The dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine is at 11 a.m. Feb. 17 at 700 SE 89 St. in Oklahoma City.

The shrine will be the final resting place of Blessed Stanley and will also feature a museum and pilgrim center on the campus. There will be indoor seating open to the public, but it will be limited. Outdoor seating and viewing will be available, weather permitting.

FAQs and information

Q: What time does the Mass start?
A: The dedication Mass will begin at 11 a.m.

Q: Will the dedication Mass be live-streamed?
A: Yes! The Mass will be live-streamed at archokc.org/live and on the Archdiocese of OKC Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.

Q: Will there be indoor seating open to the public?
A: Yes, there will be LIMITED indoor seating open to the public.

Q: Will the Mass be viewable outdoors?
A: Yes. There will be a large, outdoor screen with speakers in front of the shrine to broadcast the dedication Mass to the public outdoors.

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The history of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma is a fascinating and unfolding story. It was an intertwined band of Benedictine missionary monks who arrived in 1875 and established the first permanent Catholic settlement in Indian Territory. This became Sacred Heart Mission, which later became Saint Gregory’s Abbey. Eventually, Bishop Bishofe McMenamin became a monastic and in 1891 an Apostolic Vicar of the Indian Territory and later, in 1905, became the first Bishop of Oklahoma. The year 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, when the Diocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa (as it had been known since 1935) were decreated to form the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa on Feb. 6, 1973. For the past 50 years, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has continued to advance the mission that has been entrusted to all of us to “go and make disciples.” An important tool that helps support this mission in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is the Annual Catholic Appeal (launching this week), which helps fund the shared mission that benefits every parish in central and western Oklahoma.

Among other benefits, the ACA funds enrichment programs for marrieds and families, education for people of all ages, ministry to youth and young adults, and mission programs as well as care and ongoing formation for our priests. This year, the theme of the Annual Catholic Appeal is “God Reveals Himself.” God reveals himself and his love for us through his Word and in the sacraments of our lives. He reveals himself in those who serve and care for others, especially the least among us. Our gift to the ACA is a way in which we can participate in the ongoing mission of making God known, loved and served by more and more people in Oklahoma and beyond.

In the week ahead, we will open another chapter in the story of the Church in Oklahoma and our archdiocese. From Feb. 12-19, we will host a variety of events as we dedicate the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine on its 53-acre campus.

The shrine will serve as a parish home for many, especially from our growing Hispanic community, but also as a place of pilgrimage for everyone, and a gathering place for large archdiocesan events.

The cornerstone of the shrine campus is, of course, the beautiful 2,000-seat Spanish colonial style church that will enshrine where Blessed Stanley will be entombed. It will be the largest Catholic Church in Oklahoma and a place for public worship, but also an intimate place for prayer.

The museum and pilgrimage center, also located on the campus, will introduce visitors and pilgrims to the life and significance of Oklahoma’s own missionary martyr, the first U.S. lens priest and martyr ever beatified by the Catholic Church.

The spacious grounds of the campus include a replica of Tepeyac Hill where Mary appeared to the independentux Juan Diego, in 1531 and launched the evangelization of the American continent.

The shrine campus is intended to glorify God and be a reminder that all of us are called to holiness by sharing in the work of evangelization inspired by the witness and aided by the prayers of Our Lady of Guadalupe, our guardian, Blessed Stanley Rother and all the saints.

The story of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma is still unfolding. Blessed Stanley Rother is an important figure in that narrative, but each of us is asked to do our part to support the mission of the Church and go and make disciples.

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

**Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar**

**Feb. 12** - Vespers and all-night vigil with body of Bl. Stanley Rother, 5 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City

**Feb. 17** - Mass for Dedication of a Church and Altar, 11 a.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine, OKC

**Feb. 19** - Mass, 12:15 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine

**Feb. 21** - All staff meeting, 12:30 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center

**Feb. 21** - Archdiocese Finance Council meeting, 2 p.m., CPC

**Feb. 22** - School Mass, 9:30 a.m., Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, OKC

**Feb. 22** - Archdiocese Staff Mass, 9 a.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC

**Feb. 23** - Annual meeting of boards, 9:30 a.m., Catholic Charities offices, OKC

**Feb. 23** - Oklahoma Catholic Men’s Conference, Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center, Norman

**Feb. 26** - Rite of Election, 3 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine

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**By Sooner Catholic Staff**

Additional coverage of Church and archdiocesan news and events (at soonercatholic.org).

To send photos, event information or story ideas, e-mail communication@archokc.org.

For the sick and their caregivers May they find consolation through Christ’s healing presence. We pray to the Lord, Jesus our prayers.

Watch the official documentary on Oklahoma’s Bl. Stanley Rother at stalyanrother.org or https://yout.ube/InoWb9oVs. Copies also are available at the Rother Store online at rotherstore.com.

Watch Heritage Gallery exhibit of Bl. Stanley Rother - Join Archbishop Joseph George Rigney as he highlights items in the Heritage Gallery related to Bl. Stanley Rother. The Heritage Gallery inside the Catholic Pastoral Center at 7551 Northwester Expressway in Oklahoma City presents “A Tale Cannot Run: A Retrospective on the Life of Bl. Stanley Rother.” Watch each episode on YouTube. Find Episode 1 at this link: https://youtube.com/1Ir3hMtq.

**Archbishop Paul S. Coakley**

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Archidioces de Oklahoma City

Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

As we celebrate 50 years of being the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, we give you thanks for the many blessings you have given us. May we continue to be a Church that is faithful, forgiving and friendly to everyone we encounter, and always ready to know you as your savior. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Ray Hafely and his wife Irene tuned into a Catholic conference, via Zoom, and found themselves engaged with the speaker: Sister Mary Michael Fox, a nun serving in Nashville.**

“She gives brilliant presentations, had us laughing and crying in the same sentence,” Ray said. “Irene looked at me and said, ‘I think you’ve just found your female speaker.’” Indeed, they did, with Sister Mary Michael set to be the first female speaker in the 27 year history of the Bishop The Father’s Postpartum Catholic Men’s Conference, scheduled for Feb. 25 at Embassy Suites in Norman.

“Sister Mary Michael will join three men in delivering messages designed for this year’s theme of ‘The Making of the Packers’,” a teacher, evangelist and Dominican Sister of Saint Carollia, Sister Mary Michael runs a retreat house for men in recovery in Nashville and has given retreats for priests, deacons and seminarians.

“I grew up with four older brothers and a nine nephews, and lots of boys in the neighborhood,” she said. “I have a lot of experience with men. I know their truth and the ugly, as I say to my brothers. Is 95 men in a room, not a problem.”

Hafely, the conference director, had been pondering, and ultimately, searching for a female speaker to add to the speaker lineup for several years. He’s said he’s eager to see the men respond to the sister’s message, a talk titled “Fifens of Thunder - Children of God: Moving from Interior Chaos to Interior Peace.”

The rest of the lineup features Jon Leonetti, a best-selling author, radio host and mission leader; Father Dave Ponich, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville as well as an author and host of “The Wild Geese;” and Robert Rogers, Catholic evangelist. Alexander Schlang, Ph.D., director of the Marriage and Family Life Ministry in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, will lead a breakout luncheon talk, “Building Your Domestic Church.” Fronek will also lead a young men’s luncheon. Registration is open at catholicmen.net. Ticket for the full-day event are $60 for adults, $30 for college students and $20 for high school students.

The cost includes breakfast and lunch, the four speakers, the breakout sessions, opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation and Mass with Archbishop Coakley.

The conference offers the opportunity for a new voice in Sister Mary Michael, who shares the experience of working with the men in recovery, who do landscaping work with her on the 100 acres she manages in Nashville. She said, “I actually prayed to Saint Joseph to send me a man and he sent me a whole team of people. I share my story on stage. I share the experience of working with these men, who are in sober living, and the face of God I’ve come to see in them, in their particular struggle and in their particular desire to give God another chance in their life,” Sister Mary Michael said.

“I’m really looking forward to it,” she said. “To me, it’s an honor. And I do think the fellows I’ve been working with, I have to give them a lot of credit, too. So I’m going to share a little bit of them, because that’s my credibility.”

For the sick and their caregivers May they find consolation through Christ’s healing presence. We pray to the Lord, Jesus our prayers.

**Questions and answers after the question-and-answer session**

**Q:** What is the outdoor viewing area? A: No, the outdoor viewing area is not covered. Be sure and check the weather to dress accordingly. In the event of inclement weather, the outdoor viewing area will be restricted. For the dedication Mass, strollers will not be allowed inside.

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**Q:** What will the Mass be bilingual? A: Portions of the Mass will be in English and some parts will be in Spanish. The majority of the Mass will be in English.

**Q:** How long will the Mass be? A: Expect the Mass to be at least 2 hours.

**Q:** Are pets allowed? A: Yes, they are allowed.

**Q:** Are food and drink allowed inside the shrine church? A: No. They are NOT permitted inside of the shrine church.

**Q:** Will the Mass outside? A: No.

**Q:** What time does the shrine open on Friday? A: The campus will be open at 8 a.m., but those without reserved seating will not be permitted to enter the shrine campus until 10:30 a.m.

**Q:** Where do I go when I get to the shrine? A: There will be a large information tent in front of the shrine and people there will provide information.

**Q:** Will the Tepeyac Hill be open to the public? A: Yes, the Tepeyac Hill area will be open to the public.

**Q:** Are backpacks/bags allowed inside of the shrine? A: No. Backpacks will not be permitted during the dedication, and all purses/diaper bags may be subject to search before entering the shrine before the dedication.

**Q:** Are strollers allowed inside of the shrine church? A: Yes, the limited seating available inside for the dedication Mass, strollers will not be allowed inside.

**Q:** Can I bring a folding chair to watch the Mass outside? A: No. All folding chairs will be permitted to view the Mass outside.

**Q:** Is smoking allowed on the shrine campus? A: No.
Official Priest Assignments 2023

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

The following assignments are effective Tuesday, March 9.

**Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor)**

**Rev. John D. Herrera**

St. Peter the Apostle Church, Guymon; St. Jerome Catholic Church, Beaver; Church of the Good Shepherd, Enid City; Sacred Heart Church, Hooker

**Parochial Vicar**

**Rev. Robert J. Miller**

St. Francis Xavier Church, Enid; St. Gregory the Great Church, Enid

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From the Archives...

A photo series from George Rigauz, archdiocesan architect

With an innate kind-ness and gentleness of spirit, Sister Martha Mary McGaw, C.S.J., was a fixture in the archdiocese as the associate editor of the “Sooner Catholic” from 1978 to 1995. She was the creator of the columns that dealt with spiritual life, “Martha’s Eyes and Ears,” a commentary on contemporary media, and of course her back page “sketches,” in which she interviewed a variety of people from the archdiocese. A popular and beloved part of the publica-
tion. Besides her writing skills, she was an accomplished photographer. During an interview and photo session with well-known photographer Ansel Adams, he was so impressed with her photo of him that he asked for a copy − a moment of immense pride for Sister Martha Mary. Father David Monahan, editor of the “Sooner Catholic,” stated upon her departure, “Sister Mar-
tha Mary McGaw has been a rare jewel in American Cath-
tical journalism. I was asked repeatedly by other editors: ‘Where did you find her?’ She wrote straightforward news stories, features and profiles and regular columns on the arts and cul-
ture, spiritual life and even occasional editorials. In addition to all that she arrived in Okla-
homa with a portfolio of 55,000 photographs and proved to be one of the Catholic press’ finest photographers.”

As evidence that Father Monahan’s effusive praise was based in sound fact, she received no less than 19 awards from the Catholic Press Association.

Where did this remarkable woman come from? That story is equally com-
elling. Entering the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Caronde-
let in 1933, she was solemnly professed in 1939. One of her first postings after her profession was in Honolu-
lu, where she served as a catechist. On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, she was an eyewitness to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. In fact, she was on her way to the city and had to seek cover from strafing attacks in a sugar cane field. While in Hawaii, she wrote “Stevenson in Hawaii,” and it is still con-
sidered an important reference book on Robert Louis Steven-
sen. She was also the author of popular paperback “Sixty Ways to Let Yourself Grow.”

As an educator, she taught at every level from elementary to college. Her last post was as an acting English teacher at Mount Saint Mary’s College in Los Angeles. She would then transition to a career in jour-
nalism for the next 25 years. This multi-talented Sister also became an expert inter-
viewer. During her tenure at the Sooner Catholic, she was able to initiate conversa-
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The Mexican Folkloric Dancers of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lawton performed on Jan. 21 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Del City. Photos Jolene Schonchin/Sooner Catholic.

James Blecker

James Blecker is the associate director of Catholic education. His role serves to support the Catholic schools in all operational aspects as needed. These areas include technology, building maintenance, personnel, assessment, and legal compliance.

He has worked in Catholic education for more than 14 years as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and current role as executive rector - all in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. He enjoys traveling with his children, concerts, nice restaurants and watching hockey.

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church celebrates the feast of their namesake

By Jolene Schonchin The Sooner Catholic

On Jan. 21, Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Del City celebrated the feast day of their namesake and patron saint with their parish and invited visitors. “This celebration is to give thanks for the intercession of Saint Paul the Apostle, and we look forward to a joyful and happy time together,” Deacon John Page said.

The Mexican Folkloric Dancers of Blessed Sacramento Catholic Church in Lawton were invited to perform various dance demonstrations that originated throughout Mexico — representing dances from the states of Jalisco, Veracruz and Panama. In addition, members of the marachi group performed songs for the audience.

“We are happy to be here,” Chila Chavez, the director of the Mexican Folkloric Dancers, said. “Father Sundar will donate to the seminarians for our performance.” The Filipino dancers also entertained the church audience with the Firefly dance and other dance routines.

The ladies’ group of Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church was the host of the celebration.

“The ladies hold a raffle to help pay for the altar, wine, our candles and any special needs of the church or Father Sundar. We also prep the food yesterday and served the meal today. This celebration means fellowship, and it is a good way for our parish to get together and celebrate Saint Paul, the name of our church,” Linda Ollend, president of the ladies’ group at Saint Paul Catholic Church, said.

The Apostle Paul was one of the most influential leaders of the early Church. He played a crucial role in spreading the gospel during the first century, and his missionary journeys took him through the entire Roman empire. Many of his writings are contained in the Bible and have influenced the growth and development of the Church since the first century.

Jolene Schonchin is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

By Peter L. de Keratry, KM

February 16-18, 2023

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Friday, February 17 - 7 p.m.

Endow Your Parish!

Parishers provide a place for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to gather, pray, and worship together. The ongoing financial needs of every parish are considerable. Funds are needed to sustain and grow parish ministries, create new ones, and to address infrastructure needs.

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What better way to build on your Catholic legacy than to help provide financial benefits today that continue in perpetuity?

Please consider creating an endowment for your parish through the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma.

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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City held its annual Green Tie Gala on Feb. 4 at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. This fundraising event directly supports the operations of Sanctuary Women’s Development Centers in Oklahoma City and in Norman. The gala also featured the announcement of the capital campaign to raise funds for the construction and renovation of new facilities for the Sanctuary Women’s Development Center in Stockyard City. Photos Avery Holt.

On Jan. 15, His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Roche, prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, conferred the Ministry of Lector in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City State, to seminary students, including one seminarian from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City: Joseph Allen III. As part of the rite, Cardinal Roche placed the Holy Scriptures in the hands of each candidate and said, “Take this book of holy Scripture and be faithful in handling on the word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people.” To learn more about vocations in the archdiocese, visit okcvocations.com. Photo (top) provided by the Pontifical North American College.

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The Coronado expedition crosses into western Oklahoma. The first Mass celebrated in what would become Oklahoma.

Jesuit missionaries from Missouari pursue contact with the Osage tribe; venture into northeastern Oklahoma.

Irish priests build first Catholic church in Alaska to serve workers building the Katy Railroad.
A half-century of the archdiocese

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he insisted upon visiting even the smallest rural parishes. To assist him, he had petitioned Rome with a name for an auxiliary bishop and his request was granted in the person of Victor Reed. Monsignor Reed was an Oklahoman who had grown up just outside of Tulsa and had served as rector of Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa for a number of years.

Unfortunately, before his consecration as auxiliary bishop, Bishop McGuinness died suddenly and as a result, Monsignor Reed’s episcopacy was tumultuous to say the least. With the 1960s in full bloom, cultural shifts were manifold and Bishop Reed was not shy about taking controversial stances, including being the first bishop to call for an end of the Vietnam War.

Regardless of the many obstacles he faced, his knowledge of the Church in Oklahoma was extensive and the concept of a new diocese he wholeheartedly supported. Seeing the future, the diocese was divided into the western vicariate, with Father Bill Gauthier blender as vicar, and Father John Sullivan as vicar of the eastern vicariate. The lines of demarcation, what would become the diocesan boundaries, were basically in place. It was imperative that each potential diocese have a major state university within its boundaries. Oklahoma State University in Stillwater was to become part of Tulsa as the University of Oklahoma was to belong to Oklahoma City.

Initial discussions with the Little Council, the bishop’s advisory council consisting of priests and lay people, talked about the possibility of another diocese either in Enid or Lawton. This was not feasible as the finances would be prohibitive. Splitting the state would also entail establishing a new province.

The Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa had belonged to the San Antonio province so the question became, “What city would become the metropolitan see?” Since the Diocese of Little Rock was to become part of this new province, would it not be appropriate for it to become the metropolitan see? Since the Diocese of Oklahoma City would become the archdiocese, Bishop Reed announced on April 30, 1971, that the college of consultors had recommended the division of the diocese.

On the day of his death, Sept. 7, 1971, he had a meeting with the Little Council and the letter had been drafted for Rome to review. The bulk of the work had been done. With his passing, John B. Quinn, auxiliary Bishop of San Diego, was to become the Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Named an auxiliary at age 38, he was the youngest bishop in the United States. Upon his arrival in January 1972, he was 42 and seen as prelate of great potential, with Oklahoma City not being his final assignment. A gifted organizer, a theologian of merit and a capable administrator, Quinn managed the split deftly.

On Dec. 13, 1972, the papal bull establishing the two dioceses was published. It was announced on Dec. 19 and the machinations of such an undertaking began in earnest. Priests stayed in the parish in which they were assigned and the minutiae of how finances and records were to be handled began.

The papal bull became reality on Feb. 6, 1973, with the installation of Bishop Quinn as the first Archbishop of Oklahoma City. The next day, Father Bernard Ganter, a Texan, was ordained the first coadjutor bishop as Bishop Kelley’s replacement. Quinn managed the split deftly.

The labor of many came to fruition and the church in Oklahoma was forever altered. On this the 50th anniversary, the vision of men such as Bishops Kelley, Breul and Quinn have helped build a vibrant and healthy church across the state of Oklahoma.

George Rigazzi is the archivist for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.
Bishop McGuinness’ tireless work culminates with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the diocese. A capital campaign raises more than $3,000,000 allocated for a seminary and improving ministries.

Bishop McGuinness dies suddenly, two days after Christmas.

Father Victor Joseph Reed, an Oklahoma priest, becomes the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

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Sooner Catholic

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St. Matthew Catholic Church, Elk City

Archbishop Coakley celebrated Mass on Feb. 1 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City. He also visited with the students at St. Mary Catholic School. Photos Everett Brazil II/Sooner Catholic.

A freshly refurbished pipe organ is being installed into the choir loft at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City. Brad Newcomb, organist and music director, said the installation will take almost a month to complete and tune. Pictured is the choir loft, the Bl. Virgin Mary and the lattices. Photos provided.

St. Matthew Catholic Church, Elk City

University of Central Oklahoma students in Edmond celebrated the completion of their chapel expansion. The success of the Broncho Bash in October provided the funds to begin the four-week project. On Jan. 18, the first Mass of the spring semester was celebrated in the new space. The students hope this inspires the greater Catholic Community to know the Church is alive with students and young people. Anyone interested in supporting the ministry or getting involved can contact uco@stjohn-catholic.org. Photos provided.

Domestic Church

March 17-19, 2023 - Oklahoma City

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domesticchurchok@gmail.com or (405) 361-2359
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May 4-6

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Jobs Box

Cook - OCR

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an experienced cook to assist with daily meal preparation at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The cook will assist in preparing meals for the large number of people who attend events and programs at the Pastoral Center. Must have at least two years’ experience in a professional environment and ability to work well under pressure. Send cover letter and resume to hr@archokc.org. White or Hispanic. Must be age 21 by May 1, 2023. Apply at archokc.org/careers.

Director of marriage, family life - OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a director for the Office of Marriage, Family Life Ministry to provide overall leadership, vision and direction including ongoing support to married couples and families to fulfill their mission in the Church and the world. The director will coordinate programs to support the pastoral care of married couples and families in the areas of marriage preparation, marriage enrichment, healing after divorce or death and bereavement, and the curis, priests and community helping catechumens with their upthold marriage, and to enhance the formation of marriage and family life in a culture that is increasingly hostile. Must have a good understanding of the teaching and living of the Church’s teachings in faith and heresies to, and models, the Catholic Church. A background check and safeguarding training required. Answering those questions with a robust and vibrant apostolic approach that focuses on the original apostolic faith, cannot be taught or learned, but must now play that same grit, strengthening each other’s faith and building each other up to play, 3:30 p.m. - 6 pm, Mon - Wed. For more information, contact the Office of Marriage, Family Life at 405-721-0140.

Book review: “The Making of a Martyr: a novel of faith, bravery and the ultimate sacrifice”

By Br. nataniel, O.S.B. The Sooner Catholic

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, when Cardinal George Pell died in his sleep at the age of 80, the world lost a man of great personal integrity who made a lasting impact on the Catholic Church.

Cardinal George Pell: The Encourager

On February 12, 2023

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Una historia de fe en Oklahoma que aún no termina

La historia de la Iglesia Católica en Oklahoma es fascinante y continúa desarrollándose en nuestras días. Fue un intrépido grupo de monjes misioneros Benedictinos los que llegaron a Oklahoma en 1875 y establecieron la primera misión católica en territorios indios. Se llamó Misión del Sagrado Corazón y después se convirtió en la Abadía de San Gregorio. Eventualmente, el Obispo Theodore Meerschaert fue nombrado Vicario Apostólico del territorio en 1891, para después, en 1905, convertirse en el primer obispo de Oklahoma.

La semana pasada cumplimos el 50 aniversario del establecimiento de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, que sucedió cuando la Diócesis de Oklahoma City y Tulsa (así se llamaba la Diócesis de Oklahoma en su tiempo) se combinó para formar la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City y la Diócesis de Tulsa. El 6 de febrero de 1973, El Cardenal Edwin O’Brien, Arzobispo de Nueva York, nombró a Christopher J. Schmitt como Vicario General de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, un título que seguramente conocía desde 1938, cuando lo recibió para formar la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma y la Diócesis de Tulsa. 

En los últimos 50 años, la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma ha seguido estableciendo la misión que se nos confió a todos: “ir y hacer disiparlos”. Un mes atrás, en un viaje a través del cual llevamos a cabo esta misión en la arquidiócesis, en la Colecta Anual Católica, por comienzo de este mes, y que nos ayuda a financiar los ministerios que llevamos a cabo para el beneficio de las parroquias del centro y el oeste de Oklahoma. 

En muchos otros programas, la Colecta Anual Católica proporciona recursos para llevar a cabo programas de encarnitamiento matrimonial y familiar, educación para personas de todas las edades, ministerios para los jóvenes y adultos, pastoral universitario, promoción de vocaciones al sacerdocio, así como la formación continua y el cuidado de nuestras sacerdotes.

El tema de la Colecta Anual Católica este año es “Dios se revela a sí mismo, Dios nos revela su amor por nosotros a través de su Palabra y los sacramentos de la Iglesia”. Se nos revela en aquellos que servir y cuidar a los demás, especialmente a los más pequeños entre nosotros. Nuestra parroquia es una manera en la que podemos participar de la misión compartida de hacer que muchas más personas en Oklahoma y en todo el mundo conozcan, amen y adoren a Dios. 

La próxima semana, abriremos un nuevo capítulo en la historia de la Iglesia Católica en Oklahoma en nuestra Arquidiócesis. La semana del 12-19 de febrero, llevaremos a cabo una variedad de eventos que culminarán con la dedicación del Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother en un terreno de 55 acres. 

El santuario será el lugar de descanso final del Beato Stanley y también contará con un museo y un centro de formación para el desarrollo de vocaciones. 

Habrá asientos en el interior disponibles al público, pero serán limitados. Los asientos al aire libre y las pantallas estarán disponibles, si el clima lo permite. 

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¿A qué hora comienza la Misa de dedicación? 

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¿Se transmitirá en vivo la Misa de dedicación? 

R: Sí. La Misa se transmitirá en vivo en archokc.org/live y en la página de Facebook y el canal de YouTube de la Arquidiócesis de OKC.

¿Dónde escucharán los invitados? 

R: Habrá estacionamiento en el centro de la misión compartida de hacer que muchas más personas en Oklahoma y en todo el Continente Americano.

¿Habrá asientos en el interior al aire libre? 

R: Sí, habrá asientos LIMITADOS en el interior al aire libre.

¿Podrá llevar una silla plegable? 

R: Sí. Se permitirán sillas plegables.

¿Se permiten alimentos y bebidas dentro de la iglesia del santuario? 

R: No.

¿Podrá llevar una mochila/bolsa personal? 

R: Sí. Se permitirán pares de zapatos para ver la Misa adorar.

¿Será bilingüe? 

R: Sí. La Misa será en inglés y algunas partes serán en español.

¿Puedo llevar una silla plegable personal para ver la Misa adorar? 

R: Sí, se permitirán pares de zapatos para ver la Misa adorar.

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