

WEAVING CULTURE, FAITH



A new collection preview was held July 25 at the Bl. Stanley Rother Museum in Oklahoma City. The collection, *Maya of de Guatemala*, features Guatemalan artist Carmen Lind Pettersen. Her watercolors display the garments of the Tz'utujil people such as sashes and huipiles telling the story of the people's resilience and creativity. *Photos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.*

Guatemalan culture honored at Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine

By Emma Bowman
The Sooner Catholic

What makes a culture? What are its defining aspects? If someone were to pose this question to a room full of people of varying ages and backgrounds, many would likely mention clothing, music, art, cuisine and similar elements.

Defining what constitutes an “established culture” can be challenging, although some may simply suggest it as the way of life shared by people in a particular community.

By that measure, Guatemala has much to offer.

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Put Out Into the Deep

Luke 5:4

Another summer has come and gone

As hard as it is to believe, another summer has come and gone. As I look ahead to the promise of a new school year and the cooler weather to come, I find myself reflecting on all that God has done over these past few months.

As we grow older, it seems that each year passes more swiftly than the one before. And yet, as Scriptures testify: “You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; summer and winter, you have made them” (Psalm 74:17).

This verse from Psalms points to the ordered rhythm of life, artfully crafted by our loving Creator. The cycle of the seasons is a visible sign of God’s providential care – a divine pattern that marks time itself. Yet, in our fast-paced world, if we move too quickly without pausing to notice and reflect, we can overlook the gentle workings of God’s love and grace in our daily lives.

This summer was a busy one for me, filled with the usual meetings and events that come with my ministry. But, it also was a season of recreation, celebration and spiritual renewal that refreshed both body and soul.

Among the highlights was the joyful ordination of our two newest priests, Father Jonah Beckham and Father John Grim. Their commitment fills our local Church with joy and reminds us of God’s work renewing his Church from age to age.

We also celebrated the memorial of Blessed Stanley Rother on July 28, the anniversary of his martyrdom. This annual observance renews my appreciation and gratitude for his heroic witness as a good shepherd. His life challenges us to stand firm in our faith and trust God amid our trials.

In July, I was privileged to walk the Camino de Santiago with a brother bishop. Each time I make this spiritual pilgrimage, I am blessed with new insights from the Lord and renewed in pastoral zeal.

Each step of the Camino was a chance to quiet the mind, open the heart and become

more aware of God’s presence. It was a vivid reminder that even in movement, we need to seek moments of stillness to encounter the Lord in all the ways he comes to us: in his word and the sacraments, in creation, and in each of the fellow pilgrims we meet along on the way.

I pray that you and your families also have found time this summer for recreation, prayer and renewal. These seasons of rest are not mere distractions from life’s responsibilities but essential parts of the rhythm God intends for us.

They allow us to step back from daily busyness, recognize the blessings we have received, and prepare ourselves to face the challenges ahead with renewed strength and hope.

As we enter this next season – whether it be the start of the school year, a new chapter at work or the unfolding of family life – let us remember to pause and thank God for all the good he has done in our lives. Gratitude opens our eyes to the many ways God’s providence has sustained and guided us, even in moments we might have overlooked.

In the words of Saint Paul, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

May we carry this spirit of joy, prayer and gratitude into every season of our lives.

Let us embrace the divine rhythm of time – the passage of seasons – as an invitation to grow closer to God, to one another and to ourselves. Through these cycles, God teaches us to trust, to hope and to love more deeply.

May this new season be a fruitful time of grace for each of us, filled with moments of peace, joy and his abundant blessings.



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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By Sooner Catholic Staff

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✓ **To send photos,** event information or story ideas, e-mail communications@archokc.org.

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✓ **Archbishop Coakley** will celebrate the annual Blue Mass for law enforcement officials and first responders at 5 p.m. on Sept. 27 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. Visit archokc.org/bluemass.

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We ask this through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

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

- Aug. 19** – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel at Catholic Pastoral Center
Aug. 19 – Archdiocesan Finance Council meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
Aug. 20 – Holy Angels Education Center grand opening, 10 a.m.
Aug. 21 – Assembly of Catholic Professionals luncheon, 11 a.m., Downtown Petroleum Club, OKC
Aug. 22 – School Mass, 10 a.m., Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School



New Catholic cemetery to be built in Oklahoma City

By Diane Clay
The Sooner Catholic

After more than two decades of planning, a new Catholic cemetery is set to be built in Oklahoma City. Archbishop Coakley and board members of Resurrection Memorial Cemetery will break ground in September for the new Calvary Cemetery in southwest Oklahoma City. The cemetery on SW 119 is along Interstate 44 about 16 miles southwest of downtown Oklahoma City.

The \$11 million cemetery, which will be paid for by Resurrection, is the culmination of years of planning, research and population studies by Resurrection and the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to determine the best location for another Catholic cemetery.

Initially, plans called for expanding Resurrection Memorial Cemetery along Northwest Expressway, but as the population of Oklahoma City expanded south toward Moore, it became clear the cemetery was needed in a different location. Resurrection sold the property it had purchased along Northwest Expressway and bought 40 acres along SW 119 between Interstate 44 and Meridian Avenue about a mile south of Will Rogers International Airport.

“This cemetery will provide a beautiful location for families of loved ones in south Oklahoma City, Moore, Norman and beyond,” Archbishop Coakley said. “I am grateful for the work of the cemetery board and executive director Branden Seid to bring to the archdiocese a cemetery that will provide support, comfort and beauty in the Catholic tradition.”

The new cemetery was the vision of Seid and designed with consultant John Bolton. The chapel and office were designed by GH2 Architects of Oklahoma City. The cemetery will



Architectural renderings of Calvary Cemetery. Photos provided.

include a chapel, glass from niche rooms, niches around the reflection pond, cremation benches for the increasing number of families choosing cremation, numerous columbarium and 3,400 ground spaces in the initial phase.

The Catholic Church permits cremation with specific guidelines emphasizing respect for the deceased and their remains. Cremated

remains should be treated with the same reverence as a body and interred in a cemetery or columbarium, ideally within a Catholic cemetery. Scattering ashes, keeping them at home or dividing them are not permitted.

Upon entering the cemetery, families will be greeted with the three empty crosses representing the scene of the crucifixion, a life-sized crucifix will hang in the narthex. Visible through the back window of the chapel will be station No. 13 and in the main part of the cemetery will be the 14 Sta-

tions of the Resurrection around a spiritual and reflective walk.

Every section will be named after holy lands – Golgotha Garden, Mount Olivet, Gethsemane, Capernaum, Emmaus, Bethany and Jerusalem. The areas will coordinate with the stations. The final area by the pond will be Galilee.

The first phase is scheduled to be completed in early 2027. Pre-sales will be available this October.

“We hope by establishing the cemetery more families can start a legacy with us,” said Seid, executive director of Resurrection Memorial Cemetery.

“Cemeteries are often the first place people come at a very difficult time. Catholic cemeteries symbolize a vital extension of the local parish community. ... I feel I was brought into this position to help people, so for me to be involved in providing a final resting place for faithful Catholics within the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City brings my soul comfort that they’ll be taken care of for generations.”

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Photo: The interior of St. Joseph Old Cathedral in Oklahoma City on Nov. 30, 1948. *Photo Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Archives.*



The Bl. Stanley Rother Hispanic Cultural Institute of St. Joseph Catholic Church will have the opening night for the fall semester at 7 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Metter Room of the parish center, 421 East Acres St. in Norman. Everyone is invited and being a member is not necessary to attend this first night. Spanish language and cultural studies classes will be offered from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Register on opening night or on Facebook at bit.ly/BSRHCI-Fall2025. Enrollment ends Sept. 30. Tuition is \$50 per semester. If registering online, payment can be made on opening night. If registering in-person, arrive at 6:30 p.m. on opening night. Check should be made payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Donations to the Institute are accepted. Contact the parish office at (405) 321-8080 and/or e-mail Ignacio Ruiz, Jr. at rotherhispanicinstitute@gmail.com. Visit facebook.com/BSRHCI.

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Fr. Mark Mason reflects on a half century of priesthood

By Joanna Borelli
The Sooner Catholic

ENID – Inside the doors of Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Enid stands Father Mark Mason, greeting parishioners with an inviting smile and an outstretched arm readily presenting a friendly handshake.

It's all too familiar with Father Mason, an Enid native and a 1967 graduate of Saint Joseph Catholic School, which is attached to Saint Francis Xavier. It's a little extra special these days, too, with Father Mason celebrating his 50th year of priesthood.

For the past seven years, Father Mason has been leading two Catholic congregations in Enid: Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church and Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church. Five decades in the same profession is something to be celebrated. But 50 years of priesthood is a monument of faith that stretches over generations.

"Having attended and graduated from Saint Joe's, not only do I have the pleasure of still having classmates that I see at Mass or in the community, but the luxury of time has afforded me to know their kids and grandchildren that have and are attending our school or go to either Saint Francis or Saint Greg's," Father Mason said.

Father Mason first realized priesthood was his calling as a young boy attending Catholic school and growing up in a strong Catholic household.

Priests were welcome – and esteemed – in his home, "Particularly by my mother," Father Mason said.

There was a draw to a deeper faith, too, in serving Mass and in his Christian formation through the Sisters of Divine Providence at Saint Joseph School and Memorial High School in Enid.

"I remember reading a story in



Fr. Mark Mason baptized a parishioner in 2023 at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Enid. *Photo Theresa Bragg/ Sooner Catholic.*

the fifth grade about Saint John Vianney, who heard confessions many hours a day, and was impressed with his conviction on the importance of confession," Father Mason said. "I was so impressed, I was confirmed under his name and began considering priesthood. "He of course is the Patron Saint of all priests. My journey towards a vocation began then."

Father Mason said he has witnessed many changes in the Church over the past 50 years, some troublesome.

"Some changes include Mass in the vernacular, and the demographic of the church," he said. "There is an aging Anglo population, and the family has been

diminished among all populations.

The most alarming changes are that there is a wider chasm among Christian churches in general, that Atheism, secular humanism and materialism have impacted society and have pulled away many from the Christian faith, and that there is a cafeteria approach among many Catholics who pick and choose what to believe out of convenience.

"This has diminished the belief, for instance, in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the role of Mary in salvation, the importance of obedient faith in and obedient love for God in securing our own salvation.

"Many want God to cooperate with them, rather than them cooperating with God."

Still, Father Mason won't be discouraged. Instead, he sees light on the horizon.

"The good news is young people who are faithful to the Church are returning to the bedrock values and teachings," he said. "I see this in my own family – three of my great nieces and nephews have earned bachelor's degrees in theology, and a fourth is pursuing one.

"The expansion of the lectionary to a three-year cycle, and typological approach to biblical studies gives a wonderful foundation to ecclesial, sacramental and moral theology. The screening and formation of seminarians have changed drastically since I entered 57 years ago. The younger men seem well grounded in faith, in purpose, and

in vocation. I'm totally impressed!" Father Mason counts many moments that have been impactful through his life in ministry. The people he has encountered are at the center of them.

"Every place I have been, most people I have met and many events I have experienced have been transformative," he said. "They have strengthened and renewed my relationship with God and my commitment to serve in his Church.

"I have become a better person through my encounters with people God has placed before me and who have invited me to share in both their joy and their sorrow. Their personal faith and stamina in overcoming very difficult events encourages me to live more fully the gift of faith granted to me by God. Being a Retrouvaille priest, and spending weekends with couples working to heal their marriage is always a source of renewal and revitalization of my own vocation.

"There is much joy in being a parish priest and meeting the world that comes to me each day." And Father Mason encourages future priests with an idea to consider: turn to scripture.

"Do not be afraid," he said, "keep your eyes on the prize; love both the Lord and his Church, for they cannot be separated; do what he sets before you."

Joanna Borelli is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.



Fr. Mark Mason in 1992. *Photo Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Archives.*

Archdiocese to host marriage enrichment conference

As Saint John Paul II famously said, “As goes the family, so goes the nation, and so goes the entire world in which we live.” That puts an emphasis on formation for all married couples, from newlyweds to empty nesters, to live out their vocation in holiness and joy. To promote greater formation for couples, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Saint John Paul II Foundation are working together to bring the fourth annual Together in Holiness marriage enrichment conference to the archdiocese.

The conference is from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City.

Previous attendees offered praise for the conference:

“... It’s important to invest time in a marriage so you can stay on the same page with your spouse. These conferences are an investment that can continue to yield fruit for years to come!”

so you can stay on the same page with your spouse. These conferences are an investment that can continue to yield fruit for years to come!”

“Since our kids have left for college, our prayer life became individualized. At the conference, after we prayed together, we put a plan in place to pray together.”

Scholarships are available upon request. Also, an at-home conference experience will be offered for those who choose to participate virtually from within their own domestic church.

For those interested in attending, the full schedule, list of speakers and registration information are available at togetherinholiness.org/oklahomacity, or contact conference coordinator Taylor Briggs at taylor@forlifeandfamily.org or (832) 779-1070.


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Archbishop Paul S. Coakley cordially invites all couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in 2025—especially those marking milestone years such as 25, 40, 50, or more—to a special Anniversary Mass.

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El Arzobispo Paul S. Coakley invita cordialmente a todas las parejas que celebren su aniversario de boda en 2025, especialmente aquellas que alcancen hitos importantes como los 25, 40, 50 años o más, a una misa especial de aniversario.

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A walk with Jesus for Grieving Parents

Save the date
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Debbie Kelln is retiring from playing the keyboard at Holy Name Catholic Church in Shattuck. Photo Owen Canfield.

42 years of prayer through music

By Owen Canfield

On a recent Sunday morning, Debbie Kelln played the keyboard at the rear of Holy Name Catholic Church in Shattuck, leading the congregation through the hymns and Mass parts.

It has been thus for more than 42 years.

“God gave me this talent, as small as it is,” Kelln said. “I don’t consider myself all that talented. But I can give back.”

She has been giving back since the early 1980s when she and her husband, John, moved their family to Shattuck from Woodward.

Raised in the nearby town of Fargo, Debbie started piano lessons in ninth grade. When Saint Peter Catholic Church in Woodward

installed a pipe organ years later, she “couldn’t wait to get my hands on the thing” and began lessons.

She was taken by the instrument, going so far as to lay dinner knives in a pattern on the floor of the house to help her learn the organ pedals.

She played occasionally at Saint Peter but said she never planned to play regularly for Mass. That changed after the move to Shattuck, when the pastor, Father Alan Loth, stopped her one Sunday morning.

“I sat in the pew, and Father Loth eyed me as I was coming down the aisle and he waited at the door,” she said. “When I got to the door he said, ‘Debbie, why are you sitting there?’”

“That was it.” Debbie has been playing ever since, and gratis at that. The instrument is a clavichord, which produces organ and piano sounds. For

the past 35 years at least, she has been joined by cantor Glenn Dorr.

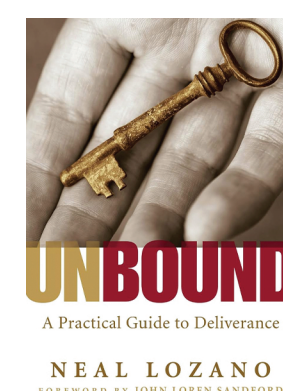
“It’s real easy,” Dorr said. “We’ve been doing it so long together, we always know what the other is doing.”

Due to an eyesight condition, Debbie plans to step aside soon. She looks forward to being able to join John and their children and grandchildren in the pews.

“What I don’t like about being back there every Sunday is I never get to pray the Mass,” she said. “I don’t get to kneel, I don’t get to do the ‘Catholic calisthenics.’”

Music itself, she noted, “is prayer.” For more than four decades, Debbie Kelln has selflessly helped to deepen the prayer lives of those who have called Holy Name their home.

Owen Canfield works for the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma.



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Archbishop Beltran helped celebrate the 75th anniversary of St. Ann Skilled Nursing and Therapy (formerly St. Ann Nursing Home) on July 26 in Oklahoma City. Residents and staff reflected on the years of service and memories created. Photos Fran Kozakowski/Sooner Catholic.





ARCHBISHOP PAUL S. COAKLEY'S
Mass for Medical Professionals
Saturday, Sept. 13, 5 p.m.
The Cathedral of our Lady of Perpetual Help
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Medical professionals are invited to wear their white coats to Mass.
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ARCHBISHOP PAUL S. COAKLEY'S
Blue Mass
For Law Enforcement and First Responders
Saturday, Sept. 27, 5 p.m.
The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
3214 N. Lake Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Archbishop Coakley will bless badges during the Mass.
Reception to follow in Connor Center

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Catholic Daughters hold 50th biennial state convention



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas held its 50th Biennial State Convention on May 2-4 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. Pictured are the state officers for 2025-2027. Photos provided.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) held its 50th Biennial State Convention on May 2-4, at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City.

The theme: “Come Share Your Light, Be a Beacon of Hope.”

The Keynote Speaker, Larann Wilson, associate director for the department of evangelization and discipleship at the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, emphasized how lighthouses have played a key role in maritime safety and navigation throughout history, providing a guiding light amid the darkness of the seas.

Lighthouses are beacons of hope. She used the lighthouse as an analogy to our faith, stating, “God is our Beacon. He guides our life.”

Wilson led the attendees through a special “Visio Divina” meditation. Visio Divina is translated as “divine seeing,” related to the prayer form Lectio Divina (divine reading), using visual elements to help set the mind on prayer.

An installation Mass was held for the newly elected 2025-2027 state officers: State Regent Jo Ella Newberry; 1st State Vice Regent Debbie Brzozowski; 2nd State Vice Regent Karla Ludwig; State Treasurer Laura Hamilton; and State

Secretary Alyson Kopycinski. Also, the 2025-2027 district deputies were installed.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was available to all, as was Eucharistic Adoration. A memorial service was also held to remember the 17 deceased CDA members who passed away over the past two years.

There was fun, too, including a “Fabulous 50s” celebration, featuring 50s attire, including poodle skirts and bobby socks, and even a “Lucy” from “I Love Lucy.” There were games, dancing and karaoke singing of the 50s music.



Larann Wilson



Lucy and Laura



Catholic Daughters of the Year



Mount St. Mary Catholic High School Vocal Music Ensemble.





Guatemalan culture honored at Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine

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On July 26, a new exhibit exploring the rich cultural history and legacy of Guatemalan clothing – traje, as it is known locally – opened to the public at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Museum in Oklahoma City. The exhibition features the work of Guatemalan artist Carmen Lind Pettersen.

Seven prints of Pettersen's artwork, along with a rare copy of her book "The Maya of Guatemala: Life and Dress," showcase the traditional attire of Guatemala's Indigenous Mayan people.

Now the largest collection of Pettersen's work in the United States, the exhibit further enhances the mission of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Museum, serving as a beacon of faith while honoring both the legacy of Blessed Stanley Rother and the Guatemalan culture he so devotedly served.

"These prints really are an invaluable documentation of what traditional dress looks like in Guatemala, even today," Father Don Wolf, rector of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, said in during a private event the night before. "Nowadays, it is common to see men (in Guatemala) trading their traditional purple, embroidered pants for jeans, which are more economically practical. Women, for the most part, still make and wear traditional clothing such as elaborately embroidered skirts and blouses."

The celebration of Guatemalan culture at the shrine extends beyond the exhibit. Each year, Deacon Rob Blakely, the shrine's director of pilgrimage, travels to Guatemala and returns with more than mere memories.

"I take a suitcase with me and bring back loads of merchandise for the gift shop, all handmade by Indigenous Mayan artisans," Blakely said. "It's all hand-stitched and long-lasting."

The gift shop's collection includes embroidered purses, pillowcases, keychains, bracelets and other handcrafted treasures.

Also on July 26, the shrine hosted a Marian procession across the grounds and up Tepeyac Hill. A Mass followed in the church, during which a beam of sunlight dramatically illuminated the statue of Blessed Stanley above the tabernacle; fitting as people at the shrine were celebrating the feast of its patron that weekend, July 26–27. After Mass, attendees gathered in the square for fellowship, food and entertainment provided by traditional Guatemalan dancers.

On July 27, all Masses at the shrine honored the feast day of Blessed Stanley Rother, which was observed the following day, July 28, at other parishes in Oklahoma. After the 9 a.m. Mass, pilgrims had the opportunity to meet two authors: Maria Scaperlanda, author of "The Shepherd Who Didn't Run," a

biography of Blessed Stanley, and Sue Rother Bond, Blessed Stanley's cousin and author of "Blessed Stanley Rother," a children's book.

Both hosted book signings where visitors could purchase signed copies and browse the new exhibit and gift shop offerings.

So, what defines Guatemalan culture? While traje, art and cuisine certainly play vital roles, Blessed Stanley Rother might have said the people themselves are the heart and soul of the culture. In the documentary *An Ordinary Martyr*, he called the Tz'utujil people "exceptional."

Today, the beauty and spirit of Guatemala are more present than ever in Oklahoma, bridging communities, honoring faith and continuing the legacy of a priest who gave his life in service to a people he loved.

Emma Bowman is a freelance writer for the *Sooner Catholic*.

The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine celebrated Bl. Stanley's Feast Day, July 28, with activities July 26 and 27. Some of the festivities on July 26 included a Marian procession, Mass and performances from Guatemalan dancers. Photos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.



Fr. Davaahayam (Deva) Undralla celebrated Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City for a week at the beginning of August. He was the associate priest there for about three years. While he was there, he attended the Fly-In breakfast at the Ponca City Airport. The Laffey family, Wade, Nancy and John Paul, joined him at the airport. Wade Laffey is the St. Mary Catholic School principal. His wife is Nancy is the niece of Bishop Anthony Taylor of the Diocese of Little Rock who is a native of Ponca City. *Photos provided.*



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Parishioners in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala, celebrated Bl. Stanley Rother's Feast Day at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church. There was a festival and a procession in the evening. *Photos Felipe Coché.*

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The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking a full-time director of communications to oversee all aspects of communication, media relations and promotion of the shrine. Must have a desire to promote the Church's work of evangelization, and to promote knowledge of and devotion to Bl. Stanley Rother. Must have three-five years of experience in public relations, journalism or marketing; a bachelor's

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Book Review: 'Catholic Heroes of Civil and Human Rights: 1800s to the Present'

By John H. Dolezal
The Sooner Catholic

"The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a social vision for society." (USCCB)

Civil and human rights are designed to protect this inherent dignity and equality of all human beings. And the rights themselves have needed protecting, with a new book highlighting Catholic men and women at the heart of that quest through recent centuries.

The book, "Catholic Heroes of Civil and Human Rights," is co-authored by Matthew Daniels, distinguished law professor at Anderson University, and Roxanne King, freelance writer. By reading this interesting book we learn the biographies of 16 heroic Catholic men and women who, motivated by faith, persevered through extreme adversity to defend civil and human rights in the United States during the period of the 1800s to the present.

The content of the book is organized under the "Pillars" of the natural law foundation of human rights. The "Pillars" are freedom, perseverance, hope, justice and conscience. These "Pillars" are crucial to the work of social justice and are exemplified by the inspiring work of those profiled in the book.

Under each "Pillar" are two or three short biographical stories of individuals who achieved extraordinary deeds in protecting the dignity and rights of people.

There are stories on Pierre Toussaint, a formally enslaved man who used his wealth and influence to purchase the freedom of other slaves; Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle, a pioneer in the fight against segregation and racial justice; and Dorothy Day, best known for integrating social activism and Catholic religious traditions by providing aid to the poor, educating others on social injustices, and creating reform social structures.

There are also stories about Saint Katharine Drexel, Saint Teresa of Calcutta and other lay and religious heroes.

"The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society." (USCCB - Rights and Responsibilities)

These stories offer hope and inspiration for the work we must do in protecting the

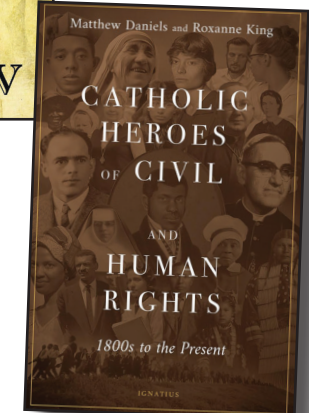
dignity and rights of all people. Perhaps we can gain understanding for our responsibility for protecting the civil

and human rights of every citizen by pondering on Pope Francis's statement, "The world exists for everyone, because all of us were born with the same dignity. Differences of color, religion, talent, place of birth or residence, and so many others, cannot be used to justify the privileges of some over the rights of all. As a community, we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development." (Pope Francis, "On Fraternity and Social Friendship" [Fratelli Tutti], No. 118)

You may, like me, find it to be a humbling experience reading about the deeds performed by the heroes in the book, but the vision for a moral society calls for each of us to do what we can to advance civil and human rights. By God's grace we will make a difference!

John Dolezal is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

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Otro verano que viene y se va

Aunque cueste creerlo, se nos fue otro verano. Mientras vislumbro la llegada de un nuevo ciclo escolar y un clima más fresco, me he puesto a reflexionar en todo lo que Dios ha hecho en estos últimos meses.

A medida que envejecemos, parece que cada año se pasa más rápido que el anterior. Aun así la Sagrada Escritura lo declara: “Tú trazaste las fronteras de la tierra, el verano y el invierno tú formaste” (Salmo 74,17).

Este versículo de los Salmos señala el ritmo ordenado de la vida, artísticamente elaborado por nuestro amoroso Creador. El ciclo de las estaciones es un signo visible del cuidado providencial de Dios – un patrón divino que es marcado por el tiempo mismo. Sin embargo, en nuestro mundo acelerado, si nos movemos demasiado deprisa sin detenernos a observar y reflexionar, podemos pasar por alto la delicada intervención del amor y la gracia de Dios en nuestra vida cotidiana.

Este verano he estado muy ocupado, con las reuniones y eventos habituales de mi ministerio. Pero también fue un tiempo de esparcimiento, celebración y renovación espiritual que refrescó tanto el cuerpo como el alma.

Uno de los momentos más destacados fue la jubilosa ordenación de nuestros dos nuevos sacerdotes, el padre Jonah Beckham y el padre John Grim. Su compromiso llena de alegría a nuestra Iglesia local y nos recuerda la obra de Dios, que renueva su Iglesia de generación en generación.

También celebramos, el día 28 de julio, la conmemoración del aniversario del martirio del beato Stanley Rother. Este homenaje anual renueva mi aprecio y gratitud por su heroico testimonio como buen pastor. Su vida nos desafía para mantenernos firmes en nuestra fe y confiar en Dios en medio de nuestras adversidades.

En el mes de julio tuve el privilegio de recorrer el Camino de Santiago con un obispo hermano. Cada vez que hago esta peregrinación espiritual, me siento bendecido con nuevas percepciones del Señor y renovado en el celo pastoral.

Cada paso del Camino fue una oportunidad para tranquilizar la mente, abrir el corazón y estar más consciente de la presencia de Dios. Fue un recordatorio palpable de que, incluso en movimiento, debemos buscar momentos de quietud para encontrar al Señor en todas las formas en que viene a nosotros: en su Palabra y en los Sacramentos, en la creación y en cada uno de los peregrinos que encontramos en el camino.

Rezo para que ustedes y sus familias también hayan encontrado tiempo este verano para el esparcimiento, la oración y la renovación. Estas temporadas de descanso no son meras distracciones de las responsabilidades de la vida, sino partes esenciales del ritmo que Dios quiere para nosotros.

Nos permiten apartarnos del ajetreo diario, reconocer las bendiciones que hemos recibido y prepararnos para afrontar los

retos venideros con fuerza y esperanza renovadas.

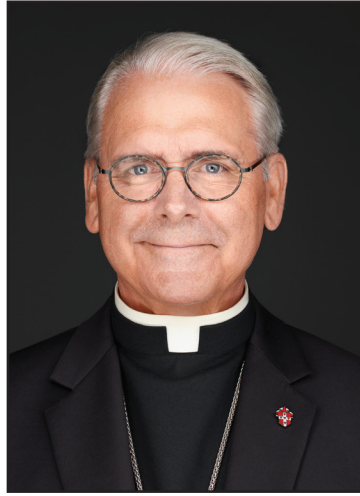
A medida que nos adentramos en la siguiente temporada – ya sea el comienzo del ciclo escolar, un nuevo comienzo en el trabajo o el devenir de la vida familiar – acordémonos de hacer una pausa y dar gracias a Dios por todo lo bueno que ha hecho en nuestras vidas. La gratitud nos abre los ojos para ver cómo la providencia de Dios nos ha sostenido y guiado, incluso en momentos que podríamos haber pasado por alto.

En las palabras de san Pablo: “Esten siempre alegres. Oren constantemente. Den gracias por todo, pues esto es lo que Dios, en Cristo Jesús, quiere de ustedes.” (1 Tesalonicenses 5,16-18).

Que llevemos este espíritu de alegría, oración y gratitud a todas las estaciones de nuestra vida.

Acojamos el ritmo divino del tiempo – el paso de las estaciones – como una invitación para acercarnos más a Dios, a los demás y a nosotros mismos. A través de estos ciclos, Dios nos enseña a confiar, a esperar y a amar más profundamente.

Que esta nueva estación sea un tiempo fructífero de gracia para cada uno de nosotros, llena de momentos de paz, alegría y de sus abundantes bendiciones.



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley

Por Emma Bowman
The Sooner Catholic

¿Qué es lo que define una cultura? ¿Cuáles son sus aspectos característicos? Si alguien planteara esta pregunta a un grupo de personas de diferentes edades y procedencias, es probable que muchos mencionaran la ropa, la música, el arte, la gastronomía y otros elementos similares.

Definir qué constituye una “cultura establecida” puede resultar complicado, aunque algunos podrían sugerir simplemente que se trata del modo de vida compartido por las personas de una comunidad concreta.

En ese sentido, Guatemala tiene mucho que ofrecer.

El 26 de julio, se inauguró al público una nueva exposición que explora la rica historia cultural y el legado de la vestimenta guatemalteca —conocida localmente como “traje”— en el Museo del Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother, en Oklahoma City. La exposición presenta la obra de la artista guatemalteca Carmen Lind Pettersen.

Siete impresiones de las obras de Pettersen, junto con una rara copia de su libro “Los mayas de Guatemala: vida y vestimenta”, muestran la vestimenta tradicional del pueblo indígena maya de Guatemala.

La exposición, que actualmente cuenta con la mayor colección de obras de Pettersen en Estados Unidos, refuerza aún más la misión del Museo Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother, que sirve como faro de fe al tiempo que honra tanto el legado del Beato Stanley Rother como la cultura guatemalteca a la que sirvió con tanta devoción.

TEJER CULTURA, FE

La cultura guatemalteca homenajeada en el Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother

“Estas estampas son realmente una documentación invaluable de cómo es la vestimenta tradicional en Guatemala, incluso hoy en día”, dijo el padre Don Wolf, rector del Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother, durante un evento privado la noche anterior. “Hoy en día, es común ver a los hombres (en Guatemala) cambiar sus pantalones tradicionales morados bordados por pantalones de mezclilla, que son más prácticos desde el punto de vista económico. Las mujeres, en su mayoría, siguen confeccionando y vistiendo ropa tradicional, como faldas y blusas con elaborados bordados”.

La celebración de la cultura guatemalteca en el santuario va más allá de la exposición. Cada año, el diácono Rob Blakely, director de peregrinaciones del santuario, viaja a Guatemala y regresa con algo más que simples recuerdos.

“Llevo una maleta conmigo y traigo un montón de productos para la tienda de regalos, todos hechos a mano por artesanos indígenas mayas”, dijo Blakely. “Todo está cosido a mano y es muy duradero”.

La colección de la tienda de regalos incluye bolsos bordados, fundas de almohada, llaveros, pulseras y otros tesoros artesanales.

También el 26 de julio, el santuario acogió una procesión mariana por los terrenos y hasta la colina de Tepeyac. A continuación se celebró una misa en la iglesia, durante la cual un rayo de sol iluminó de forma espectacular la estatua del beato Stanley sobre el tabernáculo, lo cual resultó muy apropiado, ya que los fieles del santuario celebraban la fiesta de su patrón ese fin de semana, del 26 al 27 de julio. Después de la misa, los asistentes se reunieron en la plaza para disfrutar de la



El 25 de julio se celebró una presentación previa de la nueva colección en el Museo Bl. Stanley Rother de Oklahoma City. La colección, Maya de Guatemala, cuenta con la participación de la artista guatemalteca Carmen Lind Pettersen. Sus acuarelas muestran las prendas del pueblo tz'utujil, como fajines y huipiles, que narran la historia de la resiliencia y la creatividad de este pueblo. Fotos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.

compañía, la comida y el entretenimiento que les proporcionaron los bailarines tradicionales guatemaltecos.

El 27 de julio, todas las misas en el santuario honraron la festividad del Beato Stanley Rother, que se celebró al día siguiente, el 28 de julio, en otras parroquias de Oklahoma. Después de la misa de las 9 de la mañana, los peregrinos tuvieron la oportunidad de conocer a dos autoras: María Scaperlanda, autora de “The Shepherd Who Didn’t Run” (El pastor que no huyó), una biografía del beato Stanley, y Sue Rother Bond, prima del beato Stanley y autora de “Blessed Stanley Rother” (El beato Stanley Rother), un libro para niños.

Ambos organizaron firmas de libros en las que los visitantes pu-

dieron adquirir ejemplares firmados y echar un vistazo a la nueva exposición y a los productos de la tienda de regalos.

Entonces, ¿qué define la cultura guatemalteca? Si bien el traje, el arte y la gastronomía sin duda desempeñan un papel fundamental, el beato Stanley Rother podría haber dicho que el pueblo mismo es el corazón y el alma de la cultura. En el documental An Ordinary Martyr (Un mártir común), calificó al pueblo tz'utujil de “excepcional”.

Hoy en día, la belleza y el espíritu de Guatemala están más presentes que nunca en Oklahoma, uniendo comunidades, honrando la fe y continuando el legado de un sacerdote que dio su vida al servicio de un pueblo al que amaba.

Emma Bowman es escritora independiente para Sooner Catholic.


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El Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother celebró la festividad del Beato Stanley, el 28 de julio, con actividades los días 26 y 27 de julio. Algunas de las festividades del 26 de julio incluyeron una procesión mariana, una misa y actuaciones de bailarines guatemaltecos. Fotos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.

Briefs

ACP meetings
The next Assembly of Catholic Professionals luncheon is 11 a.m., Aug. 21 at the Petroleum Club, 100 N. Broadway Ave. in Oklahoma City. The guest speaker is Bishop James Conley. The final ACP luncheon of 2025 is 11 a.m., Nov. 6 at the Petroleum Club, featuring guest speaker Andreas Widmer. Visit cfook.org/acp.

Quinceañera
Quinceañera courts and parents of Quinceañera are invited to a retreat 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Aug. 23 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Connor Center, 3300 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. Cost: \$100 per family; \$50 per person. Contact Erika Martinez at (405) 709-2806 or Andrea Hernandez at (405) 720-2759. Visit archokc.org/events.

The Spirituality of Widowhood
The Widows of Divine Mercy at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond will be offering a program titled The Spirituality of Widowhood to bring love and comfort in Christ through their journey. They meet monthly 9-10:30 a.m. Visit stjohn-catholic.org/events for specific dates. They are offering a seven-part teaching explaining The Widow's Status in the Old Testament. This will lead to an optional consecration of widows. The class will gather at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in the commons, and the next meeting is 9-10:30 a.m. Aug. 23. Register at stjohn-catholic.org/event-details?id=24130.

Bingo
The Knights of Columbus Family Bingo at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 4201 S. McKinley, will be on Aug. 28. All games \$10. Door prizes furnished by the Knights. Reasonably priced food served at 5:45 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. All players receive a raffle ticket for a 55-inch LED TV to be given away in October (must be present to win). All August birthdays will be recognized and given a free additional blackout card.

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat
A Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat will be held Aug. 29-31 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. Contact Jacob and AnneMarie Miller at okc@domesticchurchfamilies.com. Register at domesticchurchfamilies.com.

Knights of Columbus retreat
The St. Eugene Knights of Columbus retreat is 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. Open to all Catholics. Cost \$30 includes lunch and refreshments. Seating limited. Mail checks made out to K of C Council 10822, 14616 Collingwood Kane, Edmond, OK 73013. Contact Michael Zink at (405) 314-4120; michael-the-j@att.net.

Catechetical Immersion
The Altum Institute's Catechet-

ical Immersion is set for 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, 801 N.W. 50 St. in Oklahoma City. Visit altuminstitute.org/event/971.

Unbound Freedom in Christ retreat
Christ the King Catholic Church, 8005 Dorset Drive, in Oklahoma City will host an Unbound Freedom in Christ Retreat 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (8 a.m. Mass optional) on Sept. 6. Discover the keys to spiritual healing and freedom. Register at ckokc.org/unbound-prayer-ministry.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance
A St. Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance will be held Sept. 6 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 47943 Abbey Rd. in Konawa. Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Gourd dance is 3-5:30 p.m. Supper is at 6 p.m. and grand entry is at 7 p.m.

Mass of Remembrance
A Mass of Remembrance in memory of people lost to suicide will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 12 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1891 N.W. 18 St. in Oklahoma City. Contact stfrancisokc.com or (405) 528-0485.

Broncho Bash
The fifth annual Broncho Bash is 6-10 p.m. Sept. 12 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 900 S. Littler Ave. in Edmond. The event benefits the Universi-

ty of Central Oklahoma Broncho Catholic Campus Ministry. Visit givebutter.com/c/Broncho-Bash2025.

Day of Reflection
Day of Reflection, "Modern Day Holiness," presented by Fr. Peter Shults, O.S.B. is 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 13 at St. Gregory's Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur St. in Shawnee. Attendees must pre-register by e-mailing retreats@monksok.org, via the link at monksok.org or call (405) 878-5296. Cost \$30. Lunch included.

Craft fair - Yukon
The St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church annual arts and crafts show is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sept. 13 at 600 Garth Brooks Blvd. in Yukon.

Mass for Medical Professionals
Archbishop Coakley will celebrate the annual Mass for Medical Professionals at 5 p.m. on Sept. 13 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. The guest speaker is Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. Visit archokc.org/medicalmass.

Taste 2025
The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine presents Taste 2025 at 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at 700 S.E. 89 in Oklahoma City. Enjoy Norahua Mexican Folkloric Dancers, Mexican fare, Mezcal tasting and live music. Call (405) 438-0310 for sponsorship information. This event is for guests 21 and over.

Calendar

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August

17

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

17

Monthly Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague begins.

19

Feast of St. John Eudes.

19

Serra Club of Oklahoma City meeting, 11a.m., Catholic Charities, 1232 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City. Visit serraokc.org.

19

Suicide grief support group, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1901 N.W. 18, Oklahoma City.

19

Catholic in Recovery meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1901 N.W. 18 St., Oklahoma City.

20

Feast of St. Bernard.

21

Feast of St. Pius X.

21

Assembly of Catholic Professionals luncheon, 11 a.m., Aug. 21, Petroleum Club, 100 N. Broadway Ave., Oklahoma City. The guest speaker is Bishop James Conley. Visit cfook.org/acp.

21

Summit, 7 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave., Oklahoma City. An evening of adoration, confessions, praise and worship every third Thursday of the month.

22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

23

Feast of St. Rose of Lima.

23

Quinceañera retreat, 8 a.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Connor Center, 3300 N. Lake Ave., Oklahoma City.

23

The Spirituality of Widowhood class begins, 9 a.m., St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 900 S. Littler Ave., Edmond.

23

Pray the Rosary for Life, 9:30 a.m., Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church, 500 Alameda St., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com.

24

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

25

Feast of St. Joseph Calasanz.

25

Feast of St. Louis.

26

Catholic in Recovery meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1901 N.W. 18 St., Oklahoma City.

27

Feast of St. Monica.

28

Feast of St. Augustine.

29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist.

29

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat weekend, Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City.

30

St. Eugene Knights of Columbus retreat, 8 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City.

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8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Catholic Pastoral Center



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Every Tuesday, beginning Sept. 2
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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Every Monday beginning Aug. 25
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St. John Nepomuk - Yukon Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	St. James - OKC Viernes 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
	Holy Spirit - Mustang Lunes 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
	St. Francis Xavier - Enid Viernes 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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