Cristo Rey Oklahoma City Catholic High School announces relocation

Cristo Rey OKC will be moving to the former Oakridge school building this summer to welcome the students for the 2023-2024 school year. Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School has announced a new location. The school is moving to the former Oakridge school building located near Southeast 44th and Bryant. They are moving at the end of June and will be ready to welcome the Royals there for the 2023-2024 school year.

After a city-wide search for a location that would meet the dynamic and unique needs of the school, Cristo Rey OKC’s Board of Directors and staff are confident that this new campus will do just that. The building is newly renovated and will provide a traditional school experience while accommodating a growing student population.

Additionally, students are excited for the opportunity the building’s athletic facilities provide for multiple Royal sports. Cristo Rey OKC spent its first five years on the OSU-OKC campus, but OSU-OKC’s growth plans require them to take the building back over.

Oklahoma City Public Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City announced a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Sanctuary Women’s Development Center to be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, at the site location at 2133 S.W. 11 Street in Oklahoma City. The event is open to the public. The event will begin with a commemoration and blessing of the site by Archbishop Paul S. Coakley. Other speakers include Executive Director of Catholic Charities Patrick Raglow and Catholic Charities board member Mike Milligan. Campaign donors, prior Sanctuary clients and community dignitaries will be present for the ceremony. Patrick Raglow expressed excitement and gratitude about the new day shelter.

“With our new location, we can provide more comprehensive services to our clients. The new campus will allow us to expand our programs and support more women and children in need.”

Catholic Charities spent their first five years in a building that was not designed for the specific needs of women and children. The new Sanctuary Women’s Development Center will provide a safe and welcoming environment for clients to receive the support they need.

The new center will include

- A day shelter offering a safe and welcoming environment for clients
- Showers and laundry facilities
- A drive-thru pantry providing food and essentials
- A community space for social and educational programming
- A community garden for clients to learn skills and grow their own produce

The new center will serve as a hub for Catholic Charities’ efforts to support women and children in the Oklahoma City area.

“With the new Sanctuary Women’s Development Center, we are able to take our ministry to the next level,” said Msgr. David LeSueur from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Rogers, Arkansas, presenting an original painting of a scissor-tailed flycatcher to Betsy McNeil. Photo Avery Holt/Sooner Catholic.

New retreat center to serve Oklahoma Catholics

Surrounded by nearly 300 acres of field and farm in Stillwater, the new Our Lady of Grace Catholic Retreat Center is set to open in May to serve Catholics who wish to get away from daily life and rekindle a deeper relationship with God.

Betsy McNeil, one of the retreat center staff members, explained that there are several retreat options for retreatants to choose from.

“We will be offering three-day, continued on page 8

Catholic Charities announces groundbreaking for new “Sanctuary” day shelter

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City announced a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Sanctuary Women’s Development Center.

“We have served women and children for 14 years in a building that has been falling apart. In that time, we’ve seen more than 1,000 women achieve stable housing. We are thrilled to build on that legacy with the Sanctuary Capital Campaign which will increase the ability to provide showers, laundry, connection, continued on page 20

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On April 19, 1995, the Wednesday following Easter, a bomb was detonated in front of the Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City extinguishing the lives of 168 people, many of them children in the building’s day-care center. The bombing stunned the nation, especially in the city. The mandated remains of the building stood for weeks as a stark reminder of the immense power of violence. The world turned its attention to Oklahoma and wondered how the city would cope with the physical, emotional and spiritual devastation.

Many recall what happened next. A more compassionate and kinder city emerged from the wreckage. The unprecedented outpouring of love and sympathy reminded the world that hate should never have the final word. The Oklahoma Standard were out of the ruins. Thousands lined up to donate blood; churches were packed with those wishing to pray; financial aid poured in to assist the victims and their families.

As we mark another anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, we remember those whose lives were lost; the survivors who still carry the burden.

The success of the 2013 re-dedication service was a reminder that the church is a testament to God’s mercy in the face of evil and suffering. As we move through the Easter season, you will notice how often the Lord shows the disciples the wounds from his crucifixion. The scars in his hands, feet and side were proof that he had, in fact, suffered death, but had been raised to life by the Father.

To this day, we venerate the wounds of Jesus; they remind us of what he suffered to save us from the silence of eternal death.

Likewise, Oklahoma City has never forgotten its wounds that linger from the violent act on April 19. Instead, Oklahomans acknowledge the great loss we suffered and the path of life we were left to live, moving forward and upward toward light. Our wounds unite us with Jesus.

May the souls of those lost in the bombing rest in eternal peace. May those who loved them continue to mourn them find consolation and peace. We remember.

A heavenly chorus: Ponca City church installs new pipe organ in time for the Easter Vigil

ByRewest Brasil, III
TheDiocesan Catholic

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter season. It’s when the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Christ from the tomb. For parishioners at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City, and fellow parishioners in Oklahoma City, the installation of a new pipe organ is a fitting tribute to Jesus’ resurrection. The church had a summer break and reconvened in September. The new organ arrived in early 2022, but all the other pieces for the installation were finished on time for the church to use it.

With choir loft closed due to construction, the church couldn’t perform an alternat een lovingly dubbed “Tiny Tim.” Other updates to the choir included roles for the choir members, and the members sitting at the front, with their backs turned to the organ.

“Playing at the Easter Vigil was amazing,” Newcomb said. “When Father (Kotter) was playing, the organ was so rich, so beautiful. It was a night he will always remember.

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Day of Reflection, Day of Silence at the Abbey: The Priestly Prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper

By Jad Enikwahna
The Sooner Catholic

On April 1, Right Reverend Lawrence Staussmann, O.S.B., Abbot of Saint Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee led “A Day of Silence” as part of the Eucharistic Revival initiative at Saint Gregory’s Abbey. The theme of the day was meant as a preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery and Easter.

The retreat focused on the final discourses and instructions Jesus gave to his disciples to carry on his mission of love as he instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34)

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“How much does your priest mean to you?”

Priest Appreciation Week is May 1 – 6

Father Bala Raju Pudota

“We love Father Bala.”
Torre Butler
Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Perry

Father Stephen Bird

Father Bala Raju Pudota

“We are blessed to have two amazing priests, Father Stephen Bird and Father Zak Boazman. Through the years we've been blessed with many other amazing associate pastors, including Father Phrahhakeo Kalimota, Father Keivos Ratterman and Father Ben Lein. Each of these priests has challenged us to be better Catholics in all aspects of our lives. They inspire and encourage us to learn more about our church’s history, explore the mysteries of the faith more deeply, and spend more time in prayer and adoration. In short, they've changed our lives and family for the better. We are better spouses to each other and better parents to our children. While we've only lived in Oklahoma for about six years, the extensive changes we've experienced spiritually far exceed that short time period. I look forward to every homily and presentation by our priests. I seek out conversations with them, and look forward to confession with them, because I know each encounter is a blessing and full of God’s grace. With priests like these, I am excited about the present and the future of our archdiocese!”

Melanie Turner Corbett
Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, Oklahoma City

Father Stephen Bird

“Since moving to Oklahoma City in 2017 I have attended the Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church. I have been so impressed with Father Bird and the few associate pastors that have passed through. Father Bird was phenomenal in achieving the sacrament of marriage. Wonderful priest.”
Lerin Lynch
Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Perry

Father Oby Zunmas

“Today, I want to pay tribute to this dear priest. Thank you for every detail. Thank you for being with us in the community of Madill. For all your effort and dedication in our community we always remember you. Thank you for opening the doors to lead the group of altar boys. Today it has been five years since that day and I know that you are not here in our community, but always present in our hearts. My best wishes Father Oby. You are a great example; you are a great priest.”

The Quintana Family
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Madill

Father Ray Ackerman

Father Alex Kroll

“Love our priests! Have felt closer to our priests here, especially Father Ray Ackerman and Father Alex Kroll, than I have with most any other priests I’ve known. May God continue to bless you all in your devotion to his children.”
Lori Newland
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, Oklahoma City

Father Don Wolf

Father Rusty Hewes

Father Brannon Lepak

“We appreciate everything the priests do for the parishioners, visitors to the shrine and all the students at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Thank you!”
The Attwood family
Sacred Heart Catholic Church at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine

Father Bill Pruett

“Father Pruett has been very instrumental to our family and myself in building a greater spiritual connection with God. Firstly, he guided me in the right direction to begin my RCIA classes in order to convert to Catholicism. My husband and I were married by Father Pruett at Saint James in January 2021. In 2021, during one of his many beautiful Easter Vigil Masses he celebrated, I received the sacrament of Confirmation. Father Pruett has also baptized all three of our children at Saint James. His homilies at Sunday 8:30 a.m. Masses not only nourish and fulfill our trust in the Lord, but keep my family and myself wanting to continue our growth of faith in God.”
Hilary Hernandez
Saint James the Greater Catholic Church, Oklahoma City

Father Brian Buettner

“We’re so thankful for Father Brian!”
The Duke Family
Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, Norman

Father William Novak

Father Linh Bui

“I have two priests who are as different as night and day. Between them they give me balance. One is a very humble gentle soul, and the other is an outgoing get it done soul. The love they have for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is an inspiration for me to live my life for God and do his will.”
Jackie Kowarik
Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Oklahoma City

Father Rick Stanberry

“We appreciate how Father Stanberry is a skillful ‘master of ceremonies,’ guiding all of the people involved in all the liturgical and practical ‘moving parts’ of the Mass. It makes him a great choice for helping the bishop as cathedral rector.”
Sarah and Peter Ryan
The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City

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Father Brian Buettner

Father William Novak

Father Linh Bui

Father Rick Stanberry

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All priests

“Thank you, Lord, for our priests.”
Jesu Salvador Zera Perez

Quotes compiled by Courtney Rhone, freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic, and from a Sooner Catholic Facebook post. Photos provided.
Erika Fraire is part of the support staff for the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis. She provides administrative support for the offices of marriage and family life and Hispanic ministry, as well as communication support for other departments. Outside of the chancery, she enjoys scrapbooking, spending time with friends and family, traveling to new places, attending and organizing retreats and raising farm animals.

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five-day, eight-day and 30-day silent, directed retreats,” McNeil said. “Individual private retreats, either with or without a spiritual director are available as well.”

The facilities of the center include a small, intimate chapel with a large wall of windows that overlook the sprawling grounds of the center, as well as the ponds on the property. There are seven guest suites with queen beds, private bathrooms and porches. There are also common areas like a living room, a dining area and outdoor patio with tables and chairs.

The chapel and retreat center building were blessed and dedicated by Bishop David Konderla with a Mass on April 14, and had priests and deacons from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Diocese of Tulsa, the Diocese of Little Rock and the Diocese of Wichita in attendance. Included in future building plans are walking trails throughout the property, a small hermitage and the renovation of several guest houses, which will allow for an even more quiet retreat experience.

More information about booking space at the center and the retreats to be offered will be available in the coming weeks, with the center set to open May 1. The center can be found on Facebook by searching “Our Lady of Grace Catholic Retreat Center,” or on their website at ourladyofgracecatholicretreatcenter.com.

Photos Avery Holt/Sooner Catholic.

HOLY WEEK
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City. Photo Quoc T. Mai.

St. Monica Catholic Church, Edmond. Photo provided.

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Edmond. Photo David Long.

St. Damien of Molokai Catholic Church, Edmond. Photo provided.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Oklahoma City. Photo provided.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church at the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine, Oklahoma City. Photo Dana Attocknie/Sooner Catholic.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Moore. Photo provided.

St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church, Yukon. Photo provided.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Norman. Photo provided.

St. Mary Catholic Church, Clinton. Photo provided.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School, Oklahoma City. Photo provided.

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ponca City. Photo Everett Bratz. 3E/Sooner Catholic.

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Chickasha. Photo provided.
Parishioners held a live Stations of the Cross on April 7 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine.

Stations of the Cross

By Jad Ziolkowska
The Sooner Catholic

Catholic Young Adults OKC

The Eucharist and Blessed Carlo Acutis

Parish discussion at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

On March 26, Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church in Norman hosted a Sunday discussion about the Eucharist and Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Acutis was an amateur Italian programmer who died of leukemia at the age of 15 leaving behind a beautiful legacy of archival Eucharistic miracles around the world. Father Nabil Mouzannar, pastor, celebrated the Holy Eucharist asking for intercession of Blessed Carlo for the youth of the parish and all young people around the world.

He was assisted at Mass celebration by Deacon Paul Albert from Saint Joseph Old Cathedral in Oklahoma City.

Speaking to the parishioners and guests, Father Nabil said, “Both Blessed Carlo Acutis and Saint Sharbel Madkour - the great saint in our Maronite Catholic tradition - had a profound devotion to the Eucharist. I encourage all of you to listen to the voice of truth from a young saint and the old mystical saint at the same time, so that their intercession can help save our civilization and the world.”

After Mass, an opening talk was given by Jad Ziolkowska, Ph.D., from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Jesus of Prague. She presented how science can be used to understand better and learn more about the Eucharistic miracles (spojperfective.com/Saints.html).

Group discussions of adult and young parishioners followed in a lively spirit of learning and exchanging information about the Eucharistic miracles and the inspiring young saint of the day.

Since his early childhood, Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) had a very strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, attending the Holy Eucharist and receiving Holy Communion daily. He used to share with others, “Jesus is my friend, and the Eucharist is the gate to heaven.” His body was found intact after exhumation. He was beatified on Oct. 10, 2020, in the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, in Assisi, Italy by Cardinal Agostino Vallini (on behalf of Pope Francis).

Carlo’s great heritage to the Catholic Church is his website with 108 Eucharistic miracles from 19 countries around the world which were formally approved by the Catholic Church as supernatural phenomena. Using the Internet – a technology just on the rise at the time of this birth, he was able to utilize it wisely and in a prudent way to share Jesus and the Eucharist with others.

Blessed Carlo’s deep understanding of the Eucharist was igniting others, including his family, to come closer to the Eucharist and Christ, we become holy.”

During their engaged discussions the parishioners expressed their esteem for Blessed Carlo and his remarkable example of love and devotion to the Eucharist.

“Carlo had a special gift from God. He was so close to the Eucharist,” said Jeanne Roegiers. Her friend Sandy Vincent seconded and said, “I imagine he will be inspiring to so many young people, but his example resonates with older Catholics as well.”

Bill Paris, a parishioner of many years at Our Lady of Lebanon, highlighted the works of the Holy Spirit in the life of Blessed Carlo.

“The Holy Spirit used Carlo as an instrument to touch hearts of many Catholics with a sincere message of love for the Eucharist. His witness moves each one of us in a very individual and personal way, so that we too can become powerful witnesses of Christ and his miracles in the world.”

Several young people in the group enthusiastically expressed their appreciation for Blessed Carlo proclaiming Christ through his life and work.

“I would like to be like Carlo. Everything he has done is so inspiring,” Mato Tawk said. “I come to serve as the altar server for this purpose, to deepen my relationship with the Lord.”

Concluding the discussion Father Nabil emphasized, “I invite everyone in my parish and around the world to a frequent visitation of Jesus in the Tabernacle. In the Blessed Sacrament we can find the only true source of love, grace, power, pardon, peace and joy.”

Jad Ziolkowska is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.
Pacem in Terris after 60 years

When I first saw the title of this book, Pacem in Terris (1963), my first thought was, does this book even matter anymore? Is it still relevant? Is it still influential? Do the people of today even know what Pacem in Terris is? The answer to those questions is a resounding yes. Pacem in Terris is as relevant today as it was when it was first published. The principles outlined in this book are still applicable and necessary in today's rapidly changing world.

The book was written by Pope John XXIII and was published in 1963. It is considered one of the most important encyclicals ever written by the Catholic Church. The encyclical, which was titled “On the Promotion of Peace among the Peoples,” outlined the Church’s vision for a world in which peace, justice, and human rights were valued and protected. It emphasized the importance of international cooperation and the need for countries to work together to promote peace and justice.

Pacem in Terris was a response to the increasing tensions and conflicts that were occurring in the world at the time. The Cold War was in full swing, with the United States and the Soviet Union competing for global dominance. The book called for a new approach to international relations, one that emphasized dialogue, cooperation, and mutual respect.

One of the key themes of Pacem in Terris was the idea of “the right to development.” This means that all people have the right to participate in the development of their own country and to benefit from the fruits of that development. This idea has been central to international law and policy, and it is still relevant today.

The book also emphasized the importance of human rights. It stated that “every human being is born free and equal in dignity and rights.” This has become a cornerstone of international human rights law.

Pacem in Terris also called for a new approach to the nuclear arms race. It stated that “the possession of nuclear weapons cannot be justified as a means of self-defense.” This has been a key theme of the nuclear disarmament movement ever since.

In conclusion, Pacem in Terris is a work that is still relevant today. It is a call to action for a world that is troubled by conflict and division. It is a reminder that peace and justice are achievable goals, if we work together to achieve them.
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Recordamos

El 19 de abril de 1995, el miércoles después de la Pascua, una bomba estratégica y accidentalmente colocada al frente del edificio federal Murrah en el centro de Oklahoma City, agotó las vidas de 168 personas, muchas de ellas jóvenes que se encontraban en la guardería del edificio. La bomba alarma la nación, especialmente cuando aún se desconocían las circunstancias. Miles hicieron filas para tener la última palabra. De las ruinas nació sin precedentes de amor y simpatía a aquellos que aún llevan consigo las cicatrices; a los que se dedicaron generosamente a sanar nuestros corazones y a todos aquellos que fueron afectados en aquel día. Para sorpresa de muchos, la Ciudad de Oklahoma City tomó la decisión de reirirarse después del bombardeo, de convertirlo en una comunidad mejor y más fuerte. A la gente de Oklahoma City se le puso una prueba muy cruel, pero no permitió que sus corazones se dieran por vencidos, o que el odio tuviera la última palabra. La única explicación que existe en este es la gracia de Dios. El testimonio de los niños que sobrevivieron fue una bendición. En el presbiterio se dio inicio a las ceremonias de los funerales, algunas de ellas de espíritu de los funerales, algunas de ellas de espíritu de los misericordia de Dios en medio de la misericordia de Dios en medio de la guerra y del pecado. Aunque el tiempo que avanzamos en el tiempo de Pascua, se darán cuenta que el Señor le enseña a sus discípulos, que a veces se aman y se quejan de las cosas. El mundo entero, miles de largo, se multiplicaban por toda la ciudad. El momento de ruinas del edificio sirvieron como claro recordatorio del poder inmenso de la violencia. El mundo entero puso sus ojos en Oklahoma y se preguntaba cómo podría esta ciudad superar la devastación física, emocional y espiritual que había vivido. Muchos recordarán lo que pasó después. Una ciudad más compasiva y generosa se convirtió después de los violentos actos del 19 de abril. 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training and best of all the transformative power of case management to an even greater number of women in need,” Raglow said.

The Catholic Charities Board of Directors unanimously approved a $5 million capital campaign to replace the existing structure with a new facility to serve more women and children experiencing homelessness. Any excess funds raised will be used in an endowment to ensure beautification and maintenance of the facility and to support operational needs.

Mass Architects created the architectural plans to mimic the design of the original mission church structure. Existing elements will be incorporated into the new structure including the cornerstone, the bell tower, the apex cross and more. Construction will be done by Miller-Tippins and costs are estimated at $5 million.

Demolition will start in mid-May. The 9,000-square-foot day shelter is expected to be completed in 2023.

In order to speed construction and minimize expenses, Catholic Charities plans to relocate services currently provided at Sanctuary to the new facility on Classen Boulevard. Clients will still have access to showers, laundry, computers and case management.

“It will be a bit of a disruption to our main location,” Raglow said, “but more importantly it will still be a ‘sanctuary’ to the ladies and children we serve.”

Catholic Charities announces groundbreaking for new “Sanctuary” day shelter

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