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## Oklahoma passes extensive pro-life bill, as country awaits U.S. Supreme Court ruling

By **Kevin J. Jones**  
Catholic News Agency

**T**he Oklahoma legislature has passed a Texas-style law limiting abortion, ahead of a U.S. Supreme Court decision that could allow many more restrictions on abortion.

The Oklahoma legislation follows a Texas model in allowing private citizens to sue abortion providers, but expands its scope to ban almost all direct abortions from the moment of conception.

House Bill 4327 bars all abortions except to save the life of a pregnant woman or if the unborn child

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## A message of thanks from the editor

Dear readers of the Sooner Catholic,

This is my last issue as editor of the Sooner Catholic. Starting this fall, I will be taking on a new full-time job as grandma to our new grandson!

While I am excited and grateful for this new opportunity, I will miss the special connection the Sooner Catholic has with parishioners in the archdiocese as a tool to educate, inspire and bring Catholic news into the homes of Oklahomans.



Diane Clay

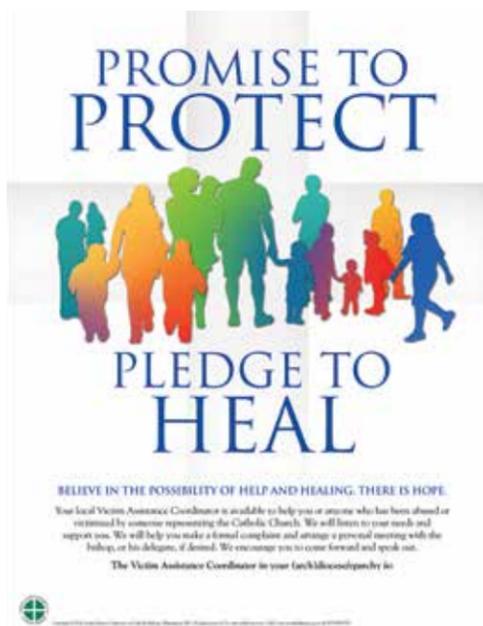
It has been a privilege to follow in the footsteps of great Catholic newswomen and newsmen who have overseen and cared for the Sooner Catholic since 1974, and the Southwest Courier for 50 years before that.

We have worked hard to transform the Sooner Catholic into a professional publication with modern design and more local content from communities

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## Protection charter reaches 20-year mark

*Find Safe Environment frequently asked questions*



Safe Environment protocols were put into place after the creation in 2002 of the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which reached its 20-year anniversary this month.

In accordance with the charter, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City created policies and protocols for all churches and schools that addressed precautions for preventing child abuse,

training to recognize abuse of children and vulnerable adults and how to report suspected or know abuse. Over the years, the program has grown to include important topics such as trafficking, pornography and technology.

The protocol in the archdiocese and Oklahoma state law have made all adults mandatory reporters of known or suspected abuse. If someone suspects

abuse of a child or vulnerable adult in a church setting, school, families, sports or any other environment, they must call the state Department of Human Services or law enforcement immediately. If the suspected abuse involves Church personnel or volunteers, contact the Archdiocesan Abuse Hotline at (405) 720-9878 to

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Put Out Into the Deep Luke 5:4

# Communication: a vital evangelization tool

I think we all would admit the past few years have been times of rapid change in our world, in our nation, in our Church and in our archdiocese.

In the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, we have witnessed the historic beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother, launched a first-ever archdiocesan capital campaign that has supported parish projects, archdiocesan ministries and soon the dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, launched a 10-year plan called Vision 2030, and navigated a global pandemic.

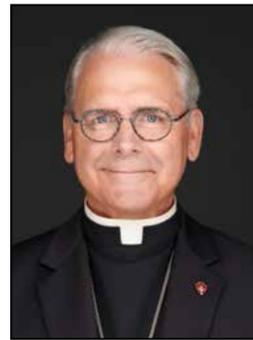
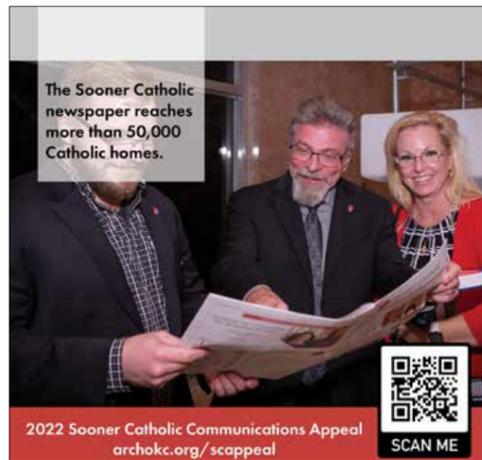
One of the important means of staying abreast with all that is happening in our Catholic world has been the Sooner Catholic, our award-winning archdiocesan newspaper. It was Archbishop Quinn who established the Sooner Catholic in 1974 to serve the new Archdiocese of Oklahoma City when the state was divided into two dioceses. He recognized the importance of a local Catholic newspaper to share news and information and to strengthen our sense of communion with one another across our vast archdiocese.

The Sooner Catholic continues to report news of things happening in our parishes and schools, in Oklahoma, and throughout the world. It offers features about persons, places and events that interest and affect us. It provides editorial opinion, cultural commentary and authoritative teaching. More than simply reporting the news, the Sooner Catholic has been an important instrument for advancing the evangelizing mission of the Church.

Just as our secular newspapers have had to adapt to survive, the Sooner Catholic continues to adapt to changing tastes, needs and trends in communication technology and in our local church. These days, there are regular Spanish pages in each issue of the Sooner Catholic and a free e-newsletter distributed weekly. The Office of Communications maintains the archdiocesan website, multiple social media platforms, produces a podcast, documents parish and school life through photos and manages a myriad of video projects.

The vast communication efforts are supported by the annual Sooner Catholic Communications Appeal. The appeal also supports local Catholic radio stations, helps maintain the website and allows the archdiocese to support parishes in times of need such as livestreaming during the pandemic. It is easy to take for granted many of the things that make up the rhythm and fabric of our lives. Perhaps the Sooner Catholic is one of those things.

Please support the Sooner Catholic Communications Appeal and help us continue to provide up-to-date news, timely information and crucial formation across various platforms for the people of this archdiocese. Thank you for your generous support!



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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By Sooner Catholic Staff

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✓ **Lord, protect** all those who suffer from a physical or mental illness. May they receive all the love and assistance necessary to live a full and joyful life. We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

✓ **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.

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Almighty God, strengthen and direct, we pray, the will of all whose work it is to write where many read, and to speak where many listen. May we be bold to confront evil and injustice; understanding and compassionate of human weakness; rejecting alike the half-truth that deceives, and the slanted word that corrupts. May the power that is ours, for good or ill, always be used with honesty and courage, with respect and integrity, so that when all here has been written, said and done, we may, unashamed, meet you face to face. Amen.

# Archbishop Coakley's statement on the signing of HB 4327

"Building a culture of life in Oklahoma that recognizes the inherent dignity of every person requires the protections afforded by pro-life legislation and a profound change of heart. I

encourage Oklahomans to pray for women in crisis pregnancy situations, for their families and loved ones, for families waiting to adopt, for fathers, and for the many pregnancy re-

source centers serving these brave parents. Thank you to Oklahoma's legislative leaders and to Gov. Stitt for supporting pro-life measures."

# Several U.S. bishops support communion decision by San Francisco archbishop

By Catholic News Agency

WASHINGTON, D.C. - So far only a small minority of U.S. bishops have come out publicly in support of Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone's May 20 announcement that he is barring Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi from receiving Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, her home diocese, until she repudiates her longstanding advocacy of abortion.

There are 194 dioceses and archdioceses in the U.S. Here is a list of those bishops who have spoken in favor of Cordileone's action, as of May 21. Please send updates, with links to online statements if available, to smullen@catholicna.com.

### California

*Diocese of Oakland, Bishop Michael Barber*

"I support Archbishop Cordileone in the heroic and compassionate stance he took today in the protection and defense of human life. As @Pontifex said, 'Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ.'"

*Diocese of Santa Rosa, Bishop Robert Vasa*

"I have visited with the pastor at St Helena and informed him that if the Archbishop prohibited some-

one from receiving Holy Communion, then that restriction followed the person and that the pastor was not free to ignore it. The new Canon (1379 §4) makes it clear that providing sacraments to someone prohibited from receiving them (has) its own possible penalties."

### Colorado

*Archdiocese of Denver, Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila*

"I support and commend my brother bishop, Archbishop Cordileone, for making this courageous, compassionate, and necessary decision."

### Illinois

*Diocese of Springfield, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki*

"I fully support and earnestly commend Archbishop Cordileone's action in regard to Speaker Pelosi. All politicians who promote abortion should not receive holy Communion until they have repented, repaired scandal, and been reconciled to Christ and the Church."

### Kansas

*Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan., Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann*

"I applaud Archbishop Cordileone's patient and persevering efforts to enlighten Speaker Pelosi about the moral gravity of her extreme efforts to promote, to advocate and to initiate legislation to enshrine legalized abortion into federal law. I fully support

the both pastoral and courageous actions that Archbishop Cordileone has now taken in an effort to awaken Speaker Pelosi's conscience and at the same time to protect Catholics in the Archdiocese of San Francisco and throughout the country from being confused by Speaker Pelosi's radical support for abortion, while claiming to be a faithful Catholic. I pray that Speaker Pelosi will have a change of heart."

### Nebraska

*Diocese of Lincoln, Bishop James D. Conley*

"I support Archbishop Cordileone in his courageous pastoral outreach to a member of his flock. His actions are made as a shepherd with the heart of Christ."

### Oklahoma

*Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley*

"I applaud the courage of Archbishop Cordileone and his leadership in taking this difficult step. Let us continue to pray for Abp. Cordileone, priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Speaker Pelosi, for the protection of the unborn, and for the conversion of hearts and minds."

### Texas

*Diocese of Tyler, Bishop Joseph Strickland*

"Thank you, Thank you, Thank you Archbishop Cordileone for

loving Nancy Pelosi in the Truth of Jesus Christ!"

### Washington

*Diocese of Spokane, Bishop Thomas Daly*

"After many attempts to engage speaker Nancy Pelosi in a conversation about her support for abortion, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone has announced that speaker Pelosi is to refrain from receiving holy communion until she answers the call to repentance."

### Wisconsin

*Diocese of Green Bay, Bishop David Ricken*

"I wish to express my strong support for Archbishop Cordileone's decision stating he has publicly declared that Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi not be admitted to Holy Communion."

*Diocese of Madison, Bishop Donald Hying*

"I fully support Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone's prudent decision to recognize that the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, has persistently taken public positions in support of legal abortion, contrary to her professed Catholic faith, choosing to separate herself from full communion with the Catholic Church, and therefore is not to present herself for the reception of Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of San Francisco."

# Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

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

- June 5** - Confirmation, 10:30 a.m., Sts. Peter and Paul, Kingfisher
- June 7** - St. Ann Retirement Center Board meeting, 8 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
- June 7** - Presbyteral Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., CPC
- June 7** - Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
- June 9** - Senior Staff meeting, 10 a.m., CPC
- June 9** - Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
- June 9** - Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Building Committee meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
- June 10** - Mass for St. Vincent de Paul Regional meeting, 8 a.m., Best Western Saddleback Inn and Conference Center, OKC
- June 11** - Confirmation, 4 p.m., St. Peter, Woodward
- June 12** - USCCB Committee meetings, San Diego, Calif.
- June 13-17** - USCCB Special Assembly, San Diego, Calif.
- June 18** - Confirmation, 1 p.m., St. Patrick, OKC
- June 19** - Confirmation, 11:15 a.m., St. Paul the Apostle, Del City
- June 19** - Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession, 6:45 p.m., Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, OKC

## Rother shrine update



Jason Spoolstra recently joined the staff of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine as the director of pilgrimage. Spoolstra has served in the Catholic Church for more than 15 years in both parish and diocesan positions. He recently served for seven years as the director of youth, young adult and campus ministry for the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Spoolstra is passionate about leading people to Jesus Christ. He has participated in and led pilgrimages throughout the United States and the world, including Washington D.C., New York, Florida, New Mexico, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Rome, and Krakow, Poland.

He recently moved to Yukon with his wife, Becky, and their four children - Clare, Catherine, Elizabeth and baby Gregory Joseph. Please welcome them to the shrine!



## 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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## Statement from Archbishop Coakley on the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas

"I am heartbroken by the latest horrendous violence that has taken the innocent lives of 14 children and their teacher in Uvalde, Texas. I call on our state and national leaders to do everything they can to address

this crisis of evil that continues to strike our communities. Let us pray for the families of those killed, for the students, staff and families of Uvalde, for our leaders to quickly find common sense solutions to mass shoot-

ings, and for us to embrace peace so that violence never rules our hearts."

*(Note: At the time of printing, the number of people killed had risen to 19 children and two adults.)*

### From the Archives ...

*A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist*

When the fire of 1901 destroyed Sacred Heart Abbey and Saint Mary's Academy in Konawa, the Sisters of Mercy saw the benefit of transferring their efforts to Oklahoma City to found Mount Saint Mary's Academy on the highest spot in the city.

Because of their presence and due to the natural boundary of the North Canadian River that separates the north section of Oklahoma City from the south, it became abundantly clear to Bishop Theophile Meerschaert that a new parish should be established on the southside to meet the needs of the 400 or so Catholic families living in the area.

Thus, Sacred Heart would become the parish for the southside. Saint Joseph Catholic Church had been the first in the Oklahoma City area and served the northern part of the city. There was some discussion as to where the location of the church would be as some preferred a lot on Central Avenue while the bishop chose to purchase 10 tracts of land from the sisters directly across the street from the Mount.

Father J.F. McGuire was named as the pastor and was charged with building a parish literally from nothing. The first Mass was celebrated in April of 1911 in the recreation hall of Mount Saint Mary's.

The women of the parish served meals at the State Fair and raised \$1,000, an amount that allowed for a temporary structure to be assembled. It was multi-purpose as curtains were erected to separate classrooms and removed for Mass. The rectory was a rented house, and the furnishings were generously provided by Saint Joseph Church.

After years of saving and living frugally, construction began

for an attractive Gothic church. After the First World War, materials had yet to become plentiful and quality workers were scarce. The basement was completed in the fall of 1920, but the project was put on hold as it was revealed that the foundation would not hold a superstructure. A loan was secured through the diocese to alleviate the problem.

Father John T. Hall celebrated the first Mass in the structure at Midnight Mass, Christmas 1921. The dedication by Bishop Meerschaert took place on Feb. 2, 1922.

Still seeking a permanent school structure, Father Hall had an unexpected windfall when he inherited a farm (from a man who admired his priestly ministry), which he promptly sold for \$7,500 – more than enough to construct the school.

The Southwest Courier stated: "Perhaps it is an understatement to term Father Hall's unexpected and providential source of supply to build his school a 'windfall.' It was indeed one of those minor miracles." A new and better facility was built in 1946. At its apex, Sacred Heart Catholic School



*Women of Sacred Heart at the Oklahoma State Fair.*

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## Archdiocese to restructure evangelization offices at Catholic Pastoral Center

*Three divisions created in Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis*

Archbishop Coakley in May announced the restructuring of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis at the chancery into three divisions – (1) Catholic Education, (2) Youth, Young Adults and Campus Ministry, and (3) Discipleship, Marriage and Family Life (with Hispanic Ministry).

The change divides the largest segment of the chancery into three areas to help improve

efficiency and return the Office of Catholic Education to its own department, which will be led by the Director of Catholic Education Lara Schuler. The secretariat will no longer have an executive director.

The Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis was created five years ago when the chancery was reorganized to align with Archbishop Coakley's pastoral

priorities in his pastoral letter, "Go Make Disciples."

Beginning July 1, the three senior directors of the new divisions will be: Lara Schuler (Catholic Education), Jim Beckman (Youth, Young Adults and Campus Ministry) and Luis Soto (Discipleship, Marriage and Family Life with Hispanic Ministry).

"We are happy to welcome back Luis Soto, who has served as a

valuable advisor and leader on the chancery staff and in Hispanic ministry, and we are grateful to Jim and Lara for taking on the new roles as senior directors," said Father William Novak, V.G., Moderator of the Curia, who is managing the transition.

The restructuring will not affect ministries provided by the secretariat.

## Reds, Whites & Brews returns to raise funds for homeless women in Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY – Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will host the 13th annual Reds, Whites & Brews on Friday, July 22, at Dunlap Coddling in Oklahoma City's Film Row. Proceeds will benefit the Sanctuary Women's Development Center in Oklahoma City.

Tickets are \$75 and will feature beer and wine tasting from local companies. Entertainment will be provided by Edmond native Jason Cadamy. Dinner and outdoor games also will be available on the patio.

"This fundraising event brings people together for a good cause. Money raised not only helps us continue operations at Sanctuary,

but also allows us expand those services to more women," said Racheal Singley, director of Sanctuary Women's Development Center.

Sanctuary is a service of Catholic Charities located in the Stockyards of Oklahoma City. The center, which was a former mission church, provides assistance for homeless and at-risk women and their children. Case management, counseling and other resources help women move from homelessness and poverty to permanent homes and employment.

"My life has changed so dramatically since God chose to use Catholic Charities for my hand up, not a handout," said Deborah Hall, a

former client of the Sanctuary Women's Development Center.

Hall said the state of homelessness is uniquely different than anything people go through and noted that Catholic Charities answered the plight of the poor.

"This truly has elevated my mind and soul to the point that I am just so clearly motivated toward believing God truly has something in store for me to do in the future."

For more information, visit [redswitesbrews.com](http://redswitesbrews.com). To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, visit [ccaokc.org](http://ccaokc.org) or call (405) 523-3000.



Lara Schuler

Lara is the director of Catholic Education. She joined the staff in August 2021. Her hobbies are combing through antique and thrift stores for fabulous treasures, needle felting, painting, reading and taking day trips to explore Oklahoma. Learn more about Catholic schools at archokc.org/schools.

### Statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas

WASHINGTON - In response to the news of the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offered the following statement from its spokesperson, Chieko Noguchi, director of public affairs. "There have been too many school shootings, too much killing of the innocent. Our Catholic faith calls us to pray for those who have died and to bind the wounds of others, and we join our prayers along with the community in Uvalde and Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller. As we do so, each of us also needs to search our souls for ways that we can do more to understand this epidemic of evil and violence, and implore our elected officials to help us take action."

## Knights invite parishioners to join pro-life billboard campaign

Knights of Columbus Council #12108 at Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church is inviting parishioners to help support

the Prolife Billboard Campaign, which displays billboards with pro-life messages and pregnancy resource information.



The campaign began in July 2018 with two electronic billboards located in the Oklahoma City metro area. Currently, there are 25 "Choose Life" billboards in nine Oklahoma cities, broadcasting a 24/7 "Choose Life" message to thousands of drivers each day.

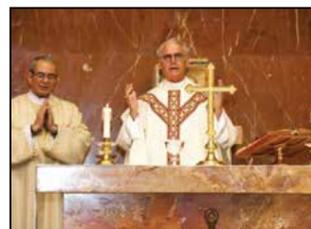
A donation to the Prolife Billboard Campaign also supports the new Partners for Life website at kofcweicare.org. The website provides links to each of the 25 qualified pregnancy centers that received an ultrasound machine donated by the members of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus.

The centers provide the ultrasound and other resources for free. To support the Prolife Billboard Campaign, mail donations to P.O. Box 893232, Oklahoma City 73189.

### Bl. Stanley Rother Institute graduates



Archbishop Coakley celebrated Mass for graduates of the Bl. Stanley Rother Institute on May 21 at the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral in Oklahoma City. Photos Fran Kozakowski/Sooner Catholic.



## Parish-based effort brings focus on pregnant, parenting moms in need

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties.

As part of Walking with Moms in Need, parishes – with the support of their bishop and pastor – are invited to take part in a yearlong process to evaluate local resources and support for mothers in need.

Each participating parish is asked to complete a simple inventory of the resources currently available in their local area, assess the results and identify gaps, and plan and implement a parish response based on their findings.

Walking with Moms in Need initially was launched by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on March 25, 2020, in honor of the 25th anniversary of Saint St. John Paul II's encyclical Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life).

The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities is providing resources on how to implement Walking with Moms in Need and ongoing support to help dioceses and parishes. These resources include a guide on how to get started, sample timelines, announcements, prayers, activities and more. While each parish will participate in its own unique way, a basic framework and structure are provided which can be adapted to each local church's needs.

Now is a great time for parishes and dioceses to begin implementing Walking with Moms in Need in their local area.

Walking with Moms in Need is already having

a profound, positive impact on parishes and the Church at large.

While many pregnancy-help resources are appropriately coordinated at the diocesan or regional level, moms in need often are best reached at the local level. With more than 17,000 parishes



in the United States, the Church is uniquely positioned to encourage a collaboration of resources at the local level and to increase awareness of help available to mothers and families in need.

"With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our dioceses. With equal clarity and determination, we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (Evangelium vitae 95). Pope Francis similarly has challenged the Church to go to the margins and bring hope and help to those in need. He repeatedly has reminded us that our parishes are called to be "islands of mercy

in the midst of a sea of indifference." Walking with Moms in Need is a response to both of these challenges.

Women facing challenging pregnancies or

who are parenting young children in difficult circumstances, should see the Church as a place where they can find help – especially with its extensive social services dedicated to meeting the needs of people in crisis.

But, the Church also must honestly assess the pastoral and practical assistance that it currently provides to pregnant moms and families in need and how effective it is in communicating such help to those who need it most.

Everyone in a given parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. Walking with Moms in Need hopes to help parishes do just that.

Walking with Moms in Need is not intended to be a prescriptive program. Every parish community and diocese is unique. Parishes are the experts on their community and are best able to understand and respond to the needs and challenges in their local area.

It is for this reason that Walking with Moms is a parish-based initiative. All provided materials are meant to be resources to help equip and empower parishes to reach out to mothers in need in their communities, and parishes are encouraged to adjust and adapt the provided materials as needed. All materials are provided in both English and Spanish, and are available for free download at walkingwithmoms.com.

Bishops, pastors and diocesan and parish leaders are encouraged to prayerfully discern the implementation of Walking with Moms in Need and truly allow the Holy Spirit to guide their efforts.

**Resources:**

- [archokc.org/walking-with-moms-in-need](http://archokc.org/walking-with-moms-in-need)
- [archokc.org/resources](http://archokc.org/resources)
- [walkingwithmoms.com](http://walkingwithmoms.com)

## Endowments build future for parishes, schools

By Owen Canfield

One goal of Archbishop Coakley's "Vision 2030" plan is to ensure the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is as strong and vibrant as possible for years to come. The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma's creation of endowments benefiting parishes and schools dovetails with the archbishop's goal.

Endowments provide parishes and schools with annual distributions, in perpetuity. As endow-

ments grow, so do the amounts distributed annually. These distributions provide a welcome supplement for pastors and principals during the budgeting process.

The Catholic Foundation is working to establish endowments benefiting every parish and school in the archdiocese. It's an ambitious effort that is gaining traction with generous donors.

The parishes of Saint Philip Neri in Midwest City, Saint Teresa of Avila in Harrah and Saint Mary in Guthrie all will see endowments created from the estate of one man with personal ties to the three parishes. At Saint John the Bap-

tist Catholic Church in Edmond, a retired couple is using a gift from their estate to create the Saint John the Baptist Endowment.

A couple at Saint Eugene Catholic Church in Oklahoma City recently created a parish endowment. At Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, a husband and wife who are longtime parishioners, did the same thing. These donors agreed to make gifts of \$50,000 to establish endowments. The gifts can be paid out over five years.

Each of these endowments will be used for the general religious, charitable and educational pur-

poses of the parishes. Similarly, newly created school endowments will be for general purposes.

Endowments help place churches and schools on solid financial footing for generations, and support the Church's mission to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To learn more about ensuring a Catholic legacy by creating an endowment for a parish or school, contact (405) 709-2897, ocanfield@cfook.org.

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# Oklahoma passes extensive pro-life bill

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was conceived in rape or incest reported to law enforcement. The legislation passed by 76-16, generally on a party-line vote, on May 19.

"Is our goal to defend the right to life or isn't it?" bill sponsor Republican State Rep. Wendy Stearman asked legislators before the bill passed.

State Rep. Cyndi Munson, a Democrat, had questioned Stearman about the fact that many women, especially young girls, do not report rape or incest to law enforcement.

"Can you explain to me why you're okay with a person carrying on a pregnancy after they have been raped or there has been instances of incest?" Munson asked.

"I am okay with preserving the life of the child," Stearman responded. "The child was not part of that decision."

Like a novel Texas law, it allows private citizens to sue abortion providers and anyone who "aids and abets" illegal abortions. The Texas law, however, bars abortion six weeks into pregnancy. The proposed Oklahoma law is the first of its kind to allow civilian enforcement of an abortion ban beginning at conception.

The legislation defines an unborn child as a human fetus or embryo at any stage of development. It specifically allows doctors to remove the body of a dead unborn child caused by

spontaneous abortion or miscarriage, or to remove an ectopic pregnancy, the Associated Press reports. The bill's provisions do not apply to abortion-inducing drugs or contraception.

Dr. Eli Reshef, an Oklahoma City fertility specialist, told the Associated Press that the legislation is not expected to apply to in-vitro fertilization, when embryos are conceived in a lab by fertilizing eggs before transferring them into a woman's womb.

Gov. Kevin Stitt has said he will sign any pro-life legislation the legislature sends to him.

Earlier this month, Stitt had signed into law a bill which bans abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, usually around six weeks into pregnancy. That law, too, relies on citizens' private lawsuits to enforce the ban.

Plaintiffs who successfully sue those who perform or aid and abet abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be detected could have a legal reward of at least \$10,000.

Oklahoma's two Catholic bishops had praised that bill as a protective measure for human life in the state, and also encouraged help for the women considering abortion.

Planned Parenthood's two abortion businesses in Oklahoma stopped performing abortions after the governor signed the six-week ban.

Once the latest bill is signed into law, the state's two other abortion facilities will close, their attorney has said, according to the Associated Press.

The number of abortions performed in Oklahoma fell from 6,200 in 2002 to 3,736 in 2020, the lowest in more than 20 years. About 9 percent of Oklahoma abortions in 2020 were performed on women from Texas.

In late April, Oklahoma legislators passed a law banning abortions entirely unless the procedure is done to save the life of the pregnant woman. That law, which would likely be struck down as unconstitutional unless the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, is set to go into effect in August.

The U.S. Supreme Court could very well overturn *Roe v. Wade* and related precedents that required U.S. states to legalize abortion. Overturning the decision would return control of abortion legislation to states.

In October, Archbishop Coakley issued a call to prayer for the abolition of the death penalty and for the end to abortion in Oklahoma.

"We must pray for a renewed focus on the precious gift of life – all life from conception until natural death," he said.

## Resources

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speak to a licensed counselor.

Here are a few frequently asked questions related to the Safe Environment program in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City as prepared by Safe Environment Coordinator Page Hauser.

**Q:** How do I sign up to be a volunteer at my parish?

**A:** Contact your parish safe environment facilitator. They will provide instructions for becoming a volunteer and accessing the Safe and Sacred training portal.

**Q:** What are the requirements to become a volunteer?

**A:** The requirements include creating a user account in the Safe and Sacred system, submitting a criminal background check, submitting three references to be checked, and completing a safe environment training course.

**Q:** How long does the training course take to complete?

**A:** Every user in the system is different, but we estimate one hour is needed to complete the background check and initial training course.

**Q:** How often is training required?

**A:** Annual training is required for safe environment.

**Q:** When does my training expire?

**A:** Beginning July 31, 2022, all users in the system will expire on

July 31. The new training course will be available Aug 1. All existing users are required to complete the new training course before Aug. 31.

**Q:** What happens if I do not complete my training in August?

**A:** All users are required to complete the new training course before Aug. 31 to continue as an active volunteer. If training is not completed, users will be suspended in the Safe Environment system and will not be eligible to volunteer. Suspended users may contact their local safe environment facilitator if they wish to become active volunteers again. They will be required to complete all safe environment protocols before becoming eligible to volunteer.

**Q:** What happens if I have forgotten my username or password on the Safe and Sacred website?

**A:** The Safe and Sacred landing page has a link to click if you have forgotten your username or password.

**Q:** Where can I

find the list of priests in the archdiocese with substantiated allegations of abuse of a minor?

**A:** The list can be found along with the comprehensive report at [archokc.org/clergyabuse](http://archokc.org/clergyabuse).

**Q:** Where do I find more information?

**A:** Find more information on the Safe Environment Protocol in the archdiocese at [archokc.org/safe-environment](http://archokc.org/safe-environment). Access the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' safe environment website at [uscbb.org/topics/catholic-safeguards](http://uscbb.org/topics/catholic-safeguards).

## A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

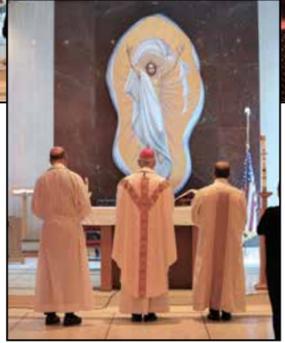
Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Memorial Day

Archbishop Coakley celebrated a Memorial Day Mass on May 30 at Resurrection Memorial Cemetery in Oklahoma City. Photos Diane Clay/Sooner Catholic.



In advance of Memorial Day weekend, scouts from troops in Oklahoma City volunteered on May 26 to place U.S. flags on the graves of U.S. soldiers, sailors and Marines at Resurrection Memorial Cemetery in Oklahoma City. Photo provided.

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throughout the archdiocese. This past year, we increased the newspaper to 20 pages to accommodate the many photos and wonderful stories, accomplishments and ministries of churches, schools and the chancery. Please keep the content coming!

The advancements and quality of the Sooner Catholic are made possible by the design talent of Managing Editor Dana Attocknie, who manages content for the newspaper and develops the design and layout. It is a massive undertaking – every two weeks – and she is a master at it.

Of course, none of it would be possible without the guidance and input from Archbishop Coakley, who influences content and layout choices, and provides the newspaper's moral center through his column, "Put Out Into the Deep," which he really does write himself! I am incredibly grateful for his trust and encouragement to make the Sooner Catholic a quality publication.

As we move forward, the staff in the Office of Communications will continue to seek new ways to keep the newspaper fresh and local while providing traditional content such as news from the chancery, the archdiocesan calendar, job listings, book reviews and briefs. I encourage you and your families to flip through each issue to see what is happening in the archdiocese and to stay up-to-date on the issues that impact the Church in Oklahoma.

Thank you for supporting the Sooner Catholic through your readership, submissions and through the Sooner Catholic Communications Appeal.

I am grateful for the collaboration, and excited to watch the Sooner Catholic excel for years to come.

Thank you and God bless you,

*Diane Clay*

Diane Clay  
Director of Communications  
Editor, Sooner Catholic



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Pope Francis



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JUNE 19-22	JUNE 5-9
JULY 17-20	JUNE 26-30
	JULY 10-14
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>FAMILY CAMP</b>
JUNE 12-16	JUNE 10-12
JULY 24-28	JULY 8-10
	JULY 22-24

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Holy Family Catholic Church, Lawton



Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Marietta



Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Ada



Saint Mary Catholic Church, Ponca City



Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Ada



Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Oklahoma City



Saint James Catholic Church, Oklahoma City



Saint James Catholic School, Oklahoma City

# Homeschool Connections hosts Catholic virtual conference

Homeschool Connections is bringing together top speakers and vendors for its third annual virtual Catholic Homeschool Conference, "Empowering You to Homeschool Joyfully" on June 10-11.

Completely online, this event will offer live talks by Catholic speakers, including Father Augustine Wetta, O.S.B., seen on EWTN and author of "The Eighth Arrow and Humility Rules;" Danielle Bean, mother of eight, author, podcast host and brand manager for Catholic-Mom.com; and Sonja Corbitt, author of the best-selling "Unleashed" and her podcast Bible

Study Evangelista.

Over two days, there will be full access to live panel discussions for moms, dads and special needs families. There will be experts helping attendees in "Decluttering Your Homeschool," "Homeschooling Multiple Ages" and more.

Maureen Wittmann, co-founder and co-director of Homeschool Connections, said, "This year's conference will be much more interactive and engaging than many other online conferences!"

Attendees will have opportunities to visit with colleges such as Franciscan University, Catho-

lic University of America and others. Covenant Eyes, Guadalupe Radio and Holy Heroes also will be present as hosts.

Bringing together Catholic Schoolhouse, Kolbe Academy, Oxrose Academy and Collegium and other online school platforms will allow parents to get their questions answered and register for the upcoming school year. Other quality Catholic companies such as Ignatius Press, TAN Books, Nobis Pacem and dozens more also will participate.

Register at catholichomeschoolconference.com.

# Newman University announces OKC recipient of top scholarship

WICHITA – Five high school senior students have been awarded a 2022 Saint Newman Scholarship from Newman University in one of the largest and most competitive scholarship competitions in school history.

The scholarship is Newman's highest valued award, providing full tuition for four years to each student. The combined value of the four scholarships is \$520,000.

The scholarship is named for Saint John Henry Newman, namesake of Newman University. The scholarship is the most exclusive

Newman University award and is given to only five high-achieving students each year. Applicants must have at least a 3.9 cumulative high school GPA to apply. Saint Newman scholars must complete 32 hours of community service each semester.

The recipient from Oklahoma City is Eliana Gaytán, a student from Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School.

Gaytán recently graduated from Cristo Rey and plans to major in art. Gaytán is passionate about the role art plays in connecting com-

munities, provoking thought and sparking meaningful dialogue.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, and was active on her high school's yearbook staff and cross country team, and represented her school as a student ambassador.

She is the recipient of Cristo Rey OKC's Heart of a Royal Award for values of faith, knowledge, purpose and service; the Core Value Award for service; Student Worker of the Year; and was voted most valuable runner on the cross country team. She has volunteered in distribut-

ing meals to the homeless in downtown Oklahoma City and works at The Boldt Company as a student worker in contract management. She is ranked first in her class. Her parents are Edgar and Suzanne Gaytán.

For more information about Newman University, visit newmanu.edu.



Eliana Gaytán

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JUNE 8	<b>SHOWCASE OF TALENT &amp; ITEMS 2:30 PM</b> Talent Show, Displays of Collections & Crafts
JUNE 15	<b>BEACH VOLLEYBALL LUAU 2 PM</b> Assisted vs Independent Living Tournament
JUNE 22	<b>MASS &amp; RECEPTION WITH ARCHBISHOP COAKLEY &amp; ARCHBISHOP BELTRAN</b> 9:30 AM Mass 10 AM Reception
JUNE 30	<b>DANCE WITH 17 PIECE BAND &amp; SINGER</b> 6 PM Bring Your Favorite Dance Partner

## 7th Annual PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Thursday, June 30  
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary  
St. John the Baptist in Edmond

Bring the whole family for a wonderful hour of music and prayers for our country!



Fr. William Novak, V.G., celebrated a Baccalaureate Mass for Oklahoma City University School of Law on May 14 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. Chancellor Michael Scaperlanda also attended. Photos provided.



The new officers for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas St. Jude Chapter #2166 were sworn in May 21 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawton. (Left to right) Laura Hamilton, first vice regent; Jolene Schonchin, regent; Maria Rodriguez, recording secretary; Renata Rudd, financial secretary; and Rosa Estrada Cruz, treasurer. Photo Jolene Schonchin/Sooner Catholic.



Members and wives of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus Council #1018 and the St. Benedict Ladies Auxiliary distributed 143 gift cards to tornado victims in Seminole on May 16. The \$100 gift cards were donated by Knights from the Supreme Office and the Oklahoma State Council. Photo Laura Miller.



First Communicants from Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawton participated in a retreat in final preparation for their first communion. Photos provided.



Parishioners at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oklahoma City held a day of prayer on May 26 to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and married life. Participants also gave thanks to Fr. Santos Anguiano, CORC, and Fr. Ruben Tena-Guzman, CORC, for the time they have served the Sacred Heart community. Photos provided.

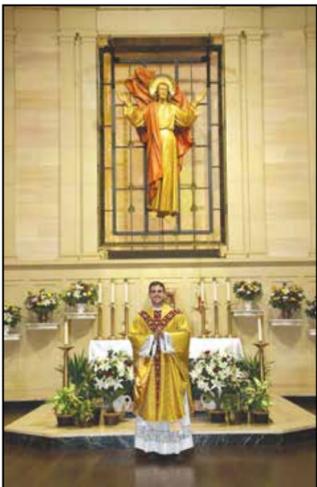


Twenty couples from around the nation and Canada attended the annual Spanish: Profundo weekend May 20-22 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. A profundo (deeper) is an intense weekend of formation for couples who would like to be team leaders. These couples have participated in a Marriage Encounter weekend and weekly meetings. Photos provided.

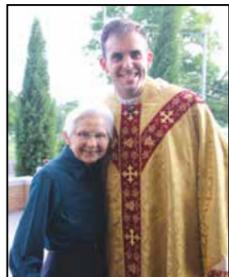


Timmy Dolan, Montgomery Ille, Logan Kihara and Greg Turner have achieved the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank, the Eagle Scout. All three are members of Troop 120 at Christ the King Catholic School in Oklahoma City, under the direction of Matt Jackson.

Timothy Garrett Dolan's parents are Sheryl and Brian Dolan; Montgomery Andrew Ille's parents are Les and Andrea Ille; Logan Michael Kihara's parents are Michael and Aris Kihara; and Greg Adam Turner's parents are Wayne Turner and Margie Jackson. Photo provided.



Fr. Zak Boazman celebrated his last Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City on May 29, the Feast of the Ascension. His new assignment as parochial vicar is at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, Oklahoma City. Photos provided.



Fr. Oby Zunmas celebrated a high school Senior Mass May 22 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Marietta. Photo provided.

To send photos, event information or story ideas, e-mail [communications@archokc.org](mailto:communications@archokc.org).

# Andrew Ochs named to 2022 Class of Tomorrow's Leaders

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Catholic Health Association of the United States announced Andrew Ochs, regional director for mission integration at SSM Health Oklahoma, has been named to its 2022 Class of Tomorrow's Leaders. He joins nine other emerging leaders from across the country in receiving this honor. The honorees were recognized during the awards banquet on June 4 at the Catholic Health Assembly at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.



Andrew Ochs

Ochs is a change agent who is "driven to ensure that exceptional care is accessible and affordable for all people," said Joe Hodges, regional president for SSM Health Oklahoma. "Although Andrew is relatively new to Oklahoma City, he quickly identified ways to serve his community and Church – addressing food insecurity, advocating for Medicaid expansion in Oklahoma and fostering a partnership with 8th Street Church of the Nazarene to establish an urban farm on the campus of Saint Anthony Hospital." The Tomorrow's Leaders Program was created in 2011 to identify and recognize promising young leaders who provide strong leadership

and dedication to Catholic health care. Each class consists of dedicated, high-performing individuals who have demonstrated commitment to advancing the healing mission of Catholic health care. Nominees for the Tomorrow's Leaders Program must be currently working in a ministry organization and must be age 40 or younger at the time of nomination. The annual Catholic Health Assembly is the largest gathering of Catholic health care leaders in the United States. For more information about Assembly 2022, visit [chausa.org/assembly](http://chausa.org/assembly). For more information about SSM Health Oklahoma, visit [ssmhealth.com](http://ssmhealth.com).

## Dominican Sisters of Peace offer retreat for discerning women

June 22-27

WICHITA – Women who want to explore the lives and missions of religious sisters dedicated to service and those discerning vowed Dominican life are invited to spend a week with the Dominican Sisters of Peace to see how they devote themselves in service to the Church and the people of God.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace Mission For Peace Retreat, to be held June 22-27, will offer a unique opportunity for young women to serve God's people in Wichita and in Great Bend, Kan. Participants also will visit the historic Dominican Sisters of Peace Great Bend Motherhouse, and Heartland Farm, an ecological ministry in Pawnee Rock, Kan.

The Dominican Order was founded to serve the needs of the day in 1216. Today's Dominican women do the same, working in education, health care, ecology and social justice to meet the physical and spiritual needs of God's people. The Dominican Sisters of Peace continue the tradition of service began by their foremothers in Kentucky 200 years ago this year.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace have nine women in "formation" to become religious sisters. Women attending this "Mission for Peace" event will meet some of these women and learn about their journey. Attendees also will spend time with other sisters, sharing stories, praying, doing some volunteer work and enjoying time together.

The event will begin in Wichita where attendees do volunteer work and build community before travelling to Great Bend and Pawnee Rock. The event is free, and all lodging, meals and transportation between sites will be provided.

Some travel assistance may be available. The Mission for Peace event will begin at 2 p.m. on June 22 and conclude at 5:30 p.m. on June 26 at our Great Bend convent. After dinner with the sisters, the group will travel back to Wichita.

To register, visit the congregation's website at [opeace.org](http://opeace.org), or contact Sister Mai-dung Nguyen, O.P., vocations minister, at (405) 248-7027 or [mai-dung.nguyen@opeace.org](mailto:mai-dung.nguyen@opeace.org).

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## Sr. Theresa Schmidlkofer, R.S.M.

Sister Theresa Schmidlkofer, R.S.M., died May 18 in Oklahoma City.

She was born Theresa Mae Schmidlkofer to Frank Schmidlkofer and Nellie (Tescier) Schmidlkofer in Shawnee on Dec. 1, 1931. Her siblings included her six brothers and three sisters. She attended elementary and high school at Saint Benedict in Shawnee.

She continued her education and received a bachelor's degree at Webster University in Saint Louis, Mo., a master's degree from Notre Dame University in Indiana, and a CPE certificate from Saint Louis University.

Sister Theresa entered the Sisters of Mercy at Webster Groves, Mo., on Sept. 8, 1949, and made her final profession of religious vows on Aug. 16, 1956. In 1959, she began her teaching career at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City. She also taught at Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School and Saint Charles

Borromeo Catholic School, both in Oklahoma City, as well as schools in Texas and Missouri.

She served as director of young adult ministry for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, and in positions at Bethany Village Nursing Home and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oklahoma City.

In 2016, she retired to Mercy Health Center Convent where she continued daily prayer and enjoyed taking care of the convent flowers, reading and feeding the birds.

Mass of Christian burial was May 23 at Mercy Health Center convent with burial at Resurrection Memorial Cemetery. Celebrants were Father Gabriel Emuria and Father John Sseruwu with Deacon John Teague.



Sr. Theresa Schmidlkofer, R.S.M.

## Jobs

To see more job openings, go online to [archokc.org/jobs-box](http://archokc.org/jobs-box).

#### Associate director of development - shrine

The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking an associate director of development to assist with all aspects of fundraising and donor relations, including fundraising programs and services for the shrine, major gift cultivation and solicitation, direct mail, annual appeals, donor events, database management, planned giving, endowment funding and grant writing. Will serve as adviser to the senior managing consultant. Collaborate with pastors, parish leaders, chancery staff and potential donors to identify and cultivate gift prospects for capital campaigns, special projects and programs of the shrine. Bachelor's degree in business, marketing, communications, public relations or general experience in a comparable position a must; minimum three years of development experience; must be practicing Catholic in good standing. Send resume and cover letter to [humanresources@archokc.org](mailto:humanresources@archokc.org).

#### Director of communications - Shrine

The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking a full-time director of communications to oversee all aspects of communication, media relations and promotion of the shrine. The director must have a desire to promote the Church's work of evangelization and to promote knowledge of and devotion to Bl. Stanley. Three to five years of experience in public relations, journalism or marketing; bachelor's degree in related field; practicing Catholic in good standing; bilingual desired but not required. Background check and safe environment training required. Learn more at [rothershrine.org](http://rothershrine.org). Send resume and cover letter to [humanresources@archokc.org](mailto:humanresources@archokc.org).

#### Receptionist - OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a people-oriented receptionist to greet callers and guests at the Catholic Pastoral Center, and to assist the Secretariat for Stewardship and Development with clerical activities. The receptionist will direct callers to the appropriate staff member or department, provide callers with information such as directions to the building and issue visitor badges. The position also will assist with gift processing, donor acknowledgment and data organization. Must have excellent computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Excel and databases such as Access and Raiser's Edge, excellent oral and written 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 practicing Catholic in good standing. A background check and safe environment training will be required. Please submit resume and cover letter to [humanresources@archokc.org](mailto:humanresources@archokc.org).

#### Attorney - OKC

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an attorney to assess individuals' eligibility for immigration relief and represent individuals before USCIS and the immigration court. Must be member in good standing of the bar of any state. (Oklahoma State Bar preferred); Fluent in the reading, writing and speaking of Spanish; One to two years of immigration law experience preferred, but willing to train the right candidate. Send cover letter and resume to Kenia Castillo at [kcastillo@ccaokc.org](mailto:kcastillo@ccaokc.org).

#### Administrative assistant - OKC

Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School is seeking an administrative assistant to be responsible for managing the front office, supporting parents, tracking attendance, processing family payments and academic purchases, and managing the front office reception team. Must have associate degree and be fluent in reading and writing in Spanish. Apply at [cristoreyokc.org/careers](http://cristoreyokc.org/careers). Contact Principal Kelsey Herman at [kelsey.herman@cristoreyokc.org](mailto:kelsey.herman@cristoreyokc.org).

#### Respite shelter case manager - OKC

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a respite Shelter Case Manager to provide case management services to clients at Cardinal Community House and work closely with the staff to ensure care coordination and the needs of the client are met. Undergraduate degree in social work or behavioral science preferred; At least one year of case management experience with vulnerable populations, particularly those with health, mental health and substance abuse issues; Demonstrate proficiency with Microsoft Office; Fluency in Spanish and English preferred; Able or willing to obtain CPR/first aid training. Send cover letter and resume to Racheal Singley at [rsingley@ccaokc.org](mailto:rsingley@ccaokc.org).

#### Secretary, receptionist - Shawnee

St. Benedict Catholic Church in Shawnee is seeking a parish receptionist to work 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. four days a week. Advanced knowledge of computer software, including Microsoft Word, Excel and Access required. Organizational skills required, bilingual proficiency a plus. Send resumes to [st.benedict.office@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.benedict.office@sbcglobal.net).

#### Director of Admissions - OKC

Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High

School is seeking a director of admissions to recruit students to apply to the school, direct the admissions process from point of inquiry to enrollment, supervise staff and volunteers for admission events and manage the Office of Admissions. Bachelor's degree in education or related field required; master's degree preferred. At least three years of admissions administration experience; knowledge of Microsoft Office and Applicant Tracking Systems preferred. Bilingual (English /Spanish) required. Apply at [cristoreyokc.org/careers](http://cristoreyokc.org/careers).

#### Principal - OKC

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](mailto:lschuler@archokc.org). All inquiries, nominations and applications will be confidential.

#### Principal - Edmond

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is seeking a principal to lead the robust school serving more than 400 students. Principal 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](mailto:lschuler@archokc.org). All applications will be treated with confidentiality.

#### Administrative assistant - OKC

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an administrative assistant to help newly arrived families become self-sufficient, perform clerical and secretarial tasks, maintain various databases, facilitate inter-department communication and manage mailing. High school diploma or equivalent, office management, communication and computer skills, two years experience working in an office environment preferred. Bilingual in Spanish, Burmese, Congolese or Arabic preferred. Send resume and cover letter to Alonda

McGraw at [amcgraw@ccaokc.org](mailto:amcgraw@ccaokc.org).

#### Adoption services, student intern coordinator

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an adoption services and student intern coordinator to implement all adoption services. As a part of the St. Joseph's Counseling Center team, this position is responsible for assisting with parish and community counseling and support services as assigned, in the context of Roman Catholic tradition and teachings. Responsible for the recruitment and oversight of student intern placements within the agency. Must have a master's degree in clinical social work or counseling from an accredited college or university; Training in individual, family and/or group counseling methods; At least two years of experience in providing psycho-educational presentations; Oklahoma certification to conduct home-study assessments for adoption; License in the appropriate specialty in Oklahoma a minimum of two years; Knowledge of Catholic tradition and teaching. Bilingual in Spanish preferred. Send cover letter and resume to Monica Palmer at [mpalmer@ccaokc.org](mailto:mpalmer@ccaokc.org).

#### Certified medication aide - OKC

St. Ann Retirement Center in Oklahoma City is seeking a certified CMA or CNA/MAT for the day shift, 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., and the night shift. Must have experience administering medications and assisting residents with ADL's, and have a customer service and team-work oriented attitude and performance. Paid insurance, generous PTO and matching retirement plan, Contact LaTrona at (405) 721-0747, Ext. 306 or [LaTrona@saintannretirementcenter.com](mailto:LaTrona@saintannretirementcenter.com).

#### Music, drama teacher - OKC

St. James Catholic School is seeking a music and drama teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Must have a bachelor's degree and Oklahoma certification in the desired teaching area. E-mail a resume with references to Principal Alicia Vazquez at [avazquez@stjames-catholic.org](mailto:avazquez@stjames-catholic.org).

#### Music teacher - OKC

Bishop John Carroll Catholic School in Oklahoma City is seeking a music and performing arts teacher. Must be able to work independently, lead students, be nurturing and committed to growing in faith and profession. This teacher will oversee music and theater performances, and teach music to PreK-5th and three middle school elective classes a week. Must be able to work with parish music director, but will not be responsible for the liturgical choir. Send resume and brief statement expressing interest to Principal Tim McFadden at [principal@bjccs.org](mailto:principal@bjccs.org).

## The Catholic Difference

# A new patron saint for Catholic journalism

ROME - As of May 15, Catholic journalists around the world will be able to count one of their number among the saints, as Titus Brandsma, a Dutch Carmelite killed at the Dachau concentration camp in 1942, is canonized in Saint Peter's Square.

At a moment when Catholic opinion journalism is in danger of falling victim to the ever-present dangers of trivialization, tribalism and hysteria-mongering in this age of internet and social media demagoguery, Saint Titus Brandsma's example of courage and fidelity under great pressure is well worth pondering.

Anno Sjoerd Brandsma was born in the Dutch province of Friesland in 1881 to devoutly Catholic parents in what was then a dominantly Protestant area. At 17, young Anno entered the Carmelite novitiate at Boxmeer on the River Meuse, taking the religious name "Titus" in honor of his father, named for one of the companions of Saint Paul: the early Church's premier journalist, so to speak.

Ordained a priest on June 7, 1905, Father Titus earned a doctoral degree at Rome's Gregorian University in 1909 and then returned to the Netherlands, where he displayed remarkable energy in a variety of fields.

For a decade and a half, he worked as a Catholic writer, teacher and controversialist: he

launched and led a project to translate into Dutch the works of the great Carmelite mystic and reformer, Saint Teresa of Ávila; he created a high school in 1919 and led it for two years; he defended an avant-garde painter's expressionist depiction of the Stations of the Cross, on which he wrote meditations; and in 1923 he became one of the founders of the Catholic University of Nijmegen.

There, he served on the faculty, specializing in philosophy and the theology of mysticism, led the university for a year as Rector Magnificus and, in an era when the professoriate was often typically characterized by its hauteur and distance from mere students, he distinguished himself by his openness and receptivity.

In the midst of these various educational endeavors, Father Titus Brandsma tilled the fields of Catholic journalism, becoming chaplain to the National Union of (Dutch) Catholic Journalists in 1935.

Interestingly enough, for a man depicted by a recent biographer as politically naïve and theoretically sympathetic to authoritarian forms of government, Father Brandsma was an unremitting foe of Nazi ideology, urging Catholic editors to avoid publishing propaganda pieces for National Socialism and taking a firm stand against the anti-Semitism deeply embedded in the Nazi project. His commitment

to the truths of Catholic faith and to the independence of the press eventually led him to his own Via Crucis.

After the German conquest of Holland in 1940, Brandsma urged the Dutch bishops to speak out against Nazi human rights violations, including the persecution of Dutch Jews. This made him a target of the occupation regime, and he was arrested after personally distributing a clandestine Dutch bishops' letter to Dutch Catholic editors; the letter courageously instructed the journalists to disregard a new regulation requiring Catholic newspapers and magazines to print official Nazi documents and articles. Arrested by the Gestapo on Jan. 19, 1942, Titus Brandsma was imprisoned in three different Dutch locations before being transferred to the concentration camp at Dachau, just outside Munich.

Conditions at Dachau were beyond wretched, and the 61-year-old Carmelite's health deteriorated rapidly. Consigned to the camp "hospital," in July 1942, he was subjected to "medical experiments" before being killed by a lethal injection on July 26. Knowing that he was to be executed, he prayed that God would eventually touch the conscience of the nurse (a member of the SS) who was acting as infirmarian-executioner - and gave her his distinctive Carmelite



**George Weigel**  
Ethics and Public  
Policy Center

rosary, although she protested that she was a "lost Catholic."

According to a pamphlet I picked up in the Carmelite church of S. Maria in Trasportina near the Vatican, that same nurse went to a Carmelite priory some years later to seek forgiveness and gave testimony at the beatification inquiry conducted in Rome in November 1985.

Public life today is too often a matter of the survival of the shrillest, and it is painful to note how that degradation of debate and commentary has seeped into the "new media" of Catholic websites, YouTube channels, Facebook posts and Twitter feeds. The life and example of this Dutch Carmelite, a complex personality who sometimes displayed a short fuse but who wrote - and urged others to write - as if Catholic journalism could be a powerful form of Christian witness and evangelization, is welcome indeed.

Saint Titus Brandsma, O. Carm., pray for us.

## Book Review: "How to Handle My Emotions - Fear"

By **John H. Dolezal**  
*The Sooner Catholic*

#### England, Scotland pilgrimage

Join Archbishop Coakley Oct. 6-15 on a pilgrimage to England and Scotland. Cost: \$5,559 pp dbl occupancy. 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. Contact Select International Tours at (800) 842-4842, [jane@select-intl.com](mailto:jane@select-intl.com). Visit [selectinternationaltours.com](http://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. Contact Fr. Carl Janocha at (405) 247-5255, [frcarlj@gmail.com](mailto:frcarlj@gmail.com).

Most, if not all, children experience fear. "While fear can help us protect ourselves from harm, left unmanaged, it can lead to impairment of our willingness and ability to interact with others and avoidance of certain experiences that can enhance our development." (verywellmind.com)

"How to Handle My Emotions - Fear" is a book designed for young children to learn how to successfully manage their fears. This 55-page book is authored by Segolene de Nouel, Galle Tertrais, and Violene Mouliere, and is one of a four-book series published by Ignatius Press.

Each author brings unique and special experiences for this book and its content. Segolene de Nouel has a background in education, including her experience of opening a school for children in France. Galle Tertrais is a mother of five boys and has been an author for many years. And Violaine Mouliere is the mother of four and has a strong interest in the

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

The book includes three short stories about young Elliot and Charlotte as they discover Christian virtues for overcoming fear. The stories are quite practical, engaging and written in language children can easily understand. The title for each story indicates the general nature for a particular fear the two characters experience. For example, the first story is titled, "The New Teacher" and it is about the fear Charlotte experiences as she learns she will have a new teacher to work with in school.

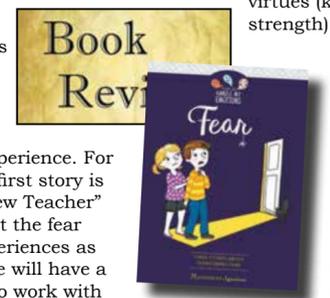
The authors have included color-coded sidebar comments within each story so that the reader can gain understanding for how Elliot and Charlotte are reacting to fear and the choices they make to overcome it. The color-coding model is provided in the "Pathway Through Emotions"

section at the back of the book. This model describes the three main steps for working through emotions. The steps are: "I own my emotion," "I stop to think," and "I act."

There also is a section that defines and explains the key Christian virtues (kindness, honesty and strength) that can be applied to overcome fear. Lastly, there is a "Parents Corner" section with tips for helping the child reader understand what fear is about, how to express their fear and how to work through it.

While I enjoyed reading this book and believe it has great potential for helping young children learn how to overcome fear, I wish the authors had presented a more "detailed" introduction section at the front of the book to help guide the parent/guardian as he/she tries to encourage and support the learning effort of the reader.

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



Lánzate a lo más Profundo  
Luke 5:4

# La comunicación: una herramienta vital de evangelización

Pienso que podemos admitir que los últimos años han estado llenos de cambios rápidos en nuestro mundo, en nuestro país, en nuestra Iglesia y nuestra arquidiócesis.

En la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, hemos sido testigos de la histórica beatificación del Beato Stanley Rother, iniciamos nuestra primera campaña capital arquidiocesana que ha financiado proyectos parroquiales, ministerios arquidiocesanos y, muy pronto, la dedicación del Santuario al Beato Stanley Rother; hemos iniciado un plan de 10 años llamado Visión 2030 y hemos tenido que navegar una pandemia global.

Uno de los medios para mantenernos informados de lo que pasa en nuestro mundo católico ha sido el periódico Sooner Catholic, nuestro premiado periódico arquidiocesano. El Sooner Catholic fue fundado en 1974 por el arzobispo Quinn para servir a la nueva Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, cuando el estado se dividió en dos diócesis. El arzobispo reconoció la importancia de un periódico arquidiocesano para compartir las noticias e información, y para fortalecer nuestro sentido

de comunión entre unos y otros a lo largo y ancho de nuestra vasta arquidiócesis.

El Sooner Catholic continúa reportando las noticias de lo que sucede en nuestras parroquias y escuelas, en Oklahoma, y en todo el mundo. Nos ofrece información sobre personas, lugares y eventos que nos interesan y afectan. Ofrece espacio de opiniones editoriales, comentarios culturales y enseñanza sólida. Más que simplemente reportar las noticias, el Sooner Catholic es un instrumento importante para llevar a cabo la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia.

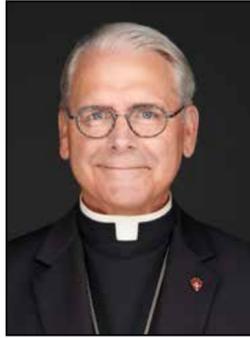
De la misma manera que nuestros periódicos seculares han tenido que adaptarse para sobrevivir, el Sooner Catholic continúa adaptándose a los gustos, necesidades y tendencias las tecnologías de la comunicación en nuestra iglesia local. En nuestros días, el Sooner Catholic incluye páginas regulares en español, así como un boletín electrónico gratuito que se distribuye semanalmente. La oficina de comunicaciones es responsable también de nuestra página web, varias plataformas de redes sociales, produce podcasts, documenta la vida de

nuestras parroquias y escuelas a través de fotos y es responsable de muchos proyectos de video.

Todos estos esfuerzos de comunicación son posibles gracias a la colecta anual para las comunicaciones del Sooner Catholic. La colecta financia también las estaciones de radio católicas locales, mantiene nuestra página web y nos permite apoyar a las parroquias en sus necesidades de comunicación en momentos como durante la pandemia.

Es fácil no valorar las muchas cosas que hacen posible el ritmo y la fábrica de nuestras vidas. Quizá el Sooner Catholic es una de ellas.

Por favor, apoyen la colecta anual de comunicaciones del Sooner Catholic y ayúdenos a seguir ofreciendo noticias actuales, información relevante y formación crucial a través de las muchas plataformas para el beneficio de las personas de esta Arquidiócesis. ¡Gracias por su apoyo generoso!



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley



El pasado fin de semana, del 20 al 22 de mayo, veinte parejas a nivel nacional y de Canadá asistieron al evento anual en español: Profundo en el Centro Pastoral Católico. Profundo es un fin de semana intenso de formación para parejas que quieren ser líderes de equipos. Estas parejas han vivido un fin de semana de Encuentro Matrimonial y han participado en reuniones semanales. Fotos proporcionadas.



*Las actualizaciones del Santuario*

Jason Spoolstra se unió recientemente al personal del Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother como director de peregrinación. Spoolstra ha servido en la Iglesia Católica por más de 15 años tanto en posiciones parroquiales como diocesanas. Recientemente trabajó durante siete años como director de ministerio de jóvenes, adultos jóvenes y campus para la Diócesis de Fort Worth.

A Spoolstra le apasiona llevar a las personas a Jesucristo. Ha participado y dirigido peregrinaciones en los Estados Unidos y por el mundo, incluyendo Washington D.C., Nueva York, Florida, Nuevo México, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, Roma y Cracovia y Polonia.

Recientemente se mudó a Yukón con su esposa, Becky, y sus cuatro hijos: Clare, Catherine, Elizabeth y el bebé Gregory Joseph. ¡Denle la bienvenida al santuario!

Go Make Disciples  
**BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER SHRINE**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

**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 ataúd 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.

*Save the Date*  
for the dedication of the  
**BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER SHRINE**  
November 4, 2022  
4 de noviembre de 2022  
archokc.org/shrinededication

# La carta de protección alcanza la marca de 20 años

Preguntas frecuentes sobre Ambiente Seguro

Los protocolos del Ambiente Seguro se implementaron en 2002, después de la creación del Estatuto para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes de la USCCB, que cumplió 20 años este mes.

De acuerdo con el estatuto, la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City creó políticas y protocolos para todas las iglesias y escuelas que abordaron las precauciones para prevenir el abuso infantil, la capacitación para reconocer el abuso de niños y adultos vulnerables y cómo denunciar abusos sospechados o conocidos. A lo largo de los años, el programa ha crecido para incluir temas importantes como el tráfico de personas, la pornografía y la tecnología.

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"Cada uno de ustedes es hijo de Dios."  
Papa Francisco

www.usccb.org

hablar con un consejero autorizado.

Aquí hay algunas preguntas frecuentes relacionadas con el programa de Ambiente Seguro en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City preparadas por Page Hauser, Coordinadora de Ambiente Seguro.

**P:** ¿Cómo me inscribo para ser voluntario en mi parroquia?

**R:** Comuníquese con el facilitador de ambiente seguro de su parroquia. Se le proporcionarán instrucciones para poder llegar a ser voluntario y acceder el portal de capacitación Safe and Sacred.

**P:** ¿Cuáles son los requisitos para ser voluntario?

**R:** Los requisitos incluyen la creación de una cuenta de usuario en el sistema Safe and Sacred, enviar una verificación de antecedentes penales, enviar tres referencias para que las verifiquen y completar un curso de capacitación sobre ambiente seguro.

**P:** ¿Cuánto tiempo lleva completar el curso de capacitación?

**R:** Cada usuario del sistema es diferente, pero estimamos que se necesita una hora para completar la verificación de antecedentes y el curso de capacitación inicial.

**P:** ¿Con qué frecuencia se requiere capacitación?

**R:** Se requiere capacitación anual para ambiente seguro.

**P:** ¿Cuándo vence mi formación?

**R:** A partir del 31 de julio de 2022, todos los usuarios del sistema vencerán el 31 de julio. El nuevo curso de capacitación estará disponible

el 1 de agosto. Todos los usuarios existentes deben completar el nuevo curso de capacitación antes del 31 de agosto.

**P:** ¿Qué pasa si no termino mi entrenamiento en agosto?

**R:** Todos los usuarios deben completar el nuevo curso de capacitación antes del 31 de agosto para continuar como voluntarios activos. Si no se completa la capacitación, los usuarios serán suspendidos en el sistema de Ambiente Seguro y no serán elegibles para ser voluntarios. Los usuarios suspendidos pueden comunicarse con su facilitador local de ambiente seguro si desean volver a ser voluntarios activos. Se les pedirá que completen todos los protocolos de ambiente seguro antes de ser elegibles para ser voluntarios.

**P:** ¿Qué sucede si olvidé mi nombre de usuario o contraseña en el sitio web Safe and Sacred?

**R:** La página de inicio de Safe and Sacred tiene un enlace para hacer clic si ha olvidado su nombre de usuario o contraseña.

**P:** ¿Dónde puedo encontrar la lista de sacerdotes en la arquidiócesis con denuncias comprobadas de abuso de un menor?

**R:** La lista se puede encontrar junto con el informe completo en archokc.org/clergyabuse.

**P:** ¿Dónde puedo encontrar más información?

**R:** Encuentre más información sobre el Protocolo de Ambiente Seguro en la arquidiócesis en archokc.org/safe-environment. Acceda al sitio web de ambiente seguro de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE. UU. en usccb.org/topics/catholic-safeguards.

**TALLER BIBLICO DE VERANO**  
Lectio Eucarística: "Descubriendo la misa en la Biblia" con Luis Soto

**Fecha:** 22 y 23 de julio 2022

**Horario:** Viernes: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Sábado: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Costo:** \$10 incluye desayuno y comida

**Lugar:** Centro Pastoral Católico  
7501 Northwest Expressway  
Oklahoma City

REGISTRARSE UNA SEMANA ANTES DEL EVENTO, MÁS TARDAR EL 15 DE JULIO  
archokc.org/talleres-biblicos  
Para más información favor de llamar a: Connie Diaz (405) 728-3561 o Edgar García (405) 709-2806



Los feligreses de la Iglesia Católica del Sagrado Corazón en Oklahoma City tuvieron una jornada de oración el 26 de mayo para clamar por vocaciones al sacerdocio, el diaconado, la vida religiosa y matrimonio. La orientación por las vocaciones comienza a temprana edad con el grupo "Semillero de Vocaciones Beato Stanley Rother". Los participantes también agradecieron al P. Santos Anguiano, CORC, y el P. Rubén Tena-Guzmán, CORC, por el tiempo que han servido a la comunidad del Sagrado Corazón. Fotos proporcionadas.



# Briefs

Please contact organizers before attending. Find more briefs at [archokc.org/briefs](http://archokc.org/briefs).

### Summer camp

Register now for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Camp or family camp. All sessions are open for elementary, middle and high school students and families. Visit [campolog.org](http://campolog.org).

### 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](http://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](http://archokc.org/revival).

### Rother store

Find items such as rosaries, prayer cards, books and Guatemalan crafts at the Rother Store online at [rotherstore.com](http://rotherstore.com).

### 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 and experiences of native students in Oklahoma Catholic boarding schools from 1880 to 1965. Visit [oknativeschoolsproject.org](http://oknativeschoolsproject.org) to contribute documents, photographs or an oral history to the project, e-mail [info@oknativeschoolsproject.org](mailto:info@oknativeschoolsproject.org).

### Garage sale

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 3901 S. Sunnyslane Rd., in Del City will have 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 women 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](mailto:retreats@monksok.org) or call (405) 878-5656. Cost \$30 pre-paid or \$35 at the door. Lunch included.

### Patriotic rosary

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual patriotic rosary will be held at 7 p.m. June 30 in the sanctuary at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 900 S. Littler Ave., in Edmond.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is having two weekends to strengthen and build up marriages. One is July 15-17 at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Moore, which will be a non-residential weekend. The second one is Oct. 28-30 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. Contact Bryan and Karen Berland at (405) 850-4274 or [bkberland@gmail.com](mailto:bkberland@gmail.com). Apply at [meoklahoma.org](http://meoklahoma.org) by July 1 and receive a \$25 discount using the code "Earlybird."

### St. Anthony Catholic School reunion

The St. Anthony Catholic School Alumni Association all-school reunion, for anyone who attended St. Anthony School from 1917 to 1970, is 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](mailto:certplus@hotmail.com), (918) 756-1792.

### Reds, Whites & Brews

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City presents Reds, Whites & Brews 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. July 22 at Dunlap Codding, 609 W. Sheridan Ave., Oklahoma City. Tickets and sponsorships available at [redswitesandbrews.org](http://redswitesandbrews.org).

### 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. Pre-register at [retreats@monksok.org](mailto:retreats@monksok.org); or (405) 878-5656. Cost \$30 pre-paid or \$35 at the door. Lunch included.



## Are you listening?

By Sally Crowe Nash

When my daughter was in the third grade, she was a finalist in the archdiocesan spelling bee. It was a big deal. She had out-spelled her classmates. Now, she was competing with other third graders from across the entire diocese.

The competition was being held at the Catholic Pastoral Center. I had never been there. I knew all the diocesan efforts and ventures carried out in my parish had their beginnings there. Even though I was only there for a spelling bee, a spirit of identity and pride in this Catholic place ran through me.

There are myriad ways that the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City interacts with each other, conveying and relating to each other as we work to accomplish our mission to go make disciples.

A grade-school spelling bee is just one of these activities. How our archdiocese supports our endeavors and our comings and goings continually expands. Once upon a time, Catholic communications in the archdiocese consisted of the parish bulletin, the pulpit and the Sooner Catholic. That has changed. As an example, the Sooner Catholic reaches more than 50,000 readers in both the printed and the electronic version.

The archdiocese maintains many other social media platforms to connect us to each

other in Jesus Christ. One of the most heartwarming for me was Archbishop Coakley, livestreamed, as he led us in the Rosary when our churches were shut down during the pandemic.

We also were invited to join him from our home computers as he celebrated Mass. From Facebook to Instagram to Twitter, we learn about and participate in our faith in our archdiocese as it is happening.

All of this is backed up by the archdiocesan website. The archdiocese also cultivates and nurtures our faith with Catholic radio. Right now, there are 12 stations throughout Oklahoma known as Oklahoma Catholic Radio. The menu broadens when you add in podcasts, archived programs, photographs and books.

These various media are supported under the Sooner Catholic Communications Appeal in one way or another. The funding for this depends upon the communications appeal.

The requests to give your resources for the good of mankind are as many as there are means to communicate. Thank God that we have so many ways to join with each other and share our love for Jesus. You honor him with a contribution to this appeal. He knows your finances. He gave them to you. He will bless your gift. Giving expresses our appreciation for each other in the archdiocese and deepens our relationship with Jesus. It's our Catholic connection!

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# Calendar

This calendar only covers the two weeks between issue dates and may not reflect all of the calendar items. To see a full calendar, go to [soonercatholic.org](http://soonercatholic.org).

## June

5 Pentecost Sunday.

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

5 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](mailto:potato.lang@gmail.com).

6 Tenth Week in Ordinary Time.

6 Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

8 Catholic War Veterans USA the Oklahoma Memorial Post No. 168 meeting, 7 p.m., Sunnyslane Family Reception Center, 3900 S.E. 29, Del City. Contact (405) 760-3886, [OklaPost168@cox.net](mailto:OklaPost168@cox.net). Masks and social distancing required.

9 Feast of St. Ephrem.

9 Garage sale, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 3901 S. Sunnyslane Rd., Del City.

10 Garage sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle Catholic

Church, 3901 S. Sunnyslane Rd., Del City.

11 Feast of St. Barnabas.

11 The Central Region Council of Catholic Women Spring Fling 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m., in the parish hall at St. Francis of Assisi, 1907 N.W. 18, Oklahoma City.

12 The Most Holy Trinity.

12 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](mailto:potato.lang@gmail.com).

13 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time.

13 Feast of St. Anthony of Padua.

14 Flag Day.

17 Monthly Novena to the Infant Jesus. Nine days of novenas to the Infant Jesus of Prague. During the nine days, the novena prayers will be: Monday-Friday following Noon Mass, Saturday following 5 p.m. Mass, and Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass.

18 Lay Missionaries of Charity provides an explanation through prayer and the charisma of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Meeting on the first Saturday of the month at

St. Ann for Holy Mass at 9:30, adoration and the Rosary. On the third Saturday of the month the meeting is at Holy Innocents' conference room. Contact Toni Harrelson at (405) 341-2199, (405) 694-1291.

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

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**  
 Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19**  
 DOMINGO, 19 DE JUNIO

4 P.M. Gates open at Bishop McGuinness/  
 Puertas abiertas en Bishop McGuinness

8:45 P.M. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/  
 Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

7 P.M. Eucharistic Procession begins/  
 Comienza Procesión Eucarística

8:15 P.M. Benediction at the Cathedral/  
 Bendición con el Santísimo en la Catedral

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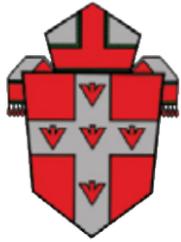
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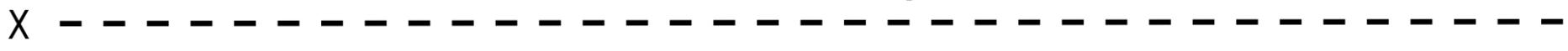
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