Archbishop Coakley elected as chairman of USCCB domestic justice committee

Baltimore – The U.S. bishops on Wednesday elected Archbishop Paul Coakley as chairman-elect of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

“lam encouraged by the trust of my brother bishops to help lead our efforts to educate and equip Catholics to improve the lives of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, advocate for the poor and follow our call to respect the dignity of every human person,” said Most Rev. Paul Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City.

Archbishop Coakley will take over the post in November 2019. The committee assists the bishops, both collectively and individually, in advancing the social mission of the Church through education, poverty awareness, outreach, policy development, advocacy and the organization of low-income communities. The committee advises the bishops on issues of human dignity, development and poverty.

To learn more about the committee and its responsibility, go online to www.usccb.org/about/domestic-social-development/committee-on-domestic-justice-and-human-development.cfm.

Bishops hear frank presentations, discussion on abuse crisis

By Catholic News Service

Baltimore (CNS) -- Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said Nov. 14 he had opened the bishops’ fall general assembly “expressing some disappointment,” but “I end it with hope.”

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“Moving forward in concert with the church around the world will make the church in the United States stronger, and will make the global church stronger.”

The disappointment came when he announced at the start Nov. 12 the Vatican had requested the bishops delay voting on several proposals to address the sex abuse crisis and hold bishops more accountable for dealing with wayward priests.

“Almost every Friday morning parishioners from Corpus Christi in Oklahoma City volunteer at their food pantry that serves people from 10 different zip codes. Photo Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.

Corpus Christi Food pantry brings joy, meals to northeast Oklahoma City

By Steve Gust

Almost every Friday morning Christ’s call to feed the poor is heard near Corpus Christi Catholic Church in northeast Oklahoma City.

For two hours, volunteers of the Corpus Christi Food Pantry greet the many who come to stock up on food items. Some are elderly and most have young children at home.

“They start to line up at 6:30 in the morning,” said Jesus Medina, one of the main leaders of the effort.

Corpus Christi Catholic Church provides the free use of its garage and parking space for lower-income residents needing food. The people waiting in line so early in the day convince Medina how necessary the pantry has become. He noted that people from 10 different zip codes are served.

Corpus Christi pastor, Father Daniel Grover, said he appreciates the work of the volunteers.

“The food bank is a blessing to me in my ministry and for the parish of Corpus Christi in our constant effort to give back to the community,” he said. “Many hands make light work and many of our volunteers give tirelessly to the work of this ministry.”

Volunteers from five parishes and many professionals from the nearby OU Health Sciences Center help support the mission, which started in 2009 by former pastor Father Jack Zupez.
Earlier this month, I travelled to Baltimore for the Fall Plenary Assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. I went with a sense of anticipation and hope and commitment.

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Earliest this month, I travelled to Baltimore for the Full Plenary Assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. I went with a sense of anticipation and purpose. Without a doubt it was the most anticipated gathering of the USCCB since 2002 when the bishops met in Dallas in the wake of a dramatic outpouring of abuse claims involving clergy.

The opening announcement that sucked the air out of the room. An 11-hour decision had been made by the Holy See, instructing us to postpone any votes on the proposed agenda items. The announcement was met with shock, anger and disappointment.

The rationale for this unexpected action was to allow the presidents of the various episcopal conferences of the world, who have been summoned to Rome for a February meeting, to discuss the abuse crisis together and help inform the Holy Father of the global situation.

The day of prayer that followed the announcement took on a different tone as we each wrestled with the consequences of this unexpected postponement of our vote on each of the action items. The meeting that began on Monday following the meeting was unlike any bishops meeting in the 15 years I have been attending them. Since we were not meeting any of our agenda items toward a vote, we had considerably more time for discussion and debate of the proposals. Many new voices emerged as more bishops added their input and insights to the conversation. These were the richest interventions I have ever heard at a bishops meeting.

Before we adjourned Cardinal DiNozzi announced the formation of a task force to translate the conversation we had on the proposed agenda into specific action items that Cardinal DiNozzi will take to the meeting of the episcopal conference presidents in Rome in February. His stated purpose is take "the strongest possible actions at the earliest possible moment" and to do so in consultation with the Universal Church.

In the end, the meeting was an important roller coaster ride where we deferred to the announcement to renewed hope and commitment.

I believe there is a very strong commitment from the bishops of the United States to act in concert upon our deliberations.

The archdiocese strongly encourages anyone who has suffered abuse in the past or present, or who witnessed abuse in the past or present, to report incidences of abuse to civil authorities.

At the request of Archbishop Coakley, the archdiocese is establishing a statewide abuse reporting hotline – (800) 522-3511. A report to the archdiocese will be met with shock, anger and disappointment. The Oklahoma City archdiocese has established a statewide abuse reporting hotline – (800) 522-3511. A report to the archdiocese will be met with shock, anger and disappointment. The Oklahoma City archdiocese has established a statewide abuse reporting hotline – (800) 522-3511. A report to the archdiocese will be met with shock, anger and disappointment. The Oklahoma City archdiocese has established a statewide abuse reporting hotline – (800) 522-3511. A report to the archdiocese will be met with shock, anger and disappointment.
Annual appeal boosts youth, family, faith formation

By Lisa McIver
For the Sooner Catholic

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The support of the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal has helped thousands of Oklahomaans see the glory of God. Nearly 9,000 people made donations through support this past year and each gift made a difference. Gifts totaling more than $3.3 million already are supporting active ministry throughout central and western Oklahoma.

And the support doesn’t stop there. Each year, donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal cover the cost of support for the ministries of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and parishes throughout the state.

Congratulations to the 24 parishes that have reached their 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal parish goal!

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Hollis
Sacred Heart - Lawton
St. Richard - Carnegie
St. Francis of Assisi - Newcastle
Sacred Heart - Hinton
St. Rose of Lima - Watonga
St. Robert Bellarmine - Fort Cobb
Our Lady of Sorrows - Chandler
Holy Spirit - Mustang
St. Margaret Mary - Crescent
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Calumet
St. Eugene - OKC
St. Francis of Assisi - OKC
St. Andrew - Moore
St. Joseph - Blanchard
St. Vincent de Paul - Edmond
St. Joseph - Mustang
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Thomas Classroom of Our Lady of Perpetual Help - OKC
St. Philip Neri - Midwest City
Christ the King - OKC
St. Joseph - Tutwiler
Our Lady of Sorrows - Tutwiler
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Sterling
St. Patrick of Jesus - Oklahoma City
St. Julius - St. Joseph
St. Patrick - Walters
Ministry, said, “Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal allow us to cooperate with parishes to strengthen sacramental marriages and defend human life. We use funds from the appeal to train teachers of Natural Family Planning, hold workshops for engaged couples, provide retreats for married couples and work in many other ways to provide support for all families.”

All gifts are helping neighbors, families and communities.

Connie Reef, coordinator of Young Adult and Campus Evangelization, said because of the generosity of the Annual Catholic Appeal, her office is able to support campus ministry efforts at nine college campuses across the state from Norman to Weatherford to Tulsa.

Gifts from Ardmore and Lawton support programs in Guymon and Punca City, and everywhere in between.

“The Annual Catholic Appeal encourages us to continue serving and equippingform and ministries in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City,” said Ms. Reef. “They help them to devote their time and talents to further the charisms and responsibilities to grow as missionary disciples,” said Jim Fugikawa, director of the Ritter Institute.

“To make an end of year gift to support the ministries of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, visit our website at www.soonercatholic.org/appal. Those generous donations are the difference between our ability to continue to do our work and the need to find new sources of revenue,” said Ms. Reef.

Margaret Eck

Eck’s career started as an Army nurse. Once she retired from government service, she began work as a Red Cross volunteer, a civilian nurse in a nursing home and volunteered with Saint Vincent de Paul for the poor.

“Since 2018, I’ve volunteered at the Oklahoma City Rescue Mission,” she said. “I was rejected again for the position she wanted to do something she never thought she would have the courage to do.”

“Abortion is a difficult lesson,” she said. “The thing that kept me going was just to keep working and getting training and learning.”

According to the National Council of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, in 2017 the number of women from the age of 15 to 44 who had an abortion in the United States was 1.57 million. That is a decrease of almost 15% from the number of women who had an abortion in 2016.

To donate, visit www.soonercatholic.org/appal.
Go make disciples, baptize, teach

By Alvaro Marfull
For The Sooner Catholic

On Nov. 4 at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church in Oklahoma City, the Office of Hispanic Ministry and Cultural Diversity and the St. Stanislaus Bother Institute provided a workshop to prepare leaders for catechesis. Fifty-one Hispanic catechists attended from nine parishes. The group learned how present the teachings of the Catechism in a dynamic and evangelizing way. The course is an opportunity to promote a spiritual renewal while learning the baptismal rite and the meaning of their symbols and signs.

Several new students were parents and godparents who participated in the preparation to baptize their children. Participation of parents and godparents is encouraged. Through Bible study, they are led to know profound meaning of the sacrament and feel the desire to commit themselves to the mission of educating themselves and their children as disciples in the life of the Church.

Alvaro Marfull is associate director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry and Cultural Diversity for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Catholic young adults of OKC

Open to all young adults (ages 18-39, married or single) in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. For more information, visit the Facebook page (Catholic Young Adults of OKC) for events and information or send an e-mail to info@catholicyoungadultsokc.com.

All Saints Day 2018

Students at St. Mary in Lawton celebrated their Veterans Day Assembly Nov. 8. Girl Scouts ran color guard and Maj. Jerry Sherbourne was the guest speaker. Sherbourne is an Army chaplain at Fort Sill. Photo provided.

Lawton parish uses “fun-raising” to fund raise

When parishioners at Holy Family in Lawton needed to pay down parish debt, they get together, went to work and raised about $1,800.

The money was raised through a fundraiser held Nov. 3. A few children from the parish – Cecilia, Maria and Helena Nioce and Cathrine Young – shared their love for the faith and their love for dance and performance.

From the Archives ...

Oklahoma has a rich tradition of foreign-born clergy who left an indelible mark upon the local Church. One such man was Father Aloizy Waleczek, a Polish national. Father Al (as he was known) was ordained a priest Nov. 21, 1939, a few months after the German invasion.

It is believed that he was a classmate of Karol Wojtyla (later Saint John Paul II) at Jagiellonian University in Krakow. The Nazis began to arrest Polish priests and religious and Father Al was interned in a concentration camp. Remarkably, he escaped after six weeks and made his way to England and then Scotland and joined the Polish Army in exile. Serving as chaplain, he took part in the invasion of Europe in 1944. His unit helped the Americans liberate concentration camps and he was moved by the kindness of the American troops.

He recalled in his later years, “Americans have very much charity. They would always share their food and cigarettes with the hungry. … For this charity, they will never be forgotten.” Father Al most certainly never forgot the United States when he returned.

With victory in Europe realized in 1945, he sought release from the Polish army to return to Poland. His mother informed him he should not return as the Soviets, who now controlled the country, were arresting priests. While in London, he met Oklahoma’s third bishop Eugene McNamara who invited him to assist in Oklahoma. Intigued by the possibility of service in such a strange and foreign environment, he gladly came to Oklahoma in December 1949 and never left.

During his priesthood, he built churches in Oklahoma. Near the end of his life, buoyed by the election of his countryman as the new pope, Father Al began to reclaim Mass in Polish at Saint Teresa in Harrah. The parish in Harrah was founded by Polish immigrants and stil in the late 1970s had many parishioners who spoke the native tongue. Father Charles Murphy recalled the joy Father Waleczek exuded during the liturgy as the opportunity was new given to pray publicly in his first language. Father Aloizy Waleczek died on April 9, 1985, at age 70 in Oklahoma City having given the Church 36 years of priestly ministry. He stated upon reflecting on his sometimes-tumultuous life, “A man should always look to the future and never look back. Looking back causes great sadness. … I am very happy in my adopted country, happy in my priesthood and have never regretted becoming a priest.”

Blessed Stanley Rother Gift Shop

December specials

Veterans’ and Active Duty Military Days: 10 percent off entire purchase on these Mondays: Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

Teachers’ Days: 10 percent off entire purchase on these Tuesdays: Dec. 4, 11 and 18.

St. Ann Center Days: 10 percent off entire purchase on these Thursdays: Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

The store will be open Saturday, Dec. 8 and 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Special: Free commemorative coin with every purchase.

Senior Citizens’ Days: (60+) 10 percent off entire purchase on these Thursdays: Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

The store will be open Saturday, Dec. 8 and 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Special: Free commemorative coin with every purchase.

The Blessed Stanley Rother Gift Shop features commemorative and religious items, stationary, icons, videos, rosaries, books and children’s gifts, some custom designed especially for the gift shop.

The Blessed Stanley Rother Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7501 Northwest Expressway, located inside the main entrance of the Catholic Pastoral Center. Call (405) 438-0271.
What are you thankful for?

In celebration of Thanksgiving, several leaders from the archdiocese talked about what they are thankful for.

Most Rev. Paul S. Coakley – Archbishop of Oklahoma City

“I am thankful for faith, family, friends and the privilege of serving the Church in Oklahoma as archbishop. I am grateful for the support of so many people, including our priests, deacons, parishioners and wonderful staff.”

Fr. Daniel Grover – Pastor, Corpus Christi, OKC

“I am thankful for all who have kept their prayers this year! I am thankful for all our Catholic school parents, teachers and faculty. I am thankful for the blessing of my priesthood, and all the gifts that God has bestowed upon me. I am thankful for our Catholic radio station that continues to spread the Good News through media, and I am thankfull to all the employees of the Catholic Pastoral Center who spend countless hours keeping our diocese moving in the right direction.”

Fr. Carson Krettenbrink – Pastor, St. Mary, Ponca City

“I am thankful for the gift of the priesthood, which is the core of my identity. I couldn’t imagine living another vocation, and I thank God every day for giving me this great gift!”

Sr. Catherine Powers, C.R.D. – Archdiocesan safe environment coordinator

“We never seem to appreciate our health until we lose it. And, when we do, or when it’s threatened, we really appreciate it. And, when we do, or when it’s threatened, we really appreciate it.”

Sr. Ray Ackerman – Pastor, St. John, Edmond

“What I am most thankful for is my family and the many years we gathered together for special occasions. I am also extremely thankful for the many people who have influenced my life over the years as well as the situations that have challenged me to continue to grow spiritually.”

Renee Porter – Principal, Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School

“We are thankful for all 123 students in our “Founding Freshmen” class, whose hard work and strength of character make them excellent ambassadors for their families, for Cristo Rey and for the community. We are thankful for our corporate partners whose generosity and vision make our school possible. And, of course, we are thankful for our teachers and faculty, who are committed to enriching the lives of our students. Most of all, we are thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed and continue to bestow on our Cristo Rey community.”

Ana Romero – Natural Family Planning coordinator, Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry

“I am thankful for prayers answered for those who have come forward to be trained as future Natural Family Planning teachers.”

Don. Larry Souss – St. Joseph, Norman; Oklahoma Catholic Radio

“I am most mindful during this season of being thankful to God, our Father, for the gift of life, the gift of faith, the gift of a loving spouse, the gift of Jesus Christ and the gift of being called to serve others as a deacon.”

Fr. Tim Fuller – Pastor, St. Philip Neri, Midwest City

“I am thankful for having been called to serve the Church as a priest for those past 25 years. I am also thankful for the opportunity to be the director of seminarians for the archdiocese and to help in the formation of our 23 young men studying for the priesthood.”

Tatia DeNegri – Principal, Mount St. Mary Catholic High School

“I am thankful for the devotion and enthusiasm of our MSM staff! Their love for The Mount is what makes each and every day incredible and so much fun. Thank you for the laughter.”

“Tis the season to give twice

OKARCHE – The Center of Family Love is asking for the Amazon Smile Wishlist for the organization’s new needs. This Christmas season, The Center of Family Love needs people whether it is by making a monetary donation, volunteering time, donating an item on a resident’s Christmas Wish List or donating an item from the organizational Amazon Smile Wishlist, The Center of Family Love needs support.

Founded in 1981 by members of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus, The Center of Family Love is a 24-hour care facility that serves intellectually and physically disabled adults. The Center provides specialized residential care with innovative educational approaches along with skilled vocational programs in Oklahoma City, Kingfisher and Ed Remo.

To give a monetary gift, call 405-263-4658, Ext. 1042, e-mail salmanl@cflinc.org or visit

http://a.co/4NeolDM and purchase an item from the center’s Amazon Smile Wishlist.

On eligible purchases, Amazon donates a portion of the proceeds back to the organization of the account holder’s choice. When people make The Center of Family Love their Amazon Smile donation recipient at smile.amazon.com, they will effortlessly donate to the organization each time they make a Smiley eligible purchase at no extra cost. All that is required to sign up is to visit smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com each time a person goes online to shop on Amazon.

Everyone also is invited to share their passions and talents with the residents at the center with the following:

• volunteering unique talents;
• joining the center’s Olympic athletes at the Special Olympics each year;
• raising money for an adopted friend by accepting The Love Challenge;
• playing games;
• cooking or baking;
• spending quality time with residents.

To volunteer at The Center of Family Love, contact Robin Cahill at rcahill@cflinc.org or 405-263-4658, Ext. 1009.

Renaissance Christmas Cactus

Available Sizes:

6.5" - $14.50
8" - $28.00

Our needlepoint items are available on Amazon in a variety of categories, including Pot Cover Colors: Red, Green, Gold, Silver, White and Holiday Print (Assorted styles).

Please call 405-263-4465 or mcorbett@cflinc.org for more information.

We also accept donations of new or gently used clothing and household items. To give a monetary gift, call 405-263-4658, Ext. 1042, e-mail salmanl@cflinc.org or visit http://a.co/4NeolDM and purchase an item from the center’s Amazon Smile Wishlist. On eligible purchases, Amazon donates a portion of the proceeds back to the organization of the account holder’s choice. When people make The Center of Family Love their Amazon Smile donation recipient at smile.amazon.com, they will effortlessly donate to the organization each time they make a Smiley eligible purchase at no extra cost. All that is required to sign up is to visit smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com each time a person goes online to shop on Amazon.

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This year of stirs up gratitude for most of us. As Thanksgiving approaches, many of us are looking back over the past year, and remaining grateful for the other name? What has many things I am grateful for. It’s our security in Christ, our friends, our family. This year we were no so, we were still unexpecting box. This year feels much more settled, and it has been going back to show my friends and blessings both at home and at work. After twenty years of being in this field for discipleship we can discuss during this time of Thanksgiving.

The first is that of one of the key earmarks of a disciple is gratitude. It’s the very foundation of gratitude. Spiritual writers often encourage one to "step up" gratitude in their heart as they enter this Thanksgiving.

The reason for this is because gratitude is often seen as a spiritual fruit. In Galatians 5:22 it states, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

One of the required personnel. Bachelor’s degree and in conjunction with other hospital visitors and hospital employees contact Angelica at (405) 235-2037.

Hiring a part-time religious education director - OKC Regional director, St. Anthony CristoReyOKC.org or at the school.

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A principios de este mes, viajé a Baltimore para la Asamblea Plenaria de Otoño de la Conferencia Episcopal de Estados Unidos. En el transcurso de la Asamblea, los obispos se reunieron en Baltimore en consulta, discutieron y tomaron decisiones y acciones que afectan a la vida de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos. Fui con un sentido de anticipación y expectativa, esperando que la Asamblea plenaria de Otoño de la Conferencia Episcopal de Estados Unidos sería una experiencia laica, para ser superada en su experiencia, la experiencia que vivimos con un grupo de jóvenes católicos en la Asamblea de Ciudadanía de la Juventud Católica. La esperanza y el compromiso renovados. Creo que tenemos un futuro más fuerte y que la Iglesia mundial, la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos sea capaz de enfrentar la crisis moral, aplicando el Espíritu de verdad y la disposición ansiosa con la verdad completa'. Jesús enseña a sus discípulos: “Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nuestra cultura actual parece estar ahogada en mentiras, ha tenido un escándalo del Arzobispo McCarrick y ver la respuesta de la USCCB, hizo un anuncio de apertura que establecía un protocolo para los obispos. Finalizar el Estándares Nacionales para la protección de menores con el título “Giornale per i bambini” en diciembre de 1882, cuando una publicación infantil con el título “Giornale per i bambini”.
Suicide prevention training

Catholic Charities encourages parishes to participate in mental health awareness training. A free one-hour suicide prevention training provides three simple steps to reach someone who may be feeling hopeless. Professional counseling is also available. Contact St. Joseph Counseling Center at (405) 524-0969.

Miracles of Mercy

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Estate planning seminar

at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Francis

at (405) 524-0969.

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A Domestic Church information session will be presented by Alex and Sarah Schumf at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in the St. Eugene rectory, 10716 Greystone Ave., OKC. Cheese and wine served. Free childcare is available. RSVP to Nicole Hughes at (405) 361-2359, or pyardley@steugenes.org.

90th anniversary Mass

Immaculate Conception, Semin
de the church’s 90th anniversary with a Mass at 2 p.m. Dec. 8 followed by a reception.

EFL Level I and advanced

A 16-week English Second

language session will begin in

January and follow the St. Eugene

school calendar. Childcare is avail-
able on Tuesday and Thursday

evenings. Level I classes. Registra-
tion deadline Jan. 4. Space limit-
ed. Contact Patty Vineyard at (405) 751-7115, Ext. 172, or pyardley@steugenes.org.

Faith and Alle

igence Initiative

The St. Eugene Faith and Alle
giance Initiative offers assistance
to current and former service mem-
bers and their families. On Jan. 6 representatives from Cath-

olic Charities, Heartline 2-1-1, St. Eugene Small Communities

of Faith, Habitat for Humanity and the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs will be available after all Masses in Ross Hall. They will offer a way to connect with others who have served, and be a resource for former service mem-

bers. Contact Patty Dearden at

pyardley@steugenes.org.

20, 28

Eucharist” and “The First Society, 

Dec. 1 in two talks, “The Fourth

cles of Mercy” 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

First Friday Sacred Heart

Mass at the Catholic Pasto-

ral Center. Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament 5:30 p.m.;

reconciliation prior to 7 p.m.

Mass. Call (405) 721-8944, (405) 528-6272.

8 Solitude of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary.

The Miracle of Mercy in Marriage.”

The Catholic Foundation of

Oklahoma will be hosting an es-
tate planning seminar, 8 a.m. to

Noon Nov. 28 at the Catholic Past-
toral Center. Presenter in Douglas

Stanclay, partner by Brynn Cave

Lightburn Parnier in St. Louis, Mo. 

Topics covered: “Updates on Trust 

Modifications,” “Non-Judicial Set-
tlement Agreements” and “Trust 

Decanting and Donee Advised 

Funds.” Register at www.cfok.org/ 
estate-planning. Contact (405) 721-4115.

Miracles of Mercy

Scott Hahn will present “Miracles of Mercy” 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Dec. 1 in two talks, “The Fourth Cup, The Miracle of Mercy in the Eucharist” and “The Feast Society, The Miracle of Mercy in Marriage.” Tickets $15. Register at spokane-
ter.com/Yukon. Contact Jonathan

McGovern at (740) 264-9535.

Domestic Church

A Domestic Church information

session will be presented by Alex

and Sarah Schumf at 6:30 p.m. 

Dec. 4 in the St. Eugene rectory,

10716 Greystone Ave., OKC. 

Cheese and wine served. Free

childcare is available. RSVP to

Nicole Hughes at (405) 361-2359,
or pyardley@steugenes.org.

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Are you looking?

By Sally Cross Nash

During the recent EWTN Catholic Radio Conference held in Birmingham, Ala., many of the regularly-featur ed programs heard on Oklahoma Catholic Radio were broadcast live from the conference. David Anders of “Call to Com munion” likened Catholic radio listeners and supporters to “a family” with Catholic radio their “savior of love” born out of a missionary heart, like that of Saint Paul.

OKC President Jeff Fennell and his wife Kathy recently returned from the 19th annual conference. Oklahoma Catholic Broad-casting was just beginning to expand beyond Oklahoma City – OKCBS in Lawton was just about to be built – when the Fennells attended their first conference in 2011. The confer-

ence gives the EWTN affiliates a chance to unite with each other and share what families share: their stories, their trials, best practices and new ideas.

At the conference in 2011, Jeff Fennell recalled, “I met some key people who helped us get OKCBS on the air.” Jeff went on to say, “Everyone at the conference was willing to share everything they know to help the others attending the confer-

ence.”

I have got to believe that is the Holy Spirit at work because such cooperation is not natural to the human spirit. All of us tend to want to protect our own first even when we are engaged in God’s work of evangelization!

The Holy Spirit shows us that “love” born out of a missionary heart, like that of Saint Paul. Christ opens us to generosity in ways that we never knew were possible. And he just asks a sacrifice of us!

We will take what we’ve learned and translate it into some new projects for 2019.

Sooner Catholic

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7 Feast of St. Ambrose.

8 The Red Plains Benedictine

Oblates of Mt. St. Scholastica, 

Neosho, 2:30 p.m., Rm. A/B, 

St. Charles Borromeo, 5024 N.

Grove Ave. Contact (405)

365-5665, jmmartinsh@

yahoo.com.

8 Immaculate Conception, Semin
de, 90th anniversary Mass at 

2 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 5:00PM

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF PERFECT LOVE

FEAST RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE COCERN

RSVP by December 5 at rsvp@archokc.org or 405-709-2745

Calendar

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priests and other church workers accused of sex abuse.

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The bishops voted for passage of the charter, but he stressed that more needs to be done. “We can never be complacent. We must recommit to the ongoing care of all victims in their healing,” Father Whitehouse said.

During a late-afternoon open discussion on the crisis, the case of Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick posed the most daunting questions for the bishops.

Several said they had been hearing from people in the pews and that the laity’s questions revolved around how the hierarchy could allow Archbishop McCarrick to gain so much influence and rise to the highest ranks of the church hierarchy if they knew of the abuse of which he is accused. The former cardinal-abtishop of Washington is accused of abusing a minor decades ago and having sexual contact with seminarians in more recent years. He resigned over the allegations. During the discussion, there also were calls for bishops to examine their relationship with Jesus and with God and to ask themselves what it means to be a shepherd in their dioceses.

The bishops also heard presentations on proposals for addressing the abuse crisis, so they could discuss them, even though the Vatican had requested they postpone voting on them. The proposals include establishing standards of episcopal accountability, including calls for review of complaints against bishops for violations of the accountability standards; and establishing a process for safeguarding victims, requiring that the persons accused of sexual misconduct made against them or for grave negligence in office. The bishops also heard from Heather Banis, a trauma psychologist who is victim assistance coordinator for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. She told them that anyone who survives of child sex abuse heal is a journey that involves showing them repeated trustworthiness. It begins with listening, understanding, offering responses, showing that they, the victim-survivors, are believed, she said.

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