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New School Believed First Of Its Kind in the Nation

Good Shepherd School for Autistic Children Opens



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley blesses the Good Shepherd School Nov. 4. More photos and story on Page 8.

A Celebration of Marriage

*Couples Celebrate
Milestones with Mass*

*"It is especially important that
the married couple become one
in heart and soul,
and that they obtain together
their human perfection."*

Pope Paul VI

By Ray Dyer
The Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Archbishop Paul S. Coakley may need a new pair of shoes after walking steadily over a good portion of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help handing out certificates to almost 100 couples who were celebrating milestone marriages.

As much ground as the Archbishop covered Nov. 6 during the Jubilee Celebration of Marriage Mass, it can't compare with the journey taken by couples such as Ernest and Marie Semrad. The couple received a rousing round of applause when Monsignor Edward J. Weisenburger announced they were the longest married couple at ... drum roll, please ... 73 years. The couple just edged out James and Mary Williams, who were celebrating 70 years of marriage.

Archbishop Coakley thanked the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life for coordinating the Mass. In all, 95 couples celebrated their

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Thanksgiving and Vocations

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday this week, I have been reflecting with amazement on the many blessings I have received since arriving in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City earlier this year. There has been so much to be grateful for!

I was reminded of one particular reason for my gratitude when I paused to examine the new archdiocesan poster displaying our seminarians in the Catholic Pastoral Center hallways recently. We are truly blessed to have these 22 young men in formation as they seek to respond to God's call. These young men, God willing, are our future priests. Each of their lives is a mystery. God has a plan for each of them, as he does for all of us.

Two weeks ago every household of registered parishioners in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City received a mailing containing a smaller version of this same seminarian poster. It included a message from Father Novak, our Vocations Director, from Brian Buettner, one of our seminarians, as well as from me. The purpose of

this initiative is to help introduce our seminarians to the people of the Archdiocese. They are OUR seminarians.

One very important goal of this initiative is to stimulate conversations about vocations within our homes and parishes, especially vocations to the priesthood. The mailing also contains a prayer asking the Lord to continue to bless our Archdiocese with an abundance of priestly vocations. It is my hope that this initiative will provide the stimulus for prayers of both thanksgiving and petition as we ask the Master of the Harvest to send workers to care for his harvest. I would like to imagine this small poster being displayed on refrigerator doors in homes throughout central and western Oklahoma, and this prayer being recited regularly in homes everywhere.

Another important aspect of this initiative is to ask for your help. The cost of educating our seminarians continues to rise. This year the cost is approximately \$37,000 per seminarian. I know how much our Catholic people love the priesthood and cherish their priests. For this reason I have



Archbishop
Coakley

*"Put out
into the
deep and
lower
your nets
for a
catch."*

Luke 5:4

asked for your financial assistance to support the educational costs of our future priests. The high cost of educating our seminarians requires multiple sources of revenue. This annual seminarian collection will cover only part of that cost.

Whether you can make a large financial gift, a small gift, or no gift at this time, please continue to pray for vocations and encourage young people to be open to God's call in their lives. Talk about vocations. Young people need our encouragement and support to hear God's invitation and to respond generously. Thanks for your generosity.

Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

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

November 20 - Mass at National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague, Prague, 11 a.m.

November 22 - Archdiocesan Department Heads, Catholic Pastoral Center, 10 a.m.

November 22 - Mass at Catholic Pastoral Center, 11:30 a.m.

November 22 - Catholic Foundation Board Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 1 p.m.

November 23 - Mass at Catholic Pastoral Center, 11:30 a.m.

November 27 - Mass, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 10 a.m.

November 29 - Day of Prayer with Priests of Diocese of Tulsa

November 30 - Mass and classroom visits, All Saints Catholic School, Norman, 8 a.m.

December 1 - Mass and classroom visits, Bishop John Carroll School, 8:30 a.m.

December 1 - Archdiocesan Personnel Board Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 1 p.m.

December 3 - Mass at Federal Correctional Institution, El Reno, 8:30 a.m.

Seminary Burses

Donations were made to the **Seminarian Fund** in honor of Father Kirk Larken:

\$100 by Columbian Financial Group, Binghamton, N.Y.

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\$100 by James M. and Anne V. Flynn

\$50 by Dr. and Mrs. Victor Saxon

\$50 by Michael and Martha Minnis

\$50 by Stephen and Priscilla Chastain

A \$200 donation was made to the **Father Joseph Beltran Seminary Burse** by Angie Cebulski, Conyers, Ga.

A 100 donation was made to the **Father Joseph Beltran Seminary Burse** in memory of Margaret Eckroat.

A \$104 donation was made to the **Father Joseph Beltran Seminary Burse** by St. Joseph Parish, Tonkawa.

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Advent Begins Nov. 27

Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Advent (meaning "ad-venio" in Latin or "to come to") is the season leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent devotions remind us of the meaning of the season. Special Advent devotions include the lighting of the Advent wreath; the Advent calendar which helps remind us of the season with daily thoughts and activities; and Advent prayers that prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. According to tradition, three candles are violet and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles may be used.

The candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and the number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9 (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 and 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,
Let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.



The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

*O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

— From "Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers"

Catholics Participate in Utility Rate-Hike Debate

By Rex Hogan
For the *Sooner Catholic*

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee — a volunteer group made up primarily of members of various Oklahoma City Catholic parishes, other church groups and nonprofit organizations — has put together a coalition to fight an OG&E proposal that seeks to raise rates by \$73 million.

The increase would mean a \$6.60 monthly increase per customer, which committee members say would come at a time when OG&E recorded record profits because of the unusually hot weather this past summer.

Committee members held a meeting Nov. 10 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to talk about their work in opposing the rate increase.

OG&E representatives attended the meeting as did an attorney from the office of Attorney General Scott Pruitt, who said the utility should actually give consumers a \$31 million rebate.

The Sponsoring Committee has been working against the OG&E proposed rate hike for the past several months. Jim Tappan, a financial planner and a parishioner at the Cathedral, said he was asked to do financial research on OG&E public financial documents.

“As I looked at OG&E’s current financial ratios and their recent stock performance, I was shocked how well



Members of the Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee, Melodie Garneau, Mayflower Congregational Church, Jim Tappan, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Doug Holsted, St. Charles Borromeo, talk about why the committee is fighting against a proposed \$73 million rate increase by OG&E.

OG&E is doing compared to other companies and large utilities,” Tappan said. “OG&E is making 5.5 times what is needed to pay their debt service, while other utilities are making 2.5 percent coverage of their needed debt service.

“I looked at OG&E’s stock performance for the last 10 years. It wasn’t like anything like most industrial stocks have experienced. The Standard and Poor’s top 500 index of the largest companies in America have averaged 2.9 percent growth the last 10 years. When you look at OG&E over that same 10-year period, the return to shareholders averaged 14 percent,” Tappan said.

He said an OG&E stockholder would have earned “more than eight times” what the Standard & Poor’s largest companies earned.

“Maybe some of those stockholders would have enjoyed lower utility bills even more,” he said.

Doug Holsted, a member of St. Charles Borromeo and a certified public accountant, said state statistics show that one in five Oklahoma children “risk going to bed hungry.”

“Many Oklahomans are experiencing hardships at this time,” Holsted said. “The utility division of OG&E Energy has earnings per share of \$2.18. That equates to approximately \$216 million. Due to the hot weather this summer, they have earned \$2.46 per share during the first nine months this year.

“The facts do not support the need for an increase at this time,” Holsted said.

Bill Humes, assistant attorney general, said that a review of OG&E

filings with the Corporation Commission has prompted the AG’s office to ask OG&E to give customers a \$31 million rebate.

Nancy Largent of Catholic Charities said she received 450 calls last month from families asking for help with paying utility bills. She said Catholic Charities had the money to help only eight families.

Deborah Thompson, an attorney for the American Association of Retired Persons, said the AARP has joined the fight against the rate increase because its members on fixed incomes are finding it difficult to pay their utility bills and pay other living expenses.

Donald Rowlett, Director of Regulatory Policy and Compliance for OG&E, said the company has asked for the increase to pay for needed infrastructure improvements, and to pay off bond debt.

“We’re also responsible to our employees and to our shareholders,” he said.

Rowlett said OG&E hasn’t had a rate increase since 2008 and has to make improvements to its infrastructure now.

“We’ve doubled our customers since the 1960s. The rates of OG&E are 30 percent less than the national average,” he said.

The Corporation Commission is scheduled to hear testimony about the proposed rate increase next month.

Cardinal Urges Senate To Remove Anti-Life Provisions

BALTIMORE — The U.S. Senate should vote to remove four provisions that pose a direct threat to human life from a package of three appropriations bills, said the chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities. In a Nov. 14 letter, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston urged the Senate to support amendments to H.R. 2354 that would correct each of these provisions.

“At a time when Congress is tempted to reduce even vitally important programs that serve the poorest and neediest people here and abroad, the moral wrong of expanding subsidies for direct violations of human life and dignity is especially egregious,” Cardinal DiNardo wrote.

He highlighted four areas of concern:

A provision of the Senate’s Financial Services

Bill that “completely eliminates Congress’ long-standing provision against federal funding of health plans that cover elective abortions in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP),” which means “Congress will directly use taxpayers’ funds for elective abortion coverage — contradicting repeated assurances by supporters of the health care reform law of 2010 that Congress had no intent of doing so.”

A second provision would allow congressionally appropriated funds to go to elective abortions in the District of Columbia. Report language accompanying the State/Foreign Operations Bill that “recommends \$40 million for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), despite that agency’s continued support for a brutal program of coerced abortion and in-

voluntary sterilization in China.”

Section 7086 of the State/Foreign Operations that would permanently ban restoration of the Mexico City Policy, a policy that prevented U.S. funding of foreign non-governmental organizations that perform and promote abortion as a method of family planning.

“In fact, the bill’s provision sweeps even more broadly, so that no harmful or destructive health or medical service may render an organization ineligible for U.S. funds if that ‘service’ is permitted in the host country and ‘would not violate United States law,’” Cardinal DiNardo wrote of the last point. “In short, this provision effectively says that if a foreign nation allows medical personnel to abuse men, women and children, the United States will subsidize the perpetrators.”

CFO Delivers Grants

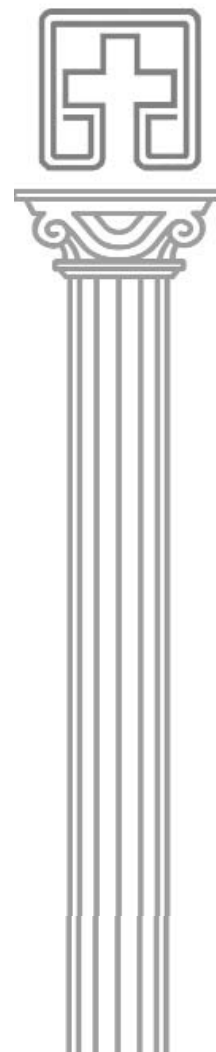
The Catholic Foundation annually awards grants in support of education-related projects to parishes, schools and religious education programs throughout the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. In addition to program materials, many of the grant requests have focused on computers and technology as a means of engaging more students in the educational process. Tom Avant, president of the Catholic Foundation, said, "To provide our parishes and schools with learning resources is a major goal of the grants program at the Catholic Foundation. This year we will award 45 grants totaling over \$73,000."

Many of the grants go to technology improvements in the classrooms. Youth programs at parishes are also supported by helping their students attend the Steubenville Youth Conference in the summer. The Catholic Foundation is proud to provide educational resources to students through our annual grant awards. Whether textbooks or laptops, Investing in the Future of Our Faith remains our goal as we educate the next generation of Catholic men and women. The 2011 grant recipients are:

Bishop John Carroll Catholic School, OKC - Library Books
Christ the King Catholic School, OKC - Preschool Equipment
Good Shepherd Church, Marietta - Retreats, Videos and Youth Fest
Holy Name Church, Shattuck - Bible Study
Holy Name of Jesus Church, Chickasha - R.E. Equipment
Holy Spirit Church, Mustang - Catholic Youth Conference
Holy Trinity Catholic School, Okarche - Library Acquisitions
Immaculate Heart Church, Calumet - Youth Summer Mission
Mount St. Mary High School, OKC - Classroom Response System
National Shrine of the Infant Jesus, Prague - App for iPhone/Android
Prince of Peace Church, Altus - Closed Circuit TV in Parish Hall
Sacred Heart Church, Alva - Audio/Visual Equipment
Sacred Heart Church, Konawa - Stained Glass Window Brochure
Sacred Heart Church, Mooreland - Adult Faith Formation Program
Sacred Heart Catholic School, OKC - Cafeteria Freezer
St. Ann Church, Elgin - Bible Study Program
St. Charles Borromeo Church, OKC - Multimedia Equipment Updates
St. Charles Borromeo School, OKC - Whiteboard for Kindergarten
St. Eugene Catholic School, OKC - Smart Slate
St. Francis Cabrini Church, Beaver - Catholicism Project Program
St. Francis of Assisi Church, OKC - Get Up and Get Active Project
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Newkirk - RE Curriculum
St. Francis Xavier Church, Enid - Totus Tuus Summer Program
St. Gregory the Great Church, Enid - Teen Timeline Bible Study
St. James the Greater Church, OKC - Steubenville Youth Conference
St. James the Greater School, OKC - Early Childhood Learning System
St. John Nepomuk School, Yukon - Classroom Whiteboards
St. Joseph Church, Ada - Steubenville Youth Conference
St. Joseph Church, Buffalo - Youth Ministry Program
St. Joseph Church, Tonkawa - Steubenville Youth Conference
St. Joseph Church, Union City - Adult Ed Lenten Mission
St. Joseph Catholic School, Enid - LCD Monitors
St. Mary Church, Ardmore - Youth Program Materials
St. Mary Church, Ponca City - Steubenville Youth Conference
St. Mary Catholic School, Guthrie - Music Hand Chimes
St. Mary Catholic School, Lawton - Amplification Assisting Academic
St. Mary Catholic School, Ponca City - Ipad Lab
St. Patrick Church, OKC - Daily Devotional Books for Confirmation Class
St. Patrick Church, Anadarko - Music/Liturgy Materials, Multi-Media Updates
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Del City - Children's Literature Set
St. Peter Church, Woodward - Youth Formation Program (Spanish)
St. Philip Neri School, Midwest City - Early Childhood Materials
St. Rose of Lima Church, Perry - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
St. Vincent de Paul Church, McLoud - Youth Group Materials
Villa Teresa School - Teacher /Staff Professional Development



St. Charles Borromeo Church Pastor Father Timothy Luschen and St. Charles Borromeo School Principal Todd Gungoll with the interactive electronic white-board installed in a parish meeting room. The white-board was purchased with funds received from a Catholic Foundation Education Grant.



The Catholic Foundation

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What is the Catholic Foundation?

The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc., incorporated in 1965, is a nonprofit entity established to promote and to receive gifts for the endowment, program and capital needs of the Catholic Church in central and western Oklahoma, to invest those gifts wisely and to distribute the income and/or principal to Catholic and charitable causes as specified by the donor. With the spiritual leadership and guidance of the Archbishop, the Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors. The Catholic Foundation's current projects include:

- Supporting Catholic Education through the Catholic Schools Endowment Fund.
- Awarding Scholarships to Catholic Students of the Archdiocese.
- Providing Educational Grants to Parishes and Catholic Schools.
- Recognizing the Educator of the Year for Catholic School Teachers and Religious Education Catechists.
- Commissioning and installing "The Ten Commandment" monuments at Catholic Schools.
- Developing and investing funds held for parishes, Catholic schools, Archdiocesan programs and other Catholic-related organizations.
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Please Remember the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in Your Estate Plans

Catholic Charities Sees Good Campaign Start

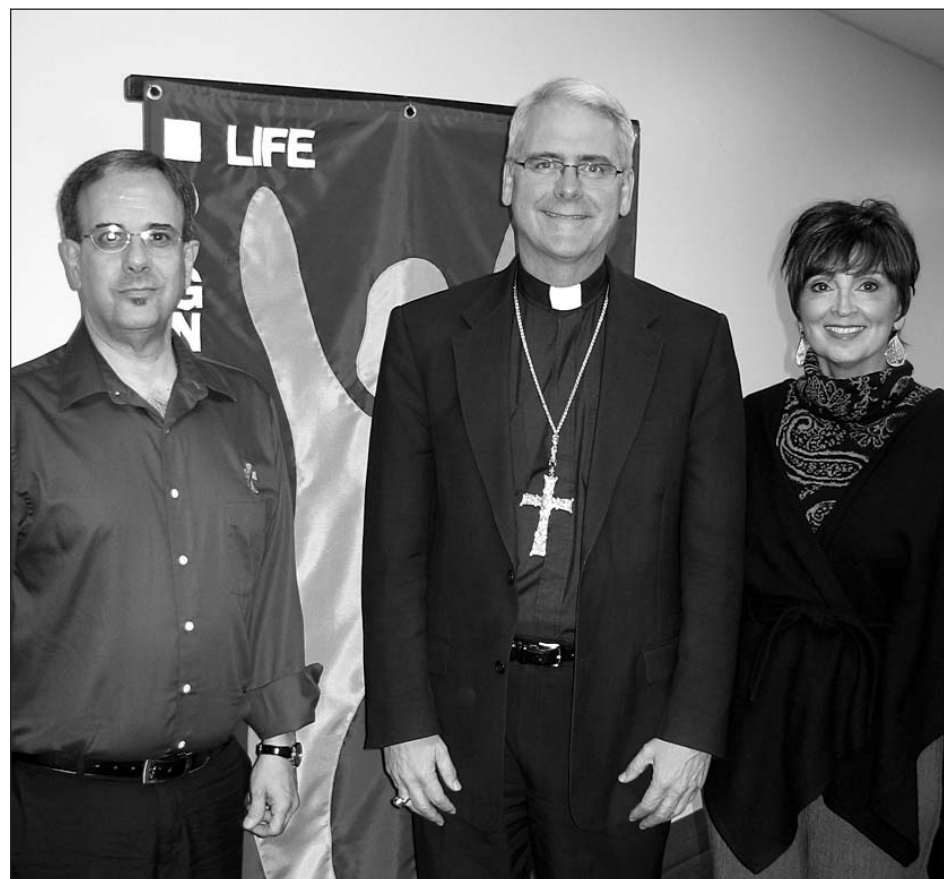
OKLAHOMA CITY — In anticipation of its centennial, Catholic Charities announced its campaign in September in celebration of “100 Years of Faith, Hope and Charity.” Through the first seven weeks of the campaign, Catholic Charities has received about \$1.96 million in pledges and one-time gifts, up from \$1.84 million at the same time last year. Additionally, the agency has noticed an increase in new donors, with 904 new donors contributing \$106,592, for an average gift of \$118. Nearly \$500,000 is still needed to reach the goal of \$2.4 million.

“In September we put out the call for Oklahomans to respond to our neediest families, and many did,” said Executive Director Tim O’Connor. “However, we are still half a million dollars short of reaching the funds needed to ensure that all our programs are fully funded for the coming year. Any gift to Catholic Charities, regardless of size, has a huge impact ensuring that we can best meet the needs of the least of our brothers and sisters. If you have not pledged yet, I encourage you to do so.”

The appeal benefits programs for children and families throughout the western 46 counties of Oklahoma. Catholic Charities programs include maternity and adoption, the Holy Family Maternity Home, homeless social services for women and children, disaster relief, immigration services, refugee resettlement, St. Joseph’s Counseling Center and outreach services in Lawton, Enid, Clinton and Guymon.

The work of Catholic Charities is a public expression of our Catholic faith in serving children, families and adults in Oklahoma who are vulnerable and dealing with financial loss or emotional pain. The work of Catholic Charities unites all our parishes in working against the effects of poverty which threaten family stability and isolate the poor from our society.

For online giving and more information about Catholic Charities Annual Appeal and its programs, call (405) 523-3000 or visit www.catholic-charitiesok.org.



Archbishop Coakley welcomes Deacon Anthony Crispo of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Enid and Rhonda Carretero of Epiphany Parish in Oklahoma City at the October meeting of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities. Both have recently accepted an appointment to serve as members of the Board of Directors.

William Banowsky Named to Catholic Charities Position

OKLAHOMA CITY — Following a detailed search, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has named William (Will) Banowsky as Director of Development and Mission Integration. A Norman resident, Banowsky brings a lifelong passion for community service to the position.

“At 99 years old, Catholic Charities has a rich history of providing assistance to Oklahomans when they need it most. I’m thrilled to work for this incredible organization that not only improves the lives of others, but also allows me to integrate my faith with my work life,” Banowsky said.

Banowsky holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma Law School, as well as a bachelor’s degree in international business and management from OU’s Price College of Business. While at OU, he was a student peer minister and led fundraising efforts for St. Thomas More University Parish. Most recently, he worked in the University of Oklahoma Alumni Outreach program, where he led student

teams in annual giving campaigns.

An active volunteer, Banowsky has held a wide range of leadership positions, including former officer of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International, Harlan Chapter;

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member of the Oklahoma Journal of Law and Technology Editorial Board; council director for the Knights of Columbus Council 8523; president of the University of Oklahoma Catholic Student Association; and Youth Ministry volunteer at St. Thomas More University Parish.

“Will brings an incredible enthusiasm and experience to his new position with Catholic

Charities. We are excited to welcome him as we launch Catholic Charities into its next century,” said Tim O’Connor, executive director of Catholic Charities.

The eldest of four children, Banowsky was born in Rota, Spain, to David and Ana Banowsky and was raised in Dallas. He has traveled extensively, living in Mexico and the Honduras and studying in Spain, where he attended the Universidad de Alcala in Alcala de Henares and William and Mary College of Law Summer in Madrid program.

When not working, Banowsky enjoys writing poetry and short stories, reading, watching OU football and playing softball with his Knights of Columbus team.



William (Will) Banowsky

Spring 2012 Offerings

Pastoral Ministry Program

January - May 2012

The Gospel of Luke, Monday evenings, 7-10 p.m., January 23 - May 7, Harry Kocurek

In this course, students will engage in an in-depth study of the Gospel of Luke. Students will become familiar with Luke's account of the economy of salvation, discover the portrait of Jesus as Luke presents it, and compare Luke's Gospel with other accounts. The course will afford students the opportunity to make practical applications of Luke's Gospel in their personal spiritual growth and in their practice of ministry.

Christian Morality and Social Issues, Tuesday evenings, 7-10 p.m., January 17 - May 1, Mike Chavez

A study of basic Christian beliefs about the origin, destiny and meaning of the person, the nature of Christian life as the fundamental commitment to follow Christ, and the moral principles that flow from this. Students will explore the importance of moral "self-determination" through free choices and will explore how appropriate moral choices are made within the Christian faith commitment. Contemporary moral issues will be studied and analyzed from a Christian perspective.

The Creeds and Faith, Thursday evenings, 7-10 p.m., January 19 - May 3, Sheila Mueller

This course is a study of the Catholic community's endeavors to adequately articulate and systematize its beliefs through the centuries. Sociological, political and theological factors, which contributed to particular historical and contemporary creedal statements, as well as the implications of those statements, will be considered. Prerequisites: at least 5 core courses.

Special addition to Spring 2012 Course Schedule

RCIA: Theological and Pastoral Considerations, 7-10 p.m., January 17 - May 1, John Warren

ONLY LOCATION: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, PAULS VALLEY

This course is a study of the theological/historical development of the Church's initiation practice through the centuries leading to theological and pastoral considerations as the RCIA is implemented in our time.

Course locations include the Catholic Pastoral Center, and one or more of the following: St. Francis, Enid; St. Peter, Woodward; St. Mary, Clinton; and Holy Family, Lawton.

Costs: Credit [3 hours/each course]: \$160 + textbooks. Personal Enrichment/Audit [no credit]: \$90 + textbooks. Continuing Education [non-credit — for those who have completed any of our Archdiocesan ministry formation programs]: \$75 + textbooks.

To register or for more information, please call or email: Office of Pastoral Ministry, 405-721-4208, 800-721-5651 Ext. 131, cgrimes@catharchdioceseokc.org.

Across Oklahoma

Volunteers Needed

EDMOND — Company Catholic Adult Singles ages 35+ will be volunteering at the Community Thanksgiving Lunch at UCO in Edmond from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. What a wonderful way to spend Thanksgiving! Everyone is invited to participate. Do you have children? They can come, too! Please RSVP by Nov. 14 if you plan on volunteering at maryhall@consultant.com, or call/text at 401-4105. Company is for all Catholics and Catholic-friendly single adults age 35+.

Taize Prayer Set During Advent

MIDWEST CITY — Beginning on Nov. 29 and every Tuesday during Advent season, St. Philip Neri Church, 1107 Felix Place, will be hosting an ADVENT TAIZÉ PRAYER. The brief service will take place in the Daily Mass Chapel and will begin at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer and song as we reflect on the joyous anticipation of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Spanish Marriage Encounter

OKLAHOMA CITY — Marriage Encounter is a process designed to give you and your spouse a special opportunity to examine your life together and your strengths and limitations, your attitudes toward each other and toward your family, your hurts and your fears, your desires and ambitions, your disappointments and your joys, your successes and frustrations. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

First Friday Sacred Heart Mass

OKLAHOMA CITY — First Friday Sacred Heart Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available prior to Mass. Mass is at 7 p.m. Those wanting to learn more about First Friday Devotion and the practice of consecrating the family and home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will find materials available after Mass. For more information, call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944 or Diane Grim at (405) 528-6252.

Mount St. Mary Curriculum Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY — Mount St. Mary Curriculum Fair will be held Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. MSM Curriculum Fair is a two-hour event where families will attend many sessions in which Mount St. Mary teachers and staff will explain our programs.

BINGO

NORMAN — BINGO NIGHT at St. Joseph's Church in Norman. Light supper served at 6:30 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. with a first session; second session at 8:30 p.m. \$5 per session, no limit on blackout cards, group photo of all the winners.

Women's Club to Meet

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Catholic Woman's Activities Club is a club made up of women from our parish. CWAC is a group who enjoys programs on Gardening, Music, Civics and the Arts. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at noon from September through May in the Patio Room of Epiphany of Our Lord Church (7336 W. Britton Road). All Catholic women are invited to join us. After attending one meeting you may choose to become a member. For more information, call June at 525-6904 or Pearl at 524-3641.



On Oct. 1 at Oklahoma State University's Gallagher Iba Arena, the Mount St. Mary High School cheerleading team won the first OSSAA cheerleading state championship in Rockets history. The 2011-2012 cheerleading season marks coach Jessica Stiles' sixth year as the Rockets head cheerleading coach. Three years ago Rockets cheer placed third at state, last year the Rockets came in as the state runner-up, and this year they are state champions.

School Partnership Combines Faith, Education

By Ray Dyer
The Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — When you walk through the doors at The Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy, your eyes immediately are drawn to the writing on the wall.

"For with God, nothing shall be impossible." — Luke 1:37.

That this school exists is testament to the truthfulness of the verse from Sacred Scripture.

Believed to be the only one of its kind in the United States, The Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy is a collaborative effort between the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the University of Central Oklahoma and Mercy Health. It is a school dedicated to providing a quality Catholic education to children with autism and "other similar neurological disorders."

The school opened in September with six students and will expand to eventually enroll 20 children between the ages of 3 and 9.

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley blessed the new school Nov. 4 in a ceremony attended by well over 100 people. Those attending included representatives from all the sponsoring partners as well as many well-wishers.

"I love it when a community partnership comes together," said Di Smalley, president and CEO of Mercy in Oklahoma.

Sister Catherine Powers, CND, Superintendent of Education for the



Sister Rose Power presents the Mercy Cross to Dr. Donna Kearns, principal of Good Shepherd School.

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, said she is not aware of another Catholic school with this type of collaborative mission in the nation.

"The three-way collaboration itself is unique," Sister Catherine said. "However, what is even more special is that, to my knowledge, there is no other Catholic school in the country that is geared toward meeting the individual needs of children on the autistic spectrum."

"I have no doubt that we are meeting a great need among our families in the Oklahoma City area."

Mercy contributed the building to

the effort and provided the workers who converted it into a comfortable and colorful school-like setting. Spacious rooms allow children to learn in a relaxed atmosphere. Much of the furniture to be used by the young children was donated by Villa Teresa, Sister Catherine said.

The University of Central Oklahoma will provide teachers for the school. UCO in 2008 began offering Oklahoma's first specialty track program to prepare students in its College of Education to become nationally Board Certified Behavior Analysts specializing in autism.

Dr. Donna Kearns will serve as principal for the school.

A special thanks was given to the Inasmuch Foundation, which provided a loan to help get the school off the ground.

Archbishop Coakley thanked and congratulated the partners for working so closely together to make the dream a reality. He said the school will "meet a need that seems to be growing." An autism fact sheet handed out at the ceremony showed that while Muscular Dystrophy affects one in 100,000 children, autism is said to affect one in 110.

Archbishop Coakley said Catholic education has a "rich tradition" of recognizing that parents are the first and primary teachers of their children. He said Catholic schools understand they are there "to assist

the parents" in providing the best education for their children.

Once it reaches full capacity, The Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy will enroll approximately 20 students with autism or similar neurological disorders and approximately five neuro-typical students, ages 3 to 9. Each student has a behavioral interventionist who provides individual attention throughout each day.

"It's estimated that one in 150 children will be diagnosed with autism in the United States, and we in Oklahoma need to not only be prepared to meet the education needs of these students, but to also lead the effort," said James Machell, Ph.D., dean of the UCO College of Education and Professional Studies. "The Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy advances these efforts by providing specialized education early on to autistic children and by providing a place to prepare educators for success in working with this growing population."

"This is a great example of local organizations realizing a need and working together to provide a service," said Vice President of Mission and Ethics at Mercy Health Center Tom Edelstein. "The specialized staff, school accreditation and new facility will help improve the lives of so many special needs kids and their families."

Smalley, the Mercy CEO, also credited the Oklahoma Legislature with helping to make the school a reality. The lawmakers supported the creation of the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship that allows public funds to be used by parents to send their children with special needs to private or parochial schools. Smalley said the law was patterned after one that was already in place in Missouri.

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no known single cause for autism.

The Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy is accredited by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. For more information on enrollment, contact Kearns at (405) 752-2264.



Pearl Sullens, center, hands Sister Catherine Powers, CND, a check for \$500 donated to the new school by the ACCW. Sullens, who is president of the ACCW, said Archbishop Coakley asked the women's organization to adopt the Good Shepherd School as one of their projects.

Marriage

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marriage vows and received the certificates handed to them by Archbishop Coakley. The certificates featured the beautiful words pertaining to marriage expressed by Pope Paul VI.

In his homily, Archbishop Coakley said marriage is a “holy institution, created by God, not by man.”

He said marriage is widely misunderstood today often because people fear commitment.

“So many people misunderstand or reject marriage,” the Archbishop said. He said the world needs the witness of married couples who through God’s grace are able to achieve a lifelong commitment to marriage.

“Marriage is your sacrament,” he told the couples who were recognized for celebrating milestone anniversaries starting at 25 years. He said it was good that through their commitment to one another the married couples were celebrating their faithfulness, but added, “More importantly, we are celebrating God’s faithfulness” to us.

“Marriage requires perseverance, forgiveness and sacrifice,” the Archbishop said. “By forgiving again and again and again the imperfect spouse that you married,” couples grow together in a deep and mature love.

Following the celebration of Mass a reception was held in the Connor Center. Archbishop Coakley posed for photos with many couples.



Ernest and Marie Semrad with Archbishop Coakley at the Mass celebrating marriage Nov. 6.

Those Who Celebrated Milestone Marriages

	Years Married	L.G. and Kathy Langley	40	Newton and Leticia Averion	50	Robert and Patricia Lowe	60
Steve and Margaret Keaton	25	Baltazar and Evelina Morales	40	Charles and Mary Blatt	50	Carrol (CJ) and Carleen Dekat	60
Ron and Nancy Schudalla	25	Dennis and Maribeth Moran	40	Carl and La Marylis Hodges	50	Vinh and Dao Do	60
Frederick and Debra Schachle	25	Ernesto and Maria Nunez	40	Larry and Valene Todaro	50	Terrence and Mary Ellen Cullen	60
Gene and Carol Saucedo	25	John and Kay Pillow	40	Leo and Irene Gulikers	50	Thomas and Jane Desser	60
Martin and Alice Palazzolo	25	David and Mary Jo Smith	40	Gene and Carolyn Semrad	50	Ferdinand and Rosemary Castrop	60
Oanh and Patricia Nguyen	25	Jack and Jane Jones	40	Phil and Judy Easlon	50	James and Patricia Murphy	60
Robert and Katie Miller	25	Cecilia and Ron Tannehill	40	Ross and Nellie Williams	50	Steve and Emily Chuma	61
Matt and Dee Maly	25	Michael and Kathryn Steffen	40	James and JoAnne Sweeney	50	Martin and Irene Parizek	61
Caezar and Gloria Valerio	25	Paul and Beth Pratt	40	Martiniano and Nicolasa Salinas	50	Revere and Mary Young	61
James and Margaret Ike	25	Mike and Kathy Beaucourt	40	Marion and Joan Patzack	50	Charles and Edna White	62
Mark and Debbie Hise	25	Nho and Que Tran Nguyen	40	Herschel and Delores McMunn	50	Joseph A. and Ann Friedel	62
Sergio and Rosa Hernandez	25	Scott and Marian Jeter	40	Robert and Elizabeth Kennedy	50	Donald and Irene Linenberger	62
John and Maria Baker	25	Lori and George Bradley	40	Philip and Johanna Hausburg	50	Nicholas and Rosalie Mirkes	62
James and Janie Meadows	25	Cliff and Iris Henderson	40	David and Jane Edmonds	50	Jesse and Connie Arevalos	63
Jorge and Dolores Chapas Garza	25	Jack and Michele Hughes	40	Pietro and Catarina DeNegri	55	Joseph and Shirleen Webster	63
Oscar and Sharon Goedecke	25	Archie and Imelda Buendia	40	Francis and Maureen Rainey	55	Bob and Alma Sears	65
Manuel and Elvia Salinas	25	Ron and Kaye Derryberry	40	Ignacio Manuel and		Russell and Nel Long	66
Jeffrey and Kathryn Finnell	25	Richard and Beverly Feller	40	Maria de Jesus Paez de Ruiz	55	Paul and Georgia Walde	66
Juan Manuel and		Joe and Joanne Fergue	40	Jimmie and Mary Scoles	55	Servellon and Lola Doonkeen	67
Luzelba Armendariz	25	Edward and Joyce Grady	40	Max and Bernice Acton	55	Bernie and Scotty Fonza	67
Jesus and Albertina De Loera	25	Bob and Kathie Heskamp	40	Joe and Helen Dubey	60	Eual and Rose McCrite	67
Thomas and Malinda Dubois	25	Pete and Emma Sue Cordova	50	Do Vinh and Cuc Dao	60	James and Mary Williams	70
Brent and Julie Bristow	25	Herb and Jeannie Abts	50	Dick and Flo Pricer	60	Ernest and Marie Semrad	73
Jim and Sandy Soulek	40	Simon and Carolyn Aleman	50				

Mount Students Hit Impressive AP Placement Mark

OKLAHOMA CITY — Mount St. Mary High School has accomplished an exceptional achievement in the Advanced Placement Program. With 83 students taking AP exams this year, 80 percent of our students achieved scores of 3+. The Mount also amassed a total of 14 Scholars in 2011.

Lucia Fitzmorris attained the honor of being named a National AP Scholar. The National AP Scholar Award is granted to students in the United States who receive scores of 4 or higher on

eight or more AP exams and an average score of 4 or more on all AP exams taken. Five Mount students, Joshua Babb, Christianna Clark, Clayton Cromer, Philip Davis and Lucia Fitzmorris were announced as AP Scholars with Distinction. The AP Scholar with Distinction status is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Thomas J. Krug and Megan Nash were named AP Scholars with Honors, for receiving an average

score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

The Mount also congratulates Zachary Collums, Brittanie Forsyth, Hurley Fry, Nathanael Martinez, Elizabeth Rischard, Ryan Santa-Pinter and Anne Yoon for qualifying for the AP Scholar Award. Students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams are designated as AP Scholars. Mount St. Mary students took 152 AP exams in Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, English Language and

Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, Physics B, Statistics, Studio Art 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art Drawing Portfolio, United States Government and Politics and United States History.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP exams.

DOMA Unlikely To Disappear Before 2012 Elections

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNA/EWTN News) — Despite multiple legislative and judicial efforts to fight the Defense of Marriage Act, senators and legal experts agree that the law will most likely not be repealed in coming months.

"People understand what marriage is in their gut, but they struggle expressing it," said William B. May, founder and chairman of Catholics for the Common Good.

He pointed to the fact that in all 31 states where the issue has been put before the people, they have voted against redefining marriage.

"They know marriage is a reality that can only be between a man and a woman," he said. "And that's why every time it's put to a vote of the people, marriage is protected."

But despite the will of the people, certain courts and legislators continue to fight the Defense of Marriage Act, May said in a Nov. 9 interview.

"You have a very, very powerful and well-funded and well-organized special interest pushing for redefining marriage," he said.

The 1996 U.S. Defense of Marriage Act defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman for all federal policies. It also prevents any individual state from being forced to recognize another state's redefinition of marriage.

Six states and the District of Columbia currently recognize same-sex "marriage," while 41 states have adopted statutory or constitutional Defense of Marriage Acts of their own.

But despite the widespread support among the states, a bill to repeal the federal Defense of Marriage Act passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 10 to 8 on Nov. 10.

The so-called Respect for Marriage Act was sponsored by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.). A corresponding House bill, sponsored by Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), was introduced in March and is currently in the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

The House is expected to reject the bill if it comes to a vote.

Supporters of the controversial Respect for Marriage Act argue that it would return the issue of marriage to the individual states.

Opponents point to Article IV of the U.S. Constitution, which requires all states to give "full faith and credit" to the "public acts, records, and judicial proceedings" of other states. They argue that without the protection of the Defense of Marriage Act, one state's recognition of same-sex marriage could force every other state to follow suit.

Several senators believe that the Respect for Marriage Act will not ultimately become law.

Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) argued during the committee debate that the bill stands no chance of ultimately passing and distracts from important issues including federal debt and unemployment.

"No matter what the Senate does with this, it isn't going through the House," he said.

Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) agreed. He argued that Senate majority leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada) has no intention of bringing the bill to a vote in the Senate before the next election.

"I think it's a transparent appeal to a special interest group that our Democratic friends believe is a key to their electoral victory in 2012," Cornyn said.

In addition to the proposed legislative repeal, the Defense of Marriage Act has also faced multiple challenges in federal courts across the country.

In February 2011, President Barack Obama argued that the law was unconstitutional and instructed the Justice Department to stop defending it in federal court.

In response, members of the House of Representatives convened the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group to defend the law.

However, House leaders have said that the group will not appeal all cases, particularly those

that are costly and unlikely to lead to the Supreme Court.

Congressman Dan Burton (R-Ind.) also sought to respond to the Department of Justice's refusal to defend the law. This past March, he introduced The Marriage Protection Act of 2011, which states that no federal courts would have jurisdiction to hear cases on same-sex "marriage."

Rep. Burton said that the bill aimed to fight activist judges who "have been trying to unilaterally define marriage for too long."

The bill currently has 26 co-sponsors and has been referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Joshua Gillespie, communications director for Rep. Burton, said Nov. 10 that he was not aware of any hearings, debates or markups scheduled for the bill. He explained that this means the bill does not have a high likelihood of advancing.

With legislation unlikely to pass in the current Congress, the issue could be decided by the courts.

Mathew Staver, founder of the nonprofit litigation group Liberty Counsel, commented on the multiple challenges that the Defense of Marriage Act has seen in federal court.

"It's hard to really predict which case could make it to the Supreme Court," he said Nov. 10.

Staver explained that so far, no federal court of appeals has struck down the law. But if one were to do so, the Supreme Court may review the case.

"At some point in time, I'm sure that the Defense of Marriage Act will be before the U.S. Supreme Court," he said. "I just don't know when or which case."

Staver does not think that the law will come before the Supreme Court or be repealed by Congress before the 2012 election.

Ultimately, he said, the fate of the Defense of Marriage Act could hinge on who wins the next election.

Archbishop, Deacon Deliver Powerful Messages at Youth Fest

By Steve Gust
For the Sooner Catholic

EDMOND — Youth Fest 2011 gave a few hundred of the Archdiocese's youth a chance to connect and grow in their Catholic faith and confront some of the challenges they may face in life.

It was a free event for youth in grades 9-12 at the John Paul the Great Gymnasium at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. The evening featured prayer, inspirational witness and spiritual music by the Adam Bitter Band of the St. Louis Archdiocese.

Archbishop Coakley told the story of his relationship with the late famed Christian singer Rich Mullins, best known for the song "Awesome God." His relationship with the Archbishop went back to 1993 and their participation in World Youth Day.

"He was a man of deep faith," the Archbishop said.

Yet the singer struggled with inner issues, Archbishop Coakley recalled. He had wanted to convert to Catholicism yet feared such a move would hurt his career with the Christian music industry. By 1997 he

had decided to join the Church anyway. The day before Archbishop Coakley was to take him into the faith, Mullins was killed in a traffic accident on a rain-slick highway.

The Archbishop used the story to show the young people not to put off actions in our lives which would bring us God's grace. And he challenged the youth.

"We need to ask ourselves if the Lord is calling us," he said. "We need to celebrate and encourage each other."

Later the youth heard from evangelist and Deacon Ralph Poyo of Steubenville, Ohio.

He urged the crowd to place value and trust in God. He used the example of a wheelbarrow and the fictional scenario of Christ pushing them in a wheelbarrow above the famed Niagara Falls. He said a lot of people may not give complete trust to their faith even if they attend Mass regularly.

He also used his own personal stories of sexual abuse when he was a child and a later addiction to pornography. He later overcame that with repentance to God.



Youth Fest participants were all smiles at the Edmond event.

"Repentance is living by God's rules," he said.

He then challenged his audience to believe that they can be saints. And he warned them not to fall into the traps of the world.

"I can tell the young men here not to fall into pornography — a multi-billion-dollar industry. Also, cosmetics is another multibillion industry telling young women they need to have the right kind of hair color or makeup. As the father of five daughters, I can tell you that is a lie

from the depths of hell itself."

In the end he emphasized young people placing value in their faith and trust in Christ.

The evening ending with prayerful Adoration and more songs from Adam Bitter.

Coordinator of Youth Fest 2011 Shelley Morefield said the evening went well and plans are already being made to schedule it again for next year.

"I've heard good feedback from the event," she said.

McGuinness Scout Captures Highest Rank of Eagle

YUKON — Cody Clayton Ewing, son of Craig and Catherine Ewing, was awarded the highest honor in Boy Scouts, Eagle Scout, on July 26. Cody is 15 years old and currently a sophomore at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. He is a graduate of St. John Nepomuk Catholic School in Yukon and a member of the parish family. In his troop, Cody has served in numerous leadership positions including senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, OA representative, patrol leader and troop guide.

Cody started his Scouting adventure as a Cub Scout with Pack 3335 in Chesaning, Mich., where he was awarded the Arrow of Light, the Cub Scout's highest honor. He crossed over to Troop 335 and shortly after achieving the rank of First Class, his family returned to Oklahoma. Cody joined Troop 390 in Yukon to continue his

trail to Eagle. Cody returned to attend summer camp with Troop 335 of Chesaning in 2008 and 2009.

He recognizes his fellow Scouts and leaders in both Troop 335 and 390 as being instrumental in his Scouting accomplishments. In 2010, Cody was one of three young men from Yukon that attended the 2010 National Jamboree with the Last Frontier Council Contingent — this was the 100th celebration of Scouting in the United States. The first few



Cody Clayton Ewing

days of the trip included touring many of the historical national landmarks in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Cody wanted an Eagle project that many could enjoy for years, so he elected to take on a project at the West Vandament entrance of the Chisholm Trail Park in Yukon. He worked closely with Jan Scott of Yukon Parks and Recreation to plan the project to meet the needs of the people of Yukon. Cody's project consisted of building a retaining wall/planter around four existing bushes. The bushes are located in an area with an existing natural slope that was incorporated into the design of the planter. The four bushes that are located at the West Vandament entrance of the Chisholm Trail Park now are enclosed in a beautiful landscape planter for all park guests to enjoy.

U.S. Bishops Explain Mass Translation Changes

While there are many and complex elements of the translation yet to be decided by the Bishops, the translation of several phrases in the Order of Mass have been previously decided by the instruction *Liturgiam authenticam*. Among these are “certain expressions that belong to the heritage of the whole or of a great part of the ancient Church, as well as others that have become part of the general human patrimony...” Therefore, the response *Et cum spiritu tuo* is “to be respected by a translation that is as literal as possible.”¹ Commentaries for a popular understanding of these two elements of the Liturgy are provided here and may be reproduced freely with the customary copyright acknowledgement by our readers.

AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Perhaps the most common dialogue in the Liturgy of the Roman Rite consists of the greeting :

Latin Text	1970 Translation	New Translation
Dominus vobiscum.	The Lord be with you.	The Lord be with you.
Et cum spiritu tuo.	And also with you.	And with your spirit.

Since it is clear that the change to “and with your spirit” is a significant and wide-ranging change in a longstanding liturgical practice, the following questions are provided to clarify the reasons for the change and the meaning of the dialogue itself.

Why has the response et cum spiritu tuo been translated as and with your spirit?

The retranslation was necessary because it is a more correct rendering of *et cum spiritu tuo*. Recent scholarship has recognized the need for a more precise translation capable of expressing the full meaning of the Latin text.

What about the other major languages? Do they have to change their translations?

No. English is the only major language of the Roman Rite which did not translate the word *spiritu*. The Italian (*E con il tuo spirito*), French (*Et avec votre esprit*), Spanish (*Y con tu espíritu*) and German (*Und mit deinem Geiste*) renderings of 1970 all translated the Latin word *spiritu* precisely.

Where does this dialogue come from?

The response *et cum spiritu tuo* is found in the Liturgies of both East and West, from the earliest days of the Church. One of the first instances of its use is found in the *Traditio Apostolica* of Saint Hippolytus, composed in Greek around AD 215.

Why does the priest mean when he says “The Lord be with you?”

By greeting the people with the words “The Lord be with you,” the priest expresses his desire that the dynamic activity of God’s spirit be given to the people of God, enabling them to do the work of transforming the world that God has entrusted to them.

What do the people mean when they respond “and with your spirit?”

The expression *et cum spiritu tuo* is only addressed to an ordained minister. Some scholars have suggested that *spiritu* refers to the gift of the spirit he received at ordination. In their response, the people assure the priest of the same divine assistance of God’s spirit and, more specifically, help for the priest to use the charismatic gifts given to him in ordination and in so doing to fulfill his prophetic function in the Church.

¹ *Liturgiam authenticam*, No. 56.



CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER

In the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, why has “one in being with the Father” been changed to “consubstantial with the Father?”

The new translation is more in keeping with the ancient Latin text of the Creed and a more accurate translation.

The bishops at the Council of Nicea (AD 325), in order to ensure that Jesus was professed as the eternal Son of God, equal to the Father, stated that he is “the Son of God, begotten from the Father, the only-begotten, that is from the substance of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, the same substance (*homouousion*) with the Father...” The Creed of the Council of Constantinople (381), which is professed at all Sunday Masses and Solemnities within the Catholic Church, similarly stated: “We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of the same substance (*homouousion*) with the Father.”

When these two ancient creeds were translated into Latin, the term “*homouousion*” was rendered as “*consubstantialem*,” that is, “the same substance of the Father.” Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the Latin “*consubstantialem*” was rendered as “*consubstantial*” within the English translation of the Creed. Many theologians and the Holy See thought that the term “*consubstantial*” was more in keeping with the Latin tradition and a more literal and accurate translation than the more recent “one in being.”

This is in keeping with the mind of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, which published an Instruction, entitled *Liturgiam Authenticam*. It stated: “Certain expressions that belong to the heritage of the whole or of a great part of the ancient Church, as well as others that have become part of the general human patrimony, are to be respected by a translation that is as literal as possible.” (No. 56).

Illinois Bishops Announce Shutdown of Adoption Services

Springfield, Ill. (CNA/EWTN News) — Bishops in three Illinois dioceses announced Nov. 14 that they have dropped their lawsuit against the state and will shut down their adoption and foster care programs, after a civil union law required them to provide their services to same-sex couples.

"The decision not to pursue further appeals was reached with great reluctance, but was necessitated by the fact that the State of Illinois has made it financially impossible for our agencies to continue to provide these services," said Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield, Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville and Bishop R. Daniel Conlon of Joliet. "Since we now need to close offices and lay off employees, further appeals would be moot," the bishops said.

Catholic Charities branches from the dioceses of Belleville, Springfield, Peoria and Joliet had filed a lawsuit in June against the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the state's Department of Children and Family Services to prevent them from ending state contracts for foster care and adoption programs with the charities.

The department told the agencies that it was ending their contracts over their alleged refusal to obey the 2011 Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Unions Act, which established legal privileges for same-sex and opposite-sex couples in civil unions.

Peter Breen, an attorney with the Thomas More Society, which represented the charities in their lawsuit against the state, called the news "tragic."

In a Nov. 14 statement, Breen said the situation "stands as a stark lesson to the rest of the nation that legislators promising 'religious protection' in same sex marriage and civil union laws may not be able to deliver on those promises."

In their remarks, the bishops noted how the Church has "successfully partnered with the State for half a century" and lamented the fact that "the losers will be the children, foster care families and adoptive parents who will no longer have the option of Catholic, faith-based services."

"We are sad to lose the dedicated employees who have served our Catholic foster care and adoption services so faithfully for so many years," the bishops added. "We are grateful to them and reluctantly bid them farewell with our prayers and best wishes."

Bishop Paprocki clarified that despite the loss of foster care and adoption services in his diocese, "our Catholic Charities in the Diocese Springfield in Illinois will continue to address the basic human needs of the poor in central Illinois in other ways."

"The silver lining of this decision is that our Catholic Charities going forward will be able to focus on being more Catholic and more charitable," he said, "while less dependent on government funding and less encumbered by intrusive state policies."

The decision to close the programs follows the Nov. 11 announcement by Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois that it will separate from the Belleville Diocese and offer adoptions and foster-care services to same-sex couples.

The Catholic Social Services Agency, which had been operating at the Belleville Diocese since 1947, said that it will now be called Christian Social Services of Illinois.

Gary Huelsmann, the agency's executive director, called the move a "solution" that will be "best for the children" as it ensures "their continuity of care."

The Diocese of Belleville said in a Nov. 11 statement that the agency was unable "to remain faithful to the moral teaching of the Catholic Church" while adhering to the state's civil union law enacted in June.

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Peoria announced in October that it will withdraw from all state contracts and transfer its staff to a new nonprofit organization with no affiliation to the Catholic Church.

The new organization, titled the Center for Youth and Family Solutions, will take on the caseload of foster children from Peoria Catholic Charities starting Feb. 1.

Robert Gilligan, executive director of the Illinois Catholic Conference, summarized what he believes to be the underlying problem in remarks to CNA on Nov. 11.

What "you're seeing at the state level in Illinois, what you're seeing at the national level in Washington, D.C., is a consistent promulgation of policies and laws that are making it very difficult for faith-based agencies that believe that marriage is between one man and one woman," Gilligan said.



Mount St. Mary student leaders Kathleen Basile, Janelle Archer and Allison Zschiesche led an assembly during Red Ribbon Week focusing on texting and driving. They distributed blue "thumb bands" to all MSM students to remind them not to text and drive.

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Eucharistic Adoration Around the Archdiocese

Eucharistic Adoration is a way to experience the joy of being closer to and deepening our relationship with Our Lord. There is no age minimum or limit, and no special holiness is needed to learn about this way to worship and love Him. Only a first step, which is entirely up to us. Advent is a great time to start. Following are the locations and intervals for Eucharistic Adoration across the Archdiocese. If your parish is not listed or needs to be updated, or if you have a question, contact:

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(405) 755-9163 or
Barbara-Curcio@OUHSC.edu

Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours a day/year-round

St. Monica Parish - 2001 N. Western, Edmond
St. Joseph Parish - 421 E. Acres, Norman
St. Andrew Parish - 800 NW 5th Street, Moore

Sunday 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Parish - 110 N. Madison Street, Enid

Monday 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Christ the King Parish - 8005 Dorset Drive, Oklahoma City

Monday 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish - Highway 9 West, Seminole

Monday Noon to 10 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish - 208 S. Evans Avenue, El Reno

Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 3214 Lake Avenue, Oklahoma City

Wednesday 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

First Friday 11 a.m. to noon

First Saturday 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

St. Benedict Parish - 632 N. Kickapoo Avenue, Shawnee

Wednesday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish - 5024 N. Grove Avenue, Oklahoma City

Wednesday 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Benediction

First Friday - Friday 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Saturday

St. Eugene Parish - 2400 W. Hefner Road, Oklahoma City

Wednesday 6 p.m.

St. Mary Parish - 125 E. Street, Ardmore



Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish - 610 W. 9th Street, Newkirk

Wednesday 5 to 7 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Parish - 700 E. Oklahoma Avenue, Sulphur

Wednesday 5 to 6 p.m.

Friday 9 to 10 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima Parish - 4254 N. 9th Street, Perry

Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Daily M,T,W,F 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Epiphany - 7336 W. Britton Road, OKC

Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish - 627 12th Street, Alva

Thursday 5 p.m. to midnight

St. Gregory Monastery - 1900 W. MacArthur, Shawnee

Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

St. James the Greater Parish - 4201 S. McKinley, Oklahoma City

Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

St. Philip Neri Parish - 1107 Felix Place, Midwest City

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Prince of Peace Parish - 1500 Falcon Road, Altus

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

St. Peter Parish - 1220 N. Quinn Street, Guymon

Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Parish - 900 S. Littler, Edmond

Friday 6 to 7 p.m.

Holy Cross Parish - 14 W. Francis, Madill

Third Friday - Friday 5 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

St. Joseph Parish - 1300 E. Beverly, Ada

First Friday Benediction 5:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish - 1901 NW 18th Street, Oklahoma City

First Friday Benediction 5:30 p.m.

St. John Nepomuk Parish - 600 S. Garth Brooks Blvd., Yukon

First Friday 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Holy Angels Parish - 317 N. Blackwelder Avenue, Oklahoma City

First Friday 9 a.m. to Noon

St. Mark the Evangelist - 3939 W. Tecumseh Road, Norman

First Friday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Parish - 707 E. Ponca Avenue, Ponca City

First Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish - 309 S. Main Street, Kingfisher

First Friday 6 to 7 p.m.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish - 1576 N. Tim Holt Drive, Harrah

First Friday 7:30 p.m.

St. Ann Parish - 8492 state Highway 17, Elgin

First Friday 8:40 to 9:30 a.m.

St. Vincent De Paul Parish - 123 S. 9th Street, McLoud

Saturday 6 a.m. to Sunday 9 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish - 2706 S. Shartel Avenue, Oklahoma City

Third Sunday of the Month 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish - 220 N. A Street, Sterling

Calendar

NOVEMBER

20 Pilgrimage Sunday. Mass begins at 11 a.m. at National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague located at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church at 304 Jim Thorpe Blvd. in Prague. (405) 567-3080 or www.shrineofinfantjesus.com.

20 The Community of the Secular Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mt. Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus - Oklahoma Community and Province of St. Therese meets at St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in Piedmont from 12 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Katherine Payne at 210-4826 or Corliss Elsworth at 286-3012.

20 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Francis Fraternity meets at 1:15 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hospital Chapel. For more information, call Jim Disbrow at 830-8688.

27 First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER

3 Company: Catholic Adult Singles Bedlam Football and Potluck, Dec. 3, 30 minutes before the game at Bob's house. Bob is cooking burgers and hot dogs, so bring something great to share. RSVP by Nov. 30 at maryhall@consultant.com, or call 401-4105.

3 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta meet at St. John the Baptist Parish, Edmond, on the first and third Saturday of each month beginning with Holy Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel. For more information, contact Toni Harrelson, LMC, at (405) 341-2199 or lmc-oklahoma@sbcglobal.net.

4 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Claire Fraternity meets at 1:15 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at St. Thomas More Church in Norman. If you would like to learn how Francis lived, plan to attend one of our meetings. For more information, call Alice at (405) 473-7680.

4 Byzantine Liturgy will be offered at 5 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, 3939 W. Tecumseh Road, Norman. Moleben-Intercessions to Christ Emmanuel will be celebrated after Liturgy. For more information, call Father Phil Seeton at (580) 536-6351.

10 The Benedictine Oblates of Red Plains Spirituality Center will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month. They join the Community for Vespers, followed by a potluck dinner. For more information, contact Sister Eunice at 373-4565 or osboc@ionet.net.

Jobs Box

Part-time Computer Teacher

St. James the Greater School has an opening for a part-time teaching position available in Computer Education. Applicants must be proficient in computer education with Oklahoma certification or have a degree in technology. Please send resume to Anne Coddling, Principal, St. James the Greater Catholic School, 1224 S.W. 41, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73109.

Director of Family Life, Marriage, and Respect Life

The Diocese of Tulsa currently seeks a Director of the Office of Family Life. The Director of Family Life will oversee the efforts of the Diocese of Tulsa in regard to building strong marriages and forming Catholic families. The Director of Family Life will also direct, oversee and implement all of the Respect Life initiatives of the diocese. Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in theology, marriage studies, family studies, counseling, or a related field. A master's degree is preferred. Candidates should also have experience in marriage preparation, seminars related to marriage and family life, and pro-life and Respect Life ministries. Candidates must be practicing Catholics in good standing, and must support all of the teachings of both

ecclesial and divine law. Candidates must also be able to form and inform through education and explanation the teachings of the Church in regard to marriage, family, and the respect for human life. Send a resumé and a list of references to dcn.john.johnson@dioceseoftulsa.org.

Field Agent

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in the **Norman-Lawton area**. This professional position offers the chance to make an above average income, a career path into management if desired, paid advanced education and generous bonus opportunities. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. Works in an assigned and exclusive marketing area to sell and service our insurance and retirement products. Performs needs analysis for assigned members and recommends appropriate products to meet those needs. Develops positive relationships with the local councils to help recruit new members. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please email a resume to Kevin Pierce, FICE, General Agent, at Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org or call (405) 514-7660.



Tom the Turkey is in hiding. He is wearing a disguise so he won't get caught. These turkeys in disguise are hiding in the halls of St. Charles Borromeo School this November. They were disguised by the first-grade class.

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*Lord, we thank you
for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice
that fills this nation.
We thank you for the beauty and
fullness of the land and the challenge
of the cities.
We thank you for our work and our
rest,
for one another, and for our homes.
We thank you, Lord:
accept our thanksgiving on this day.
We pray and give thanks through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

— From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Work Begins To Restore Turrets At St. Gregory's

SHAWNEE — The deconstruction process of the three remaining turrets atop Benedictine Hall at St. Gregory's University is scheduled to begin.

Contractors have started to prepare the historic building for the work, and a large crane will arrive to begin the process of removing the turrets, piece by piece. The prep work involves layering the roof of Benedictine Hall with a protective covering to absorb the impact from possible falling debris. The deconstruction process will include disassembling the damaged turrets from the top, with an emphasis on preserving as much of the brick and masonry as possible for future restoration efforts. Once the turrets have been removed, a temporary cap will be placed over each of them.

Benedictine Hall was damaged as an apparent result of a 5.6-magnitude earthquake that struck central Oklahoma on Nov. 5. One of the turrets on top of the building collapsed and the three others were severely damaged. The building remains closed until it can be safely reoccupied. Daytime classes resumed Nov. 8 in various locations on campus. Administrative offices also were relocated to various campus locations. "This unfortunate event really has brought to light the remarkable team spirit we have at St. Gregory's," said SGU President Greg Main. "There have been an overwhelming number of cheerful, can-do responses to the challenges we face by the students, faculty, staff and monks. In one day, we were able to relocate and resume all classes at temporary locations on campus. All administrative operations have resumed, and remarkably, we are carrying on our business operations."

A capital campaign has been organized to support the restoration of Benedictine Hall. The



university has received an outpouring of concern from friends and alumni from across the country after widespread national media coverage. While costs are expected to be significant, the exact financial impact won't be known for at least a few weeks. To contribute to the fund, visit www.st-gregorys.edu and click on the "Donate Now" button. Benedictine Hall, built in 1915 and subsequently renovated, is included on the National Registry of Historic Places. It contains the administrative and faculty offices, classrooms, science laboratories, computer laboratories, campus mail-room and the James J. Kelly Library, which contains more than 50,000 bound volumes.

St. Gregory's University professor Nick Rowell teaches a government class in the Shawnee Community Room on campus. The class, along with many others, was relocated after a recent 5.6-magnitude earthquake damaged Benedictine Hall, which houses most of the university's classrooms. A fund has been set up to assist in the restoration of the historic building, which was completed in 1915. Those interested in contributing can find more information at www.stgregorys.edu. (Photo by Brad Collins / St. Gregory's University)

