

New school: St. Carlo Acutis Classical Academy coming next year

By John Helsley
The Sooner Catholic

The worldwide Church canonized a new saint.
The Church in Oklahoma now

closely clings to him, too, with the announcement of Saint Carlo Acutis Classical Academy: an Oklahoma Virtual School, scheduled to open next August.

This innovative virtual school will be available to all, initially

with students enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grades for the 2026-2027 school year, with new grades added each year until the academy is K-12.

The first millennial saint, Carlo Acutis was born in London and

raised in Milan. He is known for his devotion to the Eucharist, which he shared with young followers across digital media. An

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Photo Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

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Guided by Catholic teaching, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City continues to fulfill its mission of serving those in need by partnering with Key to Home, a community-wide initiative comprising more than 50 organizations working together to address homelessness differently in Oklahoma City.

Catholic Charities plays a frontline role in the Key to Home Partnership, providing case management for the Encampment Rehousing Initiative, which moves people directly from encampments into housing with ongoing support. The agency also leads the new Diversion and Rapid Exit program, embedding case managers in local shelters to help those who are newly homeless find quick, practical solutions before becoming entrenched in the system.

Theresa Flannery, senior director of social services for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, said their work aligns

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Luke 5:4

Living the Jubilee, sharing the mission of Catholic Charities

In this Jubilee year, we are called to be “Pilgrims of Hope.” In the spirit of the great Jubilee tradition, we are invited to live this sacred time not merely as an anniversary to be observed, but as a season of grace – a time to restore what has been lost, to heal what is broken and to bear Christ’s light into a dark world that longs for his peace.

Hope is not a vague wish for better days. Christian hope is rooted in the certainty of God’s promises. In Pope Leo’s new, but already inspiring pontificate, he has reminded us that “Christian hope is like an anchor that grounds our hearts in the promise of the Lord Jesus. Charity is not just a promise. ... It is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility.”

That “present reality” is visible every day in the work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. In our parishes, on our city streets, in rural communities and small towns, Catholic Charities becomes the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out to those who are hungry, unhoused, grieving or afraid.

The mission is simple yet profound: to serve, to accompany, to love. But, as I have seen firsthand, it is never just about services. It is about witness and relationships – about seeing the face of Jesus in those we serve and allowing them to see his face in us.

Catholic Charities is a place where individuals find a warm welcome, where single mothers receive guidance and support, where the elderly are visited and cared for, where those without shelter are given warmth and safety. These works of mercy are not abstract concepts; they are real, tangible moments when hope takes flesh in the lives of our neighbors.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis, whose passing we mourned in the spring, called on the whole Church to listen closely to those on the margins.

“May the voices of the poor be heard throughout the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone,” he said. That call echoes loudly here in Oklahoma. Through Catholic Charities, your generosity makes it possible for those voices to be heard – and for their dignity to be honored.

On the weekend of Sept. 20-21, Catholic Charities will launch its annual appeal in parishes across the archdiocese. In the spirit of the Jubilee – when God’s people are called to restore, to set free and to rejoice – this campaign invites each of us to be a living sign of hope for our brothers and sisters in need.

Volunteers will be present in some parishes to share stories of the clients we serve. Donor envelopes will be available in pews. If you have not yet made a gift to this year’s campaign, I ask you to prayerfully consider doing so that weekend.

If you already have made a gift, please accept my

heartfelt thanks. Your support is a powerful witness to the love of Christ at work in the Church today.

I am deeply aware that the needs in our communities are great. The landscape of poverty, homelessness and despair is ever-changing – shaped by local and national challenges that often create new uncertainties for the most vulnerable.

And yet, we also live in a time of grace. God has placed us here, in this corner of his vineyard, to be his witnesses, his instruments, his hands of mercy.

The Jubilee year reminds us that mercy cannot be hoarded; it must flow outward. It must be shared. Just as the Israelites celebrated a Jubilee to release debts and restore land, so too are we called to restore relationships, to release burdens and to make space for God’s new beginnings.

When you give to Catholic Charities, you are participating in that restoration. You are helping a family keep their home. You are helping a child begin school with the supplies they need. You are helping a mother learn English so she can provide for her children.

These are not just acts of assistance; they are acts of hope. And hope, as Pope Leo reminded us, is anchored in Jesus himself.

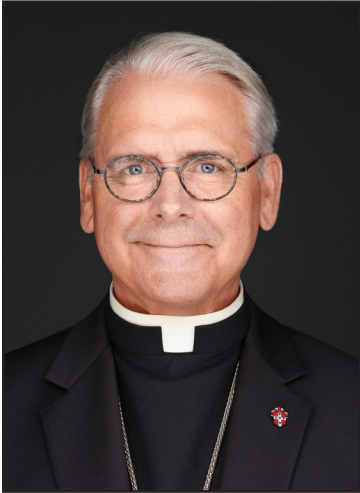
I often think of the early Christians who sometimes gathered in hidden places to worship and encourage one another. The catacombs in Rome were not only burial sites; they were sanctuaries for the living.

In the dim light, the faithful celebrated the Eucharist, told the stories of Jesus and prayed for the strength to endure. They emerged from those gatherings renewed in hope – ready to face the world as witnesses to the Good News.

In our own way, Catholic Charities is like that sanctuary. It is a place where those who are weary can rest, where the hungry are fed, where the brokenhearted are consoled, and where the forgotten are remembered. It is a place where hope is renewed, not only for those who come seeking help, but for those who serve.

This September, I invite you to join me in making the work of Catholic Charities part of your Jubilee journey. Whether you give financially, volunteer your time or pray for those in need, you are helping to anchor hope in the hearts of our neighbors.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity. And may this Jubilee year be a time of deeper conversion and renewed joy in the mission Jesus Christ has entrusted to us.



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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Statement from Archbishop Coakley on shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church, School

On Aug. 27, there was a shooting during Mass at Annunciation Catholic parish and school in Minneapolis. Please join me in prayer for those who lost their lives and those who were injured, along with their families. Let us also pray for the students, faculty and the parish community, and schools and communities everywhere in the aftermath of this tragic and heartbreaking event.



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O Lord, you mark the journey of life with change. Once again, we witness your creation moving from one season to the other. Change is your instrument of growth that brings us to a deeper relationship with you. May your word be the lantern that guides the roads of change in our lives. Amen.

Cathedral Arts Series second season revealed

By Olivia Dailey
The Sooner Catholic

Long appreciated as an ideal space for “heavenly” music, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City is set to host the 2025-26 Cathedral Arts Series, opening Sept. 14.

The second full season of the series will start with an organ recital followed by vespers on the 14th. A collection of events will follow, including choral-accompanied prayer, organ and choir recitals and a children’s concert.

All installments take place at the cathedral, with the exception of one vespers, hosted at Saint Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee in 2026, which is celebrating the 150th anniversary of their service to the Church in Oklahoma.

The series is organized by the cathedral’s director of music and organist Nolan Patrick Reilly, who began the series a year after he joined the parish in early 2022. Reilly also accompanies and directs the Cathedral Choir, a dedicated and talented group of singers, during the series.

The over 100-year-old cathedral features tall, barrel-vaulted ceilings and hard, reflective marble floors, providing strong acoustics, giving the organ a round, full sound.

“To reinforce a very ancient idea that cathedral churches are patrons of the arts and through that patronage, we are able to offer the community art that is beautiful and also glorifying to God,” Reilly said.

Vespers is an evening prayer service, the second-to-last set of prayers in the Liturgy of the Hours. Vespers are around dinner time, a moment for the community to sing psalms and hymns, give thanks for the day that has just passed, and pray for protection during the night to come. Each of the cathedral vespers during the series is preceded by a half-hour recital played by organists from the local or larger community, an opportunity to hear how different hands affect how the organ sounds.

About the 2025-26 program

The program kicks off on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which falls on a Sunday this year. The Cathedral Choir will sing Anton Bruckner’s “Christus factus est,” one of his “most iconic and fantastic pieces of choral music for the Catholic liturgy,” Reilly said.

The prelude recital will be played by Joseph Ripka, canon musician at Saint Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral in Oklahoma City and a concert organist who regularly plays across the country.

On April 30, Vincent Dubois, titular organist at Notre Dame (Paris) will present an hour-long concert. This free, world-class performance was underwritten by parishioner Doug Eason, in honor of his late wife, Tish Eason. The performance will include a projector with a video livestream of Dubois’ playing from up in the choir loft, providing a close up of the detailed hand and foot work involved in playing the massive, complex instrument.

Notable seasonal performances include Spooktacular, a short, family-friendly concert at the end of October. Bach’s Toccata and Fugue in D Minor and other Halloween-associated pieces will be performed, highlighting the organ’s spooky side. Immediately following the concert is the cathedral’s annual Fall Festival, which includes trick-or-treating for kids, food, refreshments and live music.

This year, All Souls Day falls on a Sunday, and as part of the series, the Cathedral Choir will perform Fauré’s Requiem during the 10 a.m. Mass. Originally composed for the Requiem Mass, the piece will be sung in its intended liturgical setting.

On the Second Sunday of Advent is Advent Lessons and Carols, a tradition that began in England in the 19th century. It has been a part of the cathedral’s Christmas season for decades. Lessons and Carols is a musical telling of the Advent season. Advent carols are sung along with the scripture readings that the carols are based on. Childcare is available for this



The pipe organ at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. Photo Chris Porter/ Sooner Catholic.

event. Lessons and Carols will also be broadcast live on local classical radio station KUCO (90.1 FM).

The Cathedral Arts Series is free and open to all. Aside from the Spooktacular and Fall Festival, every event is followed with a wine and cheese reception. The series concludes in spring 2026. Additional dates for the series, including concerts by both the OCU and UCO choirs, are to be announced. For details, like the dates and start times of each event, visit cathedralokc.org/arts.

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Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

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

- Sept. 14** – 100th Anniversary Mass and celebration, 10 a.m., Holy Name of Jesus Church, Chickasha
- Sept. 14** – Young Adult Mass and cookout, 3 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
- Sept. 15** – National Association of Shrine Pilgrimage Apostolate annual conference reception, 5 p.m., CPC
- Sept. 16** – Presbyteral Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., CPC
- Sept. 16** – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
- Sept. 16** – Archdiocesan Finance Council meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
- Sept. 17** – Keynote address as NASPA conference, 8:15 a.m., CPC
- Sept. 18** – Mass, 9:30 a.m., Center of Family Love, Okarche
- Sept. 18** – TASTE, 6 p.m., Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine
- Sept. 20** – Confirmation, 5:30 p.m., Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, Oklahoma City
- Sept. 21** – Our Lady of LaVang Mass and celebration, 11:45 a.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
- Sept. 22** – USCCB Divine Worship Committee virtual meeting, noon
- Sept. 22-23** – Fall Clergy Days, CPC
- Sept. 25** – Senior Staff meeting, 10 a.m., CPC
- Sept. 25** – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
- Sept. 25** – Vocation Board meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
- Sept. 26-28** – Order of Malta Investiture, Washington, DC

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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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ARCHBISHOP PAUL S. COAKLEY'S

Red Mass

For Legal Professionals

Thursday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m.

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

3214 N. Lake Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Judges and law professors are invited to robe and take part in the entrance procession.

Reception to follow in Connor Center

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Jubilant Dinner



The 2025 Jubilarian Dinner was held Sept. 2 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. *Photos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.*

Celebrating 50 years of priesthood: Fr. Mark Mason

Celebrating 30 years of priesthood: Fr. Balaswamy Konka

Celebrating 25 years of priesthood: Fr. Jaroslaw Topolewski, Fr. Rajesh Mankena; Fr. Thanh Van Nguyen; and Fr. Oby John Zunmas

Celebrating 20 years of priesthood: Fr. Nerio Espinoza-Bastidas; Fr. Joseph Irwin; and Fr. Bala Raju Pudota

Celebrating 10 years of priesthood: Fr. Lance Warren; Fr. Aaron Foshee; Fr. Daniel Grover; and Fr. Gabriel Emuria

Celebrating five years of priesthood: Fr. Eric Krager



Altus family shines through its blended parts

National Stepfamily Day is celebrated annually on Sept. 16

By Charles Albert
The Sooner Catholic

There are few, if any, examples of “perfect families.” Even the New and Old Testaments reveal all sorts of family issues – divorces, deaths of spouses, adoptions, stepparents and blended families are detailed throughout the Bible.

In 1893, Pope Leo XIII designated the Holy Family as a model for Catholics to emulate. Pope Benedict XV designated the Feast Day on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year’s Day, celebrated this year on Dec. 28.

The feast honors the Holy Family for placing God at the center of their lives and serving as the “domestic church” or a sacred place where family life is nurtured. It encourages all families to embrace virtues like mutual support, prayer, and trust in God, even amidst modern challenges.

National Stepfamily Day was launched in the U.S. in 1997, a day to recognize and honor the unique bonds within step-families and blended families.

Due to his role as the head of the Holy Family, Saint Joseph is the principal patron saint of families, as well as fathers, workers and the Universal Church. Saint Eugene de Mazenod is a patron for dysfunctional families and families experiencing upheaval or crisis. Saint Eugene is also the patron saint of children of divorce.

In Altus, the Mutchler family offers an example of a blended family taking up its cross and following Christ. Active members of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Christ and the Church provide the foundation during a challenging stage of this family’s life.

Anthony and Linda Mutchler have four children – Shannon, Jimmy, Richard and Daelin. Their children have followed them into the

Catholic faith. In addition, they are blessed with eight grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

Linda began showing signs of slurred speech in 2017 and eventually was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig’s Disease). Anthony retired and became a full-time caregiver.

Jimmy Moncada is a 44-year-old, hardworking, married father of two boys. Earlier this year he found out he had stage-five kidney failure and had to start dialysis. Jimmy’s wife Liz (Elizabeth) and his stepdad, Anthony Mutchler,

and it is strong because of his faith and love for God. He is also taking care of my mother, volunteering at the church and is at all my kids’ events. I am proud that I named my oldest son after him.”

Moncada said he leans heavily into his faith. “Perhaps some people would lose their faith over something like this, but I have got closer to Christ because of it,” he said. “I asked Jesus to deliver me from all this. However, I went to church on Ash Wednesday, and then I asked God to make the pain tolerable. Ever since then, Jesus has answered that prayer for me, and the pain is tolerable.”

Anthony said he admires Moncada’s faith through so many challenges.

“I am just so impressed,” he said. “His wife Liz is an angel. Giving Jimmy those treatments is rough. We must insert two 15-gauge needles into him, one for fluid going in and the other to go out. He is handling the unbelievable pain and discomfort of the four-hour ordeal extremely well.

“My biggest concern as you can imagine is missing the poor kid’s veins and making him go through it repeatedly.”

Moncada is on the list for a kidney transplant at University of Oklahoma. His siblings have volunteered to give up their kidneys if they are matches for Jimmy.

“Father David and I are inspired by the family’s faith and their willingness to help our parish,” said Judy Cosway, parish secretary of Prince of Peace Catholic Church. “Jimmy, Anthony, Linda and the whole family are prayer warriors. Instead of the parish helping them, they always want to help other people. There is no self-pity for their challenges.”

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The Mutchler and Moncada family. *Photo provided.*

take turns giving Jimmy his four-hour dialysis treatments.

“My biological Dad is out of the picture. However, my ‘stepdad’ – real ‘Dad’ – came into my life when I was 15 years old and he followed the path of Saint Joseph,” Moncada said. “He comes over, cannulates my arm, sits with me during my four-hour treatment, and then makes a meal for me.

“He is the pillar on which this family sits on,



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A walk with Jesus for Grieving Parents

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This Catholic retreat offers a place to seek healing and comfort for parents who have lost a child at any age and will be led by Deacon Henry de Mena and a team of parents who have walked this journey. Special breakout sessions on mens and womens grief as well as tips on surviving the holidays without loved ones will be included.

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Christi Jeffreys earns AFP Oklahoma fundraising honor for second year

The Association of Fundraising Professionals Oklahoma Chapter announced on Aug. 4 that Christi Jeffreys has been nominated for the Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award for the second straight year, as part of the upcoming National Philanthropy Day celebrations in Oklahoma City.

Jeffreys serves as the director of development for the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine.

With more than 20 years of experience in philanthropy, Jeffreys has consistently demonstrated a commitment to advancing the missions of nonprofit organizations through innovative fundraising strategies and advocacy.

To date, Jeffreys has raised more than \$76 million for local nonprofits, including Oklahoma Contemporary, Canterbury Voices, Oklahoma City University, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation and the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine.

"I am deeply honored to be nominated again for this

award," said Jeffreys. "Fundraising is about building meaningful relationships and creating lasting change. I am grateful for the incredible donors, corporations and colleagues who make this work so rewarding."

The National Philanthropy Day event will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Oklahoma City Zoo, where award recipients will be recognized. This annual celebration honors individuals and organizations making a significant impact through philanthropy.

The awards include: Outstanding Fundraising Professional, Oklahoma City; Outstanding Fundraising Professional, outside Oklahoma City; Outstanding new professional or "Rookie of the Year."



Christi Jeffreys

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Shrine volunteers

The success of the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine greatly depends on volunteers who are willing to contribute their time, skills, enthusiasm and passion to evangelize in a way similar to Bl. Stanley Rother. Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities. Visit rothershrine.org/volunteer.



Araceli Mingura

Shrine hires new communications director

The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine appointed Araceli Mingura as the new director of communications effective Aug. 25. As the director of communications, Mingura will be responsible for the shrine's media relations, publicity, content creation and more.

Mingura will join her efforts as the director of communications to promote the

mission of the shrine to cultivate a culture of faith.

Mingura brings in her prior experiences in journalism and church ministry to enrich the overall work of the shrine.

To contact Mingura, e-mail her at amingura@rothershrine.org or call her at (405) 438-0229, Ext. 3509.

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with the corporal work of mercy, "to shelter the homeless," and that case management services in both the Encampment Rehousing Initiative (ERI) and diversion programs embody this mission.

"Staff are the hands and feet of Christ, meeting those in need where they are, regardless of their faith," she said.

Flannery said Catholic Charities has provided case management for the Encampment Rehousing Initiative and now leads the Diversion and Rapid Exit services. Catholic Charities embeds three case managers at local overnight shelters: Salvation Army, City Care and City Rescue Mission.

"This is a strengths-based, solution-focused approach to ending someone's homelessness. It is designed for those who are 'new' to the system," she said.

Jennifer Kill, director of family support services for Key to Home at Catholic Charities, said that since launching the diversion program earlier this month,



Catholic Charities plays a frontline role in the Key to Home Partnership, providing case management for the Encampment Rehousing Initiative, which moves people directly from encampments into housing with ongoing support. Photos Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

they have recently celebrated the program's first success.

"Our diversion case manager assisted a young pregnant moth-

er and her 5-month-old baby in safely reconnecting with her family in New Jersey," Kill said. "It was truly rewarding to witness her joy and relief, knowing she would now have safe, stable housing and be surrounded by the support of her loved ones."

"This success reflects the heart of what we do at Catholic Charities by upholding the dignity of every person, supporting the family as the central unit of society, and ensuring that the vulnerable are cared for with compassion and respect."

Oklahoma City stepped into a lead role with Key to Home in 2023, centralizing data and coordination to make the response to homelessness more effective. The change frees nonprofits to focus on serving people directly, while the city manages system-wide strategy and accountability.

Erika Warren, communications manager for the City of Oklahoma City's homeless services, said making significant strides in reducing homelessness requires a team dedicated to system-level thinking and problem solving.

"As the lead agency, Key to Home staff coordinate efforts, align resources and remove bar-

riers for our homeless response system to work more effectively and efficiently," said Warren.

According to Key to Home's mission, the goal is to make homelessness in Oklahoma City "rare, brief and non-recurring." Since establishing its board of directors in 2023, the partnership has made measurable progress toward this vision. The goal to house or divert 100 youth by 2025 has already been surpassed, with nearly 300 housed or diverted to date.

Key to Home also set a goal to rehouse 500 unsheltered individuals through the Encampment Rehousing Initiative, pairing them with 12 months of case management support by the end of 2025.

Warren said 445 people have been housed and that the initiative is on track to reach its goal by the end of the year.

"We continue to work toward stronger coordination, strengthening provider capacity, and elevating youth voices in our efforts to reduce youth homelessness moving forward," Warren said.

For more information, visit okc.gov or catholiccharitiesok.org.

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Italian student, he created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions. Acutis, diagnosed with leukemia, died in 2006 at age 15.

Acutis was initially set to be canonized in April, but the ceremony was suspended following the death of Pope Francis, before Pope Leo canonized him with the first such ceremony of his pontificate on Sept. 7.

“We are thrilled to announce the opening of Saint Carlo Acutis Classical Academy,” said Misty Smith, head of school. “Our mission is to bring the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition into homes through an online format embracing classical curriculum resources that combine both synchronous and asynchronous learning.”

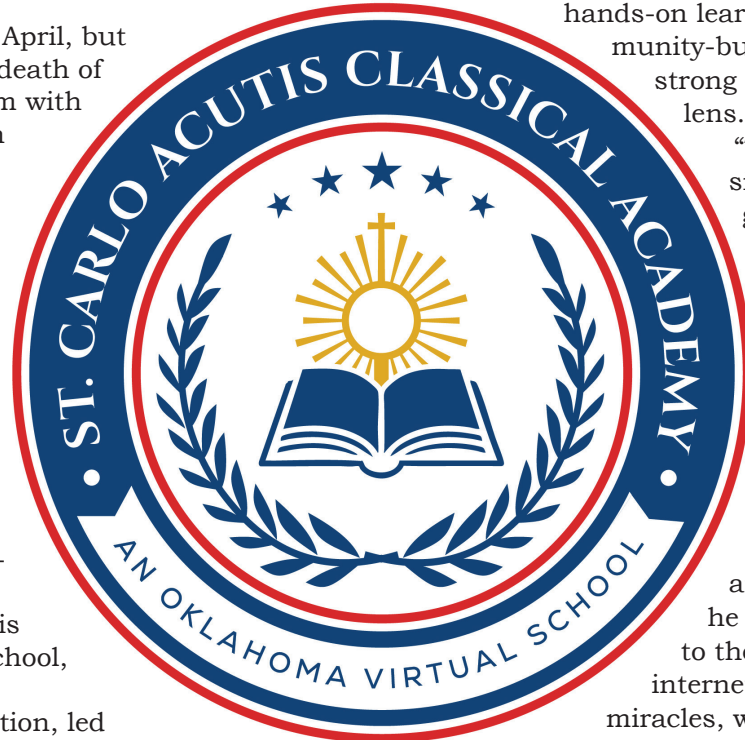
For more information on Saint Carlo Acutis Classical Academy: an Oklahoma Virtual School, visit acutisacademy.org.

Engaging and authentic academic instruction, led by dedicated educators who are committed to nurturing academic and spiritual growth, will be a focus of the school which serves both the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa, with the blessing of Archbishop Paul Coakley and Bishop David Konderla.

Expanding an opportunity to access Catholic education into all reaches of the state – with a clear appetite for it – spurred the move to open a virtual school.



Misty Smith



“We recognized a need in our rural communities for Catholic education where brick and mortar schools are unavailable,” Smith said.

In addition to live virtual instruction, Saint Carlo Acutis Classical Academy will also offer geographic hubs throughout Oklahoma parishes. The hubs will provide opportunities for students to gather for hands-on learning, discovery opportunities, labs and community-building activities, fostering fellowship and a strong sense of community, all through the Catholic lens.

“The classes taught at Saint Carlo Acutis Classical Academy will have Jesus Christ as the Logos, focusing on the transcendentals of truth, goodness and beauty with attention given to teaching and growing in virtue,” Archbishop Coakley said. “The focus of all school curriculum will be the nurturing of the Christian development of each student and by providing guidelines for academic excellence in the context of our Catholic faith through the Catholic intellectual tradition.”

Said Bishop Konderla: “Carlo loved video games, computer programming, soccer, school and spending time with friends, but most of all, he loved our Lord Jesus Christ. Deeply devoted to the Eucharist, Carlo used his knowledge of the internet to create a website documenting Eucharistic miracles, which has since inspired and educated people around the world. His life exemplified humility, piety, devotion, and discipline. His faith-filled life continues to inspire young people everywhere.”

And that faith-filled life will be a model for the new school.

“Saint Carlo Acutis said ‘To be with God, that is my life project,’”

Smith said, “and everything we at the academy do walks us closer to unity with Christ.”

John Helsley is the editor of the Sooner Catholic.

Book Review: ‘God’s Influencer’

By John H. Dolezal
The Sooner Catholic

Alleluia! Praise God! Carlo Acutis is now a saint and, according to Pope Leo IV “in the canonization of Carlo Acutis, we have God putting his hand not just on a person but on a way of life.”

“God’s Influencer” provides first-hand insight into Carlo’s life and the nature of his influence. The content of the book comes from an interview conducted by Giorgio Maria Carbone, Order of Preachers, with Carlo’s parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano. The interview consisted of 42 questions and their responses.

Carlo is our first millennial saint. And, because of the lifestyle he chose to live and the use of his own website and social media to spread the “Good News,” with a dedication to the Eucharist, he has been referred to as the “saint in sneakers,” “patron of the Internet,” and as Pope Francis described him, the “saint next door.”

Carlo’s time on earth was brief. He died from acute myeloid leukemia at the young age of 15. However, while on earth, he had a

powerful influence on people of all ages, different backgrounds, and the marginalized as to how to live as Christians and serve God.

Carlo even influenced his parents, as is clearly evidenced reading their richly insightful responses to the interview questions.

Many of the questions centered around the holy character of Carlo, his spiritual development habits, his relationship with his parents, friends, the public and his “Plan of Life” for living out God’s will.

A few examples of the interview questions:

“During the first years of Carlo’s life, you, Antonia, had an immature faith, and you, Andrea, did not attend church. So, what transmitted the rudiments of the faith to Carlo?”

“How did Carlo live the relationship between innocent suffering and faith?”

“Can you tell us something about Carlo’s other human virtues in daily life?”

While as a child his parents didn’t fully embrace Catholicism, his nanny served as a role model by taking him to daily Mass and answering his many questions about the Catholic faith. As a

teenager he lived a somewhat ordinary life, playing sports, going to school, spending time with friends, dressing in blue jeans and spending time on the internet.

The Sophia Institute Press wrote that Carlo “was a brilliant catechist who also created numerous displays about the faith, most notably the Eucharistic Miracles exhibition of worldwide fame.”

He also created his own website, posting information about holy sites he and his family visited, biographical information about various saints, and his thoughts about various aspects of the Catholic faith.

The reader should find it especially interesting to learn about Carlo’s strong beliefs about the seven Sacraments of the Church. He had special appreciation for the Holy Eucharist, believing “the Eucharist is the highway to heaven,” and he took advantage of every opportunity presented to receive the Body and Blood of his Savior, Jesus Christ.

According to Andrea and Antonia, Carlo would say, “The sacraments are not seven, but six plus one. Six give or restore grace. One, the Eucharist, is the fountain of grace.”

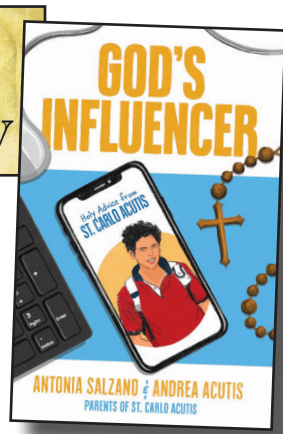
It was also special for me to learn about Carlo’s “Plan for Life” and “how a step in faith is closer to being and a step away from having.”

Carlo was wise and strong in faith well beyond his years. His way of life had an influence on many people during his time on earth. Having read “God’s Influencer,” Carlo has influenced me to pray the Rosary daily and I am confident his influence can touch the reader of this fantastic book.

Saint Carlo is “God’s Influencer,” and I highly recommend this marvelous book to all Catholics.

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Book Review



New statue of Bl. Carlo Acutis unveiled in Assisi

By Junno Arocho Esteves
OSV News

(OSV News) - A new statue depicting Blessed Carlo Acutis is a message that conveys to the world that the Catholic Church is not an old institution but a young and vibrant church with a relevant message for today’s culture, said the statue’s sculptor.

Unveiled Aug. 15 outside the Shrine of the Renunciation at the Church of St. Mary Major in Assisi, where the soon-to-be-saint is buried, Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz said that “the church is for the youth and it’s a growing church.”

“I know that Carlo Acutis mentioned that he wanted to be buried in Assisi. I’m sure he would be delighted to know that not only is his tomb there, but now there is a sculpture that celebrates him, cast in bronze, that will be there for more than a thousand years,” Schmalz said in an interview with OSV News Aug. 22.

The 11-foot-tall bronze statue, titled “St. Carlo at the Cross,” depicts the young teen, canonized Sept. 7 by Pope Leo XIV, kneeling beside Christ crucified. Contrary to more classic depictions of saints, Blessed Acutis holds a laptop in his hand that displays a chalice and paten.

Before his death at age 15 from leukemia in 2006, Blessed Acutis put his knowledge of computers to create an online database of eucha-

ristic miracles around the world.

“I wanted to do a very heroic, large sculpture to show the connection between the cross with Christ, Carlo Acutis and modern-day technology. So there are three essential elements in there that kind of celebrate the story of this modern saint,” Schmalz explained.

“Oftentimes, when I do a sculpture of a saint, I’m using very historical elements that the saint holds. So I was like, ‘Whoa, here he is holding a laptop! I’m actually doing a sculpture of a saint holding a laptop!’ That was absolutely amazing.”

Schmalz is known for several works that are displayed outside St. Peter’s Square, including “Angels Unawares,” a 20-foot bronze statue depicting a boat carrying migrants and refugees from different eras in history.

The late Pope Francis admired the artist’s work and, before his death in April, approved the installation of a second statue – titled “Be Welcoming” – near the showers and medical clinic the Vatican runs for people in need.

Schmalz told OSV News that the statue was initially set to be unveiled that month in Rome to coincide with the teen’s canonization. However, it was postponed due to the pope’s death, and the Vatican shipped the statue to its permanent home in Assisi.

Another unique feature of the sculpture is the inclusion of a sling hanging from the side of the teen’s backpack. The Canadian sculptor explained that its inclusion was a reference to David and Goliath,



me, about how here’s this young man that’s in a sense using our modern-day sling, which is our technology – to fight this ‘Goliath’ of mainstream media that oftentimes trivializes spirituality, Christianity, and especially Catholicism,” he explained.

The new statue’s location in Assisi and its most notable saint, St. Francis, also factored into its design. The depiction of Blessed Acutis kneeling at the foot of the cross was a “kind of nod to the traditional representation of St. Francis with Jesus.”

“His head is leaning on the cross, and his hand is wrapped around the cross. He almost merges as a part of the cross, and I wanted that emotion to be put there. Yes, he’s on his knees showing his being a very humble person, but I think it’s the reaching of it, the wrapping of the hand, and the gentle leaning of his head on the cross,” the artist explained.

Blessed Acutis “was so much in love with St. Francis,” Schmalz said, adding that he was certain the teen “would appreciate these elements that are put within the sculpture.”

“I wanted to show that intensity and that passion and that devotion, just like St. Francis of Assisi,” he said.

Schmalz told OSV News that the modern elements included in the sculpture, as opposed to the more traditional, saintly garbs in other statues of saints, were an important feature that showed that Blessed Carlo Acutis is “a contemporary.”

“No Roman skirts; just jeans, a sweatshirt and a backpack,” he said. “So, I do believe that this saint is here for a reason, and it’s to encourage and act as a role model for young people.”



a connection he said “was revealed to me throughout the process of the piece.”

“As I was working on this, the David and Goliath story was always with

A detail of a sculpture of Blessed Carlo Acutis kneeling at the foot of the crucified Christ is seen in Assisi, Italy, Aug. 21, 2025, after a rainstorm. The bronze work titled “St. Carlo at the Cross” is by Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz, and it portrays the young blessed leaning his head against the cross while holding a laptop depicting the sacred vessels for Holy Communion. The QR code brings visitors to the artist’s website. *CNS photo/Lola Gomez.*

GUIDING LIGHT

Holy Angels Education Center shepherding immigrants

By Andrew W. Griffin
The Sooner Catholic

Luis Soto stood before a crowded room gathered for the grand opening of Holy Angels Education Center, leaning on his own journey in offering hope to those in the Hispanic community facing challenges today.

"As an immigrant myself," Soto began, "I learned some time ago that immigrants, particularly Hispanic immigrants, are not a problem to solve or a challenge to overcome, but an asset to invest in."

"Particularly in the Catholic Church, even more preeminent here in Oklahoma, where about half of all Catholics are Hispanic, and the vast majority of them newcomers. It is time to invest in them, in the desire to integrate into our society and bring out the best."

With an emphasis on "Christ's call to love God and neighbor," Holy Angels Education Center celebrated its grand opening on Aug. 20, with many in attendance, including Archbishop Paul Coakley, Oklahoma senators, community leaders and more, including student success stories who have already benefited from the center.

One of the students, Miguel Escobedo, said he initially helped in remodeling the church building which would become Holy Angels, only to learn more and decide to take advantage of the classes offered. Escobedo eventually went on to take the course and successfully passed the classes which would lead to him to U.S. citizenship.

Another student, Martin Rodriguez, also took the classes and was pleased to tell Sooner Catholic he, too, had passed the classes and looked forward to being integrated into American life and society, following a positive experience at Holy Angels.

In a statement, Coakley made it clear that he is "proud" of the work Holy Angels does and pleased that the ministry helps "those in transition as they seek a deeper integration into our community and culture."

Those in attendance were informed of the U.S. Citizenship classes the students take, English as a Second Language and "digital literacy for job readiness."

The ceremony began in the main church building, at 317 N. Blackwelder Avenue, the same place where Holy Angels Catholic Church served parishioners until it was shuttered in 2023. Speakers included Escobedo and Rodriguez, two Mexican men learning English, American history and financial literacy, among other subjects offered at the center and important to those wishing to integrate into American society.

But it was Luis Soto, the senior director who operates Holy Angels, who had a vision of a place that would offer educational opportunities to immigrants – particularly Spanish-speaking folks – to learn what it is to be American and what one must do to integrate into the society. Helping Soto in the directing of Holy Angels is Hilda De Leon Xavier.

"The center, it's a place where we can offer immigrants, particularly Hispanics, the opportunity to integrate into American society by learning English, the history and culture all while becoming citizens of the country," Soto said. "Learning how to start their own business, learning finances and tax preparation and everything" that goes with integrating into American life.

More than 175 students have gone through the program since it was introduced last fall, following the



Archbishop Coakley blessed the Holy Angels Education Center during the grand opening.

soft opening of Holy Angels.

When asked if immigration status comes into play when someone comes to Holy Angels, Soto said it does not, adding that he felt that subject did not need to be delved into at that time.

Still, Soto reiterated that "everyone is welcome."

Soto added that information about Holy Angels is being shared through many of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City that serve Spanish-speaking parishioners.

Following the presentation at the old church, the event shifted to the education center itself, beginning with a ribbon cutting at the front door, where Larann Wilson, associate director of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, offered remarks.

"Friends, we gather not only to open the doors of a new building, but to unlock the potential within it," Wilson said. "This center represents more than just brick and mortar, it stands as a beacon of learning, opportunity, community and growth."

Wilson continued, highlighting the "passion, perseverance and partnership" that came together to make Holy Angels a reality.

Father Joseph Irwin, senior pastor of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Norman, said he thinks Holy Angels will be a "wonderful resource for the Catholic community and the Oklahoma City community."

Annette de Dios, who works as the program coordinator at Holy Angels, told Sooner Catholic that the grand opening "went better than anticipated" and "I'm really excited the way things came together."

"If they go through Facebook or our website all of our classes are there."

The U.S. citizenship class is "almost at capacity," with 30 students, de Dios said. "I've got 60 overall, 65% capacity. We're still excited!"

Beatriz Hernandez, who came to check out the grand opening, spoke to the importance of the center to the community.

"It will give our people opportunities," she said.

The hope is that many take advantage of the opportunity.

"We are grateful for the dedication of the staff, the volunteers, who have only begun this important work," Coakley said.

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The grand opening of the Holy Angels Education Center was held on Aug. 20 in Oklahoma City. Some of the classes provided at the center include English as a second language, U.S. citizenship and financial literacy. The center is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and is located at 317 N. Blackwelder Avenue. Learn more about how the center "educates, equips and empowers" at holyangelseducation.org. Pictured (l to r): Hilda De Leon Xavier, Archbishop Paul Coakley, Very Rev. William Novak, V.G. and Luis Soto. Photos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.



Miguel Escobedo spoke to guests at the grand opening of the Holy Angels Education Center on Aug. 20 in Oklahoma City. Photos Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.

‘Educated, equipped and empowered’

By Andrew W. Griffin
The Sooner Catholic

Miguel Escobedo first arrived at Holy Angels Education Center to do remodeling work.

Then he went to work remodeling his journey to becoming a U.S. citizen.

"I live really close by and I was very involved in the beginning when they started remodeling for the classes they were starting to teach," said Escobedo, an immigrant.

"So, I started with English classes, and they later offered citizenship classes, so it was really great for me to be involved in both."

How great?

"I passed the (citizenship) test on June 27 and now I am awaiting my naturalization ceremony," Escobedo said.

With more and more immigrants seeking to integrate into society, Holy Angels Education Center is dedicated to helping immigrants become "educated, equipped and empowered."

Escobedo stands as but one example of the fruits of the center's various programs designed to offer immigrants an educational hub.

"I would like to encourage the community to take advantage of the classes," Escobedo said. "English is in high (demand). People have the ability to become citizens and get help with that as well."

"So the only other thing I'd like to say is that we want to motivate the community to take advantage of the opportunities here at Holy Angels."

More and more immigrants are seeking out Holy Angels as the word gets out via social media and word of mouth.

"I feel very happy and very grateful for all of the people helped me to speak English," said Escobedo.

Martin Rodriguez, who currently works as a vehicle upholsterer, said he learned about Holy Angels through social media.

"When I arrived people treated me

very well," he said. "When you are starting in the process you learn there is a lot to learn through the process."

"I'm in basic English, but I am able to tell people that I have a wife and family."

Rodriguez and Escobedo both exuded a cheerful disposition and confidence as they shared their stories and urged others in the immigrant community to take advantage of the services offered at Holy Angels.

"Do not be ashamed to ask for information," said Rodriguez, who mentioned he had been in the United States for the past six years and had only used his cell phone to translate. And now he has basic understanding of the English language, thanks to Holy Angels.

And Rodriguez made it clear he understood the importance of embracing the language and culture of his new homeland.

"It's not our country, so we have to learn the language and the values of this country," Rodriguez said.

For more information on the Holy Angels Education Center, visit holyangelseducation.org or call (405) 709-2711.

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Martin Rodriguez



Fr. Alex Kroll celebrated his first school Mass on Aug. 13 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City. *Photos Cindy Heidlage.*

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Parishioners from St. Andrew Catholic Church in Moore attended the Discipleship Conference on Aug. 9 in Oklahoma City. To learn more about the conference, visit okdisciple.org. *Photo provided.*



St. Ann Assisted and Independent Living hosted a birthday parade for Archbishop Beltran on Aug. 29 in Oklahoma City. The parade started at St. Ann, crossed the street to Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church and then circled the Catholic Pastoral Center. *Photos Avery Holt/Sooner Catholic.*



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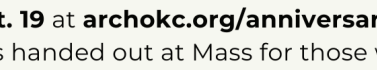
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By Sr. Constance Veit, L.S.P

For many years, our religious community was best known in the United States as half of a college sports parody comparing the worst teams to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Since 2013, we have been in the limelight for a completely different reason as we found ourselves involved in a lawsuit against the federal government over the HHS Contraceptive Mandate.

After 12 years and three victories at the Supreme Court, we were in the news once again this summer as a U.S. District Court in Pennsylvania vacated our hard-won religious exemption in this case.

We are grateful for the prayers and support of many people of good will who appreciate our commitment to our Catholic faith.

At the same time, however, we would prefer to be known for who we are – the spiritual daughters of Saint Jeanne Jugan, and for what we actually do. Our mission is to accompany and care for needy elderly persons of every race and religion.

In this month when we celebrate the feast day of our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, I would like to highlight her life and spirit, which were heroic and which are, I believe, more relevant than ever.

On a recent Sunday Pope Leo XIV preached about Jesus' words in Saint Luke's Gospel, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing" (Luke 12:49).

Jesus was speaking here, the pope said, of "the fire of love – a love that

stoops to serve, that responds to indifference with care and to arrogance with gentleness; the fire of goodness, which doesn't cost like weapons do, but freely renews the world."

There can be no greater peace, our Holy Father said, than having this fire of love in our hearts.

Saint Jeanne Jugan was "all heart" – she welcomed this flame of divine love into her own heart from an early age.

Precocious and fervent in the practice of her faith, in her youth some of Jeanne's peers found her a bit too austere but this didn't stop her from following Jesus, poor and humble of heart, in a radical way.

By the time she left home in her early 20s, Jeanne had already turned down a marriage proposal, citing a vague inner certainty that God wanted her for himself, for "a work not yet founded."

Jeanne's season of discernment lasted for many years, during which time her friendship with Jesus Christ grew stronger and her selfless service to the poor and abandoned more committed. God was preparing her for greatness, although it would be a greatness couched in humility and poverty.

When the moment of God's choosing arrived, Jeanne Jugan recognized the face of Jesus Christ in the person of a poor, blind old woman in need of assistance. Her name was Anne, and she would be the first in a long line of elderly persons who would be welcomed into Jeanne's home; there they would be warmed by the fire of love bursting forth from her heart.

Jeanne Jugan threw in her lot with the poor, holding nothing back for her-

self and identifying herself completely with them.

She epitomized the ideal described by Pope Leo when he spoke of the fire Jesus brought to earth.

The pope thanked those who carry the fire of charity to others and encouraged them not to distinguish between those who help and those who are helped, between those who seem to give and those who seem to receive.

"We are the church of the Lord," the pope said, "a church of the poor, all precious, all subjects ... Each is a gift to the others."

It is when the fire that Jesus came to bring burns the prejudices and fears that marginalize those who bear the poverty of Christ, the pope explained, that we truly become the Body of Christ. Pope Leo beseeches us to see Our Lord in the poor, to welcome them into our lives, our homes and our churches.

Saint Jeanne Jugan often said, "Never forget that the poor are our Lord."

She would have fully agreed with these words of our new pope. She was a woman ahead of her time, a woman on fire with the love Christ came to bring to earth.

Like Jeanne Jugan, may you be all heart!

May you allow yourself to be guided by love – the fire of love that stoops to serve, that responds to indifference with care and to arrogance with gentleness; the fire of goodness, which will renew the world!

Sister Constance Veit is the communications director for the Little Sisters of the Poor in the United States and an occupational therapist.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita Come and See weekend retreat for single women between the ages 18-35, Oct. 17-19 at the IHM Motherhouse, 3550 N. 167 St. W in Colwich, Kansas. Contact Sr. Marie Therese at (316) 722-9316. Visit sistersihmofwichita.org.

The "Las heridas de la mujer" Catholic Women's Conference is 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. Featured speakers are Lupita Venegas and Mari Pablo. Register at mujercatolicaok.

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Luke 5:4

Viviendo el Jubileo y compartiendo la misión de las Caridades Católicas

En este Año Jubilar estamos llamados a ser “Peregrinos de la Esperanza”. En este espíritu de la gran tradición jubilar, se nos invita a vivir este tiempo sagrado no solo como un aniversario que hay que celebrar, sino como un tiempo de gracia – un tiempo para restaurar lo que se ha perdido, sanar lo que está herido y llevar la luz de Cristo a un mundo oscuro que anhela su paz.

La esperanza no es solo un deseo vano de que haya días mejores; la esperanza cristiana se basa en la certeza de las promesas de Dios. En el nuevo pero ya inspirador pontificado del papa León, nos recuerda que “la esperanza cristiana es como un ancla que sujeta nuestros corazones a la promesa del Señor Jesús. La caridad no es solo una promesa... es una realidad actual que hay que aceptar con alegría y responsabilidad”.

Esa “realidad actual” es evidente cada día en la labor de las Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City. En nuestras parroquias, en nuestras calles, en las comunidades rurales y en los pueblos pequeños, las Caridades Católicas se convierten en las manos y los pies de Cristo, acercándose a quienes padecen hambre, carecen de hogar, están afligidos o viven con miedo.

La misión es sencilla, pero profunda: servir, acompañar, amar. Pero, como he podido comprobar personalmente, no siempre se trata solo de servicios, sino de dar testimonio y relacionarse – se trata de ver el rostro de Jesús en aquellos a quienes servimos y permitirles ver su rostro en nosotros.

Las Caridades Católicas es un lugar donde las personas reciben una cálida bienvenida, donde las madres solteras reciben orientación y apoyo, donde se visita y se cuida a los ancianos, donde se brinda refugio y seguridad a quienes no tienen hogar. Estas obras de misericordia no son conceptos abstractos; son reales, momentos tangibles donde la esperanza se materializa en la vida de nuestro prójimo.

principios de este año, el papa Francisco, cuyo fallecimiento lamentamos durante la primavera, hizo un llamado a toda la Iglesia para que prestara atención a los marginados dicién-

do: “Que las voces de los pobres sean escuchadas durante todo el Jubileo, cuyo objetivo es devolver a todos el acceso a los frutos de la tierra”. Ese llamado resuena con fuerza aquí en Oklahoma. A través de las Caridades Católicas, tu generosidad hace posible que esas voces sean escuchadas y su dignidad respetada.

Durante el fin de semana del 20 y 21 de septiembre, las Caridades Católicas realizarán su campaña anual en todas las parroquias de la arquidiócesis. En este espíritu del Jubileo – cuando el Pueblo de Dios está llamado a restaurar, liberar y regocijarse – esta campaña nos invita a cada uno de nosotros a ser un signo vivo de esperanza para nuestros hermanos y hermanas en necesidad.

Habrà voluntarios presentes en algunas parroquias para compartir historias de los usuarios a los que atendemos. Los sobres para tu donativo estarán disponibles en las bancas. Si aún no has hecho una donación a la campaña de este año, te pido que consideres hacerlo ese fin de semana, después de orar al respecto.

Si ya hiciste una donación, te agradezco de todo corazón. Tu apoyo es un testimonio contundente del amor de Cristo que obra en la Iglesia de hoy.

Estoy profundamente consciente de que las necesidades de nuestras comunidades son enormes. El panorama de la pobreza, la falta de hogar y la desesperanza está siempre cambiando – condicionado por los retos locales y nacionales que suelen generar nuevas incertidumbres para los más vulnerables.

Y, aun así, también vivimos en un tiempo de gracia. Dios nos ha puesto aquí, en este rincón de su viña, para ser sus testigos, sus instrumentos, sus manos de misericordia.

El Año Jubilar nos recuerda que esa misericordia no debe acumularse, sino que debe fluir hacia los demás; debe compartirse. Así como los israelitas celebraban un jubileo para condonar las deudas y restituir las tierras, también nosotros estamos llamados a restaurar las relaciones, liberarnos de las cargas y hacer espacio para los nuevos comienzos de Dios.

Cuando aportas a las Caridades Católicas, estás participando en esa restauración; es-

tás ayudando a que alguna familia conserve su hogar, estás contribuyendo para que un niño comience la escuela con los útiles que necesita y estás colaborando para que una madre aprenda inglés y pueda mantener a sus hijos.

No se trata solo de un acto de ayuda, sino de un acto de esperanza. Y así como el papa León nos lo recuerda, la esperanza está anclada en Jesús mismo.

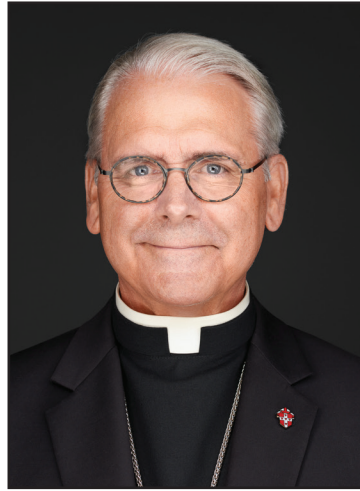
Con frecuencia pienso en los primeros cristianos, que a veces se reunían en lugares ocultos para alabar a Dios y alentarse unos a otros. Las catacumbas de Roma no solo eran lugares de sepultura, sino también santuarios para los vivos.

En la penumbra, los fieles celebraban la Eucaristía, contaban las historias de Jesús y oraban pidiendo fortaleza para persistir. Salían de esos encuentros renovados en la esperanza, listos para enfrentarse al mundo como testigos de la Buena Nueva.

A nuestra manera, las Caridades Católicas son como ese santuario. Es un lugar donde los fatigados pueden descansar, donde los hambrientos son alimentados, donde los afligidos son consolados y donde los olvidados son recordados. Es un lugar donde se renueva la esperanza, no solo para quienes acuden en busca de ayuda, sino también para quienes prestan su servicio.

Este mes de septiembre, los invito a acompañarme para hacer de la obra de Caridades Católicas parte de tu camino hacia el Jubileo. Ya sea que colabores económicamente, ofrezcas tu tiempo como voluntario o reces por los necesitados, estás contribuyendo a anclar la esperanza en los corazones de quienes nos rodean.

Que el Señor te bendiga abundantemente por tu generosidad. Y que este año jubilar sea un tiempo de conversión más profunda y de alegría renovada en la misión que Jesucristo nos ha confiado.



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley

Caridades Católicas se une a Key to Home para abordar la falta de vivienda

Por Eliana Tedrow
The Sooner Catholic

Guiada por la doctrina católica, Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City continúa cumpliendo su misión de servir a los necesitados mediante su asociación con Key to Home, una iniciativa comunitaria que agrupa a más de 50 organizaciones que trabajan juntas para abordar de manera diferente la falta de vivienda en Oklahoma City.

Caridades Católicas desempeña un papel de primera línea en la asociación Key to Home, proporcionando gestión de casos para la Iniciativa de Realojamiento de Campamentos, que traslada a las personas directamente de los campamentos a viviendas con apoyo continuo. La agencia también lidera el nuevo programa Diversion and Rapid Exit (Desviación y salida rápida), que integra a gestores de casos en los refugios locales para ayudar a las personas que se han quedado sin hogar recientemente a encontrar soluciones rápidas y prácticas antes de que se afiancen en el sistema.

Theresa Flannery, directora sénior de servicios sociales de Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, dijo que su trabajo está en consonancia con la obra de misericordia corporal de “dar cobijo a los sin techo”, y que los servicios de gestión de casos tanto de la Iniciativa de Realojamiento de Campamentos (ERI) como de los programas de desviación encarnan esta misión.

“El personal es las manos y los pies de Cristo, que acoge a los necesitados allí donde se encuentran, independientemente de su fe”, afirmó.

Flannery dijo que Caridades Católicas ha proporcionado gestión

de casos para la Iniciativa de Realojamiento de Campamentos y ahora dirige los servicios de Desviación y Salida Rápida. Caridades Católicas cuenta con tres gestores de casos en los refugios locales nocturnos: Salvation Army, City Care y City Rescue Mission.

“Se trata de un enfoque basado en las fortalezas y centrado en las soluciones para acabar con la situación de sinhogarismo de una persona. Está diseñado para aquellos que son “nuevos” en el Sistema”, afirmó.

Jennifer Kill, directora de servicios de apoyo familiar de Key to Home en Caridades Católicas, dijo que, desde el lanzamiento del programa de derivación a principios de este mes, recientemente han celebrado el primer éxito del programa.

“Nuestro gestor de casos de derivación ayudó a una joven madre embarazada y a su bebé de 5 meses a reunirse de forma segura con su familia en Nueva Jersey”, explicó Kill. “Fue realmente gratificante ser testigo de su alegría y alivio, sabiendo que ahora tendría una vivienda segura y estable y estaría rodeada del apoyo de sus seres queridos.

Este éxito refleja la esencia de lo que hacemos en Caridades Católicas: defender la dignidad de cada persona, apoyar a la familia como unidad central de la sociedad y garantizar que las personas vulnerables sean atendidas con compasión y respeto”.

Oklahoma City asumió un papel protagonista con Key to Home en 2023, centralizando los datos y la coordinación para que la respuesta a la falta de vivienda fuera más eficaz. El cambio permite a las organizaciones sin ánimo de lucro centrarse en atender directamente a las personas, mientras que la ciudad gestiona la estrategia y la



rendición de cuentas de todo el sistema.

Erika Warren, directora de comunicaciones de los servicios para personas sin hogar de la ciudad de Oklahoma City, afirmó que para lograr avances significativos en la reducción de la falta de vivienda se necesita un equipo dedicado al pensamiento sistémico y a la resolución de problemas.

“Como agencia líder, el personal de Key to Home coordina los esfuerzos, alinea los recursos y elimina las barreras para que nuestro sistema de respuesta a las personas sin hogar funcione de manera más eficaz y eficiente”, afirmó Warren.

De acuerdo con la misión de Key to Home, el objetivo es hacer que la falta de vivienda en Oklahoma City sea “poco frecuente, breve y no recurrente”. Desde que se estableció su junta directiva en 2023, la asociación ha logrado avances cuantificables hacia esta visión.

El objetivo de alojar o derivar a

100 jóvenes para 2025 ya se ha superado, con casi 300 alojados o derivados hasta la fecha.

Key to Home también se ha fijado el objetivo de realojar a 500 personas sin hogar a través de la Iniciativa de Realojamiento de Campamentos, proporcionándoles 12 meses de apoyo en la gestión de casos antes de que finalice 2025.

Warren afirmó que se ha alojado a 445 personas y que la iniciativa va por buen camino para alcanzar su objetivo antes de que finalice el año.

“Seguimos trabajando para mejorar la coordinación, reforzar la capacidad de los proveedores y dar más voz a los jóvenes en nuestros esfuerzos por reducir la falta de vivienda entre los jóvenes en el futuro”, afirmó Warren.

Para obtener más información, visite okc.gov o catholiccharitiesok.org.

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El movimiento eclesial Apóstoles de la Palabra organizó diversos talleres sobre la Biblia y la apologética (defensa de la fe), así como otras actividades durante los meses de junio y julio. Estas actividades se llevaron a cabo en colaboración con varias parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, entre ellas la Iglesia Católica San Patricio, la Iglesia Católica San Eugenio, la Iglesia Católica San Francisco Javier en Enid y la Iglesia Católica Histórica del Sagrado Corazón en Oklahoma City. Para obtener más información sobre este movimiento, comuníquese con la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano al (405) 721-5651. Fotos proporcionadas.



Briefs

Young adult cookout

Archbishop Coakley's cookout for young adults will begin with Sunday Mass at 3 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City.

Cathedral Arts Series

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help presents a choral vespers and prelude recital at 5 p.m. Sept. 14 at 3214 N Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. The choir will sing works by Thomas Attwood, Walmisley and Anton Bruckner. The prelude recital will be played by Joseph Ripka, canon musician at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Oklahoma City. A reception will follow in Monsignor Connor Center. Everyone is welcome. Find more recitals at cathedralokc.org/arts.

Alpha

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond is presenting Alpha, a weekly journey exploring the Christian faith at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Sept. 18. There will be free dinner, childcare and a weekly video presentation followed by discussion. Visit alphasau.org/about.

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.

ACCW fall gathering

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Central Region's fall gathering "Hearing God's Voice" is 9:30 a.m.-noon Sept. 20 at the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church fellowship hall, 1576 Tim Holt Dr. in Harrah. Registration fee of \$10 is payable at the door. Donations for the silent auction are welcome. RSVP by Sept. 15 to Mary Ann Schmitt at (405) 650-9674 or sgmaschm@gmail.com.

Organ recital series

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church fall organ recital series will feature a performance at 3 p.m. on Sept. 21 with Chris Evatt, director of music and organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran in Edmond; a choir and organ recital in celebration of the parish's centennial anniversary

at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24; and a performance at 3 p.m. on Nov. 16 by Stephen Wurst, organist at McFarlin United Methodist in Norman. A wine and cheese reception will follow all recitals. St. Francis of Assisi is located at 1901 NW 18 St. in Oklahoma City.

Opening night

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 7-9:30 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. Make check 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.

Bingo canceled

The Knights of Columbus Family Bingo scheduled for Sept 25 at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Oklahoma City is canceled. The October bingo night will be Oct. 23.

Tulsa Catholic Women's Conference

The Tulsa Catholic Women's Conference is Sept. 26-27 at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa. Guests include Sr. Josephine Garrett, Lisa Cotter, Kate Capato and Jill Simons. Cost \$79. Register at tulsacatholicwomen.com.

Blue Mass

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.

Oktoberfest

The Holy Spirit Catholic Church 11th annual Oktoberfest is 5:30-10 p.m. Sept. 27 at 1100 N Sara Rd. in

Mustang. There will be entertainment, new menu options, a beer truck, silent and live auctions and more. Must be 21 years of age and older. Tickets are \$50 per person until Aug. 23, then will be \$55. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Visit mustangcatholic.ejoinme.org/Oktoberfest2025.

Becoming consecrated to St. Joseph

A 33-day preparation for the consecration to St. Joseph will be 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 30 and be consecrated on All Saints Day, Nov. 1 at St. Eugene Catholic Church, 400 West Hefner Rd. in Oklahoma City. Cost for the book "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Fr. D. Calloway, MIC, is \$15. Contact (405) 414-0043; drlangetls@gmail.com.

The Crimson Gala

St. Thomas More Catholic Church is hosting The Crimson Gala 6-9 p.m. on Oct. 3 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, 2501 Conference Dr. in Norman. The gala is in support of campus ministry at the University of Oklahoma. Visit stm-ou.org.

Fall Festival

St. Benedict Catholic Church will host its 68th annual Fall Festival 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 4 at 632 N. Kickapoo in Shawnee. Vendor and entertainment applications can be found at stbenedict.us.

GOLD Fun-raiser

The Gospel of Life Disciples annual fun-raiser is 5-9 p.m. Oct. 4 at the St. John Paul II Dwelling, 4113 S. Eastern Ave. in Moore. Join in for food, fun and fellowship to support their mission of caring for the dying with compassion and faith as they journey home to God. Take cash for activities. RSVP with Dolores Person at dolores@gospeloflofedisciples.org.

Anniversary Mass

Archbishop Coakley invites all couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in 2025, especially couples marking milestone years such as 25, 40, 50 or more, to the Milestone Anniversary Mass at 3 p.m. Oct. 5 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. Register by Sept. 19 at archokc.org/anniversary-mass. Certificates will not be handed out to couples who do not register.

Golf tournament

St. James the Greater Catholic Church will host its fifth annual charity golf tournament on Oct. 6 at Winter Creek Golf & Social Club, 2300 Clubhouse Dr. in Blanchard. Registration at 8 a.m. Shotgun starts at 9 a.m. Team of four players \$600. Individual player \$150. Contact Paul Hernandez, (405) 706-9306; Jesus Hernandez, (405) 512-3002.

Casino Royale Night

The Center of Family Love presents Casino Royale Night on Oct. 9 at River Spirit Casino Resort, 8330 Riverside Parkway in Tulsa. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets \$250. Visit centeroffamily-love.org/casino.

Three Hearts pilgrimage

The Three Hearts pilgrimage to Clear Creek Abbey is Oct. 9-11. For more information about the two-day, 35-mile walk visit three-heartspilgrimage.org.

Grand House dinner

The Knights of Columbus council at St. Eugene in Oklahoma City is hosting its annual dinner at 6 p.m. Oct. 14 at Grand House Asian Bistro. Honoree of the dinner is Jim Corsoro, dinner founder and longtime council member. The dinner will have five courses, each with a wine pairing. The cost is \$60 per person which includes tax and gratuity. Contact Steve Chastain at (405) 408-8931. Make checks payable to K of C Council 10822 and mail to Steve Chastain, 12532 Deep Wood Creek Drive, OKC 73142.

Seminar Series

The Altum Institute presents a Seminar Series: Angels and Demons 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 16, 23 and 30 in the St. Mary Major room at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. Cost \$50. Visit altuminstitute.org/discipleship. Contact afraire@archokc.org; (405) 720-2759.

Holy Fire

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is hosting a Holy Fire middle school retreat 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Oct. 18 at Rose State College Hurdiburg Chevrolet Center, 6000 S. Prosper Blvd. in Midwest City. Cost \$54.50 until Sept. 24 then \$64.50. Lunch included. Visit altum.leadlms.com/register/group/222.

Calendar

This calendar only covers the two weeks between issue dates and may not reflect all of the calendar items. To see a full calendar, go to sooneratholic.org.

September			
14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.	17	Monthly Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague begins.
14	Archbishop's young adult cookout, 3 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City.	17	Feast of St. Robert Bellarmine.
15	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	17	Feast of St. Hildegard of Bingen.
15	Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.	18	Taste, 6 p.m., 700 S.E. 89, Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine, Oklahoma City.
16	Feast of Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian.	18	Alpha begins, 6:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 900 S. Littler Ave., Edmond.
16	Serra Club of Oklahoma City meeting, 11a.m., Catholic Charities, 1232 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City. Visit serraokc.org.	18	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.
16	Suicide grief support group, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1901 N.W. 18, Oklahoma City.	19	Feast of St. Januarius.
16	Angels and Demons seminar series begins, 6:30 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City.	20	Feast of Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions.
16	Catholic in Recovery meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1901 N.W. 18 St., Oklahoma City.	20	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.
		20	The Lay Missionaries of Charity meeting. Contact



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