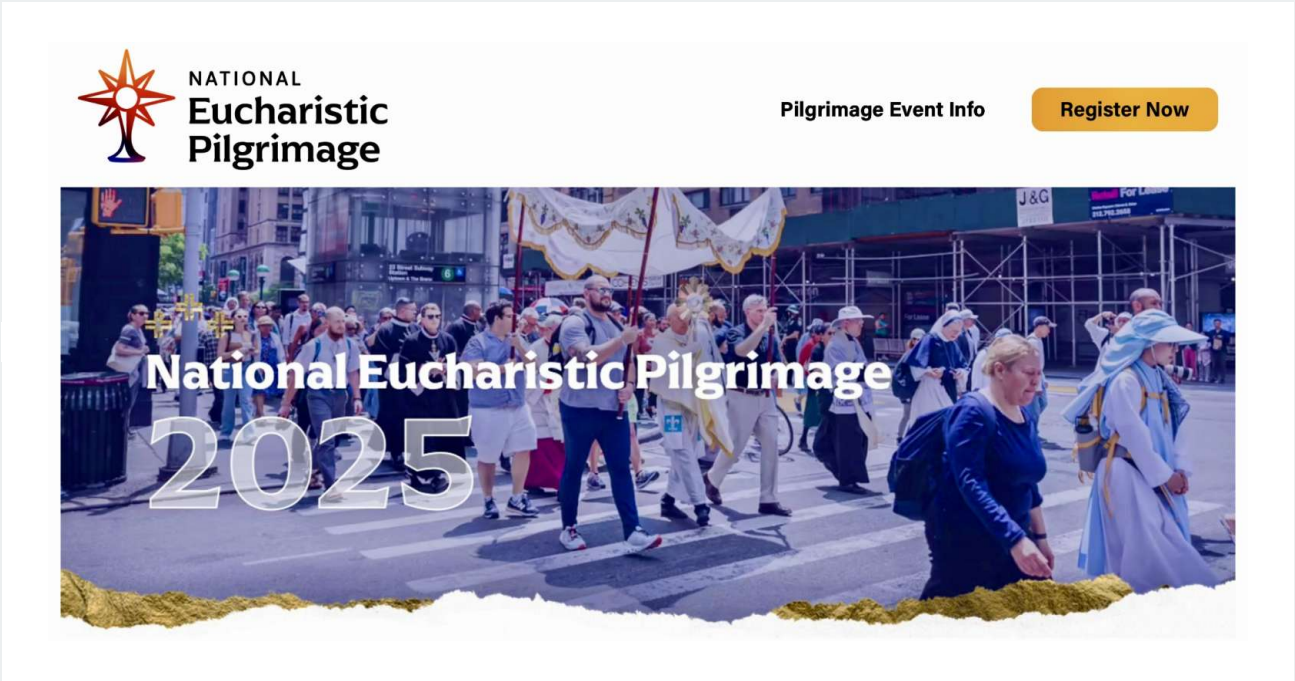


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Volunteers Needed for National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Visit to Diocese on May 30-31

TULSA — The 2025 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming to the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma on May 30-31 and plans for a Eucharistic Procession through the heart of Tulsa and event are being finalized and volunteers are needed.

On Friday, May 30, the Oklahoma leg of the pilgrimage officially begins with an 11:30 a.m. Opening Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miami. Once the Eucharist arrives in Tulsa later that day, a 4.2-mile public procession is planned to begin at approximately 4 p.m. at the University of Tulsa Reynolds Center with a stop at the Parish of Christ the King before arriving at Holy Family Cathedral later that evening.

A stop at the Church of the Madalene was formerly included but had to be dropped from the route after consultation with the City of Tulsa over traffic and safety concerns.

Following the procession, which is anticipated to draw between 2000 and 3000 participants, a Eucharistic Festival is planned from 8-10 p.m. at Holy Family Cathedral with food and music, followed by overnight Adoration. Closing Mass is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, after which the Eucharist and accompanying pilgrims caravan to St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee and the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Local volunteers are needed for several timeslots throughout the day on Friday.

"With many out-of-the-diocese visitors expected, large hospitality teams of 20 people are needed at both TU and the cathedral to welcome pilgrimages, answer questions and provide directions," says Cathy Miller, a local committee member helping to plan and execute delivery of food, water and other services before, during and after the procession.

"Help is needed before the procession to receive and arrange cookie donations, set up tables, and figure out crowd flow," says Miller. "Feeding everyone at the cathedral after the procession will require dozens of servers. Transferring food from the kitchen and hot boxes outside will help step counters reach their daily goal and earn stars in their crowns!"

To contact Miller, or to sign up as a volunteer, go to: SignUpGenius.com.

All local NEP events are free and open to the public, but participants are strongly encouraged to [register online here](#) for logistical and planning purposes.

Named the Saint Katharine Drexel Route, this cross-country journey begins in Indianapolis, Ind., the site of last summer's National Eucharistic Congress, and will visit multiple dioceses, including Tulsa and Oklahoma City, on its way to Los Angeles. The NEP procession takes the place of the annual Corpus Christi Procession this year.



Friday, May 30

Sacred Heart – Miami – 2515 N. Main St.

11:30am – 12:30pm Mass with Bishop Konderla for the Procession crossing into the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma! Everyone will caravan with the Eucharist to Tulsa! Plan your own lunch.

University of Tulsa Reynolds Center – 800 S. Tucker Dr., Tulsa

3:00pm Gather for Procession

4:00pm Procession (4.2 mile) with a stop at Parish of Christ the King (1520 S. Rockford Ave.) before arriving at Holy Family Cathedral

Holy Family Cathedral, Tulsa – 820 S. Boulder Ave.

8:00pm – 10:00pm Eucharistic Festival with food and music

8:00pm - 9:00am All Night Adoration

Saturday, May 31

Holy Family Cathedral, Tulsa

10:00am Closing Mass

Procession continues after Mass to St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.



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and Eastern Oklahoma

Meneses to be Ordained as Transitional Deacon, Dunbar as Permanent Deacon

TULSA — Seminarian Adrian Meneses will be ordained as a transitional deacon, and Deacon Candidate Stephen Dunbar is to be ordained a Permanent Deacon on Friday, May 23, by Bishop David Konderla at Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa.

The night before the diaconate ordination, the ordinands, along with their family, seminarians, and faithful, will gather for solemn vespers held May 22 at Holy Family Cathedral.

After his ordination, Meneses will assist in his first Mass of thanksgiving as a deacon on May 25 at noon at his home parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Muskogee. He will then serve as a deacon at St. Pius X in Tulsa.

Born in Tlaxcala, Mexico, Meneses is the son of Josefina Duarte and Raul Meneses. He graduated from the University of Guadalajara, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He also did post-graduate studies in Guadalajara and Nantes, France. In January of 2019, he began as a novitiate in Argentina with the Consolata Missionaries and served for a time in Nairobi, Kenya. He later studied theology for two years at Tangas University, where he discerned a call to the priesthood.

Meneses graduated from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana this month.

Accompanied by his wife, Shawnia, Stephen Dunbar previously made his profession of faith and signed his oath of fidelity prior to petitioning the bishop to be called to sacred orders as a permanent deacon during a ceremony at the Chancery on March 28.

A Mass of thanksgiving will be held May 24 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Krebs, where Dunbar will serve as a permanent deacon.



Adrian Meneses



Stephen Dunbar

Bishop Blesses Newly Completed St. Anne Parish Building: 'Capuchin Hall'

BROKEN ARROW — Overcast skies and a chance of rain did not stop parishioners and guests of St. Anne Catholic Church from celebrating the opening of their newly constructed Parish Life Center on Sunday morning.

Newly christened as Capuchin Hall, in honor of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars who previously served in Broken Arrow, Bishop Konderla blessed the new building after the unveiling of its new name. Pastor Fr. Matt Gerlach said the new hall will serve as a gathering place and tribute to the Friars' service.

"With hearts full of thanksgiving, we honor their legacy of humility, compassion, and tireless devotion to the gospel," said Fr. Gerlach. "May this space be a beacon of welcome, a center of community life, and a place where Christ's love is encountered in every gathering. May all who enter Capuchin Hall be reminded of the sacred mission we share, to serve, to grow, and to glorify God in all that we do."

For more about the church's connection to the Capuchins, click [here](#).

In his blessing, Bishop Konderla told those gathered that God creates and sustains, and that all the events he guides, and all human works that are good and have a good purpose, will prompt those who believe to praise and bless the Lord with their hearts and their voices.

"He is the source and origin of every blessing," said Bishop Konderla. "We are sure that in all things we must seek the help of God, so that in complete reliance on his will, we may in Christ do everything for his glory."

Fr. Gerlach ended the ceremony by thanking Bishop Konderla, "for your trust in our community as we seek to invigorate our faith, build community, and make disciples here in Broken Arrow."



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Catholic Charities Welcomes Back CEO From Sabbatical Serving in Guatemala

TULSA — Dozens of employees and volunteers with [Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma](#) gathered in the main lobby Monday morning to welcome back their beloved CEO, Deacon Kevin Sartorius, from a three-month-long sabbatical in Guatemala serving the parish where fellow Oklahoman Bl. Stanley Rother served as a missionary priest and was eventually martyred for the faith in 1981.

The largely Mayan population may live in poverty, but they are rich in spirit, according to Dcn. Sartorius. He related just some of his many experiences there. His time in the highlands of this Central American country was spent in challenging construction work, serving at Mass, and spending time away from e-mails and social media in prayer and reflection.

"So I was baptizing, I was reading the gospel every single Mass. I read the gospel in Spanish. I did the benediction on Thursday nights," said Dcn. Sartorius.

He told the gathered CCEOK employees that his experiences with the people and the beautiful landscape of Guatemala made for a transformative experience.

"It was just unbelievably, radically simple," said Dcn. Sartorius. "And yet they were very happy and very willing to share. I mean, if I go walking down the street, someone's going to come out and try to give me some fruit or something else."

He thanked employees and volunteers as they gave him a round of applause. "I can talk until the sun sets. You guys know that, right? So, I'll stop. Thank you so much, and it's good to be home."

Look for an expanded story on Dcn. Kevin Sartorius' trip in a future issue of the EOC.



EOC Photos by Daniel McCay and Chris Rush

100 Years Ago, Part 2: Cardinal Hayes Blesses Construction Projects

(Editor's Note: This is Part 2 of an excerpt from historian Rev. James D. White's book, Tulsa Catholics, detailing the May 1925 visit of Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, to Oklahoma. The final Part 3 will appear next week.)

"...Tuesday, May 12, was the day set for the consecration of Holy Family Church. The five-hour ceremony began at 7:30 in the morning.

"The (Holy Family Church) consecration completed, the Cardinal retired to a throne in the sanctuary for the solemn Mass offered by Bishop Kelley. The sermon was preached by the Very Reverend Michael S. Ryan, C.M., president of Kenrick Seminary, the alma mater of Monsignor Heiring. All of the former pastors and assistant pastors took part in the ceremonies; thirty-seven priests had major ceremonial roles. The church was filled to capacity, and hundreds stood outside to follow the rites as best they could.

"Following a luncheon for the large group of clergy present, Cardinal Hayes was driven to Saint John's Hospital — newly named in honor of the patron saint of Monsignor Heiring — where he was to lay the cornerstone of the nearly finished building. On the way to the hospital, the automobile cavalcade stopped at the corner of Fifteenth and

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CARDINAL HAYES COMES TO TULSA TONIGHT FOR THREE DAYS VISIT

Distinguished Archbishop of New York Will Officiate at Ceremonies in Holy Family Church, St. John's Hospital and Sacred Heart Church Grounds

His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, comes to Tulsa tonight for a three days visit during which he is scheduled to consecrate Holy Family Church, lay the cornerstone of St. John's Hospital and turn the first shovel of dirt for excavation of the

new Sacred Heart church and school. Thus he will demonstrate the three principal activities of Holy Church, the worship of God, the service of mankind and the education of the young.

Brief Biography

The distinguished visitor was born in New York in 1867. He was educated at Manhattan College there and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1892. He was appointed chancellor of New York in 1903, president of Cathedral College 1903-14, Domestic prelate to the Pope 1907.

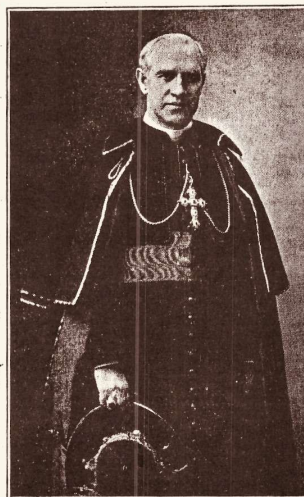
He was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of New York in 1914, and made Archbishop in 1919 and received the honor of elevation to the office of Cardinal Priest in 1924. During the war he was appointed Catholic Chaplain Bishop for the U. S. army and Navy and in 1920 was made chief of all chaplains of the army and navy. For service in the world war he was decorated by the King of Belgium and received the Cross of the Legion of Honor of France. As Archbishop of New York he is the head of the largest diocese in America with the Catholic population of nearly a million and a half.

Visits Sacred Heart Parish

The chief interest in the visit of His Eminence is centered in the consecration of the Holy Family church on Tuesday morning and in the public reception at Convention Hall Monday night. Members of Sacred Heart parish, however, will turn out en masse to witness the brief ceremony of turning the first shovel of dirt for our new church and school.

Consecration Service

The consecration service at the Holy Family Church will (Continued on page 4)



His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes
Archbishop of New York



Quincy, where the cardinal turned the first spadeful of earth for the new church for Sacred Heart parish.

(Construction on the church did not begin for some months after this groundbreaking, and by the time it was completed, the parish had assumed a new name. In December 1925, Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King. A year later, on December 16, 1926, the women of Sacred Heart parish reorganized as Christ the King Altar Society. The new church in contemporary style was dedicated under the title of Christ the King in May 1928.)

"At the cornerstone laying, Bishop Henry Tihen of Denver spoke before a crowd of some two thousand persons. In the evening, there was another banquet, this time at Holy Family, where the combined children's choirs of Holy Family and Sacred Heart parishes presented a program before the packed auditorium."



TOP: The front page of *The Weekly Reminder*, published by Tulsa's Sacred Heart Church on May 10, 1925, announcing the visit of Patrick Cardinal Hayes to Tulsa. (courtesy of Parish Christ the King archives)

MIDDLE: Sacred Heart Church (soon to be renamed Christ the King) is pictured under construction in April of 1926. On May 12, 1925, the first shovelful of dirt at the construction site was turned by Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, during a three-day-trip to Oklahoma. (courtesy Parish of Christ the King).

BOTTOM: St. John Hospital in Tulsa is pictured here in the mid-1920s. Cardinal Hays helped lay the cornerstone for the nearly completed hospital on May 12, 1925. (courtesy Ascension St. John)

BELOW: A Panoramic photograph taken after the consecration of Holy Family Church on May 12, 1925. A print of this photo hangs in the basement hallway of Holy Family Cathedral. (courtesy Diocese of Tulsa archives)





Busy Weekend Planned June 6-7 with Kickball, Jubilee Mass, March for Life Rally

TULSA — Three major events within the diocese — one involving vocations, families, and fun, one continuing the celebration of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, and another prayerfully advocating for the sanctity of life — will all take place the weekend of June 6 and 7 in Tulsa.

On Friday, the 2nd Annual "Kickin' for Christ: Priests vs. Seminarians" kickball game will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Church of Saint Mary, 1347 E. 49th Pl. in Tulsa. This wholesome, family-friendly event is free and will include pre-game competitions, food, beverages, and fun. Bring your own lawn chairs or blanket and come cheer on the priests and seminarians. The event is free, but please register at: dioceseoftulsa.org/kic

On Saturday morning, June 7, Holy Family Cathedral in downtown Tulsa will host the First Saturday Pilgrimage Mass at 10 a.m. Father Brian O'Brien, Rector of the Cathedral, will celebrate June's Jubilee Year of Hope Mass with prayer intentions for Holy Orders and Consecrated Life. Confessions will be heard from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. As is typical, a large gathering of pilgrim worshippers is expected.

Immediately following the Pilgrimage Mass at HFC, a local March for Life Rally will be held at 11:45 a.m. at Chapman Centennial Green, 600 S. Main, in downtown Tulsa. This satellite event is being held in conjunction with the statewide Oklahoma March for Life in Oklahoma City. The OKC events will include a march beginning at 10:30 from the OKC National Memorial to the Capitol for a Rally at noon.

For more information about the March for Life events, click [here](#) or contact Paul Hassink at paul@hassinkok.com or 918-924-1447.



JUNE 7, 2025



10:30am march from
OKC National Memorial to
the Capitol Rally at 12pm



11:45 Rally (no march)
at Chapman Green
600 South Main.



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Why do we keep marching in **Oklahoma**? Isn't this settled already?
No. A single statewide **vote** coming up soon can reset the clock back and
beyond Roe v Wade and ... permanently. **50** years is a long fight, don't give
up **now**. Future generations, are counting on **You**.

From the Editor...

As noted above, June 6-7 promises to be a busy weekend here in the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma. However, before then, there are several major events happening to close out the month of May.

Later this week, Seminarian Adrian Meneses will be ordained as a transitional deacon, and Deacon Candidate Stephen Dunbar is to be ordained a Permanent Deacon on Friday, May 23, by Bishop David Konderla at Holy Family Cathedral.

At the end of the month, in what is expected to be one of the largest local Catholic gatherings in many years, the 2025 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will arrive in eastern Oklahoma the weekend of May 30-31 with plans for a Eucharistic Procession through midtown Tulsa.

Reception of the Eucharist followed by an Opening Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miami is set for 11:30 a.m., May 30. Once the Eucharist arrives in Tulsa via caravan later that day, a 4.2-mile public procession will begin at approximately 4 p.m. at the University of Tulsa Reynolds Center with a stop at the Parish of Christ the King before arriving on the steps of Holy Family Cathedral later that evening. Unfortunately, due to logistical issues, the previously planned stop at Church of the Madalene has been cancelled. For the full schedule, [click here](#).

All events related to the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage are free, but organizers ask that all who plan to attend please register online at the national website [here](#). Many volunteers are also needed before, during, and after the May 30 procession. To sign up for a shift, [click here](#).

In case you missed it, the official portrait of Pope Leo XIV was made available by the Holy See to Catholic institutions to download for public display. Parishes, Catholic schools, and other Catholic institutions may download the high-resolution image free of charge [here](#).

Until next week, thanks for reading!

Chris Rush
Chief Editor

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" — Philippians 4:8

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