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Register now for the Archdiocesan Discipleship Conference

The inaugural Archdiocesan Discipleship Conference will be held on Aug. 19 at the Oklahoma City Convention Center, 100 Mick Cornett Dr. in Oklahoma City. The full-day event features keynote speakers, breakout sessions, liturgies, exhibits and music that celebrate the depth and beauty of the Catholic faith. Participants can design their own schedule to be inspired and equipped to share Jesus with others. Cost is $20 pp. Registration ends soon. Register today at okdisciple.org.

“I really want to be a Merciful Priest”

Deacon Rodrigo Serna knew by age 9 he wanted to be a “padre” when he grew up, even practicing Mass at home and once “marrying” his cat and dog.

So, at the inexperienced age of 14, he left his parents, three older brothers and two older sisters in Calvillo, Mexico, to enter Seminario Diocesano Aguascalientes. With the encouragement and support of his grandmother and aunt who took him to Mass, taught him how to serve at the altar and how to pray the rosary, he thrived.

He entered the Conception Seminary College Language program in Missouri at 24, and Kenrick-Glennon Theological Seminary in Saint Louis at 26.

Then, two pivotal events changed the course of his life.

In 2020, during his final year of seminary, the COVID global pandemic struck. Later that year, he was ordained a deacon, which continued on page 8

The priesthood ordination of Dcn. Rodrigo Serna will be at 10 a.m. Aug. 12, at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. Photo provided.
Rother gave his life for the Gospel and his parishioners while serving in the Oklahoma mission in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. In February, we celebrate your generosity and prayers, we dedicated the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, providing his sanctuary, a place and a destination for pilgrims from around the world to venerate Blessed Stanley Rother, to draw close to him as they learn from his heroic life and seek his intercession.

Since that day, more than 120,000 pilgrims have visited his shrine, some returning to the practice of their Catholic faith and the sacraments for the first time in years. Some come as pilgrims, others as seekers who are drawn to this real-life flesh and blood missionary disciple, priest, and martyr. His life is easy to admire. This example is a challenge to follow.

It has been my privilege to continue to tell his story and introduce Blessed Stanley to more and more people outside of Oklahoma and the United States. During the week of his feast day, I will be making a presentation at the University of Oklahoma to share Blessed Stanley’s life of faithful witness and martyrdom with clergy, religious and lay Catholic leaders from around the country, many of whom are unfamiliar with our Oklahoma priest-martyr.

Part of this effort is to share his story and make Blessed Stanley’s life of heroic holiness and martyrdom more important to the faithful in Oklahoma. Many Catholics may not be aware of Blessed Stanley’s life, his story and his passion to evangelize in a faraway land. But more importantly it is meant to invite more and more people to follow his path of discipleship and seek his intercession.

For Rother to be canonized, to become a saint of the Catholic Church, he must be credited with a verified miracle. That only happens after an archbishop or a congregation of cardinals has conducted a thorough investigation of the witness to his holiness and seeks his intercession! Even if you’ve never sought the intercession of Jesus, you might touch us now and restore us towholeness and peace. I ask that your prayer accompany us, may the mercy of Christ, echoed in the losses in our lives, that we may reach where the brave shepherd has gone.

The next step in Blessed Stanley’s Cause for canonization, which would give the Church its first saint from Oklahoma! Praying for his intercession is the most important way we can help this happen. If you need a miracle in your life or in the life of someone you love, remember that Blessed Stanley needs a miracle too!

We are fortunate God has given us the gift of raising up Blessed Stanley Rother as an attraction to become a saint of the Catholic Church, to be a source of strength and powerful intercession in our midst. It is easy to find ourselves at the crossroads of life, to feel that we can no longer assist the Church in all we can do.

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As we celebrate Blessed Stanley Rother, we ask you to pray for his intercession. To raise up authentic witnesses and good shepherds like Blessed Stanley to guide and protect his flock.

Blessed Stanley Rother, pray for us!

Carmelite spirituality in Oklahoma
Meet people, visit places and ... maybe even become a Carmelite secular

July is the month of the Carmelites, with the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16, and several feast days of great Carmelite saints, e.g., Saint Eilidh - the prophet and patron of Carmel, Saint Titus Brandsma and Saint Teresa of Jesus of the Avila.

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By Sooner Catholic Staff

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O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (three times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause before your hands. (three times)

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From the Archives …

A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist

The practice of heraldry came about to allow people to see who you are. Originating in England in the 12th century, the coat of arms is a family, noble, and eventually a bishop, revealed much about the personal history and purpose of the person or church.

The 50th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa becoming separate entities was celebrated this year; here is an explanation of the heraldry of the first two bishops making up two-thirds of the Province of Oklahoma City (Little Rock being the other third).

Archbishop John E. Quinn, who had been the Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego, arrived in 1972 to become the Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. With the division of the state into two dioceses in 1973, he became the first bishop of Oklahoma City. In examining his coat of arms, the left half is the diocesan coat of arms in this case allowing the five arrow heads symbolizing the Five Civilized Tribes in the downward posture symbolizing peace. Since the early missionaries came to Oklahoma to minister to the tribes, it is fitting. The right half is more personal to the prelate. The Pegnace, the winged horse of mythology, was the symbol of the Quinn family of Galway in Ireland. At the top the pierced heart is representing the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the patroness of the seminary where he had been rector. The rose represents the North American College in Rome where he was a seminarian. The addition of the bar to the cross on top of the shield shows his rank as an archbishop as do the tassels on each side. The row of four has been added. The motto of his episcopacy was "Lumen Gentium Christi," meaning "Christ is Light of the Nations," the first three words of a major document of the Second Vatican Council and his intentions to remain in solidarity with its teachings.

Bernard Ganter was appointed as the first bishop of the Diocese of Tulsa and brought his story in his crest from his home state of Texas. The left side is the new diocesan heraldry, basically a modification of the old Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa symbolism except the cross is Y-shaped. It is also surrounded by drops of oil so critical to the history of Tulsa.

On the right side, the family and personal history is illustrated by the glove, whose family name originally meant glovemaker and the heart in the hand is an homage to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston where he served as rector until his appointment as bishop. The star has a dual purpose showing his devotion to the Blessed Mother and his lifelong home of Texas.

Bishop Ganter’s Coat of Arms Archbishop Quinn’s Coat of Arms.

By Avery Holt
The Sooner Catholic

Diocesan technology leaders from across the country traveled to Oklahoma City during the last week of June for the 39th annual Diocesan Information Solutions Community (DISC) Conference. Conference attendees were able to see the sights of Oklahoma City, including the celebration of the conference’s opening mass with Bishop Jefrey Mondolfo from the Diocese of Steubenville in the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine chapel. Attendees networked with peers from other dioceses and archdioceses, met with vendors and listened to talks on industry trends and best practices.

Jeff Hardy, president of the Diocesan Information Solutions Community and director of technology for the Diocese of Austin, Texas, celebrated the successful conference by saying, “We only celebrate the successful gathering of 66 IT leaders from 57 dioceses and archdioceses from the US and Canada, but also commended the incredible hospitality of our host. Oklahoma City provided a warm and welcoming backdrop for our event, complementing the knowledge-sharing and networking that makes this conference so valuable, with its unique energy. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the members of the archdiocesan staff who played an integral role in ensuring the smooth execution of this conference.”

Connur Keef, director of technology for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, played a key role in organizing and hosting the annual conference. Several members of the archdiocesan chancery staff volunteered their time to manage an information table at the conference to register attendees and answer questions.

The conference next year will be held in Orlando, Florida. To learn more about the conference and the group, visit diocisco.org.

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Experience renewal of mind, heart through the Eucharist

Interview with Fr. Zak Boazman about Eucharistic Revival

By Jad Zielinska
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Father Zak Boazman explained the importance of the Eucharistic Revival for Catholics, and shared advice on how to become actively involved in this transformative initiative, especially in the local parish communities, to benefit spiritually from this unique opportunity.

What is the purpose, goals and the meaning of the Eucharistic Revival for Catholics?

The purpose is to engage Catholics with our Eucharistic faith in a deeper way in response to the decreasing Eucharistic devotion in the United States. The Eucharistic Revival has two distinct goals: to revitalize and strengthen Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to present our faith and the gift of the Eucharist to those who are not Catholic yet.

As Catholics, we are Eucharistic people who are hungry for God and hungry to belong to a community of devoted believers. In the Eucharist we find satisfaction to this hunger.

The 2022-2025 Eucharistic Revival is only a U.S. initiative, but especially in the local parish communities, to benefit others with Christ in the Eucharist.

In parishes the faithful can expect Eucharistic adoration, processions, Eucharistic exposition, catechetical sessions, and other initiatives during the Eucharistic Revival period, with intentions to build up the personal and community Eucharistic life of believers.

As Catholics, we should be encouraged and creative; invite others to a faithful and meaningful participation in the Mass but also to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist, especially in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

What spiritual benefits can Catholics expect as part of the Eucharistic Revival?

The Eucharistic Revival is targeted toward personal and heart of each Catholic but also the revival of the Church - the Mystical Body of Christ. How can those two levels be experienced simultaneously?

Through the Eucharistic Revival, Catholics should first and foremost find a deeper meaning of the Eucharist in their personal lives by asking themselves, "What does the celebration of the Eucharist mean to me?" and "Why do I go to church on Sunday or on other days?"

This personal reflection is practically the first place where the Eucharistic revival begins in people’s hearts and minds.

As the community of believers, Catholics can engage in the Eucharistic Revival through joint prayers (especially the Eucharistic adoration) and participation in the Church’s activities, for instance, the pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis, Ind. Through events of this kind, they will not only become missionary witnesses to the Eucharist along with tens of thousands of other Catholics from around the country, but they will also be built up in their personal Eucharistic faith, edified in their devotion to Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist, and be better prepared to encourage others to remain faithful and steadfast in the devotion to Eucharistic Jesus.

What spiritual benefits can Catholics expect as a fruit of Eucharistic Revival?

The Lord desires to grant special graces to the Church in the U.S. because we ask for it. The U.S. bishops have urged to make a good use of this time to allow the Lord to pour out His love into our hearts. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, be open to the Eucharistic Revival and the renewal of your heart and mind which you will experience when you actively and unreservedly devote your time and energy to be a part of this historical movement of the Church.

Also, pray for the Eucharistic renewal in the hearts of priests who are special ministers of the Eucharist. Eucharistic revival begins and ends with priests.

How can young people be drawn closer to the Eucharist through the Eucharistic Revival?

The archdiocese has been very successful with bringing together young Catholics for Summit Nights - monthly nights of adoration along with small group discussions about the Real Presence of the Eucharist combined with testimonies about personal encounters with Christ in the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Revival is a grassroot movement; therefore, all Catholics are invited and should feel empowered to share their ideas with their pastors about possible initiatives and activities to expand the experience of Eucharistic renewal for all parish members, both young and adult.

In the 2022-2025 Eucharistic Revival, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have urged to make a good use of this opportune time.

What do you say to Catholics to animate them to become actively involved in the Eucharistic Revival in their parishes?

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Take time to learn more through the Scripture, the Eucharistic Revival website (eucharisrevival.org) and other resources involved in the HolySac- rifice of the Eucharist, what is actually happening during Mass and what it means to you as an individual Catholic but also to all Catholics as the community of faith. Sign up for the weekly Eucharistic Revival newsletter, attend in your prayer groups and consider joining or starting a small prayer group in your own parish.

What is your final advice about Eucharistic renewal to young and adult Catholics?

The Eucharistic Revival is not just a program or a period in the history of the Church, but this time is a beginning of something new and we have this singular opportunity to participate in it. Although the U.S. bishops have called for the emphasis for 2022-2025, Eucharistic revival is an ongoing deepening of our Catholic faith. We are called to be Eucharistic people and to live the sacrificial mystery of Jesus in our very lives.

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St. Alphonsus Liguori’s prayer to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament

My Lord Jesus Christ, for the love which Thou dost bear to men, Thou dost remain night and day in this Sacred Monument full of compassion and of love, awaiting, calling, and welcoming all who come to visit Thee. I believe that Thou art present in the Sacrament of the Altar; I adore Thee from the depths of my inmost, and I thank Thee for all the graces which Thou hast bestowed upon me and in particular for having given me Thyself in this Sacrament, for having made me Thy Holy Mother Mary my advocate, and for having called me to visit Thee in this Chapel. I now salute Thy most loving Heart; and for this I am moved, in thanksgiving for this great gift.

To amends to Thee for all the outrages which Thou dost receive in this Sacrament from all Thine enemies, I intend by this visit to adore Thee in all the places on earth in which Thou art least honored and the most abused.

My Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart. I pray for having so many times offended Thee infinite goodness. I promise with Thy grace never more to offend Thee in the future.

Now, miserable and unwor- thy though I be, I consecrate myself to Thy without re- serve, I give Thee my entire will, my affections, my de- sires, and all that I possess. From now on dispose of me as thou wilt, and of all that I have as Thou dost please. All that I ask of Thee and desire in Thy holy law, final perseverance, all the perfect accomplishment of Thy will. I recommend to Thee the Holy Soul of Jesus in particular but especially those who had the greatest devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and I also recommend to Thee all your poor sinners.

My dearest Savior, I unite all my afflictions to the sufferings of Thy most loving Heart; and I offer them, thus united, to Thee Eternal Father, and I beseech Him in Thy Name to vouchsafe to Thy love, to accept them. Amen.
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Dcn. Rodrigo Serna with religious sisters in front of the original image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Photo provided.

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Fr. Tran, the new pastor of the National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Wenceslaus Church in Prague explains to the pilgrims the devotion to the Infant Jesus and his words to Ven. Fr. Cyril, O.C.D., “The more you honor me, the more I will bless you.” Photo Jad Ziolkowska/Sooner Catholic.

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Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

“The little infant is holding the entire globe with all its problems in his left hand, so lightly as if it was only a feather. In the same little way, the incomprehensible God is present in the tiny heart, waiting humbly for us to come to him, receive him at the Eucharist and offer to him all our problems,” said Father Tran. Bringing people back to the Eucharist and adoration has been the main mission of my priestly vocation, also here at the shrine. We need to ask the little Infant Jesus, Lord, teach us to do little things for you with great love, like Saint Thérèse.”

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“My biggest thing would be mercy. I really want to be a merciful priest. It’s actually in darkness or sin that God calls, at least that’s what I’ve experienced. Since I have found mercy in God, I just want to share that mercy with everyone. I have seen priests who would close their eyes to the reality we are living, but the people are living that reality and they won’t change until they can see you are someone they can trust. After that you can get them closer to the Church. They are facing this reality and I want to say, ‘How can I help you?’”

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Guatemala before his martyrdom, in time for Palm Sunday, and it is missing seven leaves. Traditionally, seven has been thought of as the “perfect” number: seven days of creation, seven sacraments, etc. The oval shape is meant to resemble a miraculous medal and commemorate Our Lady, the three crosses represent the Holy Trinity and the sacrifice of Christ and the deep red color symbolizes the bloodshed of martyrdom.

Tile Paw Prints
The floor of the church, chapel and pilgrim center are comprised of Saltillo tiles. Saltillo tile is a clay tile, traditionally from northern. Real Saltillo tile is produced and manufactured in Saltillo, the capital of Coahuila in northwestern Mexico. The tiles are handmade and cured at a relatively low temperature. The clay is packed into molds and left in the sun to dry where animals such as dogs, cats and coyotes are known to walk across them, leaving the distinctive paw prints.

Sanctuary
It is common in churches built during the Spanish Colonial period to have a retablo located on the back wall of the sanctuary. A retablo is a decorative wall treatment behind and above the main altar. The hand-carved retablo contains a 19th century crucifix as well as an original statue of Blessed Stanley Rother in the center niche with Saint Therese of Lisieux, the patron of missions, and Saint James the Greater on either side. The retablo also has carved images of Saints Peter and Paul as well as two antique columns from Spain from the late 16th century and the tabernacle, which has a dome that is a replica of the dome of the shrine.

The Stations of the Cross are hand painted replicas of the Stations of the Cross from the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Puebla, Mexico. Each frame is topped with a shell, a symbol of the pilgrim, and the Saint James cross.

The candlesticks, the altar crucifix, the sanctuary lamp, Paschal Candle stand and sacred vessels are finished in silver, which was typical of sacred objects during the Spanish Colonial period. Furnishings in the narthex that include benches, cabinets and tables are antique and reproductions from Mediterrania in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The Chapel
The crown jewel of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine is the chapel. Reposed in the altar is the body of Blessed Stanley. The altar is hand carved from wood and a marble top. The ambo, the tabernacle and the tabernacle stand are finished in the same style as the altar, and all of them were crafted by Ferdinand Stuflesser 1875 of Ortisei, Italy. The decorative wrap around the nave contains the initials “IHS” and “SFR.” The IHS monogram in the first three letters of Jesus’ name in Greek and SFR refers to Stanley Francis Rother. The mural in the dome that depicts the risen Christ with the Holy Innocents surrounded by the company of martyrs welcoming Blessed Stanley Rother into heaven. The apse mural and decoration were created by EverGreene Studios of Brooklyn, N.Y. In the rear of the chapel, overlooking the altar, is a statue of Blessed Stanley with a first-class relic in the base.
July 22-The Life of Saint Pedro Maldonado
7:30 p.m. Randall University Auditorium, 3701 S. 35th Street Rd., Moore. Contact (405) 816-0994

July 25-Evening Prayer - Spanish
7 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine, Oklahoma City.

July 26-Evening Prayer - English
7 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine, Oklahoma City.

July 28-Bilingual Mass
7 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine, Oklahoma City.

July 28-Family Day and Picnic
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine zocalo and pilgrim center, Oklahoma City.
Jobs Box

RCMS president - OCK
Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is seeking a president. He or she should have a minimum of 10 years of proven success leading a high school in a large urban setting and have a strong understanding of the high school and secondary education landscape. The successful candidate must have a strong understanding of and commitment to Catholic education. Excellent oral and written communication skills are necessary. Will need to establish and maintain strong working relationships with parents, students, and other stakeholders. Excellent presentation skills, knowledge of business practices and experience and skills set with the use of Microsoft Office are a plus. Send letter of interest and resume to archokc@archokc.org.

Director of development - Shrine
The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking a director of development to support the fundraising and donor relations aspects of the shrine. Will be a self-directed team player with a passion for education, writing, and communicating. Will work closely with the executive director and other leadership to develop strategic initiatives. Must have a bachelor’s degree and at least two years of development experience. Full-time position.

Shrine Director of communications - Oklahoma City
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¿Necesita un milagro? El beato Stanley también lo necesita
Festividad 28 de julio

Este 28 de julio se cumplen 42 años desde que el beato Stanley Rother dio su vida por el Evangelio y sus feligreses en el municipio de San Juan Cotzal, en el departamento de Chiquimula, Guatemala.

En agosto de 1980, a la edad de 35 años, el papa Francisco declaró mártir al beato Stanley Rother, un testigo fiel y un poderoso intercesor de la vida real. Su vida es maravillosa y atractiva no sólo para los que se sienten atraídos por este santo, sino también para los que quieran venerarlo; para que los peregrinos de todo el mundo que quieran un milagro puedan invitar a más y más personas a seguir su testimonio.

Beato Stanley, hombre nuestro, que demostraste tu vida en el servicio y derrotaste tu sangre como testigo de la fealdad del amor de Dios. ¡Que siga ahora por nosotros e intercede por nosotros, te pedimos que nos acompañes en nuestro viaje por la vida, pero que la que la presencia redentora de Jesús nos llena ahora y nos deslumbra la plenitud y la paz. Te pido que te ofrezas a nosotros y a nuestros hermanos a Dios, que la misericordia de Cristo, reflejada en tu ministerio y tu martirio, nos remueva y nos traiga las vicisitudes para servir nuestra misión. Beato Stanley, esencial y necesaria la presencia de señales quebrantos, iluminar nuestras oscuridad, y renovar nuestras santurias.

Parte de este esfuerzo consiste en compartir la historia de este santo, pero lo más importante es cultivar el espíritu de intercesión. Para que el beato Stanley Rother, que proporcionó generosidad y oraciones, de los que el Evangelio y sus feligreses mientras era sacerdote en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro. Ayudan a los fieles a acercarse a lo más profundo del corazón de Dios.

El arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley accedió a invitar a más y más personas a seguir su ejemplo. "Debes confiar en Dios y dejarlas pasar. Tan pronto como te dijeron que ibas a ser sacerdote, dijo, "Fue un momento de mi vida en que pensé que Dios me llamaba a ser sacerdote. Entonces decidí seguir mi vocación y ser sacerdote." El arzobispo Coakley accedió a invitarme a que lo escuchara, pero lo he escuchado con mi corazón. Espero que este testimonio inspire a los jóvenes a considerar el sacerdocio incluso si tienen preguntas o no se ven a sí mismos en otras vocaciones o ministerios.

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La ordenación sacerdotal de Dcn. Rodrigo Serna será a las 10 a.m. el 12 de agosto, en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, 3214 N. Lake Ave. en Oklahoma City. Foto proporcionada.
“What is your fondest memory of Bl. Stanley Rother?”

“I never met Bl. Stanley, so I have no memories of him, however I just finished RCIA last Holy Week and Bl. Stanley was my first step along the way. I had been out of church for years, dissatisfied, unfulfilled, knowing I was missing something. I live very close to the Shrine and remember wondering what was being built. Reading the construction sign wasn’t helpful as I had no idea who Stanley Rother was or why a shrine was being built in his memory. So of course, I Googled him. Immediately, I was deeply touched by the articles written about him, to the point of wanting to know more and purchasing “The Shepherd Who Didn’t Run” to learn his story.

At the same time, my oldest son had converted two years prior. He and I started talking about Catholicism and sharing with him furthered my curiosity while making me strongly consider RCIA. My wife and I did indeed join together and were Confirmed this last Holy Week. Choosing my confirmation Saint was easy.... who other than Bl. Stanley Rother could I have chosen?”

Wayne Mohon
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Oklahoma City

“Having supper at our house after Sunday Mass with Fr. Foken.”

Sara English
Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Oklahoma City

Archbishop Emeritus Rausebus J. Beltran

“I believe this is a photo of Bl Stanley’s last birthday as it was taken in March 1981. My sister Laura is standing next to him and my parents, Joe and Mary Tinker, are also among the family and friends gathered there.”

Joyce Tinker Poska
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Arvada, Colorado

Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar cont.

July 24-30 – Napa Institute Summer Conference, Napa, Calif.
Aug. 1-2 – Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, Orlando, Fla.
Aug. 3 – Opening prayer and blessing, archdiocesan new teacher orientation, 8:30 a.m., CPC
Aug. 3 – Archbishop’s Dinner for Seminarian Education, 6 p.m., Omni Oklahoma City Hotel
Aug. 5-6 – Marian Days, Carthage, Mo.
Aug. 7 – Vespers with seminarians and priests, 5 p.m., CPC
Aug. 7 – Cookout with seminarians and priests, 5:30 p.m., archbishop’s residence
Aug. 8 – Presbyteral Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., CPC
Aug. 8 – Mass with seminarians, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
Aug. 8 – Archdiocesan Finance Council meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
Aug. 8 – Archdiocesan Review Board meeting, 3 p.m., CPC
Aug. 8 – Mortgage payoff celebration, 5 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, Del City
Aug. 10 – Meeting with seminarians, 9:30 a.m., CPC
Aug. 10 – Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc. Board meeting, 3 p.m., CPC
Aug. 10 – St. Anthony Hospital Mass and 125th Anniversary Celebration, 6 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Aug. 12 – Priesthood Ordination of Dcn. Rodrigo Serna, 10 a.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

“My last visit with Blessed Stanley occurred in 1981 shortly before he returned to Guatemala. It will remain in my mind as memorable because the discussion centered on his desire to return to his parishioners in Santiago Atitlan even though he knew his life was in danger. I was very proud of his decision and gave him my blessing.”

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BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER SHRINE

“A SHEPHERD CANNOT RUN AT THE FIRST SIGHT OF DANGER.”
- BL. STANLEY ROTHER

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