

Go Make Disciples

Saint Ann assisted, independent living to celebrate 20 years

Saint Ann Retirement Center will celebrate its 20th anniversary with festivities throughout June.

Saint Ann Retirement Center is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Providing opportunities for prayer, worship and spiritual growth is an important part of every day. Daily Mass is celebrated, and a non-denominational service is celebrated on Sunday afternoons.

It is a vibrant community that offers an affordable, upscale lifestyle rich in amenities and activities. The activities calendar is full of fun and interesting events and socials ranging from live entertainment, exercise, and parties to BINGO and day trips. Assisted living staff are available 24/7 to help residents.

The combination of good nutrition, socialization, increased movement and fun activities with peers often add up to improved health and happiness.

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The first graduates of Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School in Oklahoma City. *Photo provided.*

Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School graduates first class

By Sally Linhart
The Sooner Catholic

When ninth grade students at Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School filled the hallways as the inaugural class in 2018, a bell system had not yet been installed. School staff stood in the hallway and rang a bell by hand to signal class changes and dismissal times.

Now, four years later, they are the first graduating class from Cristo Rey. They processed through the hallway in their caps and gowns, each of the 56 graduating seniors armed with their own bell, to commemorate how far the school and its students

have come in the past four years.

“This year is so special because it’s the first big end-of-year celebration for our school,” Principal Kelsey Herman said. “It’s exciting to see this first group making plans and choosing their colleges.”

The college preparatory school has lived up to its title, accomplishing an impressive goal of 100 percent college acceptance rate for the first graduating class.

Students and staff encountered expected wrinkles along the way; however, a year of exploring uncharted territory followed by a global pandemic was no match for Cristo Rey student’s resilience. The group only became more cohesive.

“Being founders of this first class is critical to their identity,” Herman explained. “They have grown together into their roles as leaders, they know they are unique.”

Senior Anthony Fraire echoed Herman’s sentiments.

“It means a lot to me knowing that I was part of the founding class and part of the process in making the school a reality,” he stated.

Senior Laura Martinez also is a member of the first graduating class.

“Going through amazing experiences and opportunities with the same people brings a sense of

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Schools work together to buy ultrasound machine

By Charles Albert
The Sooner Catholic

Three young people from two different high schools were inspired by speakers from the Knights of Columbus council at Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Norman to not just be pro-life but to do something about it.

The speakers were Jackie Nguyen and Maggie Forth from Bishop

McGuinness Catholic High School and Meah Allison from Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School.

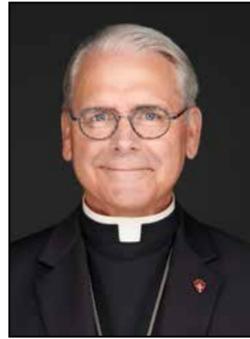
The three students knew that one school could not raise \$13,000 to buy an ultrasound machine for the unborn in the five months before graduation in May 2022. However, if the two schools worked together, they could raise a large part and the Knights would match.

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Put Out Into the Deep Luke 5:4

Preparing for a Dobbs reality



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

The frenzy following the leak of Justice Alito's draft opinion that the anticipated Dobbs decision by the U.S. Supreme Court would overturn Roe v. Wade has been jarring. From the constant stream of alarmist op-eds to the calls on social media to interrupt Catholic Masses in protest, emotions of pro-choice leaning folks are being stoked at fever pitch.

And many pro-lifers have been caught up in the tense emotions of the moment as well since the president of the United States argued that women should retain the choice to "abort a child." When the ugly reality of abortion as the taking of a human life is so baldly stated and defended by a professed Catholic, it can be difficult to respond with prudence and charity.

I would like to encourage all Oklahoma Catholics at this critical time to do the following things: 1) pray, 2) be prepared with logic and love, and 3) give.

Pray. It is by no means certain the supreme court will overturn Roe v. Wade. We must continue to pray for this outcome. In addition to praying for the supreme court, we also need to continue praying for our state legislators, who will legislate on abortion if Roe is overturned. Oklahoma leaders recently enacted several significant safeguards that will help slow abortions in our state regardless of the outcome of the Dobbs case. But, that's not enough. Additionally, praying for the conversion of hearts and minds of all Americans (not just legislators) on this issue is crucial. Strict laws won't end abortions as effectively as the conversion of hearts.

Lastly, we need to pray for those most directly affected: for women in crisis pregnancy situations, for their families and loved ones (who provide critical advice and sometimes the practical resources that make raising a child seem feasible), for the fathers and for the many pregnancy resource centers that are serving these brave parents.

Be prepared with logic and love. Our Catholic faith affirms the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. But, conviction about the sanctity of every human life and the evil of abortion can be known through reason alone.

Our belief that life begins at conception is not based on faith, but on science. We must be ready to

explain these truths in a way that people without faith can understand. It is beautiful to share our Catholic faith and our pro-life beliefs. But, if we're talking with someone who doesn't have faith, we must complement our witness with persuasive, reason-based arguments.

It is perhaps even more important to engage the other person with love. Fear and anger drive so much of the conversation around abortion that we rarely listen to each other. Dare to be different. First listen with compassion. Recognize that this issue cuts deeply for many people. Then, share your rationale in a loving manner. This two-fold approach addresses the whole person: lucid arguments to enlighten the mind and sincere love to touch the heart.

Give. Donate to a pregnancy resource center. If the issue of abortion is returned to the states, many women will need more help than the government provides to care for the children they're carrying. Hundreds of crisis pregnancy centers already are doing incredible work, supporting moms with diapers, wipes, clothing, formula, strollers, parenting training and much more.

Some of these ministries even provide housing and resources years after the baby is born. Recognizing that life is sacred both inside and outside of the womb, they serve both mom and baby for as long as support is needed. Many crisis pregnancy centers have Amazon wishlists, making it easy to give much-needed items without leaving your house. Or volunteer and give your time. If there isn't a crisis pregnancy center or other service that supports moms in need nearby, find one online and donate today.

These are simple but meaningful ways we can respond to the current chaos in a way that honors the dignity of all human life. Please accept my gratitude for all you have done and will do to help build the culture of life in Oklahoma and throughout our beloved country.

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By Sooner Catholic Staff

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✓ **For expectant** mothers considering abortion. May the Lord give them the grace to choose life for their children and send them caring people to help meet their needs. We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

✓ **Holy Innocents** Chapel - The only freestanding 24/7 perpetual adoration chapel in Oklahoma City dedicated to the protection of all life from conception until natural death is seeking more dedicated and substitute adorers. The chapel is located at 6114 N.W. 63 in Warr Acres. Contact: Julie Mayfield (English), (405) 413-0272; Maria Santana (Spanish), (405) 664-3052.



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God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Rev. Richard "Archie" Beckman

Father Richard "Archie" Beckman, a retired priest for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, died peacefully on May 6 in Ponca City. He was 92.

The Vigil service was held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Newkirk. The funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 12, at Saint Francis with Archbishop Coakley presiding and Father Michael Wheelahan serving as homilist.

Father Beckman was born March 24, 1930, in Chicago to Oscar and Mary (Howard) Beckman. He was one of five children with two children becoming priests and a third serving as a religious sister. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1956, in Chicago by Archbishop William O'Brien.

Father Beckman graduated from Quigley Catholic High School in Chicago before attending Cardinal Glennon College in Saint Louis. He entered Saint Thomas Theological Seminary (now the Saint John Vianney Theology Seminary) in Denver.

He came to Oklahoma in 1956, serving as an associate pastor at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Tulsa. He also served as an associate pastor at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Muskogee and Saint William Catholic Church and Catholic student center in Durant.

He served as pastor at Saint Cornelius Catholic Church, Cherokee; Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Chandler; Saint Mary Catholic Church, Guthrie; Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Crescent; Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, Lexington; Our Lady

of Victory Catholic Church, Purcell; and Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Newkirk where he retired in June 2006.

Along with his parish priest assignments, he served as chaplain at the juvenile detention center in El Reno from 1966-1975, and was a member of several community and county service groups. He celebrated his 65th anniversary as a priest in 2021.

Because of his long career of service, Father Beckman and his witty, and sometimes obstinate, sense of humor was well known to many in the archdiocese. He was beloved by many parishioners, including parishioners and friends in Newkirk who he considered family. They continued to visit and help care for Father Beckman in retirement.

He enjoyed golf, water skiing and snow skiing. His greatest interest was serving the Cath-

olic Church to which he dedicated his life.

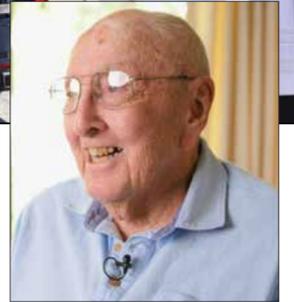
He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Mary Howard Beckman, his brothers Father Charles Beckman, Edward Beckman and John Beckman, and nephew Edward "EJ" Beckman Jr. He is survived by his sister Mary C. Beckman, B.V.M., nieces Beth Beckman and Ellen Beckman and nephew Jack Beckman, and great nieces and nephews Erin Melwak, Natalie McCarthy, Bianca, Joey and Samuel, along with Joe, Mary and Charlie Beckman.

The family expresses deep appreciation to the many dedicated health professionals and friends who provided loving service, including Jan and Ray Sieber, Becky and Billy Tobin, Karen and Steve McConnell, Demtra and Mike Vapp, Suzanne Clem (priests' nurse for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City), Mary Diane Steltenkamp (former priests' nurse), and the staff at Ascension Via Christi Village in Ponca City.

Funeral and burial arrangements with Trout Funeral Home in Ponca City. Memorial gifts may be made to Sisters of Charity, B.V.M., 1100 Carmel Drive, Dubuque, Iowa 52003.



Archbishop Coakley presided at funeral Mass for Fr. Richard "Archie" Beckman on May 12 at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Newkirk. Photos Diane Clay/Sooner Catholic.

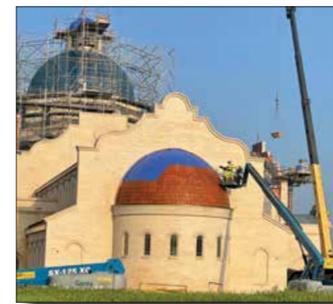


Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

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

- May 22** - Confirmation, 8 a.m., St. Mark, Norman
- May 22** - Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School graduation, 1 p.m., National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
- May 22** - Yom Ho Shoah Holocaust Remembrance event, 3 p.m., Oklahoma City Community College
- May 23-26** - Annual Convocation of Priests, Quartz Mountain State Lodge
- May 24** - Mount St. Mary Catholic High School graduation, 7 p.m., Oklahoma City Community College
- May 26** - Confirmation, 7 p.m., St. Joseph, Norman
- May 28** - Confirmation, 10 a.m., St. Andrew Dung Lac, OKC
- May 29** - Confirmation, 11 a.m., Corpus Christi, OKC
- May 29** - Confirmation, 3 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
- May 30** - Memorial Day Mass, 9 a.m., Resurrection Memorial Cemetery Chapel, OKC
- May 31** - Archdiocesan Finance Council meeting, 2 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
- June 1** - Blessing of ultrasound machine donated by Knights of Columbus, 3 p.m., Crossroads Clinic, OKC
- June 1** - Mass and dinner with camp staff, 5 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp
- June 2** - Senior staff meeting, 10 a.m., CPC
- June 2** - Catholic Charities Board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Catholic Charities Offices, OKC
- June 3** - Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
- June 3** - Lunch with Catholic Foundation scholarship recipients, Noon, CPC
- June 4** - Confirmation, 11 a.m., Holy Name of Jesus, Chickasha
- June 4** - Gift of Love Gala, 6 p.m., National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, OKC
- June 5** - Confirmation, 10:30 a.m., Sts. Peter and Paul, Kingfisher

Rother shrine update



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BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER SHRINE
ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine crews are working diligently to meet the dedication deadline of Nov. 4. One of many projects moving toward completion is the addition of copper flashing and tile roofing to the chapel dome.

The shrine's building design includes various domes. The process of constructing the domes took two phases. The first was to build the skeleton support structure on the ground and the second was to lift, seal and cover the domes with Spanish tile.

Blessed Stanley Rother pray for us!

Quo Vadis Days

Men's Vocation Discernment Retreat
July 31st-August 3rd
Men Age 15-35
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp

Registration coming soon



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Archbishop Coakley's statement on shootings in New York, California

"As we read the names of the 10 innocent men and women who were victims of a targeted attack in Buffalo, N.Y., we are reminded that racism and violence still profoundly affect our culture. This evil causes great harm and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts. I invite you to join me in a particular prayer for the victims of recent shootings in our nation and for all victims of violence and racism, and their families."

MARY, FRIEND AND MOTHER TO ALL, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.



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From the Archives ...

A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist

In every photo contained in the archives of the archdiocese, Father Willibrord Vooghdn, O.S.B., possesses the same dour visage seen in the accompanying picture. This, from all accounts, is sadly misleading.

He was admired and beloved by the people he so gladly served. A parishioner in Perry wrote on the occasion of his 50th jubilee of ordination: "Father Willibrord is one of the pioneers, a pioneer for Christ, a standard bearer for civilization, a champion of right, a herald of peace. He preaches today, as of old, the gospel of love and peace and goodwill. Today, as in the past, he has nothing but zeal for the faith, love for mankind, boundless faith in God."

High praise indeed for this venerable servant who arrived in 1889 to serve in the Prefecture Apostolic of Indian Territory with four other Benedictines who had been in Bengal, India. The mission had closed and so these men arrived to serve the Church in what is now Oklahoma. All came originally from Afflighem Abbey in Belgium and were not

affiliated with the already established Benedictines of Sacred Heart Abbey near Konawa.

His friend and confrère, Father Ildephonse Lanslot, describes the rigors of missionary life that Father Willibrord faced: "Southern Indian Territory was the scene of his early years. The most necessary of his belongings were then in his saddle bags, while a shanty in Ardmore housed a trunk suspended from a rafter to prevent mice and rats from demolishing the contents during a prolonged absence of the missionary."

After working in three other parishes for a short time, he was assigned by Bishop Meerschaeert to be the pastor of Perry where he served for 36 satisfying years. He had no illusions about himself or stifling ambition and was content to be with his flock through many hardships.

His vitality and boundless energy brought about the building of a beautiful parish church and finally a school, which was a great source of pride and accomplishment for both he and the parish.

In retirement, he was chaplain at Saint Joseph's Orphanage,



Fr. Willibrord Vooghdn, O.S.B.

and when he was near death, he received all of the last sacraments and was well prepared for the end. The Southwest Courier, the diocesan newspaper of the time, offered this touching eulogy upon his death in 1937: "His sacrifices were unlimited, his kindness abounding, his simplicity most appealing. He never thought of self and gave up everything in the way of comfort. Oklahoma never has had a priest who was more Christlike in his simplicity than Father Willibrord."



ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY ARCHIVES

Catholic Charities recognized for refugee resettlement work

OKLAHOMA CITY – Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City was presented the Howard K. Berry Sr. award on Monday, May 2, by the Oklahoma County Bar Association.

The award is given to an individual or charitable organization located in Oklahoma County to honor the outstanding achievement or contribution to justice or the justice system. The acknowledgement was based on the refugee resettlement work by Catholic Charities.

Cyndy Sparling, parishioner of Christ the King Catholic Church and a member of the Oklahoma County Bar Association, nominated Catholic Charities for the award for the humanitarian aid provided for refugees arriving in Oklahoma. Sited in her nomination was the profound impact and achievements in resettling 1,800 Afghan refugees since this past September.

"As a member of a church committee sponsoring the resettlement of an Afghan family of 10, I truly appreciate their contribution," Sparling said. "Surely if we can manage outreach at this scale, we can do so much more

across the aisle."

Accepting the award on behalf of the organization was Patrick Raglow, executive director of Catholic Charities, and Jessi Riesenber, senior director of outreach and development at Catholic Charities. Along with a commemorative plaque, a \$25,000 donation will be made to the refugee department on behalf of the OCBA.

"Truly, this is a remarkable effort," said Charles E. Geister III, member of the Oklahoma County Bar Association. "Oklahoma should be proud for taking its part in this aid, and kudos to those in the community that have taken them in and helped them."

Guided by Catholic teaching, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City serves those in need, regardless of their faith, through transformative, empowering and dignity-affirming social service programs that seek to eliminate material, emotional and



Jessi Riesenber and Patrick Raglow of Catholic Charities, Charles E. Geister III and Cindy Sparling, members of the Oklahoma County Bar Association. Photo provided.

spiritual poverty across central and western Oklahoma. Visit ccaokc.org.

Vatican confirms pope will visit Indigenous in Canada in late July

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY – Pope Francis will meet members of Canada's Indigenous communities in late July, visiting the cities of Edmonton, Quebec and Iqaluit in Nunavut, the country's most northern region.

"Accepting the invitation of the civil and ecclesiastical authorities and the Indigenous communities," the pope will be in Canada July 24-29, returning to Rome July 30, the Vatican announced May 13.

The Vatican said a detailed program would be released later.

"The pope's visit will provide a unique opportunity for him, once again, to listen and dialogue with Indigenous peoples, to express his heartfelt closeness and to address the impact of colonization and the participation of the Catholic Church in the operation of residential schools throughout Canada," the bishops of Canada wrote on a website – papalvisit.ca – launched for the visit.

The papal visit, the bishops said, would be "a significant step on the road to truth, understanding and healing."

Pope Francis had promised to visit Canada during a meeting April 1 with representatives of Canada's Métis National Council, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Assembly of First Nations – three groups he also had met with individually. A delegation from the Manitoba Métis Federation visited the Vatican separately April 21 and also met with the pope.

Many of the representatives in the groups were survivors of residential schools – boarding schools the government established to educate and forcefully assimilate Indigenous children. Many of the schools were run by Catholic religious orders or dioceses.

While survivors shared with the pope their experiences of being torn from their families

and often physically or sexually abused at the schools, the elected leaders of the groups asked Pope Francis to travel to Canada to formally apologize for the Catholic Church's role in suppressing their languages, cultures and spiritualities and, particularly, for the church's role in running many of the residential schools.

"For the deplorable conduct of those members of the Catholic Church," the pope told the representatives in April, "I ask for God's forgiveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry."

He also had told them he would like to join them in July for their annual celebration of the feast of Saint Anne, Jesus' grandmother. A major pilgrimage is held each year at the Shrine of Saint Anne, on Lac Ste. Anne, not far from Edmonton.

At a news conference broadcast online from Edmonton, Archbishop Richard Smith, the Canadian bishops' coordinator of the visit, said the pope's "advanced age" and "the fact that he's severely limited in his mobility" meant that the Vatican insisted on organizing the visit to only a few cities and using them as hubs to visit Indigenous groups and "meaningful sites," including the site of at least one former residential school and, probably, Lac Saint Anne.

The Vatican, he said, was "very, very clear: When he comes to a country he can't get around by helicopter, he can't be in a car for more than an hour, he cannot be in a different place every night."

"We fully expect that the pope will reiterate the apology that he did give in Rome," the archbishop said. "He understands as we all do the strong connection of Indigenous peoples to their land, the land for them culturally, spiritually, historically, in terms of their customs. They are deeply, deeply connected to it, and that's why we have heard the invitations, the constant invitations for the pope to come and to deliver those words of apology here on their lands."

Archbishop Smith said the trip is being planned with representatives of the Indigenous communities, and "it is clearly a priority for all of us that whatever takes place in whatever venue will feature as a priority, as a first concern, Indigenous culture, Indigenous spirituality, Indigenous ways."

The bishops' website provides a few notes about the three cities that were chosen. Edmonton, it said, is home to the second-largest number of Indigenous people living in urban centers in Canada, and "25 residential schools were located in Alberta, the most of any province or territory in Canada."

"Iqaluit, with a population of 8,000 people, is home to the largest number of Inuit in Canada -- approximately 3,900," it said. "Pope Francis was personally invited by the Inuit delegates to visit the North." The pope did, however, insist he would not go to the region in winter.

Quebec, the website said, would serve as the "eastern hub for those who may wish to travel to see Pope Francis, especially Indigenous peoples" of Canada's eastern territories. "The region is also home to (the Shrine of) Saint Anne-de-Beaupré, one of the oldest and most popular pilgrimage sites in North America, drawing Indigenous peoples and others from throughout Canada and around the world each year."

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in a statement May 13 that he welcomed the announcement of the pope's visit, something that would not have been possible "without the bravery and determination of the survivors, Indigenous leaders and youth who shared their stories" with him in April.

During a meeting at the Vatican in 2017, Trudeau personally asked Pope Francis to help Canadians "move forward on a real reconciliation" with the country's Indigenous people by visiting Canada to issue an apology on behalf of the Catholic Church for its role in harming their communities.



Page Hauser

Page is the new Safe Environment Coordinator. She loves to spend time with her family whether at her sons' soccer games or having all the kids over for Sunday dinner. She enjoys walking her two male German Shepherds, Titan and Thor, and exercising each day!

Buffalo bishop condemns racist attack

"In what unfortunately has become an all too common occurrence in this country has now shown its abhorrently evil face in Buffalo as we have now learned that 10 innocent souls have lost their lives here.

On behalf of the Diocese of Buffalo, I, in the strongest of terms, condemn this utterly senseless act and pray for the victims and all those impacted by this act of cowardice.

May the Good Lord guide us as we pray that our society regain respect for life and for an end to this tragic and despicable act in this beautiful city of ours. I encourage all Catholics and all people of faith to come together in prayer for the victims and for peace.

The scourge of senseless gun violence that has taken the lives of so many across our nation and changed the lives of countless innocent men, women and children must come to an end."

Bishop Michael W. Fisher
Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.

Statement of USCCB on shootings in Buffalo, Laguna Woods

WASHINGTON – In response to the shootings in Buffalo, N.Y., and Laguna Woods, Calif., over the weekend, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offered the following statement from its spokesperson, Chieko Noguchi, director of public affairs.

"The U.S. bishops join with others throughout the country in offering prayers for the support and healing of the families, friends and communities of

those impacted by these violent incidents. We pray especially for those who were injured and particularly for those who lost their lives. We pray also for those on the front lines who risk their lives in responding to the calls for help, and to those in the medical fields who minister to those who have been harmed.

"The bishops again call for an honest dialogue rooted in Christ in addressing the persistent

evil of racism in our country. The Catholic Church has been a consistent voice for rational yet effective forms of regulation of dangerous weapons, and the USCCB continues to advocate for an end to violence, and for the respect and dignity of all lives.

"We pray for and support the healing of the communities impacted and for all the victims of violence and that Christ's peace be upon all affected."

The Mount sets fundraising record during annual Week of Giving

OKLAHOMA CITY — Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School's annual Week of Giving from April 25-29 raised a record-breaking \$277,473.

The campaign kicked off April 25 with the first record of the week as students raised \$59,295 through the annual Phone-A-Thon. Students, paired into teams, competed to secure the most commitments of the evening.

"We were blown away by this incredible support," said Chris Stiles, director of advancement. "Our motto for the week was 'One Week. One Mount. One Community' and our Mount family answered the call."

Throughout the week, the Mount community answered calls and texts in a new direct campaign effort. By integrating the school's latest technology, students were able to utilize Google Voice on their 1:1 Chromebooks for Phone-A-Thon calls. Additional technology for this year's campaign allowed MSM to connect with students, alumni and community members via texting for easy giving with a digital wallet feature.

"I love being a part of the Phone-A-Thon every year because it is a great way to directly see who is benefitting my school environment," said sophomore Ainsley Greenhaw. "The event this year was a great success; I loved working with my peers to help our school."

Gifts made through the campaign were matched



Mount St. Mary Catholic High School students helped with the annual Phone-A-Thon. Photos provided.

up to \$100,000 and more than 280 alumni, past and present parents, grandparents and friends of the Mount made a contribution during the week.

All proceeds go directly to the school's annual giving program, The Mount Fund.

"We raised more than 60 percent of our annual fund goal during this one week," Stiles said. "A gift to the Mount Fund enhances all aspects of our school."

The Mount Fund supports student programs and activities, tuition assistance, retaining quality teaching professionals as well as operating, maintaining and upgrading the historic campus.



The Center of Family Love resident heroes to host 9th annual Gift of Love Gala

After two years of virtual events, the million-dollar gala returns with more thrilling surprises at the 9th annual Gift of Love Gala on June 4 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

This year, in a ground-breaking step, the residents will host the event, showcasing their talents and their love to the very guests that fund The Center of Family Love. Participants' financial support makes the lifetime care possible for 130 residents and families who cannot afford to live there.

One of the largest fundraisers in the state, the gala will display the extraordinary talents of these heroes who are conquering their intellectual and physical disabilities. They will display their capabilities, serving guests in every capacity, like garnishing drinks with herbs hand-grown by residents in the CFL Farm-to-Fork program.

These heroes will greet guests with smiles and hugs, and will provide an Oklahoma City Ballet performance.

"I am thankful and grateful to God in more ways than one that they are helping other people with disabilities," says Ryan, a four-year "hero" who lives at CFL.

For more than 40 years, The Center of Family Love has pioneered innovative programming to develop intellectually and developmentally impacted adults to discover their talents and become the best version of themselves. Initially established in 1981 by the Knights of Columbus, president and CEO Debbie Espinosa's vision has taken the individual experience of each hero to a whole new personalized level.

"We are determined to give our



The Center of Family Love resident, Ashlye, working in the greenhouse on the campus in Okarche. Photos provided.

heroes the support and opportunities to spread their wings and discover gifts and talents within themselves. This will allow them to acquire and develop the skills necessary to make their dreams come true for themselves, and to those who will conquer disabilities in the generations to come," Espinosa said.

Many of the resources that enable the residents to thrive are a direct result of funding from the Samuel Roberts Noble

Foundation, which will be presented with the Carol and Bill Brown Outstanding Community Ambassador Award at the gala.

David Egan, director of operations for Cattleman's Steakhouse, who will be honored at the gala

with the Harold J. Wittrock Award, has been a witness to the empowerment provided to CFL heroes through the Farm-to-Fork program. "To be here, and to witness and see the residents in action, is to see God's love being transformed in these people. I think we're all called to leave this world a little better than we found it. We are standing on the shoulders of some very generous and dedicated people who got The Center of Family Love where it is today, but there is a long way to go and it's only through the generosity of all the supporters that this can all take place," Egan said.

Malcolm Tubbs, on-court emcee for the Oklahoma City Thunder, will be this year's emcee. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour, entertainment provided by residents, cash raffle drawings, live auction, dancing and Frank Sinatra inspired entertainment provided by Wade Tower.



The Center of Family Love resident, David, pictured with CEO Debbie Espinosa at the 6th annual Gift of Love Gala in 2019.

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Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women holds biennial convention



Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women members and scholarship winner Taylor Marie Barton. Photo provided.

By Mary Ann Schmitt
ACCW secretary

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women held their 21st Biennial Convention "Women of Faith and Vision 2022" on April 30 at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

Keynote speakers were Father Bill Pruett, ACCW spiritual advisor, and Larann Wilson, director of parish leadership engagement for the archdiocese. Wilson's presentation "An Easter Reflection on Saint Mary Magdalene" was a way to continue on an Easter journey.

The ACCW \$500 scholarship winner, Taylor Marie Barton, was introduced and awarded her certificate. Barton is a senior from Cache and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church

in Lawton. She is concurrently enrolled at Cameron University where she is taking classes in criminal justice, a career path she plans to pursue. She has been home-schooled since first grade and said it has provided her a Christ-centered and academically strong Catholic education.

ACCW officers for 2022-2024 were elected. Novalyn Greff, central region president and Victoria Stringer, south region president, will be ACCW co-presidents, Kathy Holland, treasurer, and Mary Ann Schmitt, secretary.

The day ended with raffle drawings and silent auction winners.

The funds raised from the auction and raffle go to the scholarship program and general fund.

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The Saint Ann campus has changed some over the years. The nursing home across the street still carries the Saint Ann name but is no longer owned by the archdiocese. A grand theatre, chapel and expanded dining area were added to independent living. There are six styles of independent living apartments and two assisted living options.

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Top: Youth4Life set up a booth at the 2022 Men's Conference to spread the word and raise money. Photos provided.

Right: A Mount St. Mary's family donated \$3,925 to the Youth4Life effort.

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The students said they also were inspired by Deacon Joe Vandervort, coordinator of Respect Life Ministry at the archdiocese, who talked about converting the heart and soul of young people to choose life from birth to natural death.

"Their heart is not in love with a God who loved them enough to give them life," he said.

Nguyen and Forth were co-presidents of "Irish for Life" Bishop McGuinness and are both graduating seniors.

Meah Allison was president and Kedon Gumerson was vice president for "Youth4Life" at Mount Saint Mary. They are juniors at the Mount.

The two high schools worked through many different fund-

raising efforts, raising more than \$7,500 in less than five months. They laid the foundation for next year's junior class at both high schools to be able to raise enough money for the two schools to purchase another ultrasound machine.

The students also purchased and displayed yard signs in support of the efforts of Knights of Columbus Council #12108 in Norman.

Frank Clearly, spiritual advisor at Mount Saint Mary, said, "It was really special to see the two schools connect and work together on a common goal. The kids pulled together and really worked so hard on an issue that is so very, very important - the life of the unborn."

Charles Albert is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.



Students participate in the blessing of caps and gowns. Photos provided.

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family and community to the entire class, making it feel a lot more than just going to school, but going to spend time with what I would call a second family," she said.

This fall, Cristo Rey students will enter college with the advantage of four years of corporate work experience on their resumes. More than 70 companies have corporate partnerships with the school, allowing students to work five days per month as part of their academia.

"I wouldn't be where I am now if I hadn't come to Cristo Rey. I have hands-on experience in different fields and that made my decision for college and choosing my major easier," Fraire explained.

While the focus of the work-study program is to provide experience and opportunity to students, the

benefits have been reciprocal. Corporate partners have reaped the benefits of their student workers' knowledge and work ethic, and established relationships with them, making graduation a momentous occasion for them as well. President

Chip Carter commended students for their courageous decision to become part of the Cristo Rey family.

"These students took a huge leap of faith to decide to start at a new school, and it's really remarkable," he explained.

"We finally can say to our students, families, community partners and donors, we told you we would build these outstanding young men and women who will go to college and set the world on fire. And now we've done it!"

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The emphasis Cristo Rey places on preparing its students for college is evident, given the ratio of counselors to students. In addition to a social and emotional

counselor, three college counselors and a newly appointed alumni advisor serve the student body of less than 300.

"We are that committed to getting these kids into college, helping their families, providing resources and assistance," Carter said. "We support students during the transition to college and throughout their college careers."

In the Catholic education tradition of educating the whole

person - spirit, mind and body - the pillars of Cristo Rey's mission are faith, knowledge, service and purpose. For Martinez, that mission was accomplished.

"Cristo Rey has impacted various areas of growth in my life. My skills, my faith, my academics, my social skills, and the list goes on," she explained. "I quickly learned the importance of community and connections. I also grew tremendously in my faith, and being able to share that experience with classmates, who then became family, further pushed me on my own to allow my faith to grow."

Some openings remain for the 2022-2023 school year. Students entering 9th or 10th grade that are interested in applying at Cristo Rey can get more information by calling (405) 945-9100 or visiting cristoreyokc.org/admissions.

Sally Linhart is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.



On Decision Day seniors announced where they will be attending college and wore their new college gear.

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Archbishop Coakley in April met with the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Class 5A State Champion Academic Team (top left) and Class 5A State Champion Speech and Debate Team at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. Photos Diane Clay/Sooner Catholic.

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Parishioners at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City held a celebration on May 7 to honor Dcn. Richard Robinson's 30 years as a deacon. His baptismal gown and candle were displayed. *Photos provided.*



Real Life Disciples

Prayer and virtue

Have you ever had one of those experiences where you volunteered for something at your parish and, in the end, you were way more blessed by the experience than it was blessed by you? That's kind of how my wife and I feel after leading a group of teenagers at our parish in a discipleship group over the past couple years.

We called the group "Deep Dive" and it's just that – a deep dive into relationships, into the Scriptures and into what it means to be a disciple. We had our closing session the other night and, wow, how these teens have changed!

Our Deep Dive group has been reading and studying Father Jacques Philippe's book, "Time for God." As we have gone through the study, I've also been sharing a series of columns in the Sooner Catholic on prayer. One unique thing we did with our Deep Dive group was to add a dual topic – in between chapter discussions about "Time for God" we were talking about the four cardinal virtues.

You might ask what's the connection? Why focus on human virtue and prayer at the same time? Well, that was exactly the topic of our discussion the other night at our last gathering.

And, what an amazing conversation it was! I was leading the discussion Socratic-style; I wouldn't allow myself to just tell them what the connection was, I wanted them to come to it on their own. It was amazing to watch these teens wrestle with the question and struggle with why prayer is so important in the pursuit of virtue, and to access all they had learned and experienced over the past several months. I'd like to share with you some of their conclusions.

From earlier discussions about the virtues, one of the teens remembered that Aristotle said that the highest human good is to live life well, and by "well" he meant virtuously. Everything

we discussed about the four cardinal virtues comes to play here.

Aristotle's framework of the virtues helps give definition to what living well looks like. And, the cardinal (cardinal meaning "hinge") virtues – prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance – are the foundation for all the other virtues.

In our discussion, one of the teens remembered a C.S. Lewis quote from another study sometime last year. Lewis was asking the question, "Do you need to be a Christian to be a good person?" He came to the same conclusion that all the teens did the other night – not really. The average human being can practice the cardinal virtues and other related virtues, and actually can grow in their capacity for goodness; they can live life well and "be a good person."

But, Lewis would go on to ask if that is really what God is offering us? He clarifies that God isn't inviting us to be good people or to be "nice." He wants to transform us into the same "stuff" that he's made of – divine nature. And, that is something we could never hope to accomplish on our own without his help, no matter how "good" we are.

This is the crux of the whole conversation; the pursuit of human virtue only can get us so far. It's important that we pursue it, don't get me wrong. The work of grace and the spiritual life all depend upon our cooperation. And, we are meant to not only pursue virtue as with wishful thinking. We are meant to engage in self-discipline, self-mastery and even, at times, self-deprivation to actually grow in virtue. But, at a certain point the most important thing that God wants to do is something that only he can do. He wants to make us partakers in divine nature the catechism says (CCC, 460). Saint Athanasius articulates it like this, "The Son of God became man so that we might become God" (CCC, 460).

Finally, one of the teens asked, "Does it have anything to do with the theological virtues?" Bingo! This is the Christian distinction that Saint Thomas Aquinas clarifies. Aristotle's framework was amazing in helping understand the great potential of "human" nature. But, with Jesus and the birth of Christianity, we learn that with the assistance of grace, one can go far beyond mere human virtue. We can become holy, saints, "divine" nature. And, that is what God is wanting for us.

Like I said before, our effort is a necessary part, but when that effort is combined with God's part, that's when real transformation begins to happen. And, I would argue that God's part is way more than meeting us halfway. It's more like I do my part, which to me at times may feel like climbing the steepest of mountains. But, then God floods behind my efforts with his grace and I realize later that he was doing all the heavy lifting the whole time. I was lifting a little 10-pound dumbbell and he was bench pressing 200 pounds!

On the path of discipleship, prayer and virtue are intimately connected. We need to be growing in both somewhat simultaneously. Are you growing as a disciple? The best way to measure that is twofold: First, are you growing in deeper and deeper intimacy in your relationship with God through prayer; and secondly, are you growing in greater and greater capacity for virtue? This is what God is inviting us to, and fortunately he provides all the grace we need to say yes to the invitation!



Jim Beckman
Executive Director
of the Secretariat for
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Religious Education students at Ephiphany of the Lord Catholic Church in Oklahoma City made little sheep and placed them in the yard at the rectory for Fr. Stephen Bird on Good Shepherd Sunday. *Photo provided.*



The Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School girls soccer team are the 5A State Champions after defeating Piedmont 1-0 at Taft Stadium on May 14. *Photo provided.*



Youth from St. Rose of Lima in Perry participated in the May Crowning of Mary and wrote love letters to Mary. *Photos provided.*



First year confirmation students at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Oklahoma City received Bibles from their religious education teachers. *Photos provided.*



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Knights of Columbus members in Newkirk joined community members across the county May 6-7 to sell candy to raise money for citizens with disabilities, including those who compete in the Special Olympics. *Photo Everett Brazil III/ Sooner Catholic.*



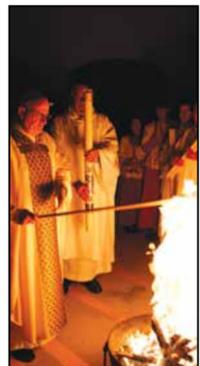
Parishioners celebrated Fr. Oby Zunmas at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Madill for Priest Appreciation Week. *Photos provided.*



Students at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Oklahoma City participated in a May Crowning. *Photos provided.*



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Holy Week at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawton. *Photo provided.*



Parishioners at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawton participated in the annual non-runners run on May 7. *Photos provided.*



Fr. Carson Krittenbrink celebrated Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City for seniors on May 15. *Photos provided.*



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Sr. Mary Henry Simoneaux
Sister Mary Henry Simoneaux, born Marguerite Marie Simoneaux, died April 30 in Oklahoma City. She was age 99. Sister Henry was born Sept. 25, 1922, in Plattenville, La., to Henry Paul Simoneaux and Rita Cecile Blanchard. She was the youngest of four children. She received her M.E.D. degree at Loyola University, New Orleans, La. She left New Orleans for Webster Groves, Mo., to enter the Religious Sisters of Mercy on Sept. 8, 1939. She made her first profession of religious vows on March 12, 1942, in Webster Groves and her final vows with the Sisters of Mercy on Aug. 16, 1945. Sister began her education ministry in 1942 and has ministered over 63 years with her skills of teaching and as a principal. Sister Henry retired at Mercy Health Center Convent in Oklahoma City on Feb. 18, 2019. Throughout her life sister was willing to help where needed and she was always supportive, considerate, and compassionate to her family, lifelong friends, community members and convent co-workers. She was continually active in her faithful ministry of prayer and community spiritual events. Mass of Christian Burial was held May 3 at Mercy Health Center Convent in Oklahoma City with burial at Resurrection Memorial Cemetery.



Sr. Mary Henry Simoneaux

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Receptionist - OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a receptionist for the Catholic Pastoral Center who will also assist the Stewardship and Development team with clerical activities. Must have excellent computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Excel, Access and Raiser's Edge; excellent communication skills; strong planning and organizational skills; and a valid driver's license. Preference will be given to candidates who are bilingual in Spanish and English. Must be a Catholic in good standing. A background check and safe environment training will be required. Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

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Bishop John Carroll Catholic School is seeking a principal with experience leading faculty in curriculum implementation, professional development, school finance and enrollment management. Master of educational leadership degree or master's degree in related educational field required. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing, hold Oklahoma principal certification or ability to obtain, have proficient knowledge of the instructional and accreditation process, and experience with the budgeting process and maintaining a balanced budget. Send cover letter and resume to lschuler@archokc.org. All applications will be treated with confidentiality.

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pal must have a strong Catholic faith with a mindset of missionary discipleship, extending Christ's message to students, parents, volunteers and the greater community through the mission of the school. Experience in leading faculty, implementing curriculum and professional development, and strength in the business, finance, enrollment management and advancement initiatives a must. Master's degree, Oklahoma principal certification, experience as a principal or teacher in a Catholic school a must. Send letter and resume to lschuler@archokc.org. All applications will be treated with confidentiality.

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Refugee cash assistance case manager - Tulsa

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a refugee cash assistance case manager to be the primary contact for the Refugee Cash Assistance Program. High school diploma; at least two years experience directly related to duties and responsibilities specified; a bachelor's degree in a related social service field preferred; ability to drive and possess a valid driver's license and clean driving record. Send cover letter and resume to Alonda McGraw at amcgraw@ccaokc.org.

Parish secretary/office manager - Weatherford

St. Eugene Catholic Church in Weatherford is seeking a part-time parish secretary to work about 28 hours per week, Monday-Thursday. Bilingual in English and Spanish preferred. Must have good organizational and secretarial skills and be able to work without supervision in communication with the pastor. Must be competent with general computer and technology usage. Must be willing to gain familiarity with database systems, social media and messaging apps. Must be practicing Catholic in good standing. Contact Fr. Kelly at kelly.edwards@archokc.org to apply.

Coordinator of youth, young adult formation - Edmond

St. Monica Catholic Church in Edmond is seeking a full-time

coordinator of youth and young adult formation (6th - 12th grade) to be responsible for confirmation preparation, youth formation discipleship groups, recruiting and forming volunteer adult leaders, young adult ministry and advancing evangelization and discipleship formation as part of a team. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Some evenings, including Sundays required. Bachelor's degree required; theology or ministry degree a plus. Strong skills in organization, planning and execution of events, technology and social media required. Previous parish-based work experience preferred. Must undergo safe environment background check. Send resumes to Fr. Hamilton at fr.shamilton@gmail.com. For more information, call (405) 359-2700.

Teachers - Yukon

St. John Nepomuk Catholic School in Yukon is seeking middle school teachers for English/theology and for science/social studies for the 2022-2023 school year. Bachelor's degree with state teaching certification in the desired teaching areas required. Send resume and cover letter to Denise Heard, interim principal, at principal@sjnok.org.

Counselor - OKC

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is seeking a high school counselor for the 2022-2023 school year. Experience in high school academic counseling preferred; excellent organization and communication skills required. A working knowledge of Scoir, the ability to work with college application software and a broad knowledge of the college application process are all preferred. Will be responsible for advising students on the academic curriculum, checking credits for graduation, maintaining standing in programs such as Promise as well as advising students who are eligible to play in the NCAA or NAIA. Experience in counseling students in their socio-emotional development and maintaining health and wellness are essential. The highest level of professionalism, discretion, leadership and cultural sensitivity required. Salary is commensurate with experience and negotiable. Send resume and cover letter to Veleecia Hearne at vhearne@bmchs.org.

Mother's Day Out teachers - OKC

Christ the King Catholic Church in Oklahoma City has immediate openings for part-time teachers in the Mother's Day Out program. Looking for kind, compassionate, energetic and patient people. The position is Monday and Wednesday during school hours with an occasional evening or weekend Mass obligation as well. Contact Margaret Tunell at Margaret@ckokc.org.

Campus evangelization, discipleship coordinator - Edmond

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond is seeking a coordinator of campus evangelization and discipleship to be responsible for all aspects of collegiate ministry. Will promote and coordinate opportunities for college students to encounter Christ. Ability to coordinate fundraising and long-term development of ministry on campus, work independently and as a team member, have good communication and time management skills. Must have a bachelor's degree, preferably in theology, religious education, pastoral ministry or related field, and two years of experience in campus or young adult ministry. Send cover letter and resume to adennis@stjohn-catholic.org.

Organist - Kingfisher

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Kingfisher is seeking an organist for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Contact (405) 375-4581 or secretary@stspeterandpaul.org.

Teachers - OKC

Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School is seeking teachers for science, math, theology and fine arts for the 2022-2023 school year. Must have bachelor's degree and teaching credential. The position starts July 2022. Apply online at cristoreyokc.org/careers. Contact Principal Kelsey Herman at kelsey.herman@cristoreyokc.org.

Teachers - El Reno

Sacred Heart Catholic School in El Reno is accepting applications for a full-time kindergarten teacher and a first-grade teacher. Oklahoma state certification required. Send resume to Shannon Statton at ssatton@sacredheart@live.com or call (405) 262-2284.

Teachers - OKC

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City is seeking teachers for the 2022-2023 school year for the following part-time positions: art, music, Spanish and librarian. These positions can be combined for a full-time position. Bachelor's degree with state teaching certification in the desired teaching area required. Send a resume, cover letter to Principal Tera Albert at principal@sacredheartokc.org.

Teachers - OKC

Christ the King Catholic School is seeking early childhood and elementary teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Bachelor's degree in early childhood and/or elementary education along with a state teaching certificate is required. Send resume and cover letter to Amy Feighny, Christ the King Catholic School, 1905 Elmhurst Ave., OKC 73120 or afeighny@ckschool.com. Download application at archokc.org/careers.

Making Sense of Bioethics

Dehumanizing one another

A female sharpshooter nicknamed "Lady Death" has recently become a Ukrainian folk hero for defiantly attacking Russian soldiers undercover. The young markswoman fought for several years in eastern Ukraine against Kremlin-backed separatists, before shifting to the front line of hostilities as Russia initiated its full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Her real name has not been made public and photos hide her identity by blurring her face or showing her with a mask. Long range sniper attacks are her area of expertise. As she assassinates enemy combatants, she militantly proclaims, "We must take them all out. These people are not human beings. Even the fascists were not as vile as these orcs. We must defeat them."

Her battle cry, though clearly motivated by the atrocities unfolding in Ukraine, also should prompt some circumspection and soul searching. Whenever we move in the direction of believing that others are "not human beings" and dehumanize them in our thoughts and words, we risk diminishing our own humanity in the exchange. Even in the face of great depravity, we cannot fall prey to thinking that those who commit horrific evils or even war crimes are somehow no longer really human beings.

I was reminded of this recently as I viewed online videos of armed drones firing on Russian tanks traveling along Ukrainian highways. As they took successive mis-

sile hits, Russian soldiers could be seen launching themselves out of the hatch and escaping from the tank before it went up in a fireball. Sometimes they would barely get out alive, only to collapse and die by the side of the road.

If the mother of a Russian tank driver were to watch a video of her son trying to escape this way under fire, she would be justly indignant, offended and even more saddened if anyone dared to declare he was "not a human being." In the posted remarks section following these videos, in fact, many commented on the hideousness of a world in which 18-year-old boys have to perish in this manner.

By demonizing others, we no longer acknowledge the transcendent realities common to all human beings: our shared desire for truth, goodness, beauty and love. Whenever we ignore or negate the important commonalities that unite us in our humanity and instead choose to dehumanize others, the consequences will be dire. Historically, the use of language that dehumanizes others has been a key tactic in marshaling support for atrocities.

Such language has always been central, for example, to acts of genocide. During the latter part of the 20th century, the Tutsis often were denigrated as cockroaches and snakes in Rwanda, culminating in approximately 800,000 men, women and children being murdered during a 12-week period in 1994. In Nazi Germany, Jews and other enemies of the Third Reich,

including persons with disabilities, were contemptuously viewed not as humans, but as vermin and rats, in order to justify their systematic extermination.

President Abraham Lincoln strongly objected to treating any person, whether slave or free, as "less-than-human" during his 1858 public debate with Stephen A. Douglas. Lincoln rebuffed the idea that African Americans fell outside the "all men are created equal" clause, declaring such a concept to be marked by "an evil tendency, if not an evil design." He repudiated every attempt to "dehumanize the negro... (and) prepare the public mind to make property, and nothing but property of the negro in all the States of the Union."

Still in our nation today, the process of dehumanization continues to derail our thinking and diminish our collective conscience, especially when it comes to those humans who are very young and still in the womb as well as the elderly and the infirm, the mentally-fragile and those in vulnerable medical situations such as newborn children with genetic defects.

By dehumanizing these individuals in a "progressive" society, we can subject them to a range of unjust actions from abortion to infanticide to euthanasia. Pre-born children, for example, have undergone this dehumanization for decades, being denigrated as "tissue," "pregnancy," or "clumps of cells," to paper over the brutal reality of abortion.



Father Tad Pacholczyk
National Catholic Bioethics Center

The website of Planned Parenthood, to cite one instance, defines a suction abortion as a procedure where a "suction device" is used to "take the pregnancy tissue out of your uterus."

We need to fight against dehumanization both by recognizing and opposing its occurrence in our midst, and by recognizing it within ourselves. The temptation to dehumanize people who are themselves dehumanizing others also can be very strong.

In the end, our shared humanity, from the weakest to the strongest, from youngest to oldest, constitutes an ineradicable bond of unity that should prompt us to spurn our own dehumanizing impulses. Renewing hope for conflict-laden humanity begins precisely in the acknowledgement of each other's humanity, strengthening those fraternal bonds on which peace is grounded.

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

Book Review: "Maria von Trapp and Her Musical Family"

By John H. Dolezal
The Sooner Catholic

"Maria von Trapp and Her Musical Family" is a novel written by Cheri Blomquist and based on the autobiography of Maria von Trapp and on a memoir by one of Maria's daughters.

For those of you who have seen the film, "Sound of Music," this book will expand on Maria's life, including her early childhood, her marriage to Georg von Trapp and the von Trapp family's escape from the Nazi's. For those of you who have not seen the "Sound of Music" film, you will learn about Maria's life, including the events covered in the movie.

Blomquist, freelance writer, teacher and director of the Denim Beret Writing Program, has done an excellent job of writing this very interesting novel, and I found it quite easy to imagine myself with Maria and the von Trapp family as they experienced the various "highs" and "lows" of their professional and personal lives. Blomquist also seems to have delivered the story in way that I believe will capture the attention and interest of both adults and teens.

Reading the first few chapters we learn of Maria's birth (it happened on a train) and gain

insight for Maria's life before entering the convent in hopes of becoming a nun. We discover the strong influence the Catholic faith had on Maria's life and the role her faith played in her being able to overcome the hardships she experienced as a young child and her decision to enter the convent.

The middle of the book focuses on Maria's life in the convent, her service as governess for the von Trapp children, and bringing love and music into the lives of the family. It is in this part of the book that I clearly recognized Blomquist's talent for describing the beauty of the various settings (the Alps, various European cities, and "well-known" musical venues) and her ability to draw me into the story as though I was present with Maria and the von Trapp family.

Later in the book we learn how the von Trapp family relied upon their strong faith to overcome financial hardships and the fear that the Nazis would take over Austria and their home. One example that proved the importance of their faith was through the encouragement of a priest, the family would create a chapel in their

home for daily prayer and the delivery and reception of the Holy Eucharist.

We also learn about the discovery of the special musical talent of the von Trapp family and how this would play a vital role in the family traveling to, and eventually settling in,

America. The family would perform in various cities of the United States and in Europe for several years.

In 1955, the family discontinued touring and established a lodge in Vermont.

In the last section of this book, "But what about...?", we are provided interesting bi-

ographical information on many of the key characters discussed in the story of "Maria von Trapp and Her Musical Family."

Since I have seen the "Sound of Music" film several times and wondered about the "rest of the story," this book and author did a great job of filling in the gaps.

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Lánzate a lo más Profundo

Luke 5:4

Preparándonos para la realidad del caso Dobbs

El frenesí causado por la filtración del borrador de la opinión del Juez Alito que anticipa una decisión en el caso Dobbs, y que podría revertir la famosa resolución de Roe vs. Wade, ha sido discordante. Las emociones de los grupos pro-aborto que van desde el flujo constante de opiniones editoriales hasta las llamadas en las redes sociales de interrumpir misas católicas en protesta, han sido llevadas hasta el punto más alto.

Y muchos miembros del movimiento pro-vida han sido parte también de estas emociones del momento dado que el presidente de los Estados Unidos ha declarado que las mujeres deberían mantener su derecho a "abortar a un niño". Cuando la horrible realidad del aborto, que consiste en interrumpir una vida humana, es tan fervientemente defendida y proclamada por católicos profesos, se hace difícil responder con prudencia y caridad.

En este momento crítico, le quiero pedir a los católicos de Oklahoma que hagan lo siguiente: 1) oren, 2) estén preparados con lógica y amor y 3) donen.

Oren. De ninguna manera es seguro que la corte revertirá la decisión de Roe vs. Wade. Debemos seguir rezando para que suceda. Además de orar por la Corte Suprema, debemos también orar por nuestros legisladores, quienes aprobarán leyes sobre el aborto si la ley Roe es abolida.

Los líderes de Oklahoma promulgaron varias protecciones legales recientemente que ayudarán a reducir el número de abortos en el estado, independientemente de la resolución Dobbs. Sin embargo, esto no es suficiente. Además, debemos orar por la conversión de los corazones y las mentes de todos los ciudadanos americanos (no solo los legisladores) en este asunto tan delicado. Leyes más severas no

detentarán los abortos tan efectivamente como la conversión de los corazones.

Finalmente, necesitamos orar por los más directamente afectados: por las mujeres que se encuentran en embarazos en crisis, por sus familias y seres queridos (quienes ofrecen consejo crucial y a veces cubren las necesidades básicas para que sea posible traer un hijo al mundo), por los papás y por todos los centros de recursos para el embarazo que ofrecen servicios a estos padres de familia valientes.

Estén preparados con lógica y amor. Nuestra fe católica afirma la santidad de la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Sin embargo, la convicción de la santidad de toda vida humana, así como el mal del aborto, se pueden concluir solamente con el uso de la razón.

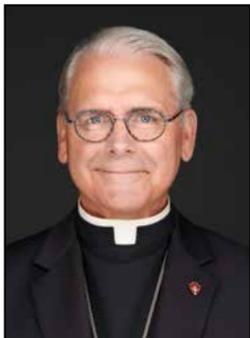
Nuestra creencia de que la vida humana comienza con la concepción no está basada en la fe, sino en la ciencia. Debemos estar preparados para explicar estas verdades de manera que puedan ser entendidas incluso por aquellos que no tienen fe. Es muy hermoso compartir nuestra fe y nuestras convicciones pro-vida. Sin embargo, cuando hablamos con personas sin fe, debemos complementar nuestro testimonio de fe con argumentos persuasivos y basados en la razón.

Es quizá aún más importante dialogar con el otro con amor. El miedo y la ira inspiran muchas de nuestras conversaciones sobre el aborto, tanto que rara vez nos escuchamos el uno al otro. Esto debe cambiar. Primero, escuchen con compasión. Reconozcan que este asunto toca profundamente a muchas personas. Después, ofrezcan argumentos razonables con caridad. Esta manera de acercarnos al asunto muestra preocupación por la totalidad de la persona: argumentos lúcidos para iluminar la mente y amor sincero para llegar al corazón.

Donen. Donen a los centros de recursos para el embarazo. Si el tema del aborto es declarado un asunto estatal, muchas más mujeres necesitarán ayuda que los programas disponibles del gobierno para ayudarlas. Cientos de centros de apoyo para el embarazo en crisis están ya haciendo un trabajo increíble, ayudando a las mamás con pañales, toallas húmedas, ropa, fórmula, carriolas, clases de paternidad y mucho más.

Algunos de estos ministerios incluso ofrecen vivienda y recursos adicionales años después del nacimiento del bebé. El reconocer que la vida es sagrada tanto dentro como fuera del vientre, ayuda a que tanto las mamás como los bebés obtengan la ayuda necesaria. Muchos centros de ayuda para el embarazo en crisis tienen listas de donaciones en Amazon, haciendo sumamente fácil donar sin siquiera tener que salir de casa. También puedes ofrecerte como voluntario o voluntaria y donar tu tiempo. Si no tienes un centro de ayuda para el embarazo en crisis cerca de tu casa, encuentra alguno en línea y haz una donación hoy mismo.

Estas son algunas formas en que podemos responder de manera significativa al caos actual honrando la dignidad de toda vida humana. Por favor, reciban mi sincero agradecimiento por todo lo que han hecho y seguirán haciendo para construir una cultura de la vida en Oklahoma, y a lo largo y ancho de nuestro amado país.



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley

Obispos expresan dolor, condenan tiroteo por motivos raciales en Buffalo

Por Rhina Guidos
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON – Varios obispos católicos de EE. UU. expresaron su pesar y denunciaron el racismo y la violencia armada tras informes de un tiroteo masivo el 14 de mayo en Buffalo, Nueva York, que dejó al menos tres heridos y 10 muertos, un crimen que las autoridades clasificaron como probablemente motivado por el odio hacia personas negras.

"La fe nos obliga a decir no a las fuerzas putrefactas del racismo, no al terror y no al silenciamiento mortal de las voces negras y morenas", dijo el obispo Mark J. Seitz de El Paso, Texas, el 15 de mayo en una de las declaraciones más fuertes condenando la violencia tras un tiroteo el sábado por la tarde en un supermercado de Nueva York.

El obispo Mark E. Brennan de Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, también se pronunció en contra de lo que se ha categorizado, no solo como violencia, sino como algo teñido de un racismo escalofriante.

"La tragedia en Buffalo no es la primera violencia de este tipo contra los afroamericanos", escribió poco después del ataque. "Desde la travesía del océano en barcos de esclavos, en los cuales murieron muchos africanos, hasta el trato violento que recibieron por parte de los amos de los esclavos, los miles de linchamientos de personas negras en el sur y los asesinatos más recientes de afroamericanos desarmados por parte de la policía y personas civiles, incluso dentro de sus iglesias, este racismo ha cobrado una cantidad desmesurada de vidas negras simplemente porque las personas son negras. ¿Cuándo y cómo se detendrá?"

En Buffalo, el fiscal de distrito del condado de Erie, John J. Flynn, dijo en un comunicado del 14 de mayo que el sospechoso de 18 años Payton S. Gendron, de Conklin, Nueva York, "quien supuestamente tenía puesto equipo táctico y estaba armado con un arma de asalto" cuando ingresó al supermercado alrededor de las 2:30 p.m., ha sido acusado de asesinato en primer grado y permanece bajo custodia sin derecho a fianza.

Algunos de los muertos incluyen un policía jubilado de Buffalo que trabajaba como guardia de seguridad en la tienda, una abuela de 85 años con 8 nietos que cuidaba a su esposo, y una defensora de los derechos civiles de 72 años.

"Mi oficina está colaborando con la Oficina del Fiscal de los Estados Unidos y nuestros socios en la aplicación de la ley sobre posibles delitos de terrorismo y odio", dijo Flynn. "Esta es una investigación activa y se pueden

presentar cargos adicionales".

Gendron tiene una audiencia programada para el 19 de mayo.

Reportes dijeron que las autoridades señalaron un documento en línea de 180 páginas que supuestamente dejó el sospechoso, lleno de puntos de vista racistas y detalles de su plan de ataque. También hay informes de que ató equipo electrónico sobre un casco táctico que llevaba puesto para poder transmitir en vivo el tiroteo. Supuestamente también escribió sobre teorías de conspiración, diciendo que algunos grupos están sistemáticamente tratando de reemplazar a los blancos en los EE. UU. con personas de color.

The Buffalo News en un artículo del 14 de mayo dijo que el autor del manifiesto, además, escribió sobre la compra de municiones, excedentes militares y otros preparativos.

"El flagelo de la violencia armada sin sentido que ha cobrado la vida de tantas personas en nuestra nación y ha cambiado la vida de innumerables hombres, mujeres y niños inocentes debe parar", dijo el obispo Michael W. Fisher de Buffalo en un comunicado publicado en Twitter poco después del ataque.

La oficina del fiscal de distrito de Erie dijo que el "acusado condujo" más de tres horas hasta un supermercado Tops ubicado en una sección predominantemente negra de Buffalo, "con la intención de cometer un delito".

Es un escenario inquietantemente similar a un tiroteo masivo de 2019 en El Paso, donde el presunto pistolero en ese incidente condujo cerca de 10 horas, también dejó un manifiesto racista que criticaba la "invasión hispana de Texas" y abrió fuego contra una clientela mayoritariamente latina en un Walmart en 2019. También se dice que hizo referencia a la misma teoría de conspiración relacionada con el sospechoso del tiroteo en Buffalo.

En El Paso, se permitió la entrada a sacerdotes de la diócesis poco después del tiroteo para consolar y administrar extremaunción. El obispo Seitz durante meses visitó a los heridos y escribió una carta pastoral contra el odio e incluyó el papel de la iglesia en el racismo en la frontera.

"¡Conocemos muy bien este dolor! Nuestras oraciones están con las personas que perdieron a sus seres queridos hoy, los fieles de la Diócesis de Buffalo y toda la ciudad de Buffalo", escribió la Diócesis de El Paso en una publicación tras el ataque de Buffalo.

En otro mensaje, Monseñor Seitz dijo que "el racismo y la supremacía blanca continúan golpeando profundamente a nuestra sociedad y reverberan-

do ampliamente, victimizando a las comunidades de color y disminuyéndonos a todos".

"Quiero que (personas en) Buffalo sientan la solidaridad de la amada comunidad de El Paso", dijo. "Caminamos con ustedes, incluso cuando pasan por el valle de la sombra de la muerte. Sabemos que el camino a través del odio y el dolor hacia las aguas tranquilas y la Casa del Señor se construye en conjunto, con actos de justicia, reconciliación y amor".

Otros obispos también se acercaron con mensajes de solidaridad. El obispo Robert J. Brennan de Brooklyn, Nueva York, quien dijo estar "horrorizado" por el ataque, pidió oraciones por las víctimas, sus familias y por el "fin al odio, la violencia y el racismo en nuestro país y en el mundo".

El obispo de West Virginia, Brennan, dijo que si bien nuevas leyes pueden ayudar, lo que más se necesita es "un verdadero cambio de mente y de corazón que nos lleve a reconocer y afirmar el valor de cada vida humana, por diferente que sea de nosotros".

"Es el tipo de cambio que promueve la religión auténtica. Dios nos ha hecho a todos a su imagen y semejanza. Nos ha mandado que nos amemos unos a

otros, que llevemos las cargas los unos de los otros", dijo. "A menos que adoptemos este entendimiento más plenamente en Estados Unidos, podemos esperar más tragedias de este tipo, y contra judíos, (musulmanes) e inmigrantes, así como contra afroamericanos".

También hizo un llamado a los propietarios de armas para que apoyen restricciones.

"También debemos enfrentar el hecho de que la disponibilidad generalizada de armas es un factor crucial en la violencia racial. Es mucho más difícil escapar de una bala que de un cuchillo", escribió el prelado de West Virginia. "Reconozco que la mayoría de los dueños de armas las tienen para la protección de sus familias y de ellos mismos o para cazar."

"El desafío para ustedes, que poseen armas para tales fines, es que propongan formas en las que la disponibilidad de armas podría restringirse significativamente".

Añadió: "He vivido en países donde las armas están mucho menos disponibles que en los Estados Unidos y donde, en consecuencia, las muertes por armas de fuego son mucho menos comunes. Tenemos que hacerlo mejor de lo que lo estamos haciendo. Dueños de armas: afronten el desafío!"

Tres eventos públicos durante la semana de la dedicación del santuario

Tres eventos durante la semana previa a la dedicación del Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother estarán abiertos al público. La primera es una vigilia de toda la noche con el atañido del Beato Stanley desde las 5 p.m. del domingo 30 de octubre al lunes 31 de octubre a las 5 a.m. en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro. La segunda es la consagración del santuario a las 11 a.m. del viernes 4 de noviembre y la tercera es la procesión y bendición del Cerro Tepeyac el sábado 5 de noviembre en el recinto del santuario. Manténgase actualizado en archokc.org/shrinededication.

Las actualizaciones del Santuario



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Las cuadrillas del Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother están trabajando diligentemente para cumplir con la fecha límite de dedicación del 4 de noviembre. Uno de los muchos proyectos que avanzan hacia su finalización es la adición de tapajuntas de cobre y techo de tejas en la cúpula de la capilla.

El diseño del edificio del santuario incluye varias cúpulas. El proceso de construcción de las cúpulas tuvo dos fases. El primero fue construir el esqueleto de la estructura de soporte en el suelo y el segundo fue levantar, sellar y cubrir las cúpulas con teja española.

¡Beato Stanley Rother ruega por nosotros!

MARÍA, AMIGA Y MADRE DE TODOS, a través de tu Hijo Dios ha encontrado un camino para unirse a todos los seres humanos, llamados a ser un solo pueblo, hermanas y hermanos entre sí.

Pedimos tu ayuda al recurrir a tu Hijo, buscando el perdón por las veces en que hemos fallado en amarnos y respetarnos.

Pedimos tu ayuda para obtener de tu Hijo la gracia que necesitamos para vencer el mal del racismo y construir una sociedad justa.

Pedimos tu ayuda para seguir a tu Hijo, para que el prejuicio y la animosidad no infecten ya nuestras mentes o corazones sino que sean reemplazados por el amor que respeta la dignidad de cada persona.

Madre de la Iglesia, el Espíritu de tu Hijo Jesús alienta nuestros corazones: Ruega por nosotros.

Amén.



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Briefs

Please contact organizers before attending. Find more briefs at archokc.org/briefs.

Three public events during shrine dedication week

Three events during the week leading up to the dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine will be open to the public. The first is an all-night vigil with Blessed Stanley's casket from 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 31, at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The second is the dedication of the shrine at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and the third is the procession and blessing of Tepeyac Hill on Saturday, Nov. 5, on the shrine campus. Stay updated at archokc.org/shrinededication.

Eucharistic procession

The Eucharistic Revival launches in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City with a two-mile Eucharistic procession at 7 p.m. June 19 from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School to The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Gates open at 4 p.m. with activities; exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:45 p.m. and the benediction at the cathedral begins at 8:15 p.m. Learn more at archokc.org/revival.

Oklahoma Catholic Native Schools Project

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Diocese of Tulsa and St. Gregory's Abbey have launched the Oklahoma Catholic Native Schools Project to better understand the history, educational value and experiences of native students in Oklahoma Catholic boarding schools from 1880 to 1965. To contribute documents, photographs or an oral history to the project, e-mail info@oknativeschoolsproject.org. Learn more at archokc.org/oknativeschoolsproject.

Listening Sessions

Dcn. Roy Callison and Susan Callison with American Indian Catholic Outreach are conducting Listening Sessions throughout the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa to provide a forum for people to discuss their experiences in former Catholic Indian boarding schools in Oklahoma. Find the schedule at archokc.org/aico. For more information, contact Dcn. Callison at rcallison@archokc.org or go online to archokc.org/oknativeschoolsproject.

Rother store

Find items such as rosaries, prayer cards and Guatemalan crafts at the Rother Store online at rotherstore.com.

England, Scotland pilgrimage

Join Archbishop Coakley Oct. 6-15 on a pilgrimage to England

and Scotland. Cost: \$5,559 pp dbl occupancy, including roundtrip airfare form OKC, four-star hotels, daily continental breakfast and more. Visit ctscentral.net/trips/England/cfook-england-202210. Call Corporate Travel at (866) 468-1420. Trip ID: 45458. Group ID: 7655.

Poland, Vienna, Germany pilgrimage

Join Fr. Rick Stansberry on an 11-day pilgrimage to Poland, Vienna and Germany Aug. 1-11. The pilgrimage includes the Oberammergau Passion Play. Other hosts include Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Fr. Casey F. Jones and Dcn. Pete Markwald. Contact Select International Tours at (800) 842-4842, jane@select-intl.com. Visit selectinternationaltours.com.

Germany, Prague, Austria pilgrimage

Join Fr. Carl Janocha and Fr. Danny Grover on a pilgrimage to Germany, Prague and Austria Sept. 19-30. Cost: \$4,599 pp, including airfare from OKC, four-star hotels, most meals and more. Sites include Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Salzburg, Munich and the Oberammergau for the Passion Play. A \$2,000 deposit required. Contact Fr. Carl Janocha at (405) 247-5255, rcarlj@gmail.com for brochure and more information.

Bingo

The Knights of Columbus Family Bingo at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 4210 S. McKinley in Oklahoma City is at 6:30 p.m. May 26. All games \$10. Door prizes. Food reasonably priced served at 5:45 p.m. All players receive a raffle ticket for a LED TV to be given away in October. May birthdays recognized.

Mount prayer chain

Fr. Alex Kroll, chaplain of Mount St. Mary Catholic High School, invites the community to engage in a prayer chain for Mount students. Register at mountstmary.org for 30-minute time slots. People may sign up for more than one time. The prayer chain ends on May 26.

Memorial Day celebration

The annual celebration of the St. Patrick Catholic/Lockridge Cemetery and potluck is 10 a.m. May 30 at Sorghum Mill Road and County Line (4.5 miles west of Hwy. 74). Bring a chair.

Rachel's Vineyard

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend for people seeking healing after abortion is June 3-5, in Oklahoma City. Pre-registration is required. Call (405) 709-2714 or e-mail rachelsvineyardokc@gmail.com and begin the process to reconcile the pain and hurt in a confidential, non-judgmental environment.

Men's Discernment Day

The archdiocesan vocation's office is calling all young men going into freshman year of high school to recent college graduates for a day of discernment 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. June 4 at St. Joseph Old Cathedral, 307 N.W. 4 in Oklahoma City. Participants will meet fellow discerners, the vocations staff and spend time with the Lord in prayer. Meals provided. Participants will complete a survey and receive a wavier to take the day of the event. Contact (405) 721-9351, ahorn@archokc.org.

Gift of Love Gala

The Center of Family Love and Oklahoma Knights of Columbus will host the annual Gift of Love Gala on June 4 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Visit cfinc.org/gala or call (405) 263-4658, Ext. 1009.

Prom Night

The Gospel of Life Disciples first Saturday FUNraiser Prom Night for all ages is 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. June 4 at the Bl. Stanley Rother Barn, 4113 S. Eastern Ave. in Moore. Admission by donation. Visit gospeloflifedisciples.org.

Garage sale

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 3901 S. Sunnyslane Rd., in Del City will be having a garage sale 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. June 9 and 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. June 10. Contact Linda Odland at (405) 760-7613 or call church office at (405) 677-4873.

Spring Fling

The Central Region Council of Catholic Women invite ladies in the archdiocese to a Spring Fling 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. June 11 in the parish hall at St. Francis of Assisi, 1907 N.W. 18 in Oklahoma City. Nancy Capps from the Apogen Iris Garden Club will present "How to make a spring flower centerpiece." Reservations required. Cost \$10. RSVP to Mary Ann Schmitt at (405) 650-9674.

Day of Reflection

Day of Reflection, "Blessed are the Meek and Courageous Christian," presented by Br. Peter Shults, O.S.B., is 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. June 25 at St. Gregory's Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur St., Shawnee. Limited seating. Masks are recommended, but not required. Attendees must pre-register by e-mailing retreats@monksok.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost \$30 pre-paid or \$35 at the door. Lunch included.

St. Anthony Catholic School reunion

St. Anthony Catholic School Alumni Association is planning an all-school reunion for anyone who attended St. Anthony School from

1917 to 1970. The reunion is at 1 p.m. July 16 at the St. Anthony Activity Center (former St. Anthony School/gym). Dinner reservations, \$20 pp. Deadline June 15. Contact Larry Biddle at certplus@hotmail.com, (918) 756-1792.

Day of Reflection

Day of Reflection, "Hearken Continually: A Primer on Discernment of God's Will," presented by Alex Schimpf is 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 23 at St. Gregory's Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur St., Shawnee. Limited seating. Masks are recommended, but not required. Attendees must pre-register by e-mailing retreats@monksok.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost \$30 pre-paid or \$35 at the door. Lunch included.

Ignatian Year Spirituality Conference

The Ignatian Year Spirituality Conference, "See All Things New in Christ," is July 29-31 at Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth Westlake. Fr. James Hanvey, S.J., secretary for the service of faith to the General Curia of the Society of Jesus in Rome, is the keynote speaker. The event is hosted by the Ignatian Spirituality Institute of Dallas. Visit ignatianinstitute.org or call (940) 268-8788.

Quo Vadis Days

The next men's vocation discernment retreat for men ages 15-35 is July 31-Aug. 3 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp in Wellston. Registration coming soon.

Talitha Koum

The next women's vocation discernment retreat for women ages 15-35 is Aug. 3-Aug. 5 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp in Wellston. Registration coming soon.

Craft fair - Norman

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary in Norman is preparing for their annual craft fair on Nov. 12 and is looking for vendors. Crafters and artisans interested in reserving a booth should contact Teri O'Dell at (405) 250-2471.

Craft Fair - Mustang

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mustang is now reserving vendor tables for the annual Altar Society Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 12. Crafted and hand-made items are highly encouraged. Contact Karen Lally for forms and more information at Klally50@gmail.com or (405) 488-8365.

Sidewalk advocates

Anyone interested in becoming a peaceful and prayerful sidewalk advocate can contact Julie Lewis at norman@golifemobilemedical.com. For more information, visit sidewalkadvocates.org.

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.

May	June
22 Sixth Sunday of Easter.	31 Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
22 Pray the Rosary for Life, 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church, 500 Alameda St., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com .	1 Feast of St. Justin.
25 Feast of St. Bede the Venerable.	2 Feast of Sts. Marcellinus and Peter.
25 Feast of St. Gregory VII.	3 Feast of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions.
25 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi.	3 Rachel's Vineyard weekend in Oklahoma City. Call (405) 709-2714.
26 Feast of St. Philip Neri.	3 First Friday Sacred Heart Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 p.m.; reconciliation prior to 7 p.m. Mass. Call (405) 721-8944, (405) 528-6252.
26 Bingo, 6:30 p.m. St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 4210 S. McKinley, Oklahoma City.	4 Gift of Love Gala, 6 p.m., National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, 1700 N.E. 63, Oklahoma City.
27 Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury.	4 Men's Discernment Day, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., St. Joseph's Old Cathedral, 307 NW 4th St, Oklahoma City.
29 The Ascension of the Lord.	4 Prom Night for all ages, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Barn, 4113 S.
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Revival Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a Eucharistic procession?

A: The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. A Eucharistic procession is a public witness of the adoration of the holy Eucharist, conducted through public streets. A consecrated host – the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ – is placed within a monstrance. It is lifted and carried by a priest who leads the faithful in procession. Like a pilgrimage, a Eucharistic procession normally starts at one holy place and ends at another. This earthly journey reminds the Catholic faithful of their spiritual journey toward eternal life.

Q: How long will it take to get to the cathedral?

A: The procession will take about an hour; a bus will be available at the midway point for participants who can't walk the full route.

Q: What can parish groups bring?

A: Participants can bring banners to represent their parish.

Q: What is available at Bishop

McGuinness Catholic High School before the procession?

A: Several food trucks will be available; \$5 food voucher per person provided (while supplies last); entertainment.

Q: What will happen at the cathedral?

A: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place outside of the Connor Center, which will be open with air conditioning, restrooms and water.

Q: How will participants get back to the high school?

A: Buses and shuttles will be available at the cathedral to return participants to parking areas.

Q: Can parishes have their own Corpus Christi Eucharistic procession this year?

A: Yes, parishes can have their own Corpus Christi procession. They are encouraged to participate in a special way in this archdiocesan Eucharistic procession as the kick-off for the National Eucharistic Revival in the archdiocese.



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Three public events during shrine dedication week

Three events during the week leading up to the dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine will be open to the public. The first is an all-night vigil with Blessed Stanley's casket from 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 31, at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The second is the dedication of the shrine at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and the third is the procession and blessing of Tepeyac Hill on Saturday, Nov. 5, on the shrine campus. Stay updated at archokc.org/shrinededication.

Conception Seminary College announces Spring 2022 Dean's List

CONCEPTION, Mo. – The Office of the Registrar at Conception Seminary College, in Conception, Mo., announced the students named to the Dean's List for the 2022 spring semester.

To be included on the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and earn a 3.70 GPA or higher on at least 12 semester credit hours.

Conception Seminary College is a four-year liberal arts college seminary preparing candidates for ministry in the Roman Catholic Church through human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation in the Benedictine tradition.

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Seminarians Joseph Allen, Rendon Chambers and Dominick Denney graduated from Conception Seminary College on May 14. Fr. Alex Kroll and Fr. Aaron Foshee also were in attendance. *Photo provided.*