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The role of the deacon is biblical in nature, dating back to the New Testament when leaders were first called to serve the Church. Deacon Norm Mejstrik, director of the Permanent Diaconate Program, explained the biblical roots of the ministry of the diaconate.

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“Men of good repute, full of the Spirit and wisdom”

*By Everett Brazil, III*  
*The Sooner Catholic*

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Karen Jones was among the handful of family and friends to attend the Diaconate Ordination of Stephen Austin Jones, 29, on Sept. 28 at the Vatican. He was among 19 seminarians to be ordained transitional deacons by Archbishop Coakley, who served as the ordaining prelate. God willing, Jones will be ordained a priest in June of 2024.

The Mass was attended by friends and family of seminarians...
Archbishop Paul S. Coakley’s Calendar

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

Oct 20–23 – Eucharistic Octave of the Holy Sepulchre SouthwestLieutenant Investment, OKC

Oct 23–24 – Fall Clergy Days, Catholic Pastoral Center

Oct 24 – Mass, 9:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel at CPC

Oct 26 – Red Mass, 6 p.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC

Oct 26 – Archdiocese’s Mass for Medical Professionals, 10 a.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Oct 29 – Mass (in Spanish), 1 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine

Oct 29 – Adoration and Eucharistic Procession, 2 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine

Oct 31 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel at CPC

Nov 1 – All Saints Day, CPC Closed

Nov 1 – School Mass and classroom visit, 8:30 a.m., Sacred Heart School, Elk City

Nov 1 – All Souls Day Mass and visitation of graves of family members, 8 a.m., Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel

Nov 2 – Senior Staff Meeting, Downtown Petroleum Club, OKC

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Nov 2 – Blessing of Ultraviolet Light Support of OKC (Oklahoma City)

Nov 3 – Saints Ball, 6:30 p.m., National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

Nov 4 – Mass for Those in Holmes Correctional, 8 a.m., Christ the King, OKC

Heavenly Father, since the time of the Apostles, you have inspired us to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to promote a more inclusive Church. We pray that you would continue to assist us in our pastoral mission of Christ.

Bless the deacons and all other endowed and non-endowed ministries that they may be humble and faithful in their task in service.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Archbishop Coakley’s statement in Israel, Middle-East, world

Oct. 9, 2023

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As the number of those killed and wounded continues to climb, I ask everyone to join me in praying for peace in the land our Lord, Jesus, called home. We pray especially for the innocent individuals and families suffering immensely from these escalating attacks.

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I pray that this Synod on Synodality will be a moment of grace for the Church. I invite you to pray for Pope Francis and all the synodal participants that they may cooperate with the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus Christ who guides the Church in truth, communion and charity.

Be not afraid! God is with us!

A message from the office of American Indian Catholic Outreach

November is Native American Heritage Month. It’s a time to honor the sacrifices and contributions of American Indians to our country, their community and their faith.

It’s also a time to remember how cultural awareness can help avoid stereotypes and bring honor and dignity to the many tribes, nations and clans around the world.

During this time of year, many of the Native American “customs” such as for Halloween and Thanksgiving are not culturally accurate or appropriate.

The regulars knew, by Native American Indians should reflect the rich history, tradition and meaning of the clothing, and “costumes” should be avoided.

Resources to help families, schools and parishes appreciate American Indians in Oklahoma and the Catholic Church can be found online at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian – americanindian.si.edu/ n3k360.

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Bishop Thophile Meerschaert's indomitable spirit, his courage and grit in sometimes hostile environments was legendary. Traversing streams on horseback, braving blizzards to impart the sacraments and tending sick and wounded in faraway places were commonplace. One such foray on the Frisco Railroad nearly cost him his life in Oklahoma City. On December 24, 1907, returning to the station from a missionary jaunt, then Fr. and Harvey, he began to walk toward [then] Saint Joseph's Cathedral in the darkness to celebrate Christmas Mass. He was masterfully assisted by Father Tessier, and as they proceeded Bishop Meerschaert fell into an unmarked three-foot hole excavated by the Metropolitan Railway Company (street car) repairing tracks at the Rock Island junction. As Dr. Riley recalled, “During my visits to him at this time, he impressed me with his sense of appreciate, and his great, cordial reception that he always gave you, when you came and left. That made a lasting impression on me. He recovered very nicely from this accident; and from this unfortunate affair I grew to love this great and good man.”

With many tales told, Bishop Meerschaert escaped an early death and continued his tireless work to spread the Gospel until his passing in 1924.

From the Archives …

A photo series from George Ripatzi, archdiocesan archivist

Bishop Meerschaert circa 1905.

“A make Straight the Way” broadcasts on Oklahoma Catholic Radio Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

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Permanent Diaconate Formation Program

The multi-phase formation process spans five years, and is designed for formation in the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral dimensions.

• Ascendency
  The two-year aspirancy period is a time for discernment. The aspirant and his wife (if married) participate in ten weekend sessions and a spiritual retreat each year.

• Candidacy
  The candidacy period is three years of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation. There are ten formation weekends and a spiritual retreat each year. Wives of married deacon candidates and candidates participate in all aspects of the formation process.

• Ordination
  At the end of formation, those selected for ordination by the archbishop are assigned to ministry at a parish or other location.

Applicant requirements

- English applicants are required to meet criteria including the following:
  - Practicing Catholic in good standing for five or more years, active in their parish
  - Demonstrated moral character
  - Age 35-65 at time of ordination
  - May be married or single
  - If married, has been in a stable, sacramental marriage for at least five years

Application process

- The applicant will request an application from his pastor.

“Men of good repute, full of the Spirit and wisdom”
Newkirk parish celebrates patron’s feast day

By Everett Braul, III
The Sooner Catholic

Saturday with a special blessing of parishioners’ pets and animals.

Father Carson Krittenbrink celebrated the Mass that morning, tying in a short biography of the saint in his homily. Deacon Bill Horinek also reflected on the life of Saint Francis.

Saint Francis was important because he was a good role model for all of us. He was a sinner person, meaning that he loved God, loved all of creation, and he was also very close to God," Deacon Horinek said. "Before he became a very pious person, in his youth, he was a very raucous rebel; he was a wild person, but he had a conversion, and it was a very abrupt conversion, and he went from being wild to very pious toward God."

Church attendees congregated in the gym following Mass as outreach committee members organized the potluck items on that row of tables, starting with fried chicken and working their way through a table of desserts. Outside the gym, the kids soaked in an early fall sun in the playground, on the swings, in bounce houses – having fun with one another.

It was the first festival for the feast day in recent years and the first feast day with the children activities outside the gym. In addition to the playground and bounce houses, there was also a "money in the haystack" game where kids dived into a haystack, looking for quarters, and pumpkin decorations in time for the fall season. It was the biggest feast day celebration in terms of kids’ activities. Other activities included door prizes of muffins, won through a trivia contest of Saint Francis of Assisi. "This was the first year we had the extra activities," Wathor said. "The week culminated with the annual Blessing of the Pets that Saturday.

"He was known to love nature and love animals, and that is how he became the patron saint of animals, because he was in tune with nature and loved animals," Deacon Horinek said. "He is known as the patron saint of animals, and we have the Blessing of the Pets on Saint Francis’ feast day."

Wathor said, "Saint Francis took everything that he passed before us."
The Glass Family Field

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School recently honored the Glass family for their leadership in the transformation of the new Rocket football turf field and stadium. In honor and recognition of Woody, Kacey, Jaquetta, Chloe ’15, Cooper ’20, Grace ’20, and Grady Glass ’20, the Rocket football field was officially renamed The Glass Family Field on Oct. 12.

The Together in Holiness marriage conference is an annual event that celebrates the Sacrament of Matrimony and encourages couples to grow in their faith and relationship. This year’s conference was held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Norman on Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and included a Mass, workshops, and discussions on topics such as the practice of the “little way” and the importance of evangelization.

The Little Way of evangelizing the world

By Jad Ziolkowska

In Sept. 30, Father Peter Shults, O.S.B., led the first retreat in the fall series of the Days of Reflection at Saint Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee. The theme addressed the teachings of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, a French Carmelite nun (1873-1897) also known as “Little Flower,” and her “little way” of living a joyful life of humility and charity through simple everyday actions done with great love.

The Day of Reflection coincided with the 126th anniversary of her death.

Father Peter discussed three main topics: evangelization through the Little Way of Saint Thérèse, the meaning of love for the hurting world and the Eucharist as a prerequisite making the “little way” an effective method in Christian evangelization.

He opened the day stating that although all Catholics are called to evangelization in their personal and professional environments, the virtue of their baptism and belief in Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15, Matt 9:37-39).

He further explained the “little way” of Saint Thérèse as the most effective and accessible way of evangelizing the world.

“The ‘little way’ is a simple approach to the spiritual life that seeks to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. It consists not in seeking grand sacrifices to God, but in little acts of holiness,” he said.

Depriving the uniqueness of the “little way” in the secular world, he elaborated that people can’t tune out the “little way” because it is action, not just empty words and by this they recognize that it is real.

He continued to unfold the distinct aspects of the “little way,” and said, “The best way to reach people with the message of Christ’s love and humanity is to become little ourselves because in the noisy and prideful world of this world, Christ is not seen and can’t be unnoticed by others.”

Father Peter pointed to the story that teaches patience and perfect love, and naturally leads to evangelization.

“The ‘little way’ is all about love... and love is the key ingredient to the ‘little way’ in everyday life,” Father Shults said. “Vacancy and charity through their personal experiences of practicing the ‘little way’.”

Jad Ziolkowska, a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic, wrote about the effectiveness and ripple effects of Saint Thérèse’s approach in the works of evangelization. He said, “… it is like a pebble thrown into the pond; the rings on the surface disperse and go on and on, and that’s why the ‘little way’ is so effective, it is more effective than standing on the street and preaching with words.”

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Concluding the Day of Reflection, Father Peter encouraged the participants to “Search for opportunities and demands of love. The smaller the opportunity for evangelization becomes a fire that ignites the world in Jesus Christ’s love.”

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The Summit experience

By Jad Ziolkowska
The Sooner Catholic

Joyful and excited groups and individual Catholics of all ages, but especially youth and young adults, filled The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the evening of Sept. 21.

Since the beginning of the Eucharistic Revival initiative in 2022, the archdiocese has extended an invitation to all Catholics to participate in Summit adoration nights from 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month.

Father Alexander Kroll, who led the September adoration, welcomed the attendees with a prayer.

“The Lord has desired to spend this evening extra with you. Offer your heart generously to the Lord … The Lord taught us, ‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest’ (Mt. 11:28). Find his true peace in his presence today, find rest in him,” Kroll said.

The voices of the participants singing the entrance song echoed loudly in the cathedral, “Let it rain, let it rain. Open the flood gates of heaven; Let it rain, let it rain, we want to be filled with your presence.”

A prayerful spirit of meditation filled the church lit by candle lights, with songs accompanying the prayers and fostering contemplation and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The presence of the Holy Spirit embraced the believers gathered in the cathedral, making this holy space seem to resemble the Pentecost, with the faithful approaching the confessional for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, enkindled singing to the Lord, silent prayers in the depth of hearts recharging people’s spiritual strength and tears of joy, happiness, thanksgiving and love for Christ silently falling from the eyes of many attendees.

Father Zak Boazman, the coordinator of the Eucharistic Revival for the archdiocese, explained that Summit is meant to provide a space for a deeper encounter and the mountaintop experience with the Holy Spirit embraced the believers gathered in the cathedral, making this holy space seem to resemble the Pentecost, with the faithful approaching the confessional for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, enkindled singing to the Lord, silent prayers in the depth of hearts recharging people’s spiritual strength and tears of joy, happiness, thanksgiving and love for Christ silently falling from the eyes of many attendees.

Father Boazman. The Sooner Catholic
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Father Boazman, who coordinates the liturgical aspects, invites five priests to each adoration night to pray together, serve in the confessions and be available to the faithful for personal advice and pastoral encounter after the event during the receptions, generously sponsored by Janis and Matt Mollman.

“Today we received very positive feedback from the faithful about the event. They find it spiritually fruitful, rejuvenating their faith, and an uplifting experience of prayer and community gathering, but also an opportunity to meet new people and friends from other ministries and parishes,” said Father Boazman.

Braden and Brice Jones, brothers from Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Moore, have been attending Summit from the very beginning when it started in June 2022. They volunteered their time to help prepare the event and act as altar servers during adoration.

“What I appreciate most is to see so many young people actively wanting to meet Jesus in the special way that Summit offers,” Braden said. Brice added excitedly, “Summit is a beautiful and profound experience. Everyone is alive. Everyone seems to have this beautiful joy.”

Braden continued, “The highlight of the evening is the eucharistic procession when the priest carries the monstrance to the people around the church, stopping at each person and blessing them individually. Knowing that Jesus is right before you, looking at you as you look at him so closely, gives me the incentive to come and encounter him again and again at this event."

Brice described his personal experience, “To me, adoration is like water for the seed (your soul) to grow and bloom into an intimate relationship the Lord calls you to have with him. It gives me peace and abundant joy. Summit offers the opportunity to encounter the Lord in a unique way but also to experience his forgiveness, to learn to love him and to love others as he loves them and as he loves you.”

Encouraging others to participate, Braden stated “Summit will nourish your soul in a way nothing else can.”

Alejandra Saldana, also from Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Moore, attended Summit with her mom and grandmother.

“I love adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in parishes, but Summit is incredible. I always feel Jesus’ presence here and the heat of his love through the Holy Spirit … Summit is so powerful and overwhelming I don’t even know how to put it in words,” she said.

Saldana also expressed her thoughts about the importance of adoration for Catholics.

She said, “Adoration will deepen your relationship with Jesus, and the closer you get connected with him, the more you will thirst for him and to receive him more frequently with the Holy Communion at Mass. In order to grow in love with Jesus you need both the Holy Eucharist and the adoration.”

More information about Summit adoration can be found at archokc.org/summit.

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Corpus Christi to hold tent revival, info fair, health expo

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 1616 S. Kelley Ave in Oklahoma City, will be hosting an old fashion style tent revival Oct. 27-29 on the church grounds. The theme will be “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus,” and the featured evangelist is Father Anthony Bozeman, director of education at Saint Joseph’s Seminary in Washington, D.C. He is known for his motivating and charismatic style and is a frequent speaker at National Black Catholic Congress conferences.

The three-day revival will include a music workshop and an info Fair & Health Expo, both open to community members of all faiths. On Oct. 27 and 28, the revival begins with praise and worship music at 6 p.m. On Oct. 29 adult Bible study starts at 9:30 a.m. in the church’s Lange Center with Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11 a.m. under the tent. Father Bozeman will be the main celebrant at all three revival events.

Leading the music workshop will be one of the prominent African American Catholic liturgists and musicians in the U.S., Reverend Michael McGivney, who travels the country as a liturgist, musician and lecturer. The workshop will start at Noon on Oct. 27, in the church sanctuary. There is no cost to participate but an RSVP to tinajennings@gmail.com is required.

Corpus Christi Catholic Church Deacon and Revival Co-Chair Dunn Cumby said, “We are excited to have both Father Bozeman and Rawn Harbor come to Oklahoma City to rejuvenate our spirits and strengthen our faith by sharing their gifts. Plus, the parish wants to reach out to community members surrounding our church by giving back to our neighbors by hosting an Info Fair & Health Expo.”

On Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Catholic Church is partnering with a variety of service providers and exhibitors to give away free items and services plus information on community resources. The event will take place near the tent on the church grounds. At noon the church will give away free boxed lunches while supplies last. In addition, parish members are donating socks, gloves, knit caps and underwear to be given to needy adults.

Community Health Centers of Oklahoma City will offer at no cost COVID vaccines, flu vaccines, behavior health screenings, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol screenings and basic dental screenings and treatments. Dental services will require advance registration with details coming soon.

More details about the events, including an updated list of expo exhibitors and what they are giving away, can be found at corpuschristiokc.org.

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** Psychic City 2023**

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7:30 p.m. Music Workshop Begins in the Sanctuary
8 p.m. Fair & Expo opens
9 p.m. Fair & Expo closes
10:30 p.m. Revival

**Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023**
6 a.m. Adult Bible Study in Lange Center
9 a.m. Fair & Expo opens
Noon Mass at San Lorenzo
5 p.m. Fair & Expo closes
9 p.m. Revival

**Public Activity Times**

- Noon Music Workshop Begins in the Sanctuary
- Adults Bible Study in the Lange Center – 9 a.m.
- Rosary in the church - 10:30 a.m.
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**More Details**

More information can be found at our website, corpuschristiokc.org. Additional details are available by giving us a call at 405-944-2568.

**Info Fair & Health Expo**

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The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a second full-time Director of Planned Giving to work in conjunction with the director of planned giving – OKC and the CFO's Meerschaert Legacy Council to the media by crafting and distributing newsletters, press releases, and brochures to assure the proper functioning of the planned giving department; to write and edit the quarterly newsletter, and to promote planned giving to parishes and archdiocesan offices.

The director will be responsible for keeping abreast of upcoming tax law changes and interpreting their impact on planned giving, and will work with the director of the diocesan Sooner Catholic newspaper to write and distribute planned giving articles. He or she will also serve as editor of the newspaper's planned giving column and will be responsible for covering planned giving news and events.

The director will be required to maintain ongoing contact with the archdiocesan media relations office and the communications director to keep them informed of any planned giving news and events.

Competencies and experience required:

- A bachelor's degree in finance, business administration, economics, or other suitable field
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- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and multiple types of data-management software
- Knowledge of planned giving
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- Strong organizational and federal/state tax law knowledge
- Ability to manage projects and deadlines
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- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work under pressure
- Ability to handle confidential information
- Ability to travel

Send cover letter and resume to humanresources@archokc.org.

Coordinator of youth ministry, OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an energetic and well-versed young adult to serve as Coordinator of Youth Ministry. The Coordinator will work closely with the Coordinator of Youth Ministry to develop and implement a comprehensive youth ministry program for the archdiocese, specifically the overall coordination of our Lake of Gaudalupe High School Campus ministry and the development and implementation of youth ministry programs for other parishes in the archdiocese.

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Parental Choice Tax Credit FAQs

What is the Parental Choice Tax Credit?
Beginning in tax year 2024, a refundable income tax credit is allowed for certain Oklahoma taxpayers who pay, or expect to pay, tuition and fees to an eligible private school on behalf of an eligible student. An eligible taxpayer is someone who is subject to the tax laws of the state of Oklahoma, and who is a biological or adoptive parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, legal guardian, custodian or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of the eligible student.

When does the enrollment window open? Soon! The enrollment window will only be open for a few weeks and the credits will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis until funding cap for the year is reached. To enroll online visit archokc.org/parental-choice.

How much is the cap for the private school tax credit?
For tax year 2024, the OTC cannot authorize more than $150 million of tax credits. For tax year 2025, the OTC cannot authorize more than $250 million of tax credits. For tax year 2026 and subsequent tax years, the OTC cannot authorize more than $250 million of tax credits.

What is the amount of tax credit a person may be eligible for?
The maximum amount of the credit is determined by the total federal Adjusted Gross Income of the student’s household during the second preceding tax year. Households with an AGI of $0-$75,000 can receive $7,500; households with an AGI of $75,001-$150,000 can receive $7,000; households with an AGI of $150,001-$225,000 can receive $6,500; households with an AGI of $225,001-$250,000 can receive $6,000 and households with an AGI of $250,001 and up can receive $5,000.

What if a person has more than one child who is eligible for the credit?
In the case of having multiple eligible students in one household, the taxpayer may receive the tax credit for each eligible student. For example, if the federal AGI of the household where the students reside is less than $75,000, the taxpayer may qualify for up to $7,500 per year per eligible student. It is important to note, however, that a separate application must be completed and submitted for each eligible student for each tax year.

If someone is the grandparent of the student, is paying the student’s private school tuition in 2024, and the student has never lived with them, are they required to provide a copy of their tax return or the tax return of the household where the student lives?
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¿Cuál es el límite para el crédito fiscal para escuelas privadas? Para el año fiscal 2024, la OTC no puede autorizar más de $150 millones de créditos fiscales. Para el año fiscal 2025, la OTC no puede autorizar más de 200 millones de dólares de créditos fiscales. Para el ejercicio fiscal 2026 y siguientes, la OTC no puede autorizar más de 200 millones de dólares de créditos fiscales.

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¿Qué ocurre si una persona tiene más de un hijo con derecho al crédito?
En caso de tener varios estudiantes que reúnan los requisitos en un mismo hogar, el contribuyente podrá recibir el crédito fiscal por cada estudiante que reúna los requisitos. Por ejemplo, si el AGI federal del hogar donde residen los estudiantes es inferior a $75,000, el contribuyente puede optar a un máximo de $7,500 anuales por cada estudiante que reúna los requisitos. No obstante, es importante tener en cuenta que debe cumplimentarse y presentarse una solicitud distinta por cada estudiante que reúna los requisitos para cada ejercicio fiscal.

Si alguien es el abuelo del estudiante, está pagando la colegiatura de la escuela privada del estudiante en 2024, y el estudiante nunca ha vivido con ellos, ¿están obligados a proporcionar una copia de su declaración de impuestos o la declaración de impuestos del hogar donde vive el estudiante?
Debe proporcionar una copia de la declaración de impuestos de Oklahoma o de la declaración federal de impuestos del segundo año fiscal anterior del hogar donde reside el estudiante.

Para obtener más información sobre el crédito fiscal por elección de los padres, o para solicitar el crédito cuando se abra el plazo de inscripción, visite archokc.org/parental-choice.