In his 2019 pastoral letter, “Go Make Disciples: Building a Culture of Conversion and Discipleship,” Archbishop Coakley urged Oklahoma Catholics to explore their faith and cultivate a deeper relationship with Jesus, telling the faithful that an intimate relationship with Jesus is the core of everyone’s ability to share his love with others.

As a call to action, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is gearing up for its first-ever Discipleship Conference. Packed with motivational speakers, music and Mass, the day will offer messages of love and hope, equipping the 1,400 people expected to attend to live out their call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19,
Longtime development leader named executive director of Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine

Archbishop Coakley recognizes service of Executive Director Leif Arvidson

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School announces new president

Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

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

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School named Dr. John C. Harned as its permanent president, effective June 1.

Dr. John C. Harned was selected for his distinguished professional career and strong devotion to Catholic education, as a master’s degree in administration from Ave Maria University and a master’s degree in accounting from Oklahoma State University. He has experience in executive leadership to know the importance of the for-profit and non-profit sectors, and is a certified public accountant.

Dr. Harned will work closely with President Susan Cain and the faculty and staff to build upon the foundation of Mount St. Mary Catholic High School. Established in 1903, Mount St. Mary currently serves approximately 400 students from across Oklahoma and beyond. Learn more about Mount St. Mary Catholic High School at mountmarycatholic.com.

Miguel Mireles

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley named Miguel Mireles as the new executive director of the Shrine of St. Mary Rother Shrine. The shrine board made the selection at their meeting on Tuesday. The new director will take over for the shrine’s first executive director, Leif Arvidson. Coakley said, “God has appointed Mireles to be our apostolic missionary, to help us embrace our apostolic mission.”

Mireles, who is from Amecillo, Texas, is bilingual and has been named to community leadership positions in several communities. Mireles has worked in youth ministry, education, vocation discernment, and development for several Catholic Church entities in the Oklahoma City archdiocese. He helped oversee the “One Church Many Disciples” capital campaign for the archdiocese that funded dozens of parish projects and the building of the Blessed Stanley Stannus Rother Shrine. Recently, he served as assistant executive director of the Stannus Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City and briefly as the director of philanthropy for the Diocese of Tulsa. During the pandemic, he provided much needed support and resources for priests and parishes.

“I am honored and blessed to be in a position to help lead the Shrine of St. Mary Rother as we build the staff and welcome thousands of pilgrims from around the world. Blessed Stanley’s story resonates with so many people who look to this humble man as an example of devotion and love, giving his life as a martyr for the faith,” Mireles said. “My wife Cindy and I are excited to take the Shrine of St. Mary Rother home for five years. I am sure that Oklahoma history and this special ministry is exciting and incredibly special,” he said.

Mireles will take over for Arvidson on June 12. Arvidson was named executive director of the Shrine of St. Mary Rother in July 2020 after serving as diocesan director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crescent, Wis., for 10 years. As executive director of the Shrine of St. Mary Rother, he assisted in the planning and development of the shrine church building and museum to work built the first shrine structure.

“Shrine has been a tremendous blessing to be a part of the establishment of this magnificent shrine and to witness the inspiration that pilgrims find in the beauty of the church and in the witness of Blessed Stanley Rother,” Arvidson said. “Life exemplifies the virtues of humility and service, both to God and to others. Pilgrims undoubtedly will find inspiration in his life story for generations to come. I am incredibly grateful to Archbishop Coakley and the board for the providing for the opportunity to be a part of the development of the shrine.”

The Shrine of St. Mary Rother is governed by a board of directors that oversees operation of the shrine. Manny Sanchez serves as board president. The Shrine of St. Mary Rother is a special place that demands a unique set of skills from its director. We are excited for the next step with Miguel Mireles in the management of a fully operational shrine that will continue to tell the story of Blessed Stanley and inspire visitors from around the world,” Sanchez said.

The board made the selection about the new Shrine of St. Mary Rother or to find Mass and confession schedules, visit rothershrine.org.

Since my arrival in 2011, one of my persistent prayers has been for a New Pentecost for the Church in central and western Oklahoma. I have asked many times that they pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people of our archdiocese; that we may embrace our apostolic mission to evangelize and “go make disciples.” In these challenging times, I thought I would like to reflect upon this New Pentecost and what it means for each of us.

I also think of the example of our own Blessed Stanley Rother. After struggling through seminary because of his inability to master Latin, he became a missionary and was given the gift of preaching so that people who spoke many different languages could understand them and be brought to faith in Jesus Christ. The Spirit gave the Apostles this extraordinary gift, not for their own good, but for healing and helping the Church and carrying out the mission entrusted to them to go make disciples.

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From the Archives …

A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist

M jestly forgotten, as he left this life 61 years ago, Father Clement Dupont belongs in the pantheon of remarkable nuns to serve in Oklahoma. The youngest of five children, Father Clement was born on Aug. 6, 1875, in the village of Bazna, France. His father was a decorated soldier in the army of Napoleon Ill for 25 years. His religious vocation was fostered by a devout mother, whose prayers and sacrifices he long credited as being the impetus for seeking the monastic life. In fact, he was presented to the Benedictine abbey at Belloc at the tender age of 12.

Upon the completion of his education at the abbey (high school and college), his spirit of adventure came to the fore as he volunteered to join Father Thomas Duprenu on a return trip to Indian Territory following a visit to Belloc. Thomas had been the superior of Belloc. He was superior of Sacred Heart Abbey in Kansas in 1864. Eventually he would be the first reigning abbot of Sacred Heart. Later, after 29 days at sea, he arrived in New Orleans on July 7, 1893, with eleven other volunteers, priests and lay brothers. After six exhausting days, the party arrived at Sacred Heart. Young Clement became a novice along with eight other men in 1894, and a long connection began with Sacred Heart (later Saint Gregory’s). His ordination took place five years later.

His intelligence and ability to master languages, especially Biblical languages, was noted from the outset. Utilizing his gifts, he taught at Sacred Heart College until 1904. Recognizing his many talents, Father Clement was selected to be a part of the establishment of a Syrian Seminary in Jerusalem, along with other scholars from various monasteries. Scripture was his specialty and he studied under the tutelage of renowned scholars, Marie-Joseph Lagrange, whose adherence to the new historical criticism method was considered suspect during the Modernism controversy in the early 1900s. After losing his linguistic and scriptural skills, he returned in 1914 to teach at Saint Benedict’s Priory in Montebello, California. Garnering an international reputation, he was summoned to teach in Rome and Northern Italy in 1921. His wanderings ceased with his assignment to the home atle at Sacred Heart in 1924, transferring to Saint Gregory’s in 1925. Setting in to the academic and monastic life, he instructed hundreds of students in Scripture, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and other subjects. Reverting from the classroom in 1954, the 79-year-old Father Clement was in residence at Saint Patrick’s Mission in Anadarko until his death in 1954. The local newsletter summed up his life skillfully: “Virtually unknown to the public, Father Clement’s name was familiar to experts of many nations who specialized in the study of the ancient languages in which the Scriptures and their earliest commentaries were written. Father Clement, spanning and dedicated to the letter and the spirit of the Holy Rule of his Order, will be a legendary figure of affective memory as long as Saint Gregory’s stands.”

By Courtney Shane

Pilgrims commemorate Bl. Stanley Rother’s ordination anniversary with urban pilgrimage

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the ordination of Blessed Stanley Rother, the Gospel of Life Disciples held a day of prayer and pilgrimage on May 25. The day began with a 7-mile pilgrimage from the Gospel of Life Disciples’ Blessed Stanley Rother Barn in Moore to the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, where confessions were available and Mass was celebrated. Following Mass, Father Don Wolf spoke about Blessed Stanley’s priesthood journey. “We are here because of the greatness of Rother’s priesthood. Rother’s priesthood is something we note and celebrate,” Father Wolf said.

During his talk, Father Wolf discussed how people are all priests together through baptism and that everyone shares a journey. “We live as the intermediary between heaven and Earth, and that we are all imprinted with the life of Christ as we live ours,” Father Wolf said.

Father Wolf also noted that Blessed Stanley was ordained in a Church that was changing. “The Church is never always the same as it was yesterday. Blessed Stanley had to search for his way to say yes to God, and we too have to turn to the Lord to find our way,” Father Wolf said. “Life in Christ is life, and Blessed Stanley knew this and said yes to God all the time.”

During the discussion, Father Wolf spoke about bringing messengers to God’s call. “We are all messengers to God’s call, and the more we give our life to Christ, the more we embody Christ,” Father Wolf said. During the conclusion of the talk, Father Wolf discussed whether it is possible to fail our way to heaven. He notes that we can fail our way to heaven, and when we do, “we will be like all of those who are in heav-

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Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe is familiar to Catholics, and even to non-believers, as a martyr priest who heroically offered up his life in the German concentration camp, Auschwitz, during World War II, in exchange for a fellow inmate’s father of a family with children to save him from death.

However, not everyone knows of Saint Maximilian’s profound devotion to the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Sacrament, and the powerful way he promoted to come closer to the Eucharistic Jesus through Mary - His Immacu- lata, as he called the Holy Mother of God.

His longing for Christ was so extraordinary that during his adult life he used to make ten visits every day to the Blessed Sacrament. At the same time, his life was totally pervaded with devotion to Mary as he desired to encoun- ter Jesus in the Eucharist with and through the Holy Mother.

According to the Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association website, he said, “Let us give ourselves to the Immacu- lata [Mary]. Let her prepare us, let her receive Him [Jesus] in Holy Communion. This is the manner most perfect and pleasing to the Lord -Jesus and brings great fruit to us. Because the Immaculata knows the secret, how to unite ourselves totally with the heart of the Lord Jesus ... We do not limit ourselves in love. We want to love the Lord Jesus with his heart, or rather that she would love the Lord with our heart.”

Mary rewarded his devotion with a deep understanding of the Eucharistic mysteries, which he expressed in his prayers filled with exaltation and thanksgiving to Jesus for his incom- prehensible miracle of the Eucharistic love, “You come to me and unite yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your blood now runs in mine, your soul, incarnate God, compensates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles? Who would have ever imagined such!”

Saint Maximilian was born as Edmund Kolbe (1894-1941) in Zlotynka, the Wolna, the Kingdom of Poland, part of the Rus- sian Empire. At the age of 12, he had a vision of the Virgin Mary in which she offered him a white crown (represent- ing a life of purity), a red crown (representing martyrdom) and she asked which crown he would accept. He de- sired both.

In 1917, he founded the “Militia Immaculata” (Catholic evangelization movement) dedicated to bringing about the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the con- tinuous readies and consecra- tion of souls to the Imma- culate Heart of Mary. Similar to Saint Louis de Montfort, Kolbe made the motto “Through the Immaculata to Jesus” the integral part of his life and voca- tion.

The following year, he was ordained as a Franciscan priest, and took a religious name “Maximilian Maria.” He also established the Roman Catholic periodical Rycerz Niepokalanej (“The Knight of Mary Immaculate”) and founded the City of Mary Immaculate (Nipkowskian, 30 miles from Warsaw), which became a religious center for more than 700 friars and workers.

During the World War II occupation, the center sheltered, fed and clothed approximately 3,000 Polish refugees, of which approximately 1,500 were Jews. He opened an independent radio station at the Nipkowskian center, pub- lished anti-Nazi works and spread the move- ment of Militia Immaculata to Japan and India.

By promulgating the devotion to the Immacu- late Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, his life was driven by love for the Eucharistic Christ, as he used to speak, “My aim is to institute perpetual adoration – this is the most important activity.”

After being imprisoned and transported to Auschwitz, he never stopped to serving as a priest and witness of Christ by hearing confessions, leading prayers for fellow inmates, sing- ing hymns to Mary and holding Mass with smuggled bread, for which he often experienced se- vere beatings by the guards. He was always exaudingly appreciating the great gift and life-giving power of the Eucharis- t for every soul, as he often expressed, “If angels could be jealous of men, they would be as for one reason: Holy Com- munion.”

Maximilian Maria Kolbe was beatified in 1971, and canonized in 1982, by Saint John Paul II, who himself lived through the German occupation of Poland.

May the example and intercessions of Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe help every Catholic re- member Jesus in the Holy Communion more reverently and attentively, with the heart of Mary. Everyone can enroll in the Militia of the Imma- culata in the US at: militiamimepaculata.com/why-and-how-to-enroll-in-the-mi/

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The 2023 Bl. Stanley Rother Institute graduation was held on May 13 at the St. Stanley Roller Shrine. Twenty-seven students from three multi-year programs graduated. Photos Fran Kozakowski/Sooner Catholic.

Graduates with archdiocesan diplomas for college-level study of theology: David B. Clevering II; Cherie Eldeer; David Kenneth Elder.

Graduates from The Ladder of Ascent with a certificate of recognition: Cynthia Aranda; Horacio Avila; Maria Castracion; Maria Isabel Chacon Saez; Consuelo Diaz; Rebecca Govea; Olga Hernandez; Maria Guadalupe; Yvonne Luna; María de León; Erika Zamora-Martinez; Maria Miller; Michael Rivera Marquez; Noreen N. Saldiva de Barreto; Jaqueline Sanchez; Juan Carlos Soriano; Oscar Alexander Turcios; Veronica Beatriz Turcios.

Graduates from The Ladder of Ascent with a certificate of accomplishment: William D. Alexander; Veronica Beatriz Sanchez; Juan Carlos Soriano; Oscar Alexander Turcios; Veronica Beatriz Turcios.

The council’s first Grand Knight Richard “R.J.” Schulte, highlighted the accomplishments of the organization, recognized charter members and detailed the purpose behind the service organization.

“We are here to celebrate 50 years of service for Council 6477 and give praise and thanksgiving to God for the many blessings he has given us,” Schulte said. “Our council was founded April 26, 1973, by a handful of men. To those men, and to those who could not be here today, I thank you for having the courage to form a new council and serve others.”

Jack Goodman, current grand knight, thanked past grand knights, priests and deacons of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, as well as the spouses and families of Knights for their support.

Deputy Grand Knight George Majoue said many blessings to God for the many years of service the Knights of Columbus have given.

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The council is also a major supporter of the Center of Family Love (CFL) in Okarche. The State of Oklahoma Knights of Columbus collectively raise funds to support the daily operations of the Center. “Our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said Saint Mother Teresa taught us that there are no expendable people and learn to see as she did, the world would be a radically different and, I would say, better place,” Majoue said.

Representing the state level of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus, Oklahoma State Deputy, Dennis Kunnanz, greeted guests and assisted Grand Knight Jack Goodson in presenting certificates to past grand knights. With nearly 100 people present for the festivities, seven of the 32 past grand knights were present to share in the celebration: Richard “R.J.” Schulte (1973-1975), Dale Sligar (2001-2003), John Piero (2006-2008), Matt Guarnieri (2010-2012), Dale More (2016-2018), Mike Riat (2018-2020) and Luis Blanco (2020-2022).

The Knights of Columbus offer the Catholic faith formation, financial protection, and family resources that can help men grow as a father, husband and leader. Men who are interested in the Knights can join for free by visiting kofc.org/joinus and entering 6477 for council number, promoting sponsor No. 1758239, and BLESSEDMCGIVNEY in the special promotion code for free membership.
The Sooner Catholic continues to serve as a “vital voice for the archdiocese”

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Catholic continues to fulfill Archbishop Quinn’s mission by offering Catholics a way to stay connected and engaged with their faith.

Available in both paper and digital format, the Sooner Catholic is distributed to registered parishioners in the archdiocese of Oklahoma City, at no charge. Currently, it reaches around 40,000 Catholic households.

George Rigazzi, archivist for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, described the importance of a publication that provides a deeper connection to the Catholic faith.

“The Sooner Catholic has been a vital voice for the archdiocese over the years,” Rigazzi said.

Rigazzi started reading the Sooner Catholic in 1981, when he moved to Oklahoma City after graduating from the seminary. “What struck me is that it always gave some personality to the people that work in the church,” Rigazzi said. Rigazzi explained how the different facets of the newspaper allow Catholics to form a deeper human connection with fellow parishioners and parish staff.

Profile stories, contributions from writers, the bishop’s column - they all help with the teachings of the Church. And it allows us to see how others are involved with their faith outside the parish,” Rigazzi said. “Our history is rich and complex and interesting. The Sooner Catholic helps us understand who we are and where we are going.” Articles that highlight the history of the archdiocese are also of particular interest to Judy Reilly, a parishioner at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church in Oklahoma City.

“I also read with interest the stories about people - laity and clergy - who are a part of the history we are currently making,” Reilly said. Articles that highlight the history of the archdiocese are also of particular interest to Judy Reilly, a parishioner at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church in Oklahoma City.

“As I read the stories of the events and colorful personalities that have contributed to the growth of the Church in Oklahoma, I feel a deep connection to our past, and am hopeful about our future,” Reilly said.

Mary Smith, a parishioner at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Okarche, enjoys reading the Sooner Catholic because of the way it connects her to other Catholics in the state.

“I love seeing the great things always happening throughout the community in the name of our faith,” she said. Avery Holt, interim editor of the Sooner Catholic, described the newspaper as an important resource for sharing information throughout the archdiocese.

“The Sooner Catholic is one of the many important tools we use as an archdiocese to spread the good news of Jesus and help to fulfill Archbishop Coakley’s vision of building a culture of conversion and discipleship,” Holt said. “We have a very active and vibrant group of communities in all of the parishes, and it is a joy to see so many on fire for the faith and living it out.”

The Sooner Catholic accepts news, story ideas and information about events taking place in parishes, schools and ministries throughout the archdiocese.

“We love to help promote the good work happening in our archdiocese,” Holt said. Submissions may be e-mailed to communications@archokc.org.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Fr. John Riccardo
Fr. Agustino Torres

Fr. John Riccardo is a missioner, ACTS XIX executive director, and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1996. In 2019, after 23 years in parish ministry, Fr. Riccardo is a graduate of the University of Michigan, the Gregorian University and the Pope John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family.

Fr. Agustino Torres is a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal (CFR), a community established in the Bronx, NY. He is the president and founder of Corazon Latino and Latinos por la Vida. He is one of the founders of “Catholic Underground,” Casa Guadalupe and the John Paul II House - houses of discernment for women and men, respectively.

Book Review: “From the White House to the White Cross”

By John H. Dolezal
The Sooner Catholic

“From the White House to the White Cross” is written by Peggy Stanton, the first female correspondent for ABC Television in Washington, D.C., in 1966. Stanton is also the author of “The Dominican Homemaker.” She has written several articles published in The Washington Post, The Washington Needs and Magdeline Magazine. Her love for storytelling led her to become a “composite journal keeper,” and it is through reading many of her journal entries that we are able to follow her conversion “from cultural Catholic to committed Catholic” in this book.

The content of the book is divided into three parts, with each part providing interesting stories for a particular phase of Stanton’s conversion journey.

In part one, we learn about Stanton’s life as a young girl growing up Catholic in Evanston, Ill., about the start of her news correspondent career with Metromedia, a regional radio broadcast network in our nation’s capital, and about her “ideal job” as a news correspondent for ABC in Washington, and her experiences working at the White House.

Part two sheds light on the beginning of Stanton’s mission to foster world peace through spiritual means, with a motto of “Peace Through Love.”

Peggy continues along her journey today by being active in several endeavors, including serving on the Order of Malta Dental Medical Clinic board (the clinic provides free dental, medical and eye care to the uninsured of metro Detroit, regardless of age, race, gender, religion or ethnicity). I really enjoyed reading this book and I highly recommend it to all adult Catholics ready to journey toward also becoming a more committed Catholic.

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The Vatican as peacemaker in Ukraine?

A few days after Cardinal Matteo Zuppi’s appointment as head of a Vatican “peace mission” to Ukraine, a “peace mission” to Romania was taking place in the Baltic states — as if there weren’t reasonable concerns that any form of Russian victory in Ukraine would put those countries’ sovereignty at risk.

Catholic circles also seem determined to maintain ecumenical contacts with the Russian Orthodox Church, despite the obvious fact that Ukraine’s Church’s leadership is under lock, stock and barrel by the Kremlin — thus creating another asymmetry, in which Catho-

Third, the highest authorities of the Church have said they understand the existential character of the conflict: This is not a Cold War, but a new “hot war” that is morally and politically equal "actor." Rather, Russia’s war on Ukraine is an unwarranted, illegal and genocidal aggression, against which Ukraine is engaging in necessary and legitimate self-de-

Second, the Vatican should suspend all formal contacts with Russian Orthodox until such time as the Patriarchate of Moscow demonstrates that it is an ecclesial body, not an instrument of Russian state power.

First, Russia, in response to such clarifications (or for any other reason), impedes or refuses to cooperate with the Vatican’s willingness to enter into direct discussions with the aggrieved party.

None of this bodes well for a Vatican "peace mission." It only raises the possibility that Russia will take a more virulent form of moral and political asymmetry in this by simultaneously make matters worse, with a micromanaged and ill-executed "peace mission" contributing to the lie that there are equivalent military capabilities. It is a crucial point, which is that President Zelensky, for all that he stands for, may well be the victim, not of those who aggressed, but of those who, to further a "mediation." That falsification of re-

The Vatican is seeking a life to-day-day responsi-

The Vatican is a peacemaker in Ukraine?

The success of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine greatly depends on volunteers who are willing to contribute their time, skills, enthusiasm and passion to evangelize in a way similar to Blessed Stanley Rother. Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities. The work done by volunteers will impact all pilgrims who enter the doors of the Shrine.

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Un nuevo Pentecostés para la Iglesia en Oklahoma

Desde mi llegada en el 2011, una de las oraciones más persistentes ha sido por un nuevo Pentecostés para la Iglesia en el centro y el oeste de Oklahoma.

He pedido muchas veces que recemos por una nueva efusión del Espíritu Santo sobre el pueblo de nuestra arquidiócesis; para que podamos anunziar nuestra misión apostólica de evangelizar y "salir a hacer discípulos". En estos días que siguen a la celebración de Pentecostés, quiero reflexionar sobre este nuevo Pentecostés y la fe que significa para cada uno de nosotros.

San Pablo habla sobre la fe que desarrolla la abundante variedad de dones espirituales en la edificación de la Iglesia. El dije: “Hay diversidad de carismas, pero un solo Espíritu; diversidad de ministerios, pero un solo Señor; diversidad de actaciones, pero un mismo Señor que obra todo en todas. A cada cual se le otorga dones del Espíritu para edificar el Cuerpo de Cristo, y todos tenemos una función que desempeña la manifestación del Espíritu para provecho común” (1 Cor 12, 4-7).

Necesitamos que muchas personas de nuestra arquidiócesis estén abiertas a los dones que el Espíritu quiere derramar sobre nosotros, para que el Espíritu vivirá y se desarrollaré. Cuando no vivimos y actuamos según los dones que nos da el Espíritu, la Iglesia sufre y se debilita.

Por lo tanto, rezamos por un nuevo Pentecostés. Necesitamos que muchas personas de esta arquidiócesis estén abiertas a los dones que el Espíritu quiere derramar sobre nosotros para edificar el Cuerpo de Cristo – la Iglesia – en Oklahoma.

El domingo de Pentecostés, gracias a la predicación de los Apóstoles, tres mil personas creyeron en Jesús y fueron bautizadas. Debido a que estos mismos hombres estuvieron abiertos a la obra del Espíritu Santo en sus vidas, tres mil personas pudieron conocer a Jesucristo. Imaginemos el impacto en nuestro mundo si miles de católicos en Oklahoma estuvieran realmente abiertos a la acción del Espíritu en sus vidas. Imaginemos cuántas personas conocieran la fe en Jesucristo si nosotros abriríamos a recibir y vivir de acuerdo con los dones que el Espíritu quiere derramar. Una vez más, invito a orar conmigo por una nueva efusión del Espíritu Santo para un nuevo Pentecostés en Oklahoma.

Toda esta reflexión sobre los carismas y los dones del Espíritu se realiza en el marco de una reflexión sobre la Iglesia como Cuerpo de Cristo. Cada miembro de la Iglesia forma parte de la obediencia de informar; es obligatorio denunciar de hecho cualquier tipo de maltrato; la denuncia debe hacerse inmediatamente si se sospecha que el niño está en peligro. Llama al 9-1-1.

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- The Sooner Catholic newspaper reaches more than 40,000 Catholic homes, in print and electronically, allowing us to bring Catholic news to those who may not be able to give — families on fixed incomes, the unemployed, the imprisoned and young people.
- Our office also uses a dozen social media platforms to deliver Catholic news, prayer, events and other vital information to tens of thousands of Oklahoma Catholics.
- Live-streaming allows people to view special liturgies in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, such as the Chrism Mass during Lent and the ordinations of priests and deacons. In February, tens of thousands of people used the archdiocesan website, archokc.org, our YouTube channel and Facebook to watch the dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine.
- Our website provides free access to chancery office information, resources, a parish directory, job opportunities and much more.
- Podcasts like “Red Dirt Catholics” and “Living Catholic with Father Don Wolf” provide new and engaging opportunities for a growing audience to hear more about the realities of the Good News of Jesus Christ in audio form.

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