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10 years of fostering a CULTURE OF LIFE

By Jolene Schonchin The Sooner Catholic

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There are many things that distinguish our Catholic faith and practice from other expressions of Christian faith and certainly from the dominant secular faith of our culture. Inquirers will ask Catholics about the role of the pope, our veneration of Mary and our belief in the Eucharist as the Body of Christ. But, among these distinctively Catholic things, another stands out as truly perplexing for many people. Why a crucifix? The image of a crucified man is displayed prominently in Catholic churches. We find it in most Catholic homes as well. It is displayed prominently in our schools and other Catholic institutions. It is, of course, the image of Jesus crucified. It is the Son of God who, in mercy, gave up his life in order to save us from our sins and conquer death. For Catholics, it is so common to see a crucifix that there is a tendency to take it for granted. It is not just a representation of Christ, and it is not in the cross that we find eternal life. It is through the cross that Jesus is victorious, and we are victorious in him. Saint Irenaeus famously wrote, “The glory of God is man fully alive.” And it is only in the cross of Christ that man finds his full life, free from sin and from the power of death. Through faith we believe. We see the crucifix as a means of salvation, which enables it to be embraced, accepted and conquered in Christ. We live in a world that rejects the message of the cross because such a world without sin has no meaning or value in suffering. The default position is to avoid or at least numb the pain that is such a natural part of life. In such a world we are encouraged to do everything for ourselves and to maximize pleasure. Many seek fulfillment in things and relationships that will never provide fulfillment, thus leading to greater frustration and even worse suffering. As missionaries of Jesus Christ, it is our duty to proclaim Christ, and man dying in the most gruesome and undignified way possible. We even celebrate liturgically the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross each year on Sept. 14. We dedicate a day in our liturgical calendar to celebrate the glory that comes through Jesus’ willing acceptance of his brutal death motivated by merciful love for us. This is a beautiful and joyful paradox of our faith. We recognize the brutality and violence that Jesus endured for our sins, and we celebrate that the Lord in his love for us embraced such suffering to save and rescue us from the power of death. It is through the cross that we are saved, and it is in the cross that we find eternal life. It is through the cross that Jesus is victorious, and we are victorious in him. 

**Glory in the cross**

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

We are called to bring people the Good News that God took on our human nature specifically to share in our suffering, and to bring it meaning. He came so that our suffering, caused by sin, can become a means of redemption and salvation.

For the second consecutive year, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is partnering with the Saint John Paul II Foundation to present the Together in Holiness marriage enrichment conference for couples on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in Oklahoma City.

The Together in Holiness conference was established by the Saint John Paul II Foundation in 2014 and has since welcomed hundreds of couples around the country.

“Together in Holiness is offered in collaboration with dioceses, parishes and schools that desire to strengthen their evangelizing efforts to couples and complement their existing marriage and family programs,” said Susie Sater, vice president of operations for the Saint John Paul II Foundation. “The conference series provides an experience of encounter for spouses that inspires them to grow together in holiness and empowers them to form their children in the Catholic faith.”

With this year’s theme, “couples can expect to walk away with principles, tools and encouragement for how to pass on the faith to their children and their community,” said Sater.

The conference is equally balanced with scheduled presentations and prayer time, but also opportunities for couples to spend time alone together, as well as with other couples, said Sater.

The three keynote talks include: “The Eucharist and the renewal of marriage and evangelization” by Ryan Hanning, Ph.D., fellow at the San Juan Diego Institute; “Engaging and challenging the world” by Thad White, diocesan marriage and family life coordinator; and “Making marriage more meaningful” by Rosemary Ryan, Ph.D., executive director of Find Them and Engage Them.

The Together in Holiness conference will take place on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 6, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway. The period of Adoration will conclude with Benediction.

**Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar**

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

Sept. 10 – Young Adult Mass and Cookout, 3 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center

Sept. 11 – USCBC Committee on Priorities and Plans meeting, Washington D.C.

Sept. 12 – USCBC Administrative Committee meeting, Washington D.C.

Sept. 14 – Senior Staff meeting, 10 a.m., CPC

Sept. 15 – Mass for Fall Education Institute, 8 a.m., Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School

Sept. 16 – Bishops Retreat of the United States Conference, 11 a.m.

Sept. 17-21 – Institute for Priestly Formation Program for Bishops, Mundelein, Ill.

Sept. 22-23 – Archdiocese of Malta Inauguration, Washington, D.C.

Sept. 24 – Oct. 4 – Pilgrimage to Rome and Malta (for Ordination of Seminarian Stephen Jones)
Ever Ancient, Ever New
A series on Saints with a special devotion to the Eucharist

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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She renewed a most promise of the Lord, “On Friday during Holy Communion, he said these words to his unworthy slave, if I mistake not: ‘I promise you in the excessive mercy of my heart that its all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on nine first Fridays of consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they will not die under my displeasure or without receiving their sacraments, my divine heart making itself their advocate with the Most Holy Trinity.”

In 1671, she entered the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial with the religious name “Mary” to her baptismal name in honor of the Blessed Virgin. She experienced persecutions even from her superiors in religion for her private revelations of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit lighted his grief with Margaret Mary, “Behold this heart which has loved men so much and has loaded them with all benefits, and for this boundless love has had no return but neglect, and contumely, and this often from those who were bowled by a debt and duty of more special love.”

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GOLD began in south Oklahoma City in a small home across from Saint James the Greater Catholic Church. GOLD first grew with an additional location in Great Prairie, Texas, at Saint Adelaide Catholic Church, next to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Then it grew in number with four additional rental homes in the neighborhood around the initial Saint James Dwelling. Five years later, on the Feast of Saint Teresa of Kolkata, Sept. 5, 2018, an intentional program of discipleship began with the Gospel of Life School, and now, there is an emerging Franciscan ecclesial family, and Saint Clare Convent became a reality on this City and beyond, for welcoming and hosting Gold for the past 10 years. “We take as our own the call of Pope Saint John Paul II ‘to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm, and to look forward to the future with confidence: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever,’” said Sister Maria. To learn more about GOLD or to volunteer to be a LifeGuard, go to their website, gospeloflifedisciples.org.

What was precious and primary was the joy of the Gospel through their services. Sister Maria explained they are grateful to all those who have helped and are helping with this vital mission.”

Historian to speak on hidden legacy of Black Catholic nuns in America

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Please join us for the 2023 True Family Lecture. Hosted annually by St. Thomas More Parish and the OU Catholic Student Association.

St. John Paul II Dwelling in Moore. "Photo Dina Alvear/Sister Catholic.”

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This lecture is sponsored by the True Family Lectureship and is free and open to the public. For more information or accommodations, call (405) 321-0990 or e-mail Charles Kennedy at TFLatSTM@gmail.com.
Catholic schools welcome new principals

Name: Corky McMullen
School: Saint Philip Ner Catholic School
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Why is Catholic education important? As Catholic educators, we live out faith inside and outside of our classrooms, ultimately helping children fulfill their destiny to become saints. We strive for the young souls in our building to experience Jesus everyday throughout their rigorous coursework.

Christ is the teacher in Catholic schools, and we are simply a beacon for him. That is a radically different approach to education, which is why I love Catholic education. It is about the whole person: mind, body and, most importantly, the soul.

What are some of your goals as a new principal? As principal, first and foremost, I want to serve our families and staff with the love and dignity that they deserve. My personal goal is to follow Jesus and lead with compassion. I expect that we will build relationships with our students, faculty and parents.

What is your favorite part of being an educator? It is absolutely love being an educator and I miss being in the classroom daily. My favorite part of being a teacher is the relationship you form with each student, understanding their unique gifts and helping them to find success in their own ways. I aim to be a teacher's principal, meaning that I never want to be so far removed from the classroom that I can no longer relate to the joys, demands and intricacies of teaching. Teaching will always be my first love and the reason I went into the field of education.

Name: Jenny Richard
School: Christ the King Catholic School
Website: ctkschool.com

Why is Catholic education important? Catholic education is extremely important as it aids in the formation of the whole child. We, as Catholic schools, are there to support the spiritual, cognitive, emotional, social and physical development of each child who enters our school building. Many children have landed at Christ the King Catholic School spending most of their childhood with us. We take that responsibility to heart.

All our actions and words aim to help each child reach his/her full potential, with our Catholic values, virtues and teachings guiding all we do.

What are some of your goals as a new principal? What we are a big school, so my aim is to get to know each child in some way, spend time in every classroom as much as possible, and be present and responsive to the needs of our students, faculty and community.

What is your favorite way to spend time away from school? My time away is usually spent with my family. My wife, Ryan, and I enjoy raising our family Corky, Beau, Drew, Ty, Smith, Miriam and Emmie in and around the church, but there is never a dull moment in the McMullen house! On any given day, you will most likely see a friendly, or not so friendly at times, competition going on in the driveway, front yard or back yard. We love spending time together playing sports, eating meals, visiting friends and family and of course in prayer.

Name: George Meiwes
School: Saint Joseph Ponemah Catholic School
Website: sjosk.org/school

Why is Catholic education important? Catholic schools provide students with a unique learning environment that encourages the love of God and neighbor while providing students with an ethical framework to work the world. Students learn that every person has value and purpose. They are challenged academically to pursue excellence and use their God-given abilities for the betterment of others.

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What are some of your goals as a new principal? My primary goal is to help students grow closer to Christ. We want students to know they are loved and learn to rely on Christ in everything they do. I also want to increase opportunities for students by offering additional extracurricular activities. Our teachers and parents are working hard to form an academic team, robotics team, green team, prayer club, and chess club. We want all of our students to be involved in something positive and give back to their community.

What is your favorite way to spend time away from school? I love to be outside (I actually love recess duty), spend time with my children, Julia and Atticus (both of whom are in college) and my husband Rock. I enjoy active running, reading and time with friends. I also enjoy learning German on Duolingo. I love climbing for fun.

Evlina shared how Catholic Charities helped her and her son.

M y story begins years ago when I lost my home. My son, Michael, and I started living out of my car. He would ask me, “Mommy, why are we not loved? Why do we not have a home?” I assured him we were loved, but we were going through a difficult time.

My son felt alone, scared and unsure. I, too, was worried about trying to take care of my son and providing him with a safe place to live. We began to reach out to different homes, but still felt alone and unwanted.

Then, we lost our home. Knowing I couldn’t take everything inside the car with us, I grabbed my son’s blanket, a few of his toys and some of our clothes. Before that, I would walk through the streets and look for shelter.

Many of the homeless shelters were filled with men and women from all different backgrounds. This wasn’t ideal for us, and the family rooms at the shelters were limited and usually occupied by people with troubles.

We found ourselves sleeping on benches; with Michael curled up in his Lightning McQueen blanket, while I tried my best to catch some sleep while also keeping an eye out for safety reasons.

One day I walked by the old Mission Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe, on SW 11, where I remember watching as a young girl with my mother. As a child, my mother and I would volunteer there to help create food baskets, participate in angel tree projects during Christmas time and provide for people in various ways. If it had ever been converted into a women’s day shelter by Catholic Charities.

Afterward, I asked my counselor to bring me to Catholic Charities. As I was taken to the entrance of Sanctuary Women’s Development Center, I looked and saw a statue of Mother Mary and our Lord Jesus. My heart said it was okay to go in and share my story. I shared that my child and I were homeless, coming away from abuse and other circumstances out of my control. I wanted a safe place to stay and be around other women that could love and support my son and me.

As soon as I walked in, the staff met me with smiles and hugs. The staff gave my son a backpack with a toy inside, showed him to an area set up with a playground, and immediately I was filled with so much humility and love. They quickly became family to me.

They provided us with a place to shower and do our laundry, and after meeting with a case manager for the first time, my son and I crawled into an old pick-up truck that we found there from when it was a minus- building. We cuddled up in one of those beds and immediately fell asleep. It was the best rest we had in months.

The most important thing was they were our advocates in life. We could be our true selves and share our stories without judgment. We were all in different stages of homelessness, but we were together, walking the toughest journey of our lives with humility and God’s grace.

After some time, I ended up finding stability and success by working with my case manager. My son ended up graduating high school as an A-student and we are now a sophomore at the University of Tulsa. Looking back, he looks at the staff from Sanctuary as a second mom to him. They were a safety net for him as they guided and guarded us through our struggles.

From our darkest moment, God, through the Sanctuary Women’s Development Center, provided us with light, love and opportunities. I still visit Sanctuary, but now as a volunteer, so I can share my story and bring hope to those in need.
Guided by Catholic teaching, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City serves those in need, regardless of their faith, through transformative, empowering and dignity-affirming social service programs that seek to eliminate material, emotional and spiritual poverty across Central and Western Oklahoma.

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This issue of the Sooner Catholic includes several encouraging stories directly from clients positively impacted by your support of Catholic Charities. These examples were chosen to showcase how each Catholic Charities program illuminates the hope we have in Christ. We pray these true stories inspire your continued support as we launch the 2023 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal.

Every year, your Catholic Charities brings light to those in our community who are without proper shelter, hungry, fearful of their future and desperate. Inspired by Psalm 119:105, our Annual Appeal theme this year is, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Catholic Charities has more than 14 programs to assist families through crisis pregnancy, family counseling, disaster recovery and family support services designed to alleviate poverty and bring healing and hope.

Catholic Charities can only bring light to those living in darkness because of the generosity of thousands of supporters like you. Through this appeal, you and all our supporters can show the light of Christ to those in our community.

Will you help continue Catholic Charities' 111-year legacy of service to central and western Oklahoma? Your support translates directly into lives changed. Please help others through your support to this year's Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. May God richly bless your compassion, and may we all be the lamp of Christ to those most in need.

In Christ,

Patrick J. Raglow
Executive Director
World Youth Day 2023 was held in Lisbon, Portugal, from Aug. 1 to 6. The archdiocese led a group of 36 participants, which represented eight parishes, including in Oklahoma City, Yukon and Lawton. The group was led by Father John Paul Lewis, pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Oklahoma City and director of seminarians for the archdiocese; Kendra Mann, coordinator of youth, young adult and campus evangelization and Sandy Harem, from the Archdiocese of Denver, along with parental sponsors.

"Pope John Paul II established an event for young people in 1985 where young Catholics from all over the world could celebrate their Catholic faith together," said Mann. "It was held in Denver in 1993." The pope inaugurated the event to help young Catholics deepen their faith from a truly global perspective. "He created it because he had a love for young people, and help them to strengthen their faith," said Mann. "We talk about how in the Catholic faith, we're all one family, and being able to see youth from all over the world is really inspiring and gives a glimpse of what heaven is like – billions of people worshipping together."

The group spent five days at WYD, but that was only one aspect of their travels, as they had a chance take their own pilgrimage into the heart of the Catholic Church in Vatican City and Rome, seeing the church's history and culture come to life before their eyes. Their trip began July 27.

"We started at the pastoral center with Mass with Father Lewis. That was the priest that was with us the whole time," said Mann. They soon were on a plane for Rome and The Vatican City, visiting many historical sites in the city. Those sites included Saint Peter’s Basilica and the Vatican Museum, the Staine Chapel and the Basilicas of Saint Mary Major, Saint Paul Outside the Walls and Saint John in the Lateran. They also viewed first-hand the Roman catacombs underneath the city. One parent sponsor was Robert Noble, who attended with his sons, Zachary and Benjamin. Noble is the director of liturgy and music at Saint John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Yukon. Seeing the catacombs was awe-inspiring for him.

"We got to see the catacombs, and standing near the original burial place of Saint Cecilia, she was the patron saint of church music, was rather moving," said Noble.

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Hay muchas cosas que distinguen nuestra fe católica y su práctica de otras expresiones de fe cristiana y, desde luego, de la fe secular dominant en nuestra cultura.

Indagadores pudieran preguntar a los católicos acerca del papel del papa, nuestra fe católica y su práctica de otras expresiones de redención y salvación. Nietzsche dijo que la cruz puede ser motivo de tropiezo para los católicos, aunque nunca reconocimos “la locura” de que nuestras escuelas de hogares católicos.

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Como discípulos misioneros de Jesucristo, es nuestro deber proclamar a Cristo, y a este crucificado. Estamos llamados a transmitir a la gente la Buena Nueva de que Dios asumió en particular nuestra naturaleza humana para compartir nuestro sufrimiento y para darle sentido. Vino a redimir a la gente la Buena Nueva de que Dios crucificado. Estamos llamados a transmitir esto a la gente las cosas distintivamente católicas, como la Eucaristía como el Cuerpo de Cristo. Pero, pensándolo bien, aún debería escandalizarnos que demos tanta importancia a otras expresiones de la cruz porque eso mundo sin fe no ve el sentido ni el valor del sufrimiento. La postura habitual es evitar o al menos mitigar el dolor, que es una parte tan natural de la vida.

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Above: The Knights of Columbus donated brand new coats for every Catholic Charities client.

Top: A client of Sanctuary Women’s Development Center hugs her case worker after receiving the keys to a vehicle through Catholic Charities.

Right: A client and her son received services through the family support services program.

Top: Benchmark Foods was presented with the Mosaic award at Catholic Charities’ Green Tie Gala.

Right: The Oklahoma City Thunder contributed to “A Very Giving Christmas” with OKC Thunder stockings.

Below: A client (left) received a donated vehicle with the help from his case manager Kyle McNew (right).

Left: Students from Christ the King Catholic School participated in a day of volunteering.

Middle: Catholic Charities broke ground on May 2 at the site for the new Sanctuary Women’s Development Center facility.

Above: FBI Director Christopher Wray (left) presented Patrick Raglow, Catholic Charities OKC, the 2022 Director’s Community Leadership Award.