ROME – On Sept. 27, 40 seminarians from the Pontifical North American College were ordained to the transitional diaconate during a celebration of the Eucharist. Among the newly ordained deacons were Jerome Krug and Will Banowsky.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was the ordaining prelate at the ordination Mass, celebrated at the Altar of the Chair of Saint Peter, in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter, in the Vatican.

In his homily, Cardinal DiNardo spoke to those being ordained about living a life of service. He cited Scripture in reminding them that they will need to follow Christ’s example as “Christ came to serve, not to be served.”

Cardinal DiNardo noted that their new ministry would include preaching.

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Sister Maria Faulkner fully credits God for a remarkable story that has led to the creation of the Saint John Paul II Dwelling for the Dying in Moore.

For many, the home is an answer to special prayers for a place to lovingly care for those near death.

Since 2013, Sister Maria has operated the Gospel of Life Dwelling or GOLD near Saint James the Greater in south Oklahoma City. GOLD is home to elderly residents who face homelessness or have no one to care for them.

Over the years, the story of the Gospel of Life Dwelling has been chronicled in the...
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**Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar**

- **Oct. 14** – Young adult Mass and cookout, 5 p.m. (Mass at St. Francis of Sales Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center; cookout on grounds of archbishop’s residence)
- **Oct. 16** – Presidential Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., CPC
- **Oct. 17** – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:20 a.m., St. Mary, Ponca City
- **Oct. 18** – Priests Advisory Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., Downtown Petroleum Club, OKC
- **Oct. 19** – Assembly of Catholic Professional Luncheon, 11 a.m., Downtown Petroleum Club, OKC
- **Oct. 19** – Catholic Relief Services Advisory Committee on Catholic Identity, Baltimore
- **Oct. 21** – Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
- **Oct. 22–23** – Clear Days, CPC
- **Oct. 23** – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
- **Oct. 24** – All staff meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- **Oct. 24** – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:15 a.m., St. Mark, All Saints, Norman
- **Oct. 24** – Live on-air for radiodirecto, Oklahoma City Radio
- **Oct. 25** – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:15 a.m., St. Eugene, OKC
- **Oct. 25** – Spitzer Center Episcope teleconference, 10 a.m.
- **Oct. 25** – Senior staff meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
- **Oct. 26–29** – Eucharistic Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem annual meeting, San Antonio

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- **To send photos, event information, or tips to archdiocese, e-mail tips@arch.org.**
- **Catholic young adults of OKC** is open to all young adults (ages 18–30), married or single in the archdiocese. Visit Facebook page (Catholic Young Adults of OKC) for events and information or e-mail info@officialyoungadults.com.
- **Catholic Charities, 1232 N. Classen Blvd., OKC, has Mass at 11 a.m. every Friday in the chapel. Mass is open to the public. Check holiday schedule.**

**Recognition of years of service to Catholic schools in the archdiocese**

**Five years**
- Gabrielle Barnes, Bishop John Carroll
- Myles Simpson, BJC
- Susan Alware, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School

**Ten years**
- Josh Daner, All Saints
- Patti Petromilli, St. Eugene
- Christopher Brown, BMCHS
- Terry “Leann” Ufolla, CTK

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**God of healing, hear the cries of everyone who is being beaten and battered through intimate partner violence, those who are isolated, silenced, numb and unable to trust. Give them clarity in the midst of confusion, deliverance from danger, healing from hurt and help expedite healing. Watch over them at home, at work, at school, on the bus, in the car, and as they travel. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Sooner Catholic Special Coverage

The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma recently named Denise Heard, a middle school teacher at Saint John Nepomuk in Yukon, as the 2018 Archbishop Paul S. Coakley Catholic School Educator of the Year for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Heard teaches math and theology and is known for helping students develop problem-solving skills at an age when they most need immediate answers.

Students in Heard’s class said she was a shining example of living the Catholic faith, living out her sacraments, taking time for prayer and making sure they know she uses in her prayer intentions.

In a homily, a fellow teacher said, “Denise continually works to find new ways and methods to engage her students and develop a true love for math. She consistently is able to weave together her required subject matter and her faith, forming disciples and bringing God’s love to students. Denise’s example of service and dedication is something from which we all could learn.”

Post in Heard’s classroom is a quote from Pope Francis’s summary of the Gospel, assuring her students that “Jesus Christ loved you; He gave His life to save you; and now He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.’”

In addition to teaching, Heard facilitates scheduling of altar servers, has been involved in Parish ministry, and is a parishioner who jobs in the ministry of marriage preparation, sponsored CONFIRMATION candidates, is an Eucharistic minister and organizes the St. John Nepomuk Vocations Crusade program.

Heard earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering and a master’s degree in engineering.

Heard received $500. The school received a $5,000 grant.

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Each time a new class comes into the library, Parizek leads them in a brief prayer. She said the prayer is never long, but she wants children to invite the Holy Spirit into their hearts as they pursue the important work of learning to read.

“I try and keep it short,” says Parizek. “We make the sign of the Cross and say, ‘Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart.’”

Students said Parizek’s ability to get them personally allows her to help them select a book she knows they would like.

“I think Mrs. Sue is great because when I come in she asks me what kind of books I like to read and then she shows me,” said Bradden Bronson, a student in the 4th grade. “Sometimes, I like to read biographies and action books.

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Top: Fr. Joseph Irwin prays during the 40 Days for Life kick-off rally in Norman. Right: Participants at the kick-off rally in Oklahoma City. Photos provided.

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Ada parish volunteer turns to Bl. Stanley, prayer in fight against lung cancer

By Charles Albert
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When Stan Nouchiroye, a member of Saint Joseph in Ada, heard the shocking news from his doctor that no one wants to hear that he has lung cancer, many thoughts went through his mind. He focused on just one issue: survival. Nouchiroye thought about how he would make sure Noah would not have to face the uncertainties of his dad’s death. His doctor gave him a low chance of surviving his illness, and he was sure Noah doesn’t survive, Noah would not be raised Catholic. Stan became determined to be a survivor “for Noah and his faith.”

Nouchiroye said Sister Laura Miller, parish nurse at Saint Joseph, reminded him that he and Blessed Stanley Rother shared the same name and to pray for his intervention. Despite one original scan looking promising, the lung tumors grew, he recently received results that showed his tumors had shrunk by 80 percent.

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HELPING OKLAHOMA CATHOLICS discern their VOCATION

By Fr. Boniface Copelin, O.S.B.
Saint Gregory’s Abbey

H ave you heard about the largest and fastest growing religious order in the Church today? It’s called the Little Brothers and Sisters of Perpetual Discernment. It’s a joke. But, in many senses not really. These are young people between the ages of 18 and 40 who are seeking, and seeking, and seeking their vocation in life. They pray a great deal. They talk to every priest and sister and brother they meet. They spend hours and hours searching: the internet for their ideal (in), religious community, church vacation, or potential spouse. They are always searching. They are always seeking, but they never seem to choose.

What resources are available for these young people?

Saint Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee is offering one option, a day of reflection “Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening.” Its focus will be to offer young men and women the opportunity to pray, gather tools for their spiritual toolkit geared toward discernment, and give them practical assistance as they discern what God has in store for them — whether it is marriage, religious life, priesthood or single life. Most importantly, attendees will have the opportunity to meet other people who also are discerning.

The session is Oct. 27 at Saint Gregory’s Abbey. Lunch is provided and there is no charge (lunch included). To register email retreats@monksok.org or call (405) 878-5656.

Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to Greece
Join Fr. Rex Arnold on a 10-day excursion to Greece: In the footsteps of Paul the Apostle, featuring a three-night Greek island and Turkey cruise March 23-31. Cost $1,099 March 12-15. Visit www.pilgrimages.com/frarold. Contact Bill Schutte at (580) 763-7665 or Schutte@cableone.net.

Pilgrimage to Berlin, Prague and Austria
Fr. Carl William Janocha and Fr. Daniel Grover will lead a pilgrimage to Berlin, Prague and Austria; also featuring a Greek island cruise March 19-27. Cost $4,219 pp. Roundtrip airfare from OKC to/return Frankfurt. For more information, contact Saints Peter and Paul Church in Oklahoma City.

Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe
Right Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B., K.C.H.S. will host the Splendors of Eastern Europe pilgrimage featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau May 13-24, 2020. Visit Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, Oberammergau and Munich. Cost: $4,329 pp from OKC, includes round-trip airfare, first class/ select hotels, hotels/guesthouses in Oberammergau, first class admissions tickets for the Passion Play, most meals and comprehensive sightseeing with an English-speaking guide. For a brochure and more information, contact Abbott Lawrence or Theresa Bregg, (405) 878-5490, abbot@monksok.org, tabragg@monksok.org.

Two Oklahomans among 40 seminarians ordained deacons in Rome

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During the ordination, the new deacons promised to live a life of prayer, celibacy and obedience to their diocesan bishop. The new deacons will have an additional year of theological studies and spiritual formation before being ordained to the priesthood in their home dioceses.

The Pontifical North American College serves as the American seminary in Rome. Founded in 1859 by Blessed Pope Pius IX, the college has formed more than 5,000 priests near the heart of the Church for service in dioceses around the United States, Canada, and Australia.

God willing, Krug and Banowsky will be ordained to the priesthood in June along with fellow deacons Zachary Bowman, John Herrera and Alex Kriel.

Above: Seminarians gather with their visiting bishops and faculty from the Pontifical North American College in Rome following their ordination into the transitional diaconate at St. Peter’s Basilica. Right: Rev. Mr. Jerome Krug from St. Monica, Edmond.

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Fr. Mr. Will Banowsky, Archbishop Cooksey and Rev. Mr. Jerome Krug after the transitional deaconate celebration of the Eucharist on Oct. 27 in Rome. Photo Pontifical North American College.
A Millennial Journey in Faith

By Dana Atkinson
The Sooner Catholic

I was recently asked to speak at the Oklahoma City Catechesis Conference on this topic: How do we commit to being a church in the world? What is the Church for? And, most critically, how can the Church be relevant to young adults who are looking for meaning and purpose in their lives? I have been given many opportunities to reflect on this topic over the years, but this particular conference was extra special to me. The first reason is that I got to combine two of my favorite things: talking about the Church and enchiladas. The second reason is that, as a former teacher, I was surrounded by some incredible students who were deeply committed to fostering a culture of faith in their parishes. Sometimes, when I speak at conferences, I feel disconnected from the people I’m speaking to. But not this time. I felt heard. I felt understood. And I felt called to do more.

In paragraph 24, the Holy Father refers to the “people of God … I often associate sanctity with patience; not only as hypomoné, taking charge of our actions, but as a constancy in going forward, day-by-day. People of God …”

Characteristics of a missionary Church that truly evangelizes

By Luke Boyd
The Sooner Catholic

For the first time in history, 50 percent of Americas is single. A staggering change for a society to be sure, but what does it mean? Each year, the Dating Project attempts to demystify todays dating culture, and the results are jaw-dropping and concerning. In their 20s, 30s, and 40s, giving the viewer a wide range of perspectives on what it’s like to date – or not – in a world of dating apps and online profiles.

Kerry Cronin, a professor at Boston College University, teaches a class every spring to help students design a dating strategy that will work for them. The students are taught that, in their 20s, they are still finding their way as they are with no shortage of options, but there is always just one that feels like the right one. Their relationship with their phone and social media, has replaced true connection. When removed from their phone, even for a short time, the claustrophobia of their self-inflicted isolation hits them like a ton of bricks.

They began to realize just how poorly a social media socialization is far from real interaction.

Most of those interviewed, recognized they have a problem. Yet, they went through life, year-after-year, with no understanding of how to fix it. They wanted to understand how to build a social confidence and awareness that they may have been lacking in, as well as to connect with others. Some of those interviewed found love while others found out they were not alone and a willingness to make the changes necessary in themselves to attract the right kind of person.

In the end, the problem wasn’t necessarily with the form of dating; it was online or otherwise, but with the lack of intimacy it fostered. Labs Boyd is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

New books bring Bl. Stanley’s story to children

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A través del profeta Jeremías, el Señor pro-
mete: “Les pondré pastores según mi corazón” (Jer. 3:15). Desde entonces hasta el día de hoy, en este momento, estamos muy conscientes de que la misión de los buenos pastores guían y protegen al rebaño confiado a su cuida-
dos. Estos especialmente agradecidos por los tres buenos pastores que me han inspirado en mis 35 años como sacerdote y casi 14 años como obispo.
En los tres se encuentra, sin duda, el Beato Raimundo de St. Mary, representante del sacerdote del seminario de Mount Saint Mary cuando me ordenaron el sacerdocio. Su testimonio siempre me ha inspirado. Lo considero un regalo especial, para ponerlo en el estante local en Oklahoma en un momento en que estamos promoviendo su causa para la canonización. Necesitamos santos agradecidos.
En tercer lugar, la comunidad de discípulos misioneros del primer paso: manifestación iniciativa. El Papa Francisco nos invita a ser ‘imitadores de Dios’ siendo proveedores. Dios toma la iniciativa con nosotros, y nos llama a hacer lo mismo con quienes están en las periferia. El término primer plano esta frase. Debemos ser más proactivos que reactivos. Debemos ser em-
prendedores espirituales de Cristo.
En tercer lugar, la comunidad evangélica simplificada o comprometida con mis mond-
ros. La mayoría de ellos son claramente los laicos católicos que han estado secta-
erías, periódicos y revistas de los medios de comunicación para ofrecer a la iglesia y el mundo. Los obispos y las comunidades de Iglesia de tareas de evangelización en su com-
unidades. Desafortunadamente, muchos, incluy-
edo, filosofía, valores y otras formas de pensamiento cristiano haciendo a la Iglesia y los medios de comunicación. En tercer lugar, una comunidad de discípulos misioneros acompañamos a los otros. Hablando en Asia, el Papa Francisco dijo: “Nada puede equivocarse, caminar con nuestro pueblo, a veces delante, a veces en medio y a veces detrás de él. Enriquecer a la comu-
nidad; para apoyar y alimentar a la sociedad, para mantenerla unida; y que nadie se quede demasiado atrás, para mantenerla unida”. Apenas entender que guié, alentar y, unir. La iglesia que activamente hace esto, es una iglesia sínodal — una iglesia en la que todos caminan juntos... Cuando acompañ-
amos juntos, nos estamos apoyando mutuamente. Víctimas en una época de cambios de época. Nosotros, los que anunciamos el Evangelio, podemos evangelizar desafiando las normas tradicionales y ofreciendo a las personas nuevas generaciones que tienen sus propias expec-
tativas y aspiraciones, incluidos aquellos que vienen a este país. En quinto lugar, la comunidad evangéli-
da fraternidad. En el mismo momento, el Papa Gaudium, el Santo Padre, refiriéndose a la parábola del trigo y la cizaña: “La comunidad evangélica siempre está atenta a los frutos, porque el Señor quiere que la cosecha sea grande”. Cuida el trigo, pues, y déjate el último: “El sembrador o el que ha sembrado en medio del tri-
o, no tiene que preocuparse de que vea la cizaña. Encuentra la alegría en la lucha y en el paso, que no es monótono”. En tercer lugar, la comunidad evangélica es la alegría. Celebra incluso las apariencias que son de toma a la que habla el mismo san Ignacio.”
Mi sincera esperanza es que, al reunirnos este año, los que anunciamos el Evangelio, seamos a todos, para que podamos ser los buenos pastores y padres espirituales para las que hemos sido a la iglesia, familiares y amigos. En tercer lugar, la comunidad evangélica es la alegría. Celebra incluso las apariencias que son imperfectas o inacabados. Un Cristo que anuncia la Alegría, el que nos ha entregado, es una señal y compañera del que habla con los que hablan. Aquí está la alegría cristiana. Él nos ha entregado, es preservada y compartida por los que anuncian el Evangelio. Un Cristo que anuncia la Alegría, el que nos ha entregado, es una señal y compañera del que habla con los que hablan. Aquí está la alegría cristiana.
**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For more about the Catholic response, visit www.soonercatholic.org or call (405) 721-9351, ext. 245. For more information about Domestic Violence Parish Ministry, contact Becky VanPool at (405) 523-3000, Ext. 245.

**Suicide prevention training**

Did you know you can help save a life? Catholic Charities encourages parishes to participate in mental health awareness training. CPR is a free one-hour suicide prevention training that provides simple steps to reach someone who may be feeling hopeless. Professionals, lay counseling aides are available. Contact St. Joseph Counseling Center at (405) 524-0999.

**CPC daily Mass**

Daily Mass is held weekdays at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 North Western Ave. No Mass on days CPC is closed.

**Craft fair and open house**

St. Ann Retirement Center is hosting a fall craft fair and open house. Nov. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Oct. 17 at 7501 W. Britton Rd., OKC. More than 40 vendors will be present for holiday shopping. Snacks provided, drawings for door prizes, and entertainment throughout the day. Contact (405) 721-0747.

**Sermon**

A sermon with Martha and Mary

Create a hot pad that reflects the various books of the Bible in quilt form. Oct. 19-21 at The Healing House, 319 W. Jackson St., Cross- cent. Event begins at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19. Cost is $180 for a commuter and $200 for a guest who stays at the Healing House both nights. Supplies provided. Contact (405) 697-4600, thehealinghouseokc@gmail.com.

**Catholic Charities**

A craft fair to benefit the St. Eugene youth group is 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oct. 20 at St. Eugene’s Ross Hall. Gourmet foods, artwork and handmade gifts for sale. Free admission. Drinks and hot dogs available.

**“Block” party**

Holy Trinity Hemitage invites everyone to a “Block” party to celebrate the Commissioned Earth Blocks project squares 8 a.m. - noon. Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. 2011 N.W. 16, OKC. Tickets for purchase at 5:45 p.m. Proceeds for charitable services.

**Halloween carnival**

St. Charles Borromeo School’s 32nd annual Halloween Carnival 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Oct. 26 at 500 N. Grove in Warr Acres. No cost to enter. Tickets can be purchased that day. games are 50 each.

**Fall fest**

St. Ann, Elgin, fall fest 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 26 and 27 at 8429 State Ave. 17. Cost $2.

**Natural family planning**

Learn Natural Family Planning with Jodi and Cameron Homyer, instructors of the Symp- Thomas of Aquinas Church, 2701 W. 162nd St., Shawnee. Oct. 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. Contact (405) 492-5914.

**Encounter with God’s Call**

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City vocations office is sponsoring a free Encounter with God’s Call seminary visit Nov. 10-12 for young men considering Salesian Priesthood. Contact the vocations office at (405) 721-9351, vocations@archokc.org.

**Miracles of Mercy**

October 14 Young adult cookout 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. on the grounds of archbishop’s residence.

14 Pray the Rosary for Life at 6:30 p.m. at the abortion clinic, 2453 Wilson Dr., Nor- mans. Contact Elaine, (405) 584-1510, evcprayer@gmail.com.


19 Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

20 Holy Trinity “Block” Party M.I.C., Building Blocks December 8 a.m. and noon. ______ 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Contact (580) 255-82. Contact (580) 536-6351.

23 Feast of St. Ignatius of Anti-och.

25 Monthly Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague. Nov. 16-18, 711 W. Hickory Ave., Enid, will host Taste of St. Joe’s Annual Western Style Fall Gala. Nov. 16 at 5:45 p.m., 17 At 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Saturday retreat 7-4:30 a.m. Cost $45. Scholarships available. Contact: MarianMissionaries.org or call (413) 944-8500, Ext. 10.

26 Domestic Church retreat

A retreat for married couples that begins their spiritual journey together for deepen as well as a forum to share for people interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church. Contact St. Theresa’s, 911 W. 14-1, Catholic Pastoral Center. Register at www.domesticchurchfamilies.com/events. Contact Aimee Schimpf at (405) 709-2755, aschimpf@archokc.org.

27 Harvest banquet

Holy Family, Lawton, harvest ba- zuaz at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Contact (405) 201-3680.

29 Christmas banquet

The Oklahoma City Communi- ty of Carmelites meets monthly at Little Flower, OKC. Anyone interested in deepen- ing prayer life with community sup- port, call Vicki Caudill, (405) 637-6411, or William Glenn, (405) 737-2024.

20, 21 Mater Dei Catholic High School hosts an annual Turkey Dinner. The event is from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Dec. 8.

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Sooner Catholic. The Oklahoman and even in national news. A recent story that appeared in The Oklahoman over the summer featured Sister Maria’s work with GOLD’s expansion into the Norman area.

One of the readers of that article was Sherry Gottschalk of The Gottschalk Realty office in Norman. As she read about the mission, she realized she knew just the place for this new dwelling. It was a special home their office was trying to sell near the border of Moore and Norman.

The property was called the “Home of Love & Dreams,” and had been the residence of a large Catholic family who was so inspired by their faith, they built a beautiful chapel.

Since 2002, the house had been home for the Babb Family and their 12 children, including seven children with special needs adopted by Dirk and Anne Babb.

The property includes a nearly 8,000-square-foot two-story farmhouse with seven bedrooms, a large kitchen, a barn, a guesthouse and a chapel that seats about 20 people. The chapel was a special request by Anne Babb, who said she always felt God was there.

“As devoted Christians we wanted a visible sign of our faith,” she said.

Years ago, when her husband passed, and most of the children had grown, Anne Babb began to think about selling the home. She put it on the market in April 2017. She kept praying for a special ministry to further her mission of Christian love on the property.

Knowing of the desire to find a mission worthy of the home, Sherry Gottschalk called Sister Maria, whose love of the elderly and dying impressed her.

“I believe it was the Holy Spirit that moved me,” Gottschalk said.

“This idea just kept popping into my heart.”

But, Sister Maria was resistant. Initially, she didn’t agree to see the property, but finally set a time to meet.

“The home was so big and beautiful, I figured it was too much for what we were trying to do,” Sister Maria recalled.

The very day Sister Maria viewed the site, Anne Babb had an offer on the table from someone else who planned to remove any faith items in the home and demolish the chapel.

She had begun to pray that the property would go to someone who would use it to serve others. After viewing the site, Sister Maria began a novena to prayerfully consider what God desired. After receiving many signs and confirmations during the novena, she opened up to the idea.

She consulted with Archbishop Coakley and with the help of a generous donor, the Gospel of Life Association closed on the property in September.

On Sept. 18, Archbishop Coakley blessed the new Saint John Paul II Dwelling for the Dying and celebrated Mass in the newly named Good Shepherd Chapel.

On Oct. 16, the dwelling will receive her first three residents – a 97-year-old man, a 91-year-old woman and a 56-year-old man with cancer. On Oct. 21 and 22, there will be an open house at 4113 S. Eastern Ave. On Oct. 21, it will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Oct. 22, it will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sister Maria said she hopes others will embrace this mission to accompany the dying with life-affirming care and become “lifeguards” who volunteer to help.

“The timing of this and the circumstances were such that I know God is fulfilling what He wants,” she said.

“Everyone should know this was the Lord’s idea.”

Steve Gust is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

Parish engagement director

The archdiocese is seeking a director of parish leadership engagement. The position is responsible for all aspects of helping build a culture of conversion and discipleship in parishes and schools throughout the archdiocese. Bachelor’s degree or master’s degree in theology, pastoral ministry or related field preferred. Five years of experience in catechetics and/or new evangelization efforts. Fluency in English and Spanish preferred. Familiarity with CCO, Alpha, ACTS, and other discipleship initiative resources. Send applications or inquiries to nlargent@archokc.org.

Administrative assistant - OKC

The archdiocese is seeking an administrative assistant for the youth, young adult and campus ministry office. Must communicate and interface in a tactful and professional manner with the clergy, Catholic Pastoral Center staff, parish and school personnel, and the public. The position requires attention to detail and accuracy, flexibility and adaptability. Knowledge of Microsoft Office software, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint required. Organizational efficiency, adaptability, time management and the ability to anticipate needs required. Bilingual in Spanish preferred. Send inquiries and resumes to nlargent@archokc.org.

Math teacher

Catapult Learning is looking for educators to provide part-time contracted instructional services with the necessary educational expertise in high school-level mathematics; to diagnose learning skill deficits and deliver prescribed instructional delivery methods as determined by the company; consult with school personnel to coordinate efforts in providing services to students; communicate and confer with parents providing information on student progress. Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree and current Oklahoma teaching certification in high school mathematics. Teaching experience preferred. Submit resume to Misty Slone at misty.slone@catapultlearning.com.

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