Historic panhandle parish celebrates 130 years

By Diane Clay
The Sooner Catholic

Shortly before 5 p.m. on Sept. 9, the iconic bell atop Good Shepherd Catholic Church on the plains of the Oklahoma Panhandle began to clang announcing its 130th anniversary.

“Just as the bell rang out over the Oklahoma Territory 130 years ago, it called the faithful together today to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and our Catholic faith!” said Beth Hathaway, a long-time parish leader.

The anniversary Mass at the vibrant parish was celebrated by Archbishop Coakley; Father Joseph Schwarz, pastor; Father Don Wolf, who served at the parish as a young priest; and Father John Herrera and Father Udayakumar Kandula, parochial vicars.

“What a joy it is to join in this celebration with you this afternoon as we mark 130 years of living and bearing witness to our Catholic faith here in Cimarron County,” Archbishop Coakley said during his homily.

“As we heard in the Gospel just a moment ago wherever two or three gather in my name, there am I in your midst. By your gathering all of these years, we have been making the Lord present in this part of the panhandle of Oklahoma. Through the Church, Christ is made manifest.

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Spiritual directors prepare to lead others

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On a cool, mid-September morning, a group of almost 40 parishioners gathered for a special retreat near Stillwater. The group consisted of spiritual directors from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Diocese of Tulsa and the Diocese of Little Rock who joined together at the center for fellowship and prayer as they prepare for the start of Retreat in Daily Life – a program that brings parishioners together to grow deeper in their relationship with God.

The program, “A Day of Reflection for spiritual directors,” was held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 14 at the new Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

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Dcn. Joe Vandervort and spiritual directors from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Diocese of Tulsa, and the Diocese of Little Rock gathered together on Sept. 14 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Retreat Center to prepare for the Retreat in Daily Life Program. Photo Everett Brazil III/Sooner Catholic.
Put Out Into the Deep
Luke 5:4
Reminders of God’s call

On Sept. 28, I will have the privilege of ordaining the transitional deacon class of the North American College at Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Among this group of men from dioceses all over the United States, is one of our own – Stephen Jones.

Stephen has been a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City since 2018. Service in the transitional diaconate is a man’s final period of preparation before he is ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ in service of the people of God. God willing, Stephen will be ordained a priest in June 2024.

We recently had the great joy on Aug. 12 of celebrating the ordination of Father Rodrigo Serna as a priest! Ordinations are events in which we poignantly experience the providence, the closeness and the fidelity of the Lord to his Church. Our archdiocese has been blessed by the vocations of Father Rodrigo and Stephen. In addition to Stephen, we have 17 other seminarians in the process of vocational discernment and priestly formation in response to the Lord’s invitation.

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A Mass for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children was celebrated Sept. 9 at St. Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee. Photos Dr. George Hall, O.S.B.

Ardmore. Fifteen years before Oklahoma was admitted into the Union in 1897, Saint Mary Catholic Church opened its doors.

To commemorate the 125th anniversary, there will be an outdoor Mass and a festival at 10 a.m. on Oct. 8 in Central Park in Ardmore. All other weekend Masses will be cancelled so parishioners, former parishioners, friends, visitors and family members can attend. After Mass, there will be food, outdoor picnic, games, t-shirts and banners. More than 300 people are expected to attend.

Heading this massive endeavor is long time parishioner, Trish Maher. Maher has a great deal of corporate meeting experience and is well-versed in the technical know-how. It is a call to missionary discipleship! Ordinations are events in celebrating the ordination of Father Rodrigo Serna as a priest! Ordinations are events in which we poignantly experience the providence, the closeness and the fidelity of the Lord to his Church. Our archdiocese has been blessed by the vocations of Father Rodrigo and Stephen. In addition to Stephen, we have 17 other seminarians in the process of vocational discernment and priestly formation in response to the Lord’s invitation.

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Interview with Fr. Christopher Tran about parish Eucharistic Revival

1. How did you become a missionary of Eucharistic adoration? 
    While I was a seminarian, I heard a moving story told by Bishop Fulton Sheen of a Chinese priest who was captured by communists destroying Catholic churches in China, including his own. He said they were also shooting at the tabernacle. This young man learned that if one of the consecrated hosts he had preserved was not in the tabernacle, they would burn down the church. He said he could see Jesus in every host, and he knew it was not possible to burn down the church. He vowed to protect the tabernacle at all costs.

2. Why did you decide to become involved in supplying adoration rooms? 
   I wanted to do better for these priests who had no opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament. It seemed they were fighting a losing battle against the Communists, and I thought I could help preserve the most holy Eucharist for them. I started with just one place, but now there are hundreds of adoration rooms in China.

3. What is the most memorable experience of parish Eucharistic Revival in your lifetime as a priest? 
   The Tabernacle project at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. When I arrived at Saint Patrick, the tabernacle was kept in the sacristy. With the help of the parishioners, we rebuilt the altar space and placed the tabernacle in the church. When I pray Mass, I bow down to the altar – this is a reflection of Christ in the Eucharist. I believe in Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the Eucharistic Revival.

4. How can we ignite others to become a missionary in the Eucharist? 
   Michael Rice, a silver spoon who knows the work is incomplete when he sees his face reflected in that polished silver. We must allow the Lord to transform us through the Eucharist, not to the Eucharist (the person of Christ). Jesus is all mercy, and we need to reflect his mercy in our lives toward other people. When we feel at peace in the love and charity of Christ in us, our lives will be changed for the better. This is the exact power and effective way to share God's love with others to fulfill the commandment of love Christ imparted to us.

5. What does Eucharistic adoration mean to you? 
   For me, Eucharistic adoration is the most powerful and effective way to communicate with God. It is a reflection of Christ in the Church, and it is where he waits for miracles, oftentimes forgetting that Jesus is present in the tabernacle, transforming us, healing us bodily and spiritually. The presence of Jesus in his tabernacle is a miracle. The mystery is contained in the humility of God who waits for us silently in the small host, while people search for loud and big things of the world. If we truly know Jesus, we will experience real peace and joy in our hearts, and we will never want to miss the opportunity to communicate with him and to see his face reflected in the Host.
through your living and celebrating and bearing witness to your faith, and the Gospel is being proclaimed.”

Archbishop spent the remainder of his ministry reflecting on the second reading from Saint Paul where he writes, “owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

“Love can make many different kinds of demands on us. But one of the real challenges that love sometimes can make upon all of us is the duty of correcting others who have gone astray, who are going astray,” he said.

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“The Catholic Faith in Cimarron County from the ‘La Capilla del Buen Pastor’ to the present-day Church of the Good Shepherd. The first Mass was celebrated in what is now Cimarron County in 1893, thanks to the efforts of Virginia Loan, a devoted Catholic woman who ranched with her husband, Juan Luans, in “the strip.”

The first Mass was celebrated by Father Salvador Persone, a Jesuit priest from Trinidad.

Soon after, the Luans built a chapel on their ranch in “No Man’s Land,” which grew and was officially dedicated as La Capilla del Buen Pastor by Bishop Theophile Morehouse in 1895 in Indian Territory.

The diocese eventually built a church in Boise City and named it Sacred Heart. As the number of parishioners grew, the diocese built a new church in the current location in 1967 named St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church.

In the 1960s, the Luans Family gifted the church the bell and a statue of the Good Shepherd from the original chapel. To honor the gift, the church name changed to The Church of the Good Shepherd.

“The Catholic Faith in Cimarron County from the ‘La Capilla del Buen Pastor’ to the present-day Good Shepherd Catholic Church has been a journey of time, places and people,” the congregation wrote in the program for the 125th anniversary. “God has blessed this church with a diverse congregation (and we celebrate with joy the gifts that all bring to the table of the Lord.”

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On Sept. 1, St. John Nepomuk Catholic School celebrated its 70th anniversary. St. Enidla, CST (pict: pictured) broke ground on the new school building which could welcome more than 200 students, which was dedicated on May 16, 1961. St. John Nepomuk Falcons also celebrated with a commemorative t-shirt, Mass and a parish picnic on Sept. 10. Photos provided.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Thursday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, from Noon to 2:30 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.

Holy Innocents’ Chapel

The only freestanding 24/7 perpetual adoration chapel in Oklahoma City, dedicated to the protection of all life from conception until natural death, is seeking more adorers. The chapel is located at 6114 N.W. 63 in Warra Acre. Contact Julie Mayfield (English), (405) 413-0272; Maria Santana (Spanish), (405) 664-3052.
The Center of Family Love (CFL), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those living with intellectual disabilities, is proud to announce the opening of applications for its 2023-24 Teen Board. This initiative, comprised of a select group of high school students from surrounding Oklahoma schools, aims to foster a sense of community, inclusivity and empowerment while breaking boundaries and transforming lives.

The Teen Board members, chosen based on their compelling applications, will meet monthly with CFL residents and assist them in discovering and nurturing their unique talents and passions. In addition to their direct interaction with residents, the Teen Board will undertake fundraising endeavors to support the CFL community. This will include the organization of a major spring event on the CFL campus, the proceeds of which will directly benefit the residents.

“The Teen Board represents a significant step not only in the growth of our organization but in our mission to create a more inclusive and empowering society,” Keely Ross said, Center of Family Love’s Teen Board advisor. “We believe that by connecting teenagers with our residents, we can cultivate mutual understanding, respect, and friendship that will have a lasting impact not only on our residents but also on the teenagers themselves.”

The Center of Family Love hopes that through their participation in the Teen Board, members will finish their journey with a profound sense of achievement, having made a positive impact on the lives of the residents.

“Everyone needs a mentor,” Ross said. “And we believe that the Teen Board members and our residents can be mentors to each other. This can be a transformative journey for all involved.”

To apply for CFL’s Teen Board, visit centeroffamilylove.org/teenboard.

Local Catholic artist chosen as finalist for Paseo micro-granting program

Oklahoma City-based Catholic cartoonist Jillian Chapman has been selected as one of five finalists for the Paseo Arts Association annual micro-granting program: Funding Emerging Artists with Sustainable Tactics (FEAST). Each year, FEAST gives hopeful artists the opportunity to garner recognition and bolster support for the arts in Oklahoma City.

Chapman was selected as one of five Oklahoma City-based Catholic artists to be included alongside 150 other finalists for the Paseo micro-granting program. Chapman’s proposal will receive the grant funding needed to help her complete her project.

Chapman plans to use the money to fund the creation of the first 20 pages of her graphic novel, “Star Ceiling,” a memoir for middle-grade readers. The memoir illustrates her experience as an 11-year-old girl growing up in a historic Texas suburb with her mother, father and two sisters. The story is told through adventures and milestones and culminates in the experience of her father’s death from cancer and its impact on their family life.

The FEAST grant is funded by proceeds from tickets sold for the event. At this year’s event, Chapman will be included along with the other finalists to present their proposals. The proceeds of these proposals will be awarded to the five finalists.

If awarded the grant, Chapman says she hopes to create a cartoon series that will tell a great story and provide wholesome stories to the shelves of all families, no matter their faith background. She recognizes the growing struggle of parents to find books for their children that reflect Catholic voices in today’s society.

Youth from Holy Name Catholic Church in Chickasha participate in a new program called Youth Discipleship. The program is designed for youth who have already received the sacrament of Confirmation to help them continue in their journey of faith. Photos provided.
Mass and the Rite of Institution of Lectors for the Deacon Formation Class of 2025 was celebrated by Archbishop Coakley on Sept. 8 in the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. Photos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.
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of Our Lady of LaVang on Sept. 10 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City, and has been a leader since 2016.

Saint Eugene Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. The Retreat in Daily Life program is also about meeting God and having a deeper faith and prayer life.

The theme of the retreat was “Listen with the ear of your heart,” helping those spiritual directors in attendance learn to listen and discern the needs of those to whom they are ministering in the Retreat in Daily Life program.

“What we’re hoping to do as spiritual directors is holy listening, which is the art of listening, and the art of loving, because when we’re really listening to another person and we’re really listening to another person’s stories and not putting out our stories and our thoughts, we’re really listening,” Lyon said. “This is about coming to a deeper knowledge, understanding and fellowship with Jesus Christ.”

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Spiritual directors from across the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Diocese of Tulsa, along with participants from the Diocese of Little Rock, met at the Our Lady of Grace Catholic Retreat Center, near Stillwater, for a special program on Sept. 14 to prepare for the upcoming Retreat in Daily Life Program. Photo Everett Brazil III/Sooner Catholic

Fr. Joseph Boddie Dugganopriy celebrate a St. Kateri Tekakwitha Mass and Honor Dance on Sept. 9 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Konawa. People traveled from throughout the state to attend, including Mustang, Yukon, Oklahoma City, Lawton, Broken Arrow and Skiatook. Photos Dana and Payton Attocknie/Sooner Catholic.

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oiners a person as they walk with God, helping them to understand what God may be telling them, by listening. Their body posture, their emotions and feelings,” Tran said. “Most of the time, it is about praying.”

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The Retreat in Daily Life program, a program based on the spiritual exercises written by Saint Ignatius Loyola.

“We’re here to follow the lead of Saint Ignatius Loyola, who founded the Jesuits,” spiritual director Kathy Payne said. “He wrote the spiritual exercises before he was a Jesuit and he taught them how to pray the exercises, and the exercises really started out with the birth of the Jesuits.”

The program deepens participants in their prayer lives as they follow the life of Jesus Christ through weekly meetings.

“We follow Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, and we’re there to rejoice with all the people that came to see Jesus – the shepherds and wise men,” Payne said.

The program continues with Jesus’ ministry, passions, death and resurrection.

“In between the movements, we learn about humility, we learn how to pray, something Saint Ignatius called the ‘examination,’ we learn how to examine where we are with the Lord,” Payne said.

Participants in the program meet weekly in small groups, led by a group leader. That group is overseen by a spiritual director, with the group leader also a spiritual director.

One attendee, Long Tran, is a spiritual director at Saint Eugene Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. The Retreat in Daily Life program is also about meeting God and having a deeper faith and prayer life.

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The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a director of communications and marketing to coordinate and direct the archdiocese's communications, marketing, and public relations. This position will work collaboratively with the executive office of the archdiocese, specifically the overall pastor, the Archbishop, and the CPO of the diocesan office to ensure coordination and coordinating the summer camp programs. Responsibilities include managing and directing the staff through effective leadership, relationships, and operations. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or related field or at least three years of experience in communications and marketing. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills and be an excellent listener. Must have a full understanding of accounting and/or cash management. Send cover letter and resume to: humanresources@archokc.org.

Human resources generalist - OKC

The Archdiocese of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an office administrator to coordinate and support the archdiocese's human resources department. The office administrator will be responsible for personnel administration, including the management of resources, maintenance of records, and the coordination of various activities relating to human resources. Send cover letter and resume to: humanresources@archokc.org.

Accounting assistant - Shrine

The Shrine of St. Anne is seeking an accounting assistant to support the shrine's financial operations, including bookkeeping, record-keeping, and financial planning. Send cover letter and resume to: humanresources@archokc.org.

Coordinators of youth ministry - OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking coordinators of youth ministry for the archdiocese and summer camp programs. Responsibilities include teaching, facilitating, and coordinating the youth programs and summer camp programs to support Archdiocese of Oklahoma City's mission. Applicants must have a four-year degree in religion, education, or youth ministry and at least three years of experience in teaching, facilitating, and coordinating youth programs. Send cover letter and resume to: humanresources@archokc.org.

Director of media relations - OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a director of media relations to oversee and coordinate all aspects of the archdiocese's communications and media relations. This position is responsible for the archdiocese's publications, including the archdiocese's website, social media, and other communication channels. Send cover letter and resume to: humanresources@archokc.org.

Cafeteria worker - OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a cafeteria worker to work in the archdiocese's cafeteria. Responsibilities include preparing and serving food, cleaning and maintaining the cafeteria, and coordinating with the cafeteria manager and supervisor. Send cover letter and resume to: humanresources@archokc.org.

Parish secretary - OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a parish secretary to work in a parish office. Responsibilities include answering phones, managing schedules, and coordinating events. Applicants must have at least two years of experience in office administration. Send cover letter and resume to: humanresources@archokc.org.

Administrative assistant - OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an administrative assistant to provide administrative support to the archdiocese and its offices. Responsibilities include scheduling meetings, managing calendars, and coordinating with the archbishop and other parish staff. Applicants must have at least two years of experience in office administration. Send cover letter and resume to: humanresources@archokc.org.

Music director - Del City

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a music director to coordinate and direct the music program for the archdiocese. Responsibilities include selecting and directing church music, coordinating rehearsals, and coordinating with the archbishop and other parish staff. Applicants must have at least two years of experience in directing church music. Send cover letter and resume to: humanresources@archokc.org.

Catholic Charities and the Catholic Church: An Ethical and Public Policy Center

The Catholic Charities and the Catholic Church: An Ethical and Public Policy Center is a website dedicated to the ethical and public policy issues facing the Catholic Church. The website features a variety of resources, including articles, research papers, and podcasts. The website is open to all who are interested in the ethical and public policy issues facing the Catholic Church. The website is free to access, and we encourage you to explore the website to learn more about the ethical and public policy issues facing the Catholic Church.
Dedicado y sin el cual el trabajo bien hecho

La arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City desde el 2018. El servicio en el diaconado transitorio es el último período de preparación de un hombre antes de ser ordenado sacerdote de Jesucristo al servicio del Pueblo de Dios. Si Dios quiere, Stephen será ordenado sacerdote en junio del 2024.

Recientemente, el 12 de agosto, tuvimos la gran alegría de celebrar la ordenación sacerdotal del padre Rodrigo Serna! Las ordenaciones, ofrecen a la Iglesia una oportunidad para hacer una pausa, recordar la bondad de Dios y renovar nuestra apertura a lo que el Señor nos llama a hacer en nuestras vidas.

A la vez que reconocemos la importancia y lo esencial de la labor que realizamos en la arquidiócesis, también queremos subrayar que creemos nuestro propio significado, para que nos sentimos a una persona para que nos descubramos, definamos o nos conformemos a nosotros mismos, para que

“Dios es quien nos ha creado y nos ha conferido la dignidad, el sentido y el propósito. Dios es el autor de nuestra misión y nos provistió y cuidará de nosotros – como individuos, como familias, como parroquias, como arquidiócesis o como Iglesia universal. Dios es un Padre bueno y amoroso, y está a cargo. Llama a personas comunes y corrientes como tú y como yo a ser sus discípulos con misiones tan únicas e irrepetibles como las somos cada uno de nosotros.

Esta semana, por favor, únanos en oración por el crecimiento de la santidad de todos los fieles en la Iglesia, por el continuo crecimiento de una cultura vocacional en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, para que el Señor llame a los hombres a servir en su altar, y por Stephen y sus compañeros mientras responden a ese llamado y que nos recuerden que Dios responde a nuestras oraciones y hace fructificar nuestra labor.

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Ministering to Hispanics in the U.S.
Everyone is invited to a day of formation from 9 a.m. to Noon on Oct. 3 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 3001 NE 23rd Street, betweenbinary Way in Oklahoma City. The topic is ministering to Hispanics in the U.S. and will be presented by Luis Soto. Visit archokc.org/events to register. RSVP before Sept. 25. Lunch will be provided.

The Monks’ Marketplace
The Monks’ Marketplace now has a new location and extended shopping hours! The shop is now located inside the front door of the monastery right at the lobby. They are open 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Deep in and purchase Missals, Holy Cards as well as products from religious communities around the country. Purchases support the Monks of St. Gregory’s Abbey.

Bingo
The Knights of Columbus family bings at St. James Catholic Church, 4212 S. McKinley in Oklahoma City. Sept. 28. All ministering at both games. Call (405) 878-5656. Cost $30 pre-paid or $35 at the door. Lunch included.

Day of Reflection
Day of Reflection, “The Little Way of exemplifying our work” presented by Fr. Peter Shullis, O.S.B. is 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sept. 30 at St. Gregory’s Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur St., Shawnee. Attendants must pre-register by e-mailing retreats@monksok.org, via the link at monksok.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost $30 pre-paid or $35 at the door. Lunch included.

Annuity Mass
Archbishop Cordileone invites all married couples to attend this Oklahoma annual Annuity Mass at 3 p.m. Oct. 15 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. Couples celebrating milestones anniversaries (25, 30, 50+) in the calendar year 2023 will be specifically honored. Register by Oct. 11 at archbishopsanctuary.org. Contact Lisa Carranza at (405) 709-2109 or Ericka Fraire at (405) 438-8364.

Bishop Meeks‘hurch Society
The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma invites people who have left their parish, the archdiocese or another Catholic ministry in their will to join Archbishop Cordileone at 11 a.m. on Sept. 25 and then a luncheon Oct. 19 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 3001 NE 23rd Street, in Oklahoma City. Contact Florence@okcr.org. Ask about the dedication Mass.

Dementia, Alzheimer’s
An epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church invites everyone to a pre-screening for Dementia and Alzheimer’s by Carla Sicil, volunteer forweighing In a new life at Vici. The respect he observed others for his father as a physician, coupled with his own respect, influenced his ca- sur medicine. He found himself going to school, raising a family and trying to support his family for the first time. It was a challenging time. However, Edge and his wife worked hard – and it paid off.

You might say though, by my late 40s, I was a little too full of myself,” Edge said. Then his world turned up-side-down. His marriage fell apart; he lost his home and he lost his dream home. Even his work as medical couple of his partner left his medical practice. Everything he had was taken. Their volun- teer work followed. Their volun- teer work's as a doctor, was discretion- ary. Edge was part of a profession where he was asked to stay one more day, he was asked to seek someone out for help. Now, he did not know where to turn.

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Annuity Mass
Archbishop Cordileone invites all married couples to attend this Oklahoma annual Annuity Mass at 3 p.m. Oct. 15 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. Couples celebrating milestones anniversaries (25, 30, 50+) in the calendar year 2023 will be specifically honored. Register by Oct. 11 at archbishopsanctuary.org. Contact Lisa Carranza at (405) 709-2109 or Ericka Fraire at (405) 438-8364.

Bishop Meeks‘hurch Society
The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma invites people who have left their parish, the archdiocese or another Catholic ministry in their will to join Archbishop Cordileone at 11 a.m. on Sept. 25 and then a luncheon Oct. 19 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 3001 NE 23rd Street, in Oklahoma City. Contact Florence@okcr.org. Ask about the dedication Mass.

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The 2023 Jubilarian Dinner was held Sept. 5 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. Photos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.

Celebrating 25 years of priesthood was Fr. Thomas Nallapatti, Fr. Balireddy Ponnapati and Fr. Gregory Viet Nguyen.

Celebrating 40 years of priesthood was Archbishop Paul Coakley.

Celebrating 50 years of priesthood was Fr. Jack Feehily.

Celebrating 60 years of priesthood was Fr. Graham Walters and Fr. James Greiner. It would also have been Bl. Stanley Rother’s 60th ordination anniversary.

Celebrating 65 years of priesthood was Fr. Daniel McCaffrey.

Archbishop Paul Coakley celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on Aug. 29 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Oklahoma City for Sr. Barbara Joseph Foley’s 25th anniversary of vows. The Mass was attended by many priests, the Carmelite Community and guests. Fr. Rex Arnold hosted the Jubilee. A dinner followed in the parish atrium for 120 guests. Photos provided.