000 by the end of June.

"Due to parishes being lower in attendance, we are down roughly 900 gifts, most likely due to COVID-19," said Christi Jeffreys, director of annual giving. "I have every belief the Catholic community will rally and continue to support the good works of Catholic Charities."

To make a gift, visit [catholiccharitiesok.org](http://catholiccharitiesok.org) or use the cut out form located on the back of the Sooner Catholic.

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Buettner, pastor at Saint Joseph Old Cathedral. "Our dedicated doctors and nurses give great medical care, but patients' spiritual health needs to be cared for as well."

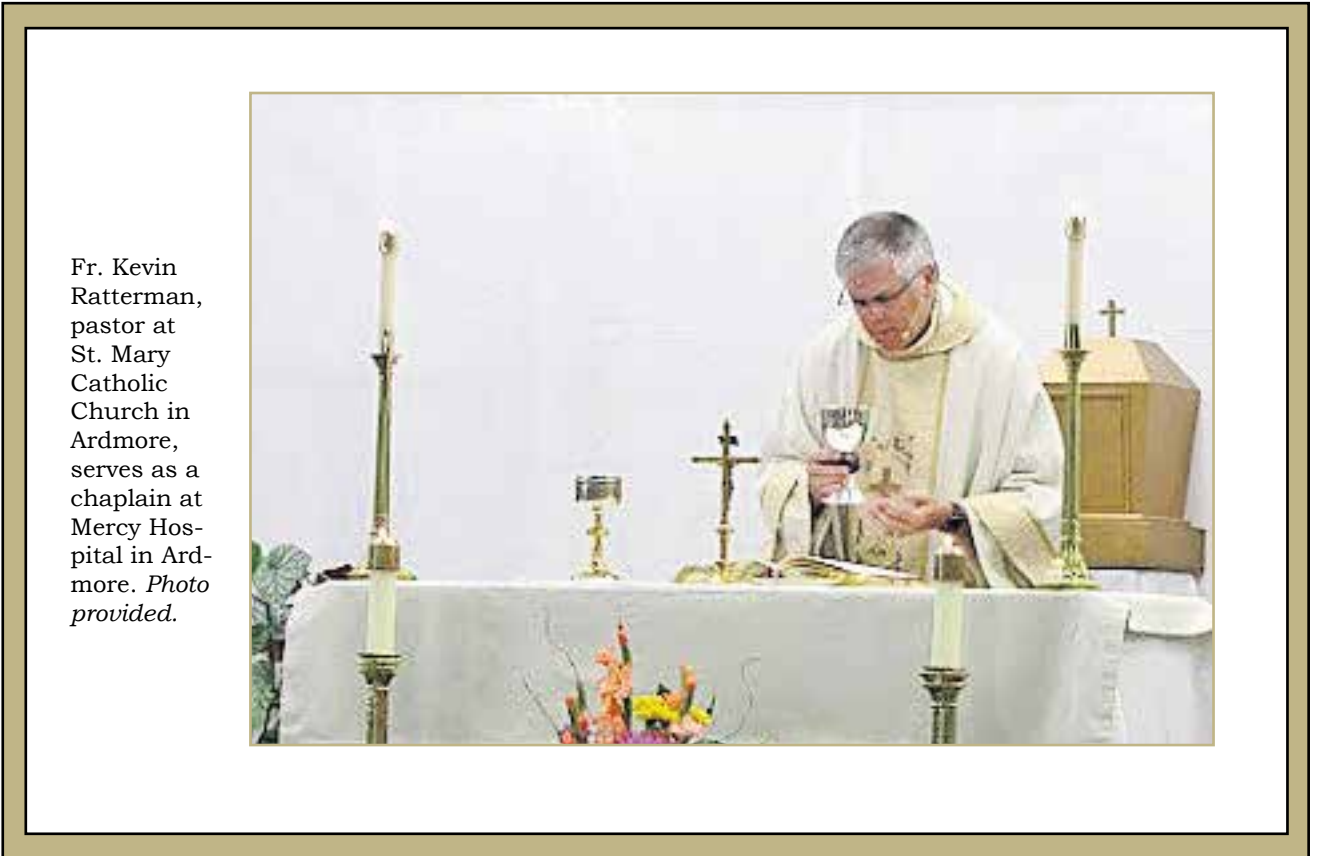
Father Ratterman tells his parishioners at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Ardmore to seek him out for anointing before a procedure and tell him when they will be in the hospital so he can visit.

He used to celebrate Mass at the hospital every Wednesday and visit all Catholic patients. Since the pandemic, Masses have been cancelled and he can visit patients only if he has a name. He won't know if a Catholic is admitted in an emergency situation unless the family alerts him or the person asks the staff to contact a priest.

Father Ratterman knows how much it means to patients to receive those sacraments. He recalls one time when he got an urgent call and arrived to find 10 people working on a patient.

"Father, get in here now and do what you have to do," shouted the doctor doing chest compressions.

As soon as the abbreviated rites were completed, the doctor called the time of death. The patient wanted to be anointed and the team had kept him alive so he could be.



Fr. Kevin Ratterman, pastor at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ardmore, serves as a chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Ardmore. Photo provided.

"Patients are starving for company. Many hospitals only allow one person to visit, not one person at a time, but one individual who

can come visit them during the duration of their stay," Father Buettner said. "The suffering is uniquely close to Christ and his Passion. To be a priest, coming along side ailing souls and helping them bear their cross, is a powerful, yet often hidden aspect of a priest's life."

Father Ratterman did his training for hospital ministry at what is now Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City and served as a hospital chaplain in Enid and Ponca City. A chaplain needs to be responsive to people of different faith traditions and minister to them "where they're at," he said.

Chaplains once had access to patient records that indicated

who was Catholic and could note in the patient's file that the person had been anointed and received Communion. Privacy regulations protecting individual's health information changed that. And COVID-19 brought more restrictions.

"The system is more and more dependent on someone telling me they're in the hospital," Father Ratterman said.

From blessing a newborn to ministering to the dying, the chaplain can be the most important person to the family in the moment.

"Beautiful moments take place in a hospital," Father Ratterman said. "There is nothing more beautiful than a beautiful death."

It's beautiful when the family is gathered around the bed holding hands and being one in prayer as their loved one begins the journey into the next life, he said.

"They may not be able to respond," Father Ratterman said. "But you always assume they can hear and you give them peace of mind and heart that they are not alone at their most vulnerable point."

With the pandemic, family members currently cannot stroke the person's hand or place a cool washcloth on their forehead.

"That human aspect has been relegated as dangerous and really doesn't take place," he said.

"We have to be conscious of being so consumed with chasing COVID that we don't lose that we're talking about human life."

K.S. McNutt is a freelance writer with the Sooner Catholic.

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## Education Institute 2020



Teachers from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City attended the annual Fall Education Institute Sept. 25 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Other Catholic school teachers in the archdiocese attended the event virtually. Educators heard from Archbishop Coakley, Superintendent of Catholic Schools Diane Floyd and Dcn. Keith Strohm from M3 Ministries.

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Sooner Catholic.

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science teacher at Bishop McGuinness for 15 years. She is the science department chairperson, the IT coordinator for the football team, KAIROS leader and has helped several young women obtain their Gold Awards for Girl Scouts of America.

Her nomination letter states, "Julia is a passionate educator who possesses a constant thirst for learning and empowers her students to seek a higher level of understanding in all their endeavors."

Anderson-Holt was instrumental in helping set up the school's distance learning program this past spring, and she continually looks for opportunities to better her personal, spiritual and professional life. She is a graduate of Rosary Catholic School in Oklahoma City.

Her nominator said, "Since arriving on campus, Julia has improved the level of instruction in the building while helping students and faculty grow academically, professionally and spiritually."

I can say without hesitation that Julia is possibly the most gifted educator I have encountered in my 47 years in education."

The other finalists were Shivaun Adam from All Saints Catholic School in Norman and Sarah Parizek from Saint John Nepomuk Catholic School in Yukon.

Adam has served as a fourth-grade teacher for 23 years. She connects CRS Rice Bowl collections to her math and social studies lessons, and she connects her lessons in the science lab to Catholic social teachings.

Parizek has served in a Catholic elementary school for 26 years, most recently as the theology teacher for PreK-

3, PreK-4 and kindergarten. She puts much thought and planning into her lessons and her students act out stories with props, shouting out praises to God, marching through Jericho, fighting the giants, singing his promises, quietly talking to Jesus in their hearts, all while being still enough to hear his soft voice.

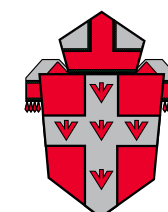
The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma provides the award each year to a Catholic school teacher in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. To learn more about Catholic schools, visit [archokc.org/schools](http://archokc.org/schools).



Shivaun Adam



Sarah Parizek



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## New Catholic School principal - Alice Newman



**Why is Catholic education important?**

Passing on the Catholic faith is paramount, but students also need opportunities and encouragement to excel morally, academically and physically. The advantages of cultivating friendships in a healthy environment also is an important aspect of Catholic education.

**What are some of your goals as a new principal?**

My goal as a new principal is to work toward excellence in all aspects of Catholic education.

**What is your favorite part of being an educator?**

I love the spontaneity and innocence of small children. Their joy is infectious.

**What is your favorite way to spend time away from school?**

My favorite thing away from school is grandchildren! I also enjoy reading, relaxing on our farm and looking for movies worth watching.

Alice Newman, M.Ed.

Principal, Holy Trinity  
Catholic School, Okarche



### 2020-2021 Catholic Education Service Awards

#### Five Years

##### All Saints

Diane Ackmann  
Heather Arrick

##### Bishop John Carroll

Gabrielle Barros  
John Ochoa

##### Bishop McGuinness

Christopher Ruesewald  
Rebecca McKee

##### Christ the King

Erika Kouri  
Erin Holstein  
Katie Folks

##### Holy Trinity

Theresa McCoy

##### Mount St. Mary

Jeremy Carey  
Kaylyn Henderson  
Kyrstle Pierce  
Leigha Liuzza  
Cristy Welch

##### Rosary

Melisa Gungoll

##### St. Charles

Carmen Santos-Heinen

##### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Andrea Scoggins  
Lindsay Moore  
Alicia Forth

##### St. Eugene

Jennifer Schmidt

##### St. James

Patty Rios  
Toni Silva

##### St. John Nepomuk

Ricardo Doroteo

##### St. Joseph

Andrea McNamara  
Jon Mills

#### Ten Years

##### Bishop McGuinness

Alexander Genheimer  
Jocelyn Perez  
Mark Veneklasen  
Mayra Wood

##### Holy Trinity

Haley Maass  
Mathew Landoll

##### Mount St. Mary

John Baldridge  
Melanie Morris  
Rebecca Lane

##### St. Charles Borromeo

Beth Sprague

##### St. John Nepomuk

Nicole Crumley

##### St. Mary, Ponca City

Sarah Hunsaker

#### Fifteen Years

##### Bishop John Carroll

Julie Hagen

##### Bishop McGuinness

Genieve Pezalski

##### Christ the King

Cari Green  
Denise Leonard  
Denise Phoenix  
Tricia Castro

##### Sacred Heart, OKC

Rebecca Johnson

##### St. Charles Borromeo

Valerie Lassiter

#### Twenty Years

##### Bishop McGuinness

Jennifer Collins  
Kelly Allen

##### Catholic Pastoral Center

Diane Floyd

#### Twenty-Five Years

All Saints  
Frank Lawrence

##### Christ the King

Constance Clark

##### Sacred Heart, OKC

Mary Smith

##### St. Philip Neri

Brenda Tener

##### Catholic Pastoral Center

Marcia Dubey

#### Thirty Years

##### Bishop McGuinness

Robert Stevenson

##### Mount St. Mary

Talita DeNegri

##### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Nancy McCabe

#### Forty-Five Years

##### Bishop McGuinness

David Morton









## Lánzate a lo más Profundo

Luke 5:4

# El más pequeño de mis hermanos y hermanas

En menos de un mes, los norteamericanos asistiremos a las urnas para elegir a líderes locales, estatales y nacionales, incluyendo al presidente y vicepresidente. Este es una elección que tendrá importantes consecuencias, sea cual sea el resultado. Hay demasiado en juego.

Además del drama que produce todo ciclo electoral, no podemos negar el hecho de que esta elección se lleva a cabo en medio de confusiones sin precedentes. Estamos en medio de una pandemia global que ha reclamado cientos de miles de vidas en los Estados Unidos y más de un millón en todo el mundo. Una pandemia que ha producido además incertidumbre económica y pérdida de empleos en todo el país. Las tensiones raciales, por su parte, han provocado protestas y algunas se han tornado violentas. Los desastres naturales, tales como incendios forestales, huracanes, inundaciones y tornados nos han hecho pensar en la fragilidad de la creación, la cual, como el Papa Francisco nos recuerda, es “nuestro hogar común”. El miedo, la descortesía y la división están infectando nuestro mundo a través de la influencia, muchas veces nociva, de las redes sociales.

Por lo tanto, ¿cómo podemos evaluar todos estos factores, y muchos más, al tiempo que nos preparamos a ejercer nuestro valioso derecho al voto como ciudadanos responsables y fieles católicos?

Cada cuatro años, en un esfuerzo por ejercer la misión de enseñar la fe y aplicar principios morales que impacten y guíen las decisiones que tomamos, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos publica el documento llamado “Ciudadanos Fieles”, para

ayudarnos a acercarnos a las urnas de una manera que refleje no solamente los intereses de nuestro partido político, sino de manera especial nuestra fe católica.

En la versión del año 2020 del documento Ciudadanos Fieles, los obispos escriben: “Para todos los católicos, incluyendo aquellos que buscan ser elegidos para una posición pública, la participación en partidos políticos o en otros grupos debe ser influenciada por nuestra fe, y no al revés.” Nuestra manera de entender los asuntos actuales debe ser guiada por nuestra identidad como seguidores de Cristo, y como hermanos y hermanas de todos aquellos que han sido creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios.

Sin duda que hay muchos asuntos que tienen peso moral e importancia social, sin embargo, no todos ellos merecen la misma atención y cuidado. Así que, ¿por dónde debemos comenzar? Los obispos de los Estados Unidos reafirmaron este año que “la amenaza del aborto continúa siendo una prioridad preeminente, porque ataca directamente a la vida misma, porque sucede bajo el santuario de la familia y por el número de vidas que destruye.” En pocas palabras, no hay ningún otro asunto social que represente un reto más grande a la dignidad y a la vida humana que el aborto.

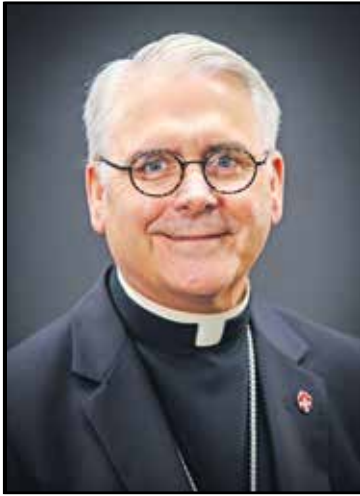
Al día de hoy, más de 60 millones de niños no nacidos han muerto por causa del aborto en los Estados Unidos desde el año 1973. (Se practicaron 862,000 abortos en el 2017, de acuerdo con el Instituto Guttmacher). El aborto directo es un mal intrínseco, lo cual significa que el quitarle la vida a un niño no nacido inocente, sean cuales sean las circunstancias, es siempre y en todo lugar, moralmente incorrecto. La protección de la vida inocente es el

fundamento de la defensa de toda vida, y nuestros hermanos y hermanas no nacidos son los más inocentes y vulnerables de todos. Si no defendemos la vida de los más inocentes, nuestra defensa y lucha por los derechos de cualquier otra persona humana, será inauténtica. Ciertamente que aun cuando hayamos propiamente considerado el impacto que nuestro voto tendrá en los niños no nacidos, no habremos hecho todo lo que debemos hacer.

El respeto a la vida comienza con la concepción y se extiende hasta la muerte natural. No es uno u otro. Son ambos. Debemos también luchar por los derechos de los pobres, los inmigrantes, los marginados de nuestra sociedad. Tenemos la obligación de defender los derechos de todos sin importar su raza, sexo, grupo étnico o religión, y de proteger la libertad para vivir lo que creemos dentro y fuera de los cuatro muros de nuestras iglesias. Tenemos la responsabilidad de cuidar nuestra casa común y pensar en los que vendrán después de nosotros. Debemos preocuparnos por los encarcelados y condenados, porque es a todos ellos que Jesús vino a proclamar la

Buena Noticia y con quienes se identificó.

Como dijo Jesús cuando hablaba del juicio final, “¿cuanto hiciste o dejaste de hacer por el más pequeño de mis hermanos o hermanas lo hiciste, o dejaste de hacer, por mí!” (cf. Mt 25, 40,45).



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley

## El Arzobispo Coakley mueve la edad de la Confirmación a la escuela secundaria (middle school)

*Las directrices para su implementación en el otoño del 2021 y del 2022, estarán disponibles a más tardar el 1 de mayo*

OKLAHOMA CITY – El Arzobispo Paul Coakley anunció 29 de septiembre que ha decidido cambiar la edad para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City.

La preparación para el sacramento se hará en un año, en lugar de dos, y se llevará a cabo durante el sexto o séptimo grado escolar, en lugar de hacerlo durante la preparatoria (high school), como hasta ahora.

El Secretariado para la Evangelización y la Catequesis asistirá a las parroquias en la implementación de este cambio, el cual será efectivo a partir del otoño del 2022. No habrá ningún cambio en este año.

La decisión de mover la edad de la Confirmación a una edad más joven se da después de meses de oración y diálogos con sacerdotes, personal parroquial y padres de familia, y busca promover una me-

jora en la pastoral juvenil y servir mejor a las familias.

“Todos debemos reflexionar profundamente sobre nuestra Iglesia y las necesidades de la juventud, particularmente a la luz de la cultura moderna y de todos los retos puntuales que enfrentamos hoy. Necesitamos equipar a nuestros jóvenes con las gracias a su alcance. Desafortunadamente hay muchos jóvenes en preparatoria que han sido bautizados y recibieron la Primera Comunión, pero que nunca fueron confirmados, dejándolos sin el don de la fortaleza que nos brinda el sacramento de la Confirmación”, dijo el Arzobispo Coakley.

“Comúnmente se ve la Confirmación como una opción para convertirnos en adultos en la Iglesia.

Como sacramento que es, Dios nos ofrece la confirmación con un don gratuito que consiste más en Dios confirmándonos como sus hijos, que nosotros confirman-

do nuestra fe en Dios. De ahora en adelante, concentrémonos en apoyar a nuestras familias y a los padres de familia, y en implementar iniciativas profundas e intencionales de formación y pastoral juvenil. Agradezco a todos los que han estado involucrados en este desafío y a todos aquellos que estarán involucrados en la implementación de las directrices en los próximos meses”.

En el verano del 2019, el Arzobispo Coakley creó un grupo de trabajo para revisar las directrices de preparación sacramental y hacer recomendaciones sobre la edad a la que debería administrarse el sacramento de la Confirmación. El grupo de trabajo estaba formado por directores de educación religiosa, directores de escuela, sacerdotes, ministros de pastoral juvenil, diáconos, padres de familia y personal arquidiocesano.

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# Un nuevo Pentecostés

“Quedaron todos llenos del Espíritu Santo y se pusieron a hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu les concedía expresarse. Había en Jerusalén hombres piadosos, que allí residían, venidos de todas las naciones que hay bajo el cielo. Al producirse aquel ruido la gente se congregó y se llenó de estupor al oírles hablar cada uno en su propia lengua.” (Hch 2, 4-6)

Este evento marcará el nacimiento de la Iglesia Católica, el nacimiento de su identidad católica. Es el contexto diverso del nacimiento de la Iglesia el que nos revela no solamente su naturaleza católica y su misión universal, sino que también nos recuerda que el regalo del evangelio viene siempre envuelto en una cultura particular y en un lenguaje específico. No puede ser de otra manera, porque la fe se construye sobre la naturaleza.

Algo similar sucede con la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos hoy en día y, de manera específica, en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City. La diversidad cultural que estábamos acostumbrados a ver en solamente algunas Iglesias y grandes áreas metropolitanas es ahora parte de todo ministerio, parroquia y movimiento. Más de 40 parroquias y misiones en la arquidiócesis ofrecen hoy misa en español. Algunas ofrecen también programas de educación religiosa en español. Por lo tanto, ¿qué sucede ahora cuando, como en Pentecostés, el mundo entero se aglomera a las puertas y quiere entrar?

Lo primero que debemos hacer es no asustarnos. ¡No es algo nuevo! En el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, se convoca al primer concilio de Jerusalén precisamente por un reto de integración (Hch 15, 5-35). Se tenían dudas relacionadas con la etnicidad y las prácticas re-

ligiosas. De manera específica, la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos siempre ha sido tocada por diversas ondas migratorias, inicialmente de países europeos que se organizaron al llegar en parroquias nacionales. Esto les ayudó a conservar su etnicidad e identidad católica. Este tipo de catolicismo ha sido siempre parte de la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos. De alguna manera lo que experimentamos ahora no es nuevo.

Sin embargo, cuando los descendientes de los primeros inmigrantes católicos europeos se asimilaron a la sociedad norteamericana, la aceptación de la Iglesia como “americana” creció. El concepto del “melting pot” (crisol de culturas) se hizo prevalente al tratarse de la diversidad cultural a lo largo y ancho de la Iglesia.

Después, los movimientos sociales de los 60’s y 70’s, así como la renovación religiosa del Concilio Vaticano II, nos llevaron a cambios significativos en la manera en que la Iglesia enfrentó la diversidad cultural y lingüística. A diferencia del modelo de aislamiento anterior, este buscaba promover y dar la bienvenida a la diversidad cultural. La diversidad se convirtió en una bendición que debía ser celebrada y no un problema que debía ser resuelto, al menos de manera ideal.

Bajo este modelo es que se establecieron las oficinas de ministerio hispano. Casi todas las diócesis de los Estados Unidos tienen hoy en día una oficina que se dedica al trabajo con la comunidad hispana-católica. Sin embargo, y aun a pesar de sus buenas intenciones, este modelo ha creado otros problemas. Primero que nada, se ha concentrado en los aspectos

culturales externos y no ha reconocido que todo grupo tiene una cultura, incluyendo los europeos americanos. La cultura y la identidad cultural son, mayormente, una realidad interna que incluye valores, creencias y manera de pensar.

El ministerio hispano se ha aislado del resto de la Iglesia y ha considerado su identidad hispana como prevalente a su identidad católica. Por supuesto, este enfoque ha hecho que el ministerio con hispanos sea más fácil y eficiente, dado que solo se tiene que trabajar con un solo grupo étnico.

El modelo no ha promovido la colaboración entre los diversos grupos y nos ha dividido en muchos grupos dentro de una sola Iglesia. Muchos párrocos afirman que sienten que están a cargo de “dos parroquias (o más) bajo un solo techo”.

Y, más importante aun, la identidad católica como base común para todo ministerio, ha sido olvidada. Debemos trabajar en promover un nuevo pentecostés y evitar perpetuar un estado de “Babel”.

En cualquier caso, todo comienza con un encuentro profundo con Jesucristo vivo, quien es el mismo ayer, hoy y siempre. Y en todas las culturas.



Luis Soto  
Subdirector  
Ejecutivo del  
Secretariado de  
Evangelización y  
Catequesis

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El Consejo Presbiteral también revisó las directrices y a todos los sacerdotes se les dio la oportunidad de ofrecer sus puntos de vista sobre los distintos aspectos de la Confirmación, y cómo debería implementarse en las parroquias.

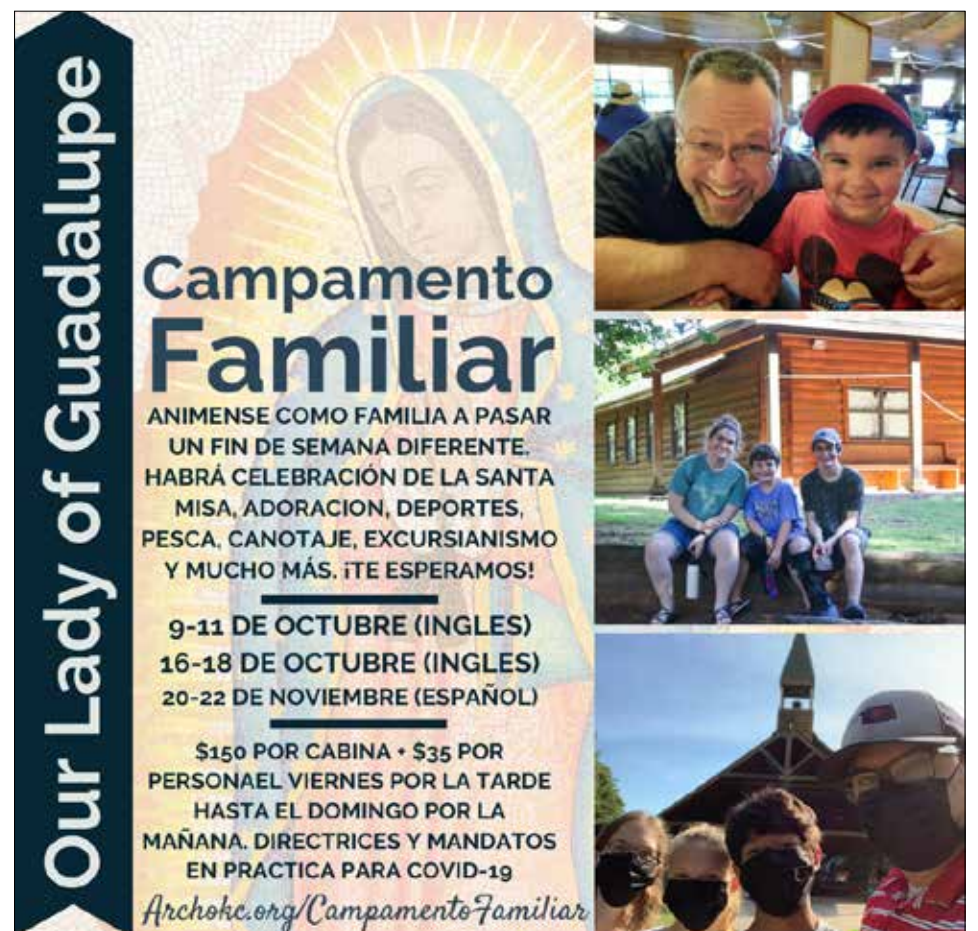
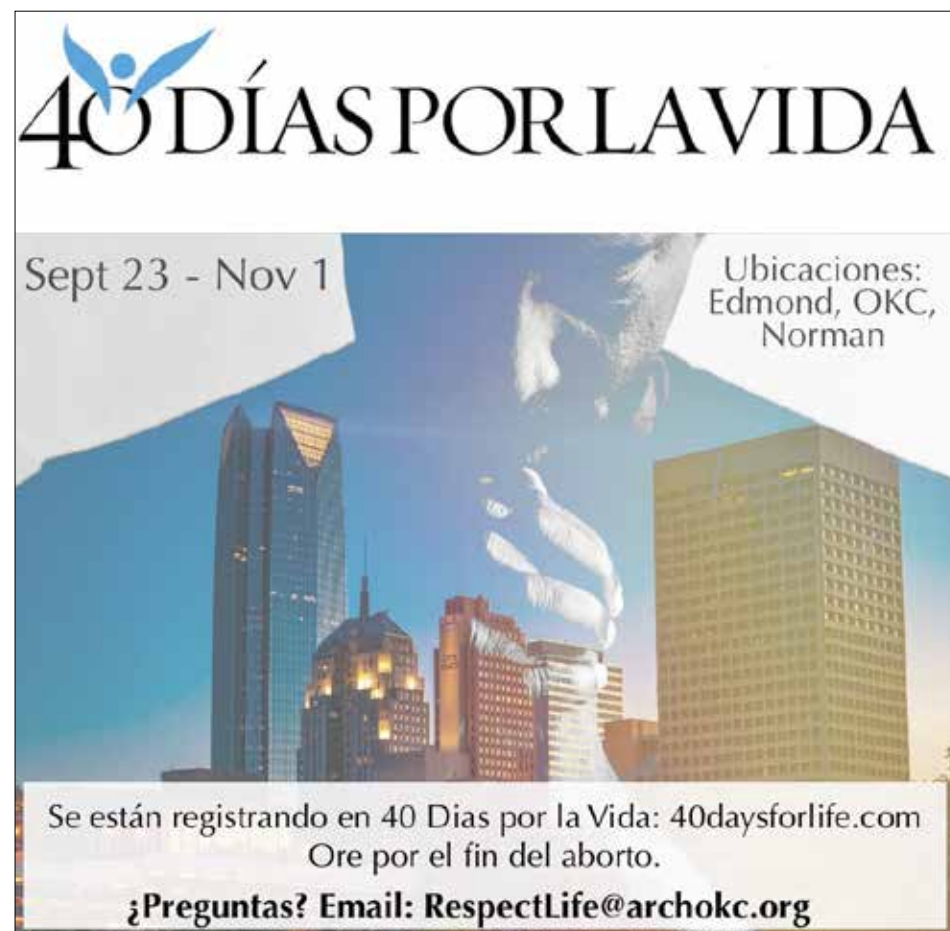
El Secretariado de Evangelización y Catequesis trabajará en lo

que resta del año en desarrollar opciones y directrices, tomando en cuenta las necesidades particulares de nuestras parroquias. Las opciones y directrices serán enviadas a los párrocos a más tardar el 1 de mayo, para que puedan ser implementadas en el otoño del 2021 o del 2022. El proceso

de transición incluirá iniciativas para mejorar la pastoral juvenil en edad de la escuela secundaria y la preparatoria, así como opciones para la administración del sacramento de la Confirmación a los jóvenes cuya edad se encuentre en la brecha entre la edad anterior y la nueva.

Toda la información sobre la Confirmación y las nuevas directrices arquidiocesanas se encontrarán disponibles en [archokc.org/confirmation](http://archokc.org/confirmation) tan pronto como estén listas para su implementación.

Para inscribirse para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación, visite la oficina de su parroquia.





## Briefs

*Please contact event or meeting organizers before attending.*

### Mask requirement in place

Until further notice, Archbishop Coakley has issued a mandatory requirement for masks to be worn for all public Masses in the archdiocese. For more information or to read the "Letter to the Faithful," go online to [archokc.org/mass](http://archokc.org/mass).

### New safe environment training

The archdiocese announced a new training program for volunteers, staff members and clergy that will be required before working with minors in the diocese's Catholic churches or schools. Visit [archokc.org/safe-environment](http://archokc.org/safe-environment).

### Shrine webcam

Watch construction of the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine on a live webcam at [archokc.org/shrinewebcam](http://archokc.org/shrinewebcam).

### Watch Heritage Gallery episodes on Bl. Stanley Rother

The Communications Office of the archdiocese has produced a series of short videos to highlight items in the Heritage Gallery related to Bl. Stanley Rother. Watch each episode on YouTube or Facebook. Find Episode 1 at <https://youtu.be/OHX1iDrM8zg>. To support the building of a museum at the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine, go online to [stanleyrother.org](http://stanleyrother.org).

### Rother documentary, beatification available on DVD

The DVD set of the Beatification Mass of Bl. Stanley Rother and the official Emmy-nominated documentary, "An Ordinary Martyr," are online at [rotherstore.com](http://rotherstore.com) or call (405) 721-5651, Ext. 114.

### Online Mass Tuesdays

Join Archbishop Coakley and

priests of the archdiocese for online daily Mass at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday from the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Mass will be live-streamed at [archokc.org/live](http://archokc.org/live), YouTube Live and on Facebook Live.

### COVID-19, live Mass information

Find a list of online daily and Sunday Masses, Procedures for Resuming Ministries, prayers, an act of spiritual communion and other resources related to the quarantine and coronavirus at [archokc.org/health](http://archokc.org/health), [archokc.org/mass](http://archokc.org/mass) or [archokc.org/digitalresources](http://archokc.org/digitalresources).

### Support your parish

With public Masses not at full capacity, parishes and priests still need financial support from parishioners. Find online giving links and mailing addresses for your parish at [archokc.org/parishgiving](http://archokc.org/parishgiving).

### Study guides available!

Archbishop Coakley encourages all clergy and lay people to spend time studying the latest pastoral letter, "Go Make Disciples! Building a Culture of Conversion and Discipleship for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City" with the help of new study guides in English and Spanish. The letter and pastoral plan lay out the vision for the archdiocese through 2030. Find the pastoral letter and study guides at [archokc.org/Vision2030](http://archokc.org/Vision2030).

### 40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life campaign is Sept. 23 - Nov. 1. There are locations in Edmond, Norman and Oklahoma City. Sign up at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com). Contact [respectlife@archokc.org](mailto:respectlife@archokc.org).

### Youth, young adult events

The Youth, Young Adult and Campus Evangelization and Disci-

pleship Office has many upcoming events such as a volleyball tournament, Halloween block party, family camp and more. Visit [archokc.org/youth-young-adult](http://archokc.org/youth-young-adult) or [www.facebook.com/archokcYACampus](http://www.facebook.com/archokcYACampus).

### Mass for Medical Professionals

Archbishop's Mass for Medical Professionals will be at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. Reception to follow. Speaker: Sr. Mary Rachel Nerbun, R.S.M., M.D., St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa.

### Anniversary Mass

Archbishop Coakley invites married couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 40, 50+) in the calendar year 2020 to participate in the annual Anniversary Mass that will be live-streamed at 3 p.m. Oct. 18 in the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Register with the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (405) 709-2709 or [lcarrasco@archokc.org](mailto:lcarrasco@archokc.org). Couples are asked to send in a picture of themselves to be shown on the live-stream.

### Walk for Willow

Join Willow Pregnancy Support Oct. 18 - Nov. 3 for their fall fundraiser Walk for Willow 2020, a virtual step-bet competition. Participants will track their steps through a mobile app and can walk or run from anywhere at any time during the weeks of the competition. Visit [willowpregnancy.org](http://willowpregnancy.org) or e-mail [jfritz@willowpregnancy.org](mailto:jfritz@willowpregnancy.org).

### Zoom and See

The Adrian Dominican Sisters will host a virtual Zoom and See Weekend Oct. 23-24 for women discerning whether they are called to religious life – and particularly to life as a Dominican Sister of Adrian. Register at [tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern](http://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern). Contact Sister Tarianne DeYonker, O.P., vocation co-director, at [tdeyonker@adrian-dominicans.org](mailto:tdeyonker@adrian-dominicans.org); (517) 920-1395.

### Day of Reflection

A Day of Reflection: "A Day of Silence at the Abbey" with Br.

Damian Whalen, O.S.B., will be 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Oct. 24, at St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee. Early bird discount \$30; \$35 at the door, includes lunch. Contact (405) 878-5656, [retreats@monksok.org](mailto:retreats@monksok.org).

### Red Mass

Archbishop Coakley will celebrate a Red Mass for Legal Professionals at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at St. Thomas More University Parish in Norman. Reception to follow. Speaker: Teresa Collett, J.D., University of St. Thomas School of Law.

### CRS chapters

Catholic Relief Services is building a network of CRS chapters to equip and empower volunteers to become champions for the families and communities that CRS serves, leading the way to a more just and peaceful world. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is hosting a Come and See meeting via Zoom 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Nov. 7. This workshop will enable participants to learn about the importance of chapters in the work of CRS, especially in support of its two major campaigns on hunger and on refugees and migration. For additional information or to learn more, subscribe to the CRS flocknote at [archokc.flocknote.com/CatholicReliefSe](http://archokc.flocknote.com/CatholicReliefSe).

### Ladies Auxiliary raffle

The St. Mark Council 12108 Ladies Auxiliary is having a raffle to help fund their scholarship programs. Tickets \$10 each from an auxiliary member or at [www.kofc12108.org](http://www.kofc12108.org). Drawing will be held at the Made with Love Craft Fair, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at St. Mark Catholic Church, 3939 W. Tecumseh Rd. in Norman.

### Surviving Divorce

A 14-week Surviving Divorce class starts Nov. 16 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mustang. Contact Brenda Arambula, (405) 822-1803, [survivingdivorceok@gmail.com](mailto:survivingdivorceok@gmail.com).

### Thanksgiving dinner cancelled

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bison has cancelled its annual community Thanksgiving dinner.



## 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](http://www.soonercatholic.org).*

October			
<b>11</b> Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	Elaine at (405) 358-3610, <a href="mailto:ccrprayers@gmail.com">ccrprayers@gmail.com</a> .	port, Oct. 18 - Nov. 3. Visit <a href="http://willowpregnancy.org">willowpregnancy.org</a> .	<b>20</b> Suicide grief support group, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., St. Francis, 1901 N.W. 18, OKC.
<b>11</b> Pray the Rosary for Life, 6:30 p.m., 2453 Wilcox Dr., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, <a href="mailto:potato.lang@gmail.com">potato.lang@gmail.com</a> .	<b>16</b> Feast of St. Hedwig.	<b>18</b> Pray the Rosary for Life, 6:30 p.m., 2453 Wilcox Dr., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, <a href="mailto:potato.lang@gmail.com">potato.lang@gmail.com</a> .	<b>22</b> Feast of St. John Paul II.
<b>12</b> Columbus Day.	<b>17</b> Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch.	<b>17</b> Monthly Novena to the Infant Jesus. Nine days of novenas to the Infant Jesus of Prague.	<b>22</b> Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact Elaine at (405) 358-3610, <a href="mailto:ccrprayers@gmail.com">ccrprayers@gmail.com</a> .
<b>13</b> Daily Mass live-streamed from St. Francis de Sales Chapel, 11:30 a.m., <a href="http://archokc.org/live">archokc.org/live</a> , Facebook Live, YouTube Live.	<b>17</b> 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.	<b>19</b> Feast of Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions.	<b>23</b> Feast of St. John of Capistrano.
<b>14</b> Feast of St. Callistus I.	<b>17</b> The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of St. Teresa of Calcutta, meeting at St. Ann Independent Living, OKC. Mass 9:30 a.m. in the St. Joachim Chapel; meeting 10 a.m. - Noon. Contact Toni Harrelson, (405) 341-2199, (405) 694-1292.	<b>20</b> Feast of St. Paul of the Cross.	<b>24</b> Feast of St. Anthony Mary Claret.
<b>14</b> Catholic War Veterans USA The Oklahoma Memorial Post No. 168 will meet at 7 p.m., Sunnyside Family Reception Center, 3900 S.E. 29, Del City. Contact (405) 739-0036, <a href="mailto:OklaPost168@cox.net">OklaPost168@cox.net</a> . Masks and social distancing required.	<b>18</b> Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	<b>20</b> Serra Club meeting, 10:30 a.m., via Zoom and at the Catholic Pastoral Center, OKC. Visit <a href="http://serraokc.org">serraokc.org</a> .	<b>24</b> Day of Reflection "A Day of Silence at the Abbey" with Br. Damian Whalen, O.S.B., 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee.
<b>15</b> Feast of St. Teresa of Jesus.	<b>18</b> Archbishop's Anniversary Mass live-streamed, 3 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center.	<b>20</b> Daily Mass live-streamed from St. Francis de Sales Chapel, 11:30 a.m., <a href="http://archokc.org/live">archokc.org/live</a> , Facebook Live, YouTube Live.	
<b>15</b> Archbishop's Mass for Medical Professionals, 6:30 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC.	<b>18</b> Walk for Willow, fundraiser for Willow Pregnancy Sup-		
<b>15</b> Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact			



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