



“Catholic schools shaped who I am”

*National Catholic
Schools Week
Jan. 31 – Feb. 6*

By Sally Linhart
The Sooner Catholic

As a senior in high school, Kat Joyce knew she wanted to become a teacher. Now, halfway through her first-year teaching, Joyce leads her second-grade class at Christ The King Catholic School in prayer every day. Those prayers are the cornerstone that led to her vocation as a Catholic school teacher.

A product of entirely Catholic schools and universities, Joyce was eager to lay the same foundation of faith and knowledge that she received to the next generation of students.



Christopher Sheffield (above) and Tera Albert both attended Catholic schools and are now Catholic school teachers at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City. Visit archokc.org/schools to learn more about Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Photos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.

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CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

January 31 -
February 6
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Oklahoma Catholic Men's Conference goes in-person, virtual

By John Helsley
For the Sooner Catholic

When COVID-19 created a flood of concerns for organizers of the “In The Father’s Footsteps” Oklahoma Catholic Men’s Conference, Jim Beckman registered a plea.

“Really since last March, I feel like I’ve been one of the relentless voices of ‘Don’t cancel! We can’t afford to can-

cell!’” said Beckman, executive director of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis for the archdiocese.

“That’s what’s happening a lot in the world, one thing after another is being canceled or put on hold. People have a lot of needs in their life, and life goes on, despite the circumstances that we’re in right now. I’m more of a fan of creative recalibration and offering things in a new way that meets up with

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Put Out Into the Deep

Luke 5:4

Our citizenship is in Heaven

For those who had imagined that merely ringing in the new year might bring a swift end to the nightmarish events of 2020, the eruption of violence at our nation's Capitol burst that bubble.

We are a nation that is angry, wounded and deeply divided. Even so, this is not the time to surrender to discouragement, apathy or despair. It is a time for hope and renewed determination. I often have found strength in the opening remarks of Saint John Paul II's pontificate when he cried out confidently, "Be not afraid." The words of the Gospel have a special urgency about them today: Fear is useless, what is needed is trust (Luke 8:50).

Great trust, rooted in a firm faith that professes Jesus Christ as the Lord of history, is precisely what we need during these times. On Jan. 20, we will witness the inauguration of a new president. Ordinarily, an inauguration is a time for great patriotic fanfare in our nation. This year is more ambiguous. The inauguration of President Biden will be the culmination of one of the most divisive elections in recent history.

As Catholics, as Christians, we never can seek our ultimate security in any political party or economic system. Jesus is Lord! Fidelity to Jesus and the teachings of his Church always will leave us feeling a bit like outsiders because "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil 3:20). It is Baptism that should give us our primary identity, not our party affiliation or even our nationality.

We are beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father and members of the Body of Christ. This is prior to our affiliation as Republican or Democrat or our identity as Americans.

Nonetheless, as Catholics we do have responsibilities as citizens. We take them seriously. Our faith and the teachings of the Church ought to serve as reliable guides in making the many prudential judgments that guide our decisions and actions as good citizens each day.

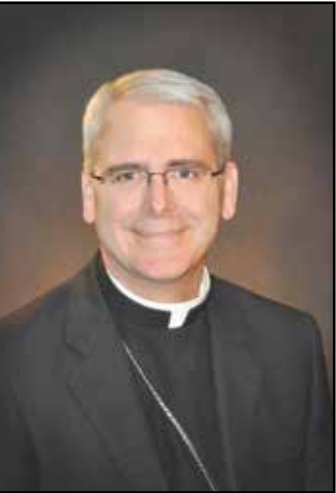
There certainly are ways in which the incoming Biden Administration will be sympathetic to some of our concerns as Catholics, perhaps around access to health care, the needs of DACA youth and migrants

or care for creation, for example.

But, the preeminent priority that the American bishops have identified – eliminating abortion –

will present a serious challenge if the Biden Administration acts on its promises and proposed policies that expand the so-called right to abortion. It will be a special source of scandal if a Catholic president is responsible for overseeing what could become the most pro-abortion administration this country has ever seen.

There likely also will be many challenges to our ability to practice our faith freely. It will be important for us as Catholics to let our voices be heard, not just



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

in the voting booth, but in working with our civic leaders, elected officials and fellow citizens to shape a more just society that protects and promotes the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

I am encouraged by the many newly energized young people who are willing to let their voices be heard around issues of vital concern for the sanctity of life and human dignity. I would like to encourage our young people, specifically, to join me for the upcoming Sanctity of Life Mass on Jan. 20 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and via live-stream.

Given the challenges that our nation is facing it is more important than ever to speak up and bear witness to the sanctity of life with civility and respect. What is needed is more than activism, however. We must ensure that our actions are sustained by prayer and guided by virtue so they might bear fruit in justice.

We are at a critical moment in our history as a nation. I ask your prayers for our incoming president. He will need the wisdom of Solomon to heal our divided nation, a task that he has declared to be one of his first concerns. Let us go forward with confidence and trust. Be not afraid!

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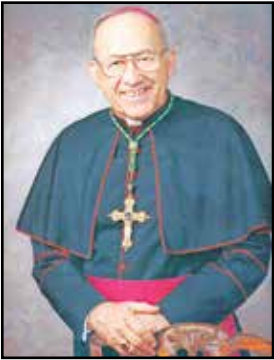


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God,
our Father and creator,
be with us in our schools.
Help us to treasure
your gift of life and treat one
another with care.
Guide our administrators,
teachers, parents, staff and
students to recognize you in
all people. Help all of us to
grow in faith and love.
Amen.

Jubilarians 2020

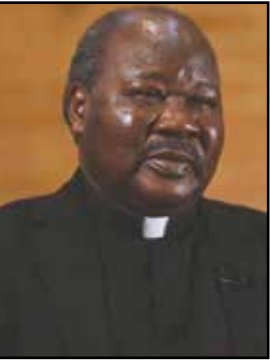
Archbishop Coakley recently awarded coins to the 2020 Jubilarians for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in recognition of their years of priestly service to the Church in Oklahoma. Fr. Eugene Marshall, O.S.B., celebrated 70 years of priestly service. The 2020 Jubilarians are:



Archbishop Emeritus
Eusebius J. Beltran
60 years of priestly
service



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Buckley, O.S.B.
50 years of priestly
service



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Martin
40 years of priestly
service



Fr. Michael
Wheelahan
40 years of priestly
service



Fr. Philip
Louis
25 years of priestly
service



Fr. John J.
Mejia-Muñoz
25 years of priestly
service

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restrictions and limitations, but still serves people."

Alas, organizers of the Oklahoma Catholic Men's Conference said the conference will go on in person and virtually on Feb. 20 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. Registration is open at catholicmen.net.

This year's conference, themed "Walking with the Risen Christ," carries added significance as the 25th annual event, building from humble beginnings to this point where the demand for feeding the faith fuels a move to carry on, even amid a pandemic. "I think these kinds of events are a powerful way for men to connect," Beckman said. "Men are typically drawn to fellowship and brotherhood and community, even if they wouldn't put it into those kinds of words. But,

then they connect in a powerful way with Christ and with the Church and with good teaching that is exhorting them on how to live their lives."

The lineup includes Jeff Cavins, author, speaker and Bible scholar; Steve Angrisano, musician, songwriter

and worship leader; Tony Ferraro, author, executive coach and mission leader; and Beckman, a speaker and evangelist in addition to his duties as diocesan leader.

"The team has developed a quality itinerary of four great speakers and is charting new ground with the addition of live-streaming," Conference Director Ray Haelele said. "With all the effects of a year-long pandemic, we all need a day of quality inspiration and reflection to give direction and meaning

to our Lenten journey. I'm praying that many join us on Feb. 20."



Jeff Cavins



Jim Beckman



Tony Ferraro



Steve Angrisano

Cavins, a former Protestant pastor, is recognized nationally and internationally as a dynamic Bible teacher skilled at taking complex theological concepts and making them practical for everyone. He developed "The Great Adventure Bible Studies," a practical and color-coded interactive Bible study system and is the founding host of EWTN's Life on the Rock.

Angrisano is a published songwriter and singer, and a storyteller who brings music to his talks.

Ferraro is director of training services for Matthew Kelly's Floyd Consulting and is an executive coach for several influential CEO's across the country. Tony has more than 25 years of leadership experience in the educational and business sectors.

Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

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

Jan. 19 – Presbyteral Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center

Jan. 19 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC

Jan. 20 – Sanctity of Life Mass, 6 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC (in person with limited capacity and live-streamed)

Jan. 21 – Senior Staff meeting, 10 a.m., CPC

Jan. 21 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC

Jan. 21 – Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine Building Committee meeting, 2 p.m., CPC

Jan. 26 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC

Jan. 26 – Archbishop's Circle Mass and reception, 6 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC

Jan. 28 – Senior Staff meeting, 10 a.m., CPC

Jan. 28 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC

Jan. 28 – Personnel Board meeting, 2 p.m., CPC

Jan. 31 – Confirmation, 4 p.m., St. John Nepomuk, Yukon



Archbishop Coakley joined Fr. John Paul Lewis, Fr. Brian Buettner, priests, deacons, seminarians and parishioners Dec. 5 to bless and dedicate the new altar at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lawton. Photos Diane Clay/Sooner Catholic.

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Archbishop Coakley received his COVID-19 vaccination Jan. 4 at SSM Health St. Anthony in Oklahoma City. For more information on where to receive the COVID vaccine and eligibility, contact your county health department or visit oklahoma.gov/covid19/vaccine-information.html. Photo provided.



From the Archives ...

A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist

The second of three priest brothers, Charles Albert Van Hulse was born Aug. 16, 1874, in Sint-Jan-in-Eremo, Belgium. His two brothers, Joseph and Theophile, also were missionaries to Oklahoma. All three served with fervor and excellence and are viewed as ecclesiastical royalty in the annals of the history of the Church in Oklahoma.

The career of the early-day horseback riding pioneer priest includes two continents and the sometimes-difficult experiences of the Indian Territory days as well as the adventure and intrigue of serving in the intelligence arm of the American Expeditionary Forces during the First World War.

Ordained in June 1897, he arrived in Indian Territory in November of the same year. His first assignment was in Muskogee, which entailed not just the town but the eastern part of the state from the Kansas border to the Canadian River. He told the Southwest Courier in an interview in 1947: "Seventy miles a day on horseback were not unusual. I was usually on the road three weeks

and spent one week at headquarters. Many times, I was up to my neck in water as I forded streams. There were no roads much less bridges in those days."

He also related being held up on a stagecoach between Tulsa and Fort Gibson as well as having a gun drawn on him by a fugitive from the U.S. Marshals Office. Amidst his travails in what could pass for a wild west show, he found time to start the first Catholic parish in a hamlet of 600 people called Tulsa in 1898.

His service to the Diocese of Oklahoma was interrupted in 1917 when he volunteered to serve with the American army in Europe due to his linguistic skills. He proudly gave of his talents for two years in the intelligence field.



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The Van Hulse brothers Charles, Joseph and Theophile.

Upon his return to the United States, he was named pastor of Antlers and was moved to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lawton in 1925, serving as pastor until 1935. He retired due to ill health and failing eyesight but remained as pastor emeritus. It has been said that he knew hundreds of people in Lawton and was especially loved by the children of Saint Mary Catholic School as he would visit often.

One of the true founding priests of the Church in Oklahoma, Father Charles died on Sept. 17, 1951.

Bishop McGuinness pom team wins state jazz competition

The Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School pom team, coached and choreographed by Jamie Lane, was crowned the 2020 Class 5A Jazz Division Title winners. The team competed virtually at the Oklahoma State Dance Team Directors' Association annual competition on Dec. 12.

Additionally, the team received the High Point Jazz Award – the first time in 16 years that a Class 5A team took home this award – and the Outstanding Choreography Award. Both awards are given to one team out of all the teams that competed in all classes. The Irish pom team has

placed six out of the seven years it has been part of Bishop McGuinness athletics. They previously

received the division title in 2016 and 2017, and were named runners-up in 2015, 2018 and 2019.

Parks, Avery Payne and Alyssa Schmit, Alex Ille, Sarah Newby and Laura Wright.



Seniors Sophia Davies, Molly Godfrey, Jane Nelson and Elizabeth Wright, were named All-Region at the competition. Sophia Davies and Elizabeth Wright also were named All-State.

The 2020-2021 pom state team is comprised of Sophia Davies (captain), Talon Floyd, Molly Godfrey, Casey Gormley, Jillian Hibbard, Kate Lipps (captain), Jane Nelson (captain), Elizabeth Wright, Colette Conaway, Emery Hammond, Molly Mullins, Emma Rowland (captain), Kate Skarky, Reese



Parishioners at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lawton had their Christmas meal and bazaar Dec. 13. The Ladies Alter Society organized the event, and parishioners were asked to bring pies and items for the bazaar. Photo Jolene Schonchin/Sooner Catholic.



Parishioners at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lawton participated in Las Posadas on Dec. 18. Chila Chavez, coordinator of the event, explained the background of Las Posadas. Modesto Schonchin portrayed St. Joseph and Arlene Schonchin portrayed the Virgin Mary. Macy Morgan portrayed an angel. Jax Morgan was a shepherd. Once the children entered the church, the rosary was prayed in Spanish and English, followed by Christmas songs in Spanish and English. Photo Jolene Schonchin/Sooner Catholic.

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Real Life Disciples

Get in the game!

Years ago, I remember hearing about a football coach who ran off the sidelines to tackle an opposing player as he was returning a kickoff. Western New England College's Jim Brown had eluded every other Fairfield University player and was on his way to a field-length touchdown run. The Fairfield coach couldn't handle the frustration, and as Brown ran by him, he just ran out onto the field and tackled him. Sports can do that to someone. The intensity and the passion of the game can at times overwhelm.

I have found myself in a similar situation this past year. So much is happening around us that seems out of our control. The pandemic itself would be enough for that, but many other things have weighed heavily on me – the heated and conflictual election, the tension in society and all the rioting and violence, several friends who have been going through very difficult times in their marriages, people I know who have been very sick (some COVID-related), but other things as well. I don't think I'm alone in saying that this past year was filled with these kinds of stories.

Most overwhelming to me have been struggling marriages. My wife and I have been walking with several couples who are really in a difficult spot, some of them have already gotten divorced. It has felt like that football game. The other team is beating us, they keep scoring, it seems hopeless to ever come back; and then suddenly someone makes a break away run, eludes every other tackle and is making it all the way down the field for another touchdown. I feel so helpless just standing on the sideline. I want to get in the game and DO something! I can't take it anymore, and out of sheer frustration just jump on the field and make the tackle!

It's a fun thing to imagine and helps me cope some days as I try to pray through the unsettled feeling I have deep in my heart. What is going on? What's happening in the world, and even in the Church? I find myself wondering if some of the people who have stopped going to Mass regularly will come back. Many families I know struggling with all kinds of difficulties.

I don't know about you, but I just want to DO something!

As this new year starts, there are several ways we can "get in the game." In times like these, our Catholic faith shines. The scriptures are filled with encouragements about the power of prayer, and the unique Catholic emphasis on asceticism can add a powerful forcefulness to that prayer.

This past year, I did Exodus 90, twice. And then did a round of 75 Hard. I suppose it was my way of jumping off the sidelines and tackling someone. I was so frustrated with everything going on around me, and just wanted to contribute in some way for the good. I had many beautiful early morning walks this past fall during 75 Hard, all the while praying for my son and his new wife, and praying for a stable foundation for their marriage. I know those prayers are going to bear much fruit in the years to come.

And, recently, my wife and I have rejoiced over other conversion that has happened somewhat miraculously in our family after years of prayer for them. Prayer is powerful! But prayer combined with sacrifice of some type – fasting, personal suffering, etc. – has a multiplier effect. And, when you get a group of people all doing that together, the multiplication is compounded in manifold ways.

So, how do you want to get in the game at the start of this new year? I would encourage you to check out a program like Exodus 90 (exodus90.com). There's a version for women called Fiat 90 (hollyandhealthycatholic.com/fiat-90). These are 90-day programs of prayer, asceticism and fellowship with other men and women. They all started on Jan. 4 and go through Easter. Don't worry if you are coming late to the party – I know you will be reading this a couple of weeks after the start date.

This year also the Year of Saint Joseph. If programs like Exodus 90 are too much for you, another devotion you might consider is the new 33-day consecration to Saint Joseph. You could do this the 33 days leading up to March

19 and the Feast of Saint Joseph. There's more information here – consecrationtostjoseph.org/introduction.html.

The archdiocese also is going to be doing a special campaign with Real Life Catholic during the season of Lent. For the seven weeks leading up to Easter, we will be encouraging Catholics to invite – family, friends, neighbors, etc. – to re-engage with their faith. It will be a simple way that we as a Church can reach out to the many people we know who have stopped participating and engaging with their faith. There even will be tools for how you can do it all online for those who don't feel comfortable meeting in person yet. We will be doing this campaign with six other dioceses around the country.

Throughout Lent there will be weekly live online sessions with Chris Stefanick and one of the seven bishops, including Archbishop Coakley, talking about the theme of that week. Just another way you can "get in the game!" There will be more info on the campaign coming soon.

If none of these programs resonate for you, you can default to the simple practice of fasting regularly. Wednesdays and Fridays are typical fasting days for the Church. Start simple – Fiat 90 defines fasting like this: "I commit to fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays; this fast will contain one full meal and the other two meals will be only one side dish and contain no meat."

The point is, do something! We don't have to be powerless on the sidelines as all these things are happening around us.

In fact, God invites us into the game with him. Let's jump in and do our part!



Jim Beckman
Executive Director
of the Secretariat for
Evangelization and
Catechesis

Book Review: "The Adaptive Teacher"

By John H. Dolezal
The Sooner Catholic

"The Adaptive Teacher: Faith-Based Strategies to Reach and Teach Learners with Disabilities" is a great resource for learning how to maximize the effectiveness of teaching students with learning disabilities.

John E. Barone and Charleen Katra have done a wonderful job authoring this comprehensive and easy-to-use teacher guidebook and while it is faith-based, I believe all teachers could benefit from reading and using it.

The book provides strategies and real-life examples that can help a teacher foster a "welcoming and comfortable" learning environment by understanding the specific needs of learners with disabilities and by adapting the teaching approach for the benefit of the learner.

Barone and Katra share their extensive combined experience (of more than 70 years) in the field of catechesis for learners with disabilities by providing personal examples throughout the book, and I found this helpful for connecting with the content and thinking on each strategy and teacher tip. They also suggest practical

techniques and ideas that can be applied to meet many of the diverse learning needs that may exist among the learners.

For example, in Ch. 7 on Effective Classroom Communication, you can find "Ten Ways to Reduce Teacher Talk" in order to simplify your communication in the classroom. Another example that caught my attention is found in Ch. 12, "The Ghosts of Pedagogy Past: Forming Your Teaching Style." On pages 141-143 the authors provide a top-ten list of "New School" intervention benefits that can help balance "the right combination of loving care and the firm boundaries and consequences that will work for all learners."

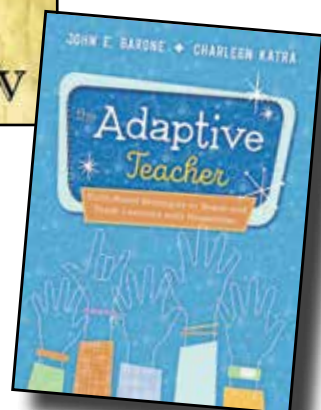
Each chapter includes a "Two-Minute Check-In" (a few self-assessment questions for the reader to answer) at the beginning and "Three Takeaways" (key points) at the end and I found this format provided great flow for my reading. Also, this gives the reader a great way to quickly go back and review. Each chapter

also includes illustrations, teacher tips and a list of "Further Resources for Teaching and Learning."

During my teaching career (as a religious education facilitator, high school teacher and college instructor) I have, at times, wondered how I might be able to improve effectiveness in meeting the needs of diverse learners who have disabilities. Thanks to this book, I have discovered many fresh ideas and tips that can be helpful.

"The Adaptive Teacher: Faith-Based Strategies to Reach and Teach Learners with Disabilities" contains a wealth of encouragement and helpful tips and there is no way this review can do it justice. Perhaps, the most relevant statement I can make is that all educators should acquire and use this great teacher resource.

John H. Dolezal is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.



A message from the Catholic Schools Superintendent ...

Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration of what makes Catholic education special, will begin Sunday, Jan. 31 and end Saturday, Feb. 6. Nationally, schools observe the celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members.

Catholic Schools Week celebrations in 2021 may look a little different or be reimagined, but one thing is certain, schools will still focus on the value that Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our Church, our communities and our nation.

The theme of our celebration is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." The theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

Many of you in our community, like me, see the wonderful reality of Catholic education every day at our schools. It's in the dedication and integrity of our pastors, teachers and staff. It's in the hard work and accomplishments of our students who, day-by-day, are learning and growing in the Lord and gaining a values-filled education. It is in the commitment of our parents, guardians and volunteers who give selflessly of their time and talents to help make our schools excellent!

Please help us celebrate our Catholic schools as we invite you to learn more about these faith-filled communities! For more information about enrolling your child in an Oklahoma Catholic school, call or visit the school of your choice. Find more information in this issue of the Sooner Catholic and online to archokc.org/schools.

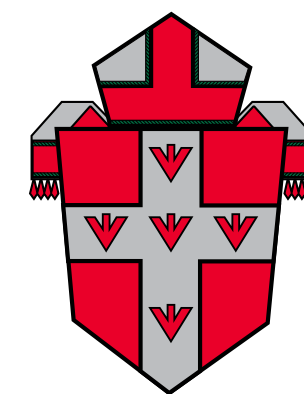
In Christ,

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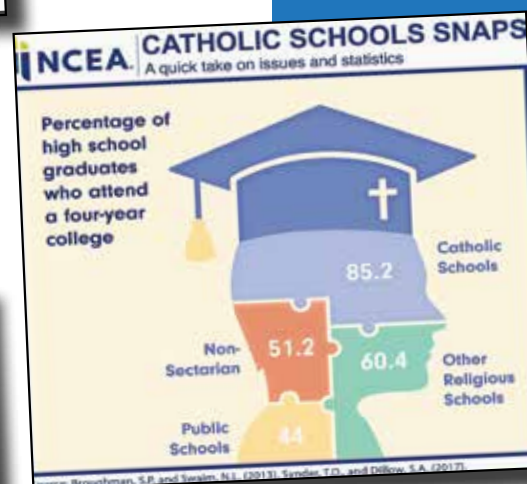
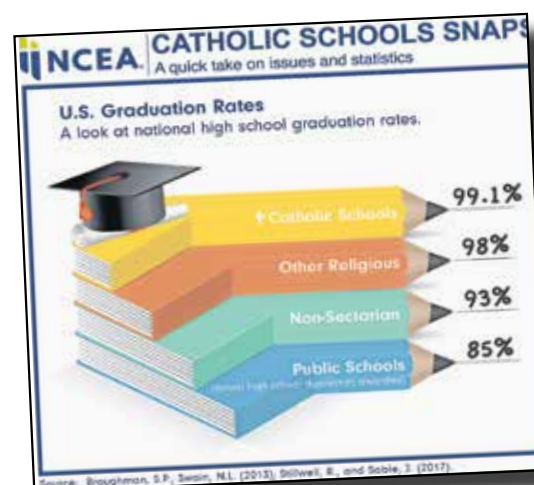
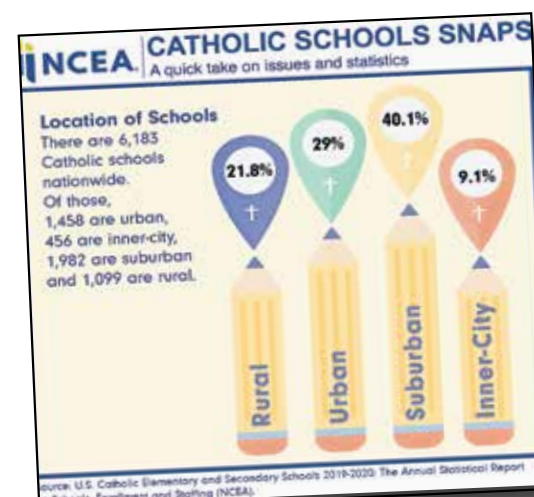
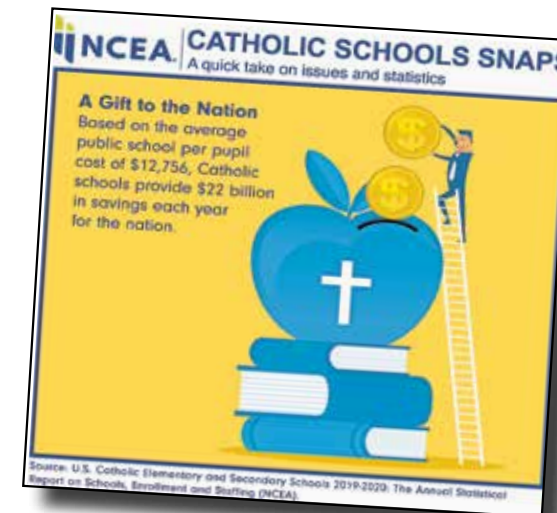
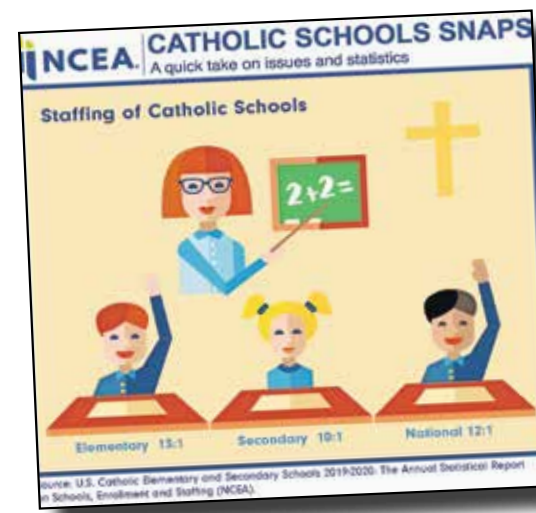
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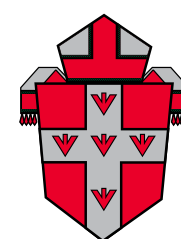
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Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Catholic school teachers Tera Albert (above), Christopher Sheffield and Julia Anderson-Holt. Photos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic and provided.

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“It is an amazing opportunity to be in a Catholic school,” she said. “It is such a beautiful thing to see students praying for each other, and to watch their prayer life develop as they pray for others outside our school.”

The former Saint Eugene Catholic School student graduated from Bishop McGuinness Catholic School before enrolling at Saint Gregory University in Shawnee. When the Saint Gregory campus closed, Joyce transferred to Benedictine College in Kansas to finish her teaching degree. It was her desire to give students the same experience she had that led to her decision to teach in Catholic schools.

“I am proud to say that Catholic schools shaped who I am,” Joyce said. “I want to help lay that foundation for them. I want to raise who I became!”

The desire to keep prayer at the forefront of her life was a major influence in her choice to teach in Catholic schools.

“Having Christ in the center of our schools is such a beautiful thing,” she said.

Although she gave the highest praise to all the teachers she had throughout her educational career, Joyce mentioned her high school English teacher Christine Pankratz-West as an inspiration.

Christopher Sheffield, another first-year teacher, described his students at Sacred Heart Catholic School as a close-knit group. The sense of community and smaller class sizes were a big draw to Sheffield, a graduate of Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School.

“I like that most of these kids have grown up together,” he said.

Sheffield knew he would find comfort teaching in Catholic schools, even though he isn’t Catholic. A former student at Villa Teresa Catholic School and Saint John Nepomuk Catholic School, he explained that his fellow classmates

never treated him differently.

“They always included me in everything, and I never felt like I was looked down upon because I wasn’t Catholic,” he explained.

“I’ve found a home here at Sacred Heart,” he said. “The kids are incredible! I can see myself teaching in Catholic schools, even at Sacred Heart, for my entire career.”

Fellow Sacred Heart teacher Tera Albert has been an educator for more than 20 years. This is her first year teaching in Catholic schools. The fourth-grade teacher previously taught religious education classes at her parish in Forgan in the Oklahoma Panhandle. Albert decided to combine her roles as educator and catechist and said she couldn’t be happier with her decision.

“I love my class! I love the sense of community, and seeing everyone come together, especially right now,” Albert said.

Recalling her own experience as a student at Christ the King Catholic School and Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, Albert said she has many fond memories of her time spent in Catholic schools.

“I made lifelong friends,” she explained. “I have friends from grade school who I still talk to.”

Catholic education is deeply rooted in Julia Anderson-Holt’s family heritage. The chemistry teacher at Bishop McGuinness attended Rosary School as an elementary student as did her mother, maternal grandmother, paternal grandfather and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Anderson-Holt, recipient of the 2020 Archbishop Paul S. Coakley Catholic Schools Ed-

ucator of the Year award, explained that teaching in a Catholic school gives her the ability to make the best choices for each student as an individual.

“They allow us to make decisions that align with our mission – educating the whole person,” Anderson-Holt explained. “We can make a difference with students that’s not always content-related.”

For her, one of the most important aspects of teaching in Catholic schools is the encouragement to make choices that help students learn in different ways, allowing them to be more successful.

“Being able to love through teaching is so important to me,” she said. “I am in a far better place professionally, emotionally and spiritually in Catholic schools than I would be anywhere else.”

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The “Rosca de Reyes” (King cake)

Every Jan. 6 in the Latin American tradition, not only is the liturgical feast of the Epiphany celebrated, but so is the coming of the Magi. Jokingly, in Mexico, it is said that on Dec. 12, a festival that lasts almost a month called Guadalupe-Reyes begins. That is, it begins on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12) and ends on the day of the Three Kings (Jan. 6).

If you grew up in a Mexican home, Santa Claus might not be as popular as the three wise men (Los Reyes Magos). It is the wise men who bring gifts to the child Jesus. And, those gifts are now shared with all the children of the world. People dressed as the three kings can be seen on all the streets of the cities. And, jubilant children come to them to remind them of the gifts they hope to receive. They will have to put shoes next to the Christmas tree or at the entrance of the house, so that the kings put their gifts on them.

On Jan. 6, the traditional “Rosca de Reyes” also is shared. The tradition is very similar to the king cake from New Orleans. An oval cake with colored dried fruit that is eaten in commemoration of the coming of the Magi: Melchior, Gaspar and Baltazar. The shape of the cake is oval to symbolize a crown. The crown of King Herod who wants to kill the newborn Jesus. That is why it has colored dried fruit to represent the jewels of a crown. Others claim that its oval shape reminds us of the eternal nature

of God without beginning nor end.

Inside the cake is the greatest treasure of all – a figure of a child, representing the child Jesus. This represents Joseph and Mary fleeing to Egypt, in other words, “hiding” the baby Jesus from the evils of King Herod. Inevitably, when you cut the cake, someone will be the lucky one to find it. Whoever does find it will have a special assignment.

All Latin American celebrations point to other celebrations. All seek to grow in community life and strengthen the bonds as a family. In this case, the person who cuts the cake, precisely in the place where the figure is hidden, will have the obligation to organize a meal with tamales on Feb. 2. The day of the Presentation of the Lord. In some way, he or she will be the godfather (mother) of the child to be presented and will have to share a meal, made of traditional tamales, to all those present.

Like all traditional and culturally symbolic celebrations, this one too is being lost. We enjoy the cake, the fun of finding the figure and the atole (sweet drink made from corn), but we forget to prayerfully remember the event.

We must be generous people and in search of Jesus like the wise men. They searched for him and walked for a long time to meet Jesus, following a sign from up high. Our life is somewhat similar. We walk in search of the Lord Jesus to give him our gifts. Our heart, our life.

We must seek to adore him and recognize him as the true king of our lives.

We must carry him “hidden” in the depths of our hearts and joyfully celebrate our encounter with him. As a community of brothers and sisters who love each other, respect each other, seek each other and are filled with the joy in being united.

Today, we live in difficult times. Times of fear, pandemic, deaths and insecurities. May remembering the Lord Jesus as our King and manifested to the whole world help us to have him as the center of our lives; to dress our hearts with beautiful and bright colors.

It may be a little late when you read this to remember the meaning of the “Rosca,” but it is not too late to commemorate his life among us, our journey toward him and the gifts we want to offer him. Let’s enjoy the tamales and, if you were the lucky one to share them, let’s do it with joy and with the best disposition to celebrate our life as a family and a community of faith.



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St. Patrick Catholic Church in Anadarko held its 4th annual “Change for Christmas” fundraiser this past season. The religious education students shopped for toys to give to the local DHS for area children. The parish raised \$1,310.31 to buy the toys. Photo provided.



A Catholic Young Adults retreat “At the Heart” was held Dec. 4-6 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp. The retreat on relationship featured SOLT Sisters, CFR Friars and Fr. Alex Kroll. Learn more about Catholic Young Adults at archokc.org/ya. Photo provided.

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Deadline Feb. 15

Sr. Christiane Althaus, O.P.

Sister Christiane Althaus, O.P., died Dec. 14 at St. Dominic Villa in Hazel Green, Wis.

Sister Christiane made her first profession as a Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa Aug. 5, 1954, and her perpetual profession Aug. 5, 1957. She taught in the classroom for 39 years and taught music for one year, with seven more as choir teacher while serving as classroom teacher.

Sister Christiane served in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Alabama.

In the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Sister Christiane taught music at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School in Kingfisher from 1954-1955 and in the Diocese of Tulsa, Sister Christiane taught at Saint Joseph Catholic School in Muskogee from 1990-1995.

Sister Christiane was born Nov. 25, 1934, in Mundelein, Ill., the daughter of Louis and Christine (Wagner) Althaus.

Burial was in the Motherhouse Cemetery.



Sr. Christiane Althaus, O.P.

Sr. Mary Ann Bahr, A.S.C.

Sister Mary Ann Bahr, A.S.C., died on Dec. 14 in the Caritas Center in Wichita. She was 95 and had been a professed member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ for 76 years.

Sister Mary Ann was born on Feb. 4, 1925, on the family farm near Olmitz, Kan., the second of 11 children of Henry and Frances (Schneider) Bahr.

She made first profession on July 1, 1944 and final vows on July 1, 1949.

Sister Mary Ann received a bachelor’s degree in education in 1957 from University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth and a master’s degree in education from Central State University in Edmond in 1968.

She taught in Sterling (Our Lady of Perpetual Help), Medford (Saint Mary), Canute (Holy Family), Elk City (Saint Joseph), Oklahoma City (Saint Eugene), and Stillwater (Saint Francis Xavier).

After 48 years in the classroom, she semi-retired in 1992 and began working as secretary of the new Department of Graduate Studies at Kansas Newman College.



Sr. Mary Ann Bahr, A.S.C.

Sr. Nancy Nolan

Sister Nancy Irene Nolan (Sister Jean Paula) died Dec. 20 in Indiana. She was 84.

Sister Nancy was born May 13, 1936, in Galesburg, Ill., to Paul and Helena (Cofield) Nolan.

She attended Saint Joseph Catholic School and Corpus Christi High School in Galesburg, Ill. She earned bachelor’s degrees at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and the University of Illinois. She earned a master’s degree in pastoral studies at Loyola University, Chicago.

Sister Nancy entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence on Feb. 2, 1955, and received the name Sister Jean Paula. She professed Final Vows on Aug. 15, 1962.

She served in several administrative and educational positions, including as principal at Corpus Christi Catholic School in Oklahoma City from 1971-1975.

Burial is at the Cemetery of Sisters of Providence in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.



Sr. Nancy Nolan

Lánzate a lo más Profundo

Luke 5:4

Somos ciudadanos del cielo

Para todos lo que creían que el inicio del año nuevo traería consigo el fin inmediato de las pesadillas del 2020, la violencia que hizo erupción en el Capitolio sin duda hizo desaparecer esas esperanzas.

Somos una nación enojada, lastimada y profundamente dividida. Pero a pesar de ello, no podemos ser vencidos por el desánimo, la apatía y la desesperación. Este es un tiempo de esperanza y de una nueva determinación. Muchas veces encuentro fortaleza en las palabras de San Juan Pablo II al inicio de su pontificado, cuando alzando la voz dijo con confianza, “no tengan miedo”. Las palabras del Evangelio nos lo recuerdan de manera especialmente urgente el día de hoy: el miedo es inútil, lo que hace falta es confiar (Lc 8,50).

Una enorme confianza, enraizada en una fe firme que profesa que Jesucristo es el Señor de la historia, es precisamente lo que necesitamos en estos momentos. El 20 de enero seremos testigos de la toma de posesión de un nuevo presidente. Normalmente, la toma de posición en nuestra nación es un momento de fanfarria patriótica. Este año todo es

más ambiguo. La toma de posesión del presidente Biden será la culminación de una de las elecciones más divisivas en la historia reciente.

Como católicos, como cristianos, nunca debemos poner nuestra confianza última en un sistema económico o un partido político. ¡Jesús es el Señor! Nuestra fidelidad a Jesús y a las

enseñanzas de la Iglesia nos dejarán siempre sintiéndonos como extranjeros, porque “somos ciudadanos del cielo” (Fil 3,20). Es nuestro bautismo lo que nos da nuestra primera identidad, no nuestra afiliación política o incluso nacionalidad.

Somos hijos e hijas amados de Nuestro Padre Celestial y miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo. Y esto existe antes de nuestra afiliación como republicanos o demócratas, o nuestra identidad como americanos.

Sin embargo, por nuestra fe católica tenemos también responsabilidades como ciudadanos.

Y las tomamos muy en serio. Nuestra fe y las enseñanzas de la Iglesia deben servirnos como guías confiables a la hora de hacer juicios políticos prudentes, tomar decisiones y llevar a cabo acciones como buenos ciudadanos en el día a día.

Sin duda que existen áreas en las cuales la administración entrante del Presidente Electo Biden simpatizará con algunas preocupaciones

que tenemos como católicos, tales como el acceso a cuidado de salud, las necesidades de los jóvenes que califican para DACA, los migrantes o el cuidado de la creación, por ejemplo.

Pero la prioridad preeminente que los obispos norteamericanos han identificado – eliminar el aborto – se convertirá en un reto si la ad-

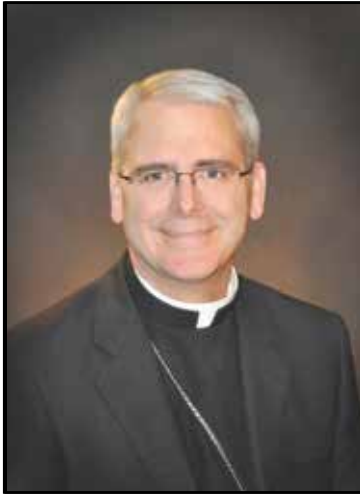
ministración de Biden cumple sus promesas y sus propuestas de expandir el mal llamado derecho al aborto. Sería un escándalo especialmente grande si un presidente católico es responsable de estar al frente de la que podría ser la administración más pro-aborto que se haya visto en este país.

Podrían también existir muchos retos en nuestra libertad para practicar nuestra fe. Será muy importante que levantemos nuestras voces, y no solo a través del voto, sino trabajando con nuestro líderes cívicos, con los servidores electos y con otros ciudadanos para poder crear una sociedad más justa, que proteja y promueva la dignidad de cada vida humana, desde su concepción hasta su muerte natural.

Me animan las nuevas energías de muchos jóvenes que están dispuestos a hacer oír su voz en asuntos de vital importancia para la defensa de la santidad de la vida y la dignidad humana. Me gustaría animar de manera especial a nuestros jóvenes, para me acompañen a la próxima Misa por la Santidad de la Vida, el 20 de enero en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro y a través de una transmisión en vivo.

Dados los retos que enfrenta nuestra nación, hoy más que nunca es importante que alcemos nuestras voces y demos testimonio de la santidad de la vida de manera cívica y respetuosa. Se necesita más que activismo. Tenemos que asegurarnos que nuestras acciones estén fundamentadas en la oración y guiadas por la virtud, para que así den frutos de justicia.

Estamos en un momento crítico en la historia de nuestra nación. Les pido oración por nuestro nuevo presidente. Necesitará la sabiduría de Salomón para sanar nuestra nación dividida, una tarea que él mismo ha declarado que será una de sus primeras prioridades. Vayamos adelante con fe y confianza. ¡No tengan miedo!



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley



La Rosca de Reyes

Cada 6 enero, en la tradición latina, se celebra no solo la fiesta litúrgica de la Epifanía, sino como tradicionalmente se llama, la venida de los Reyes Magos. En tono de broma, en México se dice que el 12 de diciembre comienza una fiesta de casi un mes que se llama Guadalupe-Reyes. Es decir, que comienza en la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y termina en el día de los Reyes Magos.

Si creciste en un hogar mexicano, Santa Claus podría no ser tan popular como los Reyes Magos. Son ellos a final de cuentas quienes traen regalos al Niño Jesús. Y esos regalos se comparten ahora con todos los niños del mundo. Personas vestidas de Reyes Magos pueden verse por todas las calles de las ciudades. Y los niños jubilosos se les acercan para recordarles los regalos que esperan recibir. Estos tendrán que poner zapatos junto al árbol de navidad o a la entrada de la casa, para que los reyes pongan sus regalos en ellos.

El día 6 enero también se parte la tradicional Rosca de Reyes. La tradición es muy similar al pastel de reyes que come en New Orleans. Un pastel ovalado con fruta seca de colores que se come ese día en conmemoración de la venida de los Reyes Magos: Melchor, Gaspar y Baltazar. La forma de la rosca es ovalada, para simbolizar una corona. La corona del Rey Herodes que buscar matar al recién nacido Jesús. Por eso tiene fruta seca de colores. Para representar las joyas de una corona. Otros afirman que su forma ovalada nos recuerda de la naturaleza eterna de Dios, sin principio ni fin.

Dentro de la rosca se encuentra el tesoro mayor de todos. Una figura de un niño, representando al niño a Jesús ha sido escondida dentro de la rosca. Esto representa a José y María huyendo a Egipto, en otras palabras, “escondiendo” al bebé Jesús de las maldades del Rey Herodes. Inevitablemente, al partirla, alguien será el afortunado o afortunada de encontrarlo. Quien lo haga tendrá una encomienda especial.

Todas las celebraciones latinoamericanas apuntan siempre a otras celebraciones. Todas buscan hacer crecer la vida comunitaria y fortalecer los lazos de hermandad. En este caso, la persona que corte la rosca precisamente en el lugar donde está escondida la figura, tendrá la obligación de organizar una comida con tamales el día 2 de febrero. El día de la Presentación del Señor. Será de alguna manera el padrino o la madrina del niño a ser presentado y tendrá que invitar la comida, hecha de tradicionales tamales, a todos los ahí presentes.

Como todas las celebraciones tradicionales y culturalmente simbólicas, esta también se está perdiendo. Nos quedamos más con el pastel y la rosca y el atole (bebida dulce hecha a base de maíz), pero olvidamos recordar de manera orante el acontecimiento.

Debemos ser personas generosas y en busca de Jesús, como los reyes magos. Ellos caminaron a su encuentro siguiendo la señal de lo alto. Nuestra vida es de alguna manera parecida. Caminamos en busca del Señor Jesús para entregarle nuestros regalos. Nuestro corazón,

nuestra vida. Debemos buscar adorarle y reconocerle como verdadero rey de nuestras vidas.

Debemos llevarlo “escondido” en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón y celebrar con gozo nuestro encuentro con él. Como comunidad de hermanos que se quieren, se respetan, se buscan y se llenan de gozo al estar unidos.

Hoy vivimos tiempos difíciles. De miedo, pandemia, muertes e inseguridades. Tiempo de divisiones, de conflictos de todos tipos y en todos lugares. Que el recordar al Señor Jesús como nuestro Rey y manifestado al mundo entero, nos ayude a tenerle como centro de nuestras vidas. A adornar nuestros corazones con colores bellos y brillantes.

Podrá ser un poco tarde cuando lees esto para recordar el significado de la rosca, pero no es tarde aún para conmemorar su vida entre nosotros, nuestro camino de seguimiento y los dones que queremos ofrecerle. Disfrutemos los tamales y, si nos tocó regalarlos, hagámoslo con alegría y con la mejor disposición de celebrar nuestra vida en familia y comunidad de fe.



Luis Soto
Subdirector Ejecutivo del Secretariado de Evangelización y Catequesis

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Mask requirement in place

Archbishop Coakley has issued a mandatory requirement for masks to be worn for all public Masses in the archdiocese. Pews also must be marked for social distancing. To find guidelines for Mass, RE classes, parish gatherings or to read archbishop's "Letter to the Faithful," go online to [archokc.org/mass](#).

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. Learn more at [archokc.org/safe-environment](#).

Become a seminarian pen pal!

Our seminarians are away from home for months at a time during their formation. While at seminary, they would like to hear from people back home in Oklahoma! To become a Seminarian Pen Pal,

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COVID-19 information

Find "Procedures for Resuming Ministries," prayers, an act of spiritual communion and other resources related to the quarantine and coronavirus at [archokc.org/health](#), [archokc.org/mass](#) or [archokc.org/digitalresources](#).

First Friday Adoration

Join the staff of the Catholic Pastoral Center on the first Friday of every month for adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the St. Francis de Sales Chapel, 7501 Northwest Expressway. Adoration is open to the public.

Sign up for FORMED!

There are three easy steps for parishioners to sign-up on FORMED: 1) Visit [signup.formed.org](#). 2) Enter parish zip or name. 3) Enter name and e-mail. Parishes should discontinue listing their unique parish codes since the new system is based on searching for the parish subscription on the FORMED sign-in screen. The new system does not require the subscription code.

CFO grant application

The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma Pastoral Music and Fine Arts Grant application period opens Jan. 4 and closes Feb. 28. Visit [cfook.org](#).

CFO scholarship application

The 2021 Oklahoma Catholic Men's Conference is 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Feb. 20, live-streamed from the Catholic Pastoral Center. Visit [catholicmen.net](#).

Blessed Stanley Rother Institute

Upcoming courses for the Blessed Stanley Rother Institute include: PHIL 1203 Introduction to the Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas on Thursdays 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Jan. 19 - May 4 with Alex Schimpf, Ph.D.; and THEO 3053 Sacramental Theology on Thursdays 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Jan. 21 - May 6 with Jason Fugikawa, Ph.D. Visit [archokc.org/institute](#).

Sanctity of Life Mass

The 2021 Sanctity of Life Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Coakley at 6 p.m. Jan. 20 at The

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Live-stream at [archokc.org/live](#), Facebook Live and on YouTube at ArchOKC. COVID precautions observed.

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Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

The 2021 virtual Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference is Feb. 27. Register for free at [ok-catholicwomen.com](#).

Faith Community Nurses' Conference

The 14th annual Faith Community Nurses' Association Virtual Conference, "Finding Peace Through Spiritual Self Care" is March 5. Registration before Feb. 7 \$55 (members), \$60 (clergy) and \$80 (non-members). Check [fcnaok.org](#). Register at [survey-monkey.com/r/3PJL5W3](#) and pay at [PayPal.me/FCNAOK](#) or contact [fcnaok@gmail.com](#).

Organist/choir director - Duncan

Assumption Catholic Church in Duncan is seeking a part-time organist/choir director. Must pass the Safe Environment training, play a pipe organ, direct choir and prepare service music. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume and contact information to [rev.p.jandaczek@gmail.com](#).

Parish secretary - Ardmore

St. Mary Catholic Church in Ardmore is seeking a parish secretary, who will welcome all guests and provide general office support. The position is responsible for maintaining sacramental records, preparing the weekly bulletin, preparing ministry schedules and reserving parish facilities. Advanced use of Microsoft Office software and a minimum of two years related experience a must. Send inquiries and resumes to [kratterman@gmail.com](#).

Substitute teachers - OKC

Cristo Rey Oklahoma City Catholic High School is seeking substitute teachers for the current academic year. Substitute teachers are responsible for learning continuity, maintaining classroom management and delivering behavior strategies for the safety and welfare of all scholars. Cristo Rey OKC educates young people of limited economic means to become men and women of knowledge, faith, purpose and service. Apply at [cristoreyokc.org/careers](#).

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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 [sooneratholic.org](#).

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| January | 20 | Sanctity of Life Mass/Ignite for Life, 6 p.m. Jan. 20, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave., OKC. | 28 | Nationwide Prayer Vigil for Life, Jan. 28-29. Visit uscceb.org . | |
| 17 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. | 21 | Feast of St. Agnes. | 29 | National March for Life, Washington D.C. |
| 17 | Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Mass, 11 a.m., Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 1616 N. Kelley Ave., OKC. | 21 | 9 Days for Life, Jan. 21-29. | | |
| 17 | Pray the Rosary for Life, 6:30 p.m., at the chapel at St. Thomas More, 100 Stinson St., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com . | 21 | World Youth Day, Jan. 21-28. | | |
| 17 | Monthly Novena to the Infant Jesus. Nine days of novenas to the Infant Jesus of Prague. During the nine days, the novena prayers will be: Monday-Friday following Noon Mass, Saturday following 5 p.m. Mass, and Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass. | 21 | Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact Elaine at (405) 358-3610, ccrprayers@gmail.com . | | |
| 18 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25. | 22 | Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. | | |
| 18 | Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. | 23 | Feast of St. Marianne Cope. | | |
| 19 | Serra Club of Oklahoma City meeting, 10:30 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, OKC. Visit serraokc.org . | 23 | Feast of St. Vincent. | | |
| 19 | Suicide grief support group, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., St. Francis, 1901 N.W. 18, OKC. | 24 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. | | |
| 20 | Feast of St. Fabian. | 24 | Pray the Rosary for Life, 6:30 p.m., at the chapel at St. Thomas More, 100 Stinson St., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com . | | |
| | | 25 | The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. | | |
| | | 26 | Feast of Sts. Timothy and Titus. | | |
| | | 27 | Feast of St. Angela Merici. | | |
| | | 28 | Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. | | |



Principal - OKC

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City is conducting a search for a principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Sacred Heart is a vibrant, culturally and economically diverse PreK-4 through 8th grade Catholic school with a current enrollment of 125 students. Sacred Heart is dedicated to the development of the whole person and excellence of each student, supported by a welcoming community with strong parental involvement and the work of the highly dedicated staff. Seeking a faith-inspired, energetic, proactive and collaborative principal to join in the mission to provide an exceptional faith-based academic education for students. Ideal candidate is highly effective communicator and creative problem solver who is enthusiastic about addressing the challenges of providing access to Catholic education for all. Must be practicing Roman Catholic with a minimum of five years of teaching experience. Administrative experience and bilingual in Spanish preferred. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and archdiocesan guidelines. Effective July 1; however, an earlier start date possible. Contact the Office of the Superintendent, P.O. Box 32180, OKC 73123; [dfloyd@archokc.org](#) or call (405) 721-4202.

Office Manager - OKC

Office Manager for the Secretariat for Clergy, Vocations and Consecrated Life. The position provides executive level administrative support. The position operates

under minimum supervision and independently manages the daily aspects of the office to include budget, annual events and application processes. The position has seasonal and recurring work situations with occasional variations. It provides support to seminarians, clergy, prospective seminarians, deacon candidates, parishes and archdiocesan offices. The position also assists with website design and maintenance, social media, practical application of technology, strong planning and organizational skills and other duties. Three or more years' experience working in areas such as planning special events, handling confidential information and proficient use of social media; intermediate to advanced skills in Microsoft Office; be a practicing Catholic with some experience serving in the Church required. Bilingual in English and Spanish preferred. Send letter or e-mail of intent to apply to [nlargent@archokc.org](#).

Pianist/choir director - OKC

St. Patrick Catholic Church is seeking a part-time pianist/music director starting March 1. Must pass Safe Environment training, play piano, direct choir and prepare service music. E-mail resume and contact information to [gabyz@stpatrickokc.com](#).

Spanish teacher - OKC

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School is taking applications for a Spanish instructor for the second semester. Teaching certificate required. E-mail questions and re-

sumes to Principal Talita DeNegri at [tdenegri@mountstmary.org](#).

Business manager - OKC

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School is seeking an accountant to fill the school's business manager position. The position reports directly to the school principal. Accounting responsibilities include financial reporting, oversight of the general ledger, budgeting, accounts receivable, investments, accounts payable, accruals and fixed assets. Student financial aid applications and awards also are managed by this position. A bachelor's degree in accounting or finance, proficiency with Microsoft Office applications, making presentations and experience using accounting software a must. The position requires attention to detail, strong communication skills, accuracy and the ability to work well with parents and school staff. Bilingual in Spanish preferred. Send inquiries and resumes to [cfinsel@mountstmary.org](#).

Special education teacher - OKC

Christ the King Catholic School is looking for an educator to work with students in the Supplemental Opportunities for Academic Readiness (SOAR) program. A bachelor's degree in education is required along with special education certification. Send resume and cover letter to Amy Feighny, Christ the King Catholic School, 1905 Elmhurst Ave., OKC 73120; [afeighny@ckschool.com](#). Download teacher application packet at [archokc.org/careers](#).

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