ADF Campaign
Begins Feb. 5-6
In Archdiocese

A Prayer for the ADF

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost
love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will with one will
To do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me,
Glow with thy fire divine.

An old Christian Hymn by Edwin Hatch
Dated from 1878
Sunrise Magazine, April/May 2001
The Good News

Sunday, Feb. 6 is due to our 2011 ADF Appeal. The Archdiocesan Development Fund Appeal is the principal source of income for the combined works of the Church of our Archdiocese. The success or failure of the ADF greatly determines the budget for the Catholic faith ministries for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City for the next fiscal year.

I am very pleased that through our 18 years as your Archbishop, you have made every ADF Appeal a success. Prior to the economic downturn a few years ago, we actually reached the $3 million goal. Unfortunately, the past two years — due to the economy affecting all of us, we fell a little short. However, it was successful, I am grateful to all who so generously contributed. I you and you continue to pray for you.

Since this 2011 ADF Appeal will be the last financial campaign I will conduct, I wish to use this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude to you. My thanks to all who so generously contributed. I have come to recognize the vibrancy of faith in our parishes across the entire Archdiocese. I am pleased beyond words to be so inspired by you.

ADF — Thanks

Because faith does demand a response from us, personally, we should all feel invited by the works of the Lord and His Church to provide all that we can. Our Catholic faith is a tremendous gift from God. Jesus established the Church so that you and I could hear His Word and celebrate the sacraments He instituted. In this way, we are incorporated into the Body of Christ and enabled to grow in our knowledge and love of God. However, growth in faith is not an automatic result of being a Catholic. Growth in faith depends on our response to the Lord and to His teachings and commandments. Our response must be freely made out of love and respect. In this way we grow in knowledge and love of God as we develop a very personal relationship with Jesus Who is our Lord. Our Catholic faith then is an instrument from God which assists us on the pilgrimage of life on this earth to everlasting life in heaven.

Procedurally, because faith is a gift from God waiting for a response from us, our words and actions and sacrifices are intimate to our faith life. There is no doubt but that our responses to God must include our own efforts and commitments. It is not sufficient just to say “Lord, Lord,” but we must also do the works of the Lord!

Because faith does demand a response from us personally, we should all feel invited by the works of the Lord and His Church to provide all that we can. This is exactly the reason our Archdiocese has an annual appeal for funds called ADF. Through this one a year commitment which is payable over the next 10 months, we literally do provide all the ministries and services of the Church of our Archdiocese. Therefore, I can truly say that a contribution to the ADF is a visible sign of our faith belief and practice.

Again, I thank every one of you for your generous responses to my previous ADF Appeals. I urge and challenge all Catholics of this Archdiocese to make a financial commitment to the current ADF Appeal. Please consider making a pledge of $25 or $50 or even $100 a month to our diocese to make a financial commitment to the current ADF Appeal. Please consider making a pledge of $25 or $50 or even $100 a month to this year’s ADF Appeal. Can I count on you? Thank you.

Installation Services For Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

Admission to these events will be by invitation and ticket only. More information on the live-streaming video will be given in the next edition of The Sooner Catholic and on the Archdiocesan website, www.catharchdioceseok.org.

We are also inviting all members of the Archdiocese to pray for Archbishop-designate Coakley by joining in a nine-day novena, beginning on Feb. 2. The Feast of the Presentation. The novenas prayers will be given to all parishes for distribution to parishioners and will also be available on the Archdiocesan website.

The Sooner Catholic is supported through the Archdiocesan Development Fund.
The ministry of “Giving” is the basis that allows all the other ministries to successfully reach and satisfy and support the “Life” needs of everyone in this Archdiocese — families, individuals, married or unmarried, men and women, adults, teens and children.

As God’s “Chosen,” we are blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit and the many gifts and talents bestowed upon us. The manifestation of the Spirit comes to each of us for the common good. We are to serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us in proportion to the gift that God has bestowed upon us. The man-ifestation of the Spirit comes to each of us for the common good. We are to serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us in proportion to the gift that God has bestowed upon us. The man-ifestation of the Spirit comes to each of us for the common good. We are to serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us in proportion to the gift that God has bestowed upon us. The man-ifestation of the Spirit comes to each of us for the common good. We are to serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us in proportion to the gift that God has bestowed upon us. The man-ifestation of the Spirit comes to each of us for the common good. We are to serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us in proportion to the gift that God has bestowed upon us. The man-ifestation of the Spirit comes to each of us for the common good. We are to serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us in proportion to the gift that God has bestowed upon us. The man-
ADF Appeal 2011
Archdiocesan Ministries
Thrive Through Support
From Catholic Faithful

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Religious Education Office staff assists the leadership in catechetical ministry in parishes and Catholic schools by offering pastoral guidance and consultation services, providing programming resources, and supervising and evaluating catechetical programs. In addition, the staff provides opportunities through teleconferencing equipment. This allows courses to be taught at nearly every parishes and schools and other sites, including new satellite sub-sites offered to parishes and schools. Courses are offered at several sites including new satellite sub-sites offered through teleconferencing equipment.

The office further works to fulfill the Archbishop, the priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Archdiocesan Ministries and the Chancellor, serving as the archival arm of the Archdiocese.

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The Office of Pastoral Ministry offers two degree programs in the education and formation of persons interested in ministry in their local church. Program courses may also be taken for personal enrichment or for continuing education. The Pastoral Ministry Program courses are also accepted as part of catechetical and sound formation. Programs and courses are offered at several sites including new satellite sub-sites offered through teleconferencing equipment. The allows courses to be taught at the Pastoral Center and simultaneously attended at regional sites with Internet connections.

Library and Media Center is a lending library for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and a participant in the various programs sponsored by the Catholic Church in western Oklahoma. In support of Catholic education, almost 11,000 books are available to lend as well as 3,000 videos/DVDs with over 1,000 audio tapes to listen to, plus there are assorted magazines and reference books for use in the library. The library is on the second floor east wing of the Catholic Pastoral Center.

Office of Family Life offers marriage preparation and enrichment courses (in English and in Spanish), as well as ministry to the bereaved, to the divorced, to the separated, to marriages in crisis and also gives instruction in natural family planning. It is involved as well in various works promoting pre-life issues. In essence, the Office of Family Life enhances the Church's vital role in the promotion of family as a culture that is increasingly hostile through the hosting of conferences, workshops and retreats covering the areas of convalidacion, engagement encounters, beginning marriage with children, beginning experiences after being a loved one (by separation, divorce or death), healing after abortion and cross pregnancy situations.

Office of Hispanic Ministry supports the growth of spiritual formation and administration of the Spanish-speaking Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Activities include: Archdiocesan and parochial events, events in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City; the Cursillo Movement; a Sunday Spanish Masses are celebrated; Spanish materials for baptisms, Quinceaneras, weddings, funerals, videos and Bible paraphrase; study support; support for Hispanic parish leaders via retreats and workshops; family faith formation and Natural Family Planning; hosting the Cursillo Movement; a Sunday Spanish radio program, and providing ministry to parishes and hospitals.

Youth and Young Adult Office responds to the needs of Catholic youth and young adults and to involve them in sharing their unique gifts with the larger community Activities to carry out these missions are summer camp, regional conferences, retreats, promoting Scouting and Camp Fire religious emblems awards, young adult activities and formation.

The office further works to fulfill their mission by providing training and consultative options for youth ministry for all parishes in the Archdiocese. Also, it sponsors a number of direct services for the youth, the trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference, youth cookouts, Youth Advisory Board (with members from the nine Archdiocesan regions), the National Evangelization Team, which provide retreats for parishes and adults involved in the National Certification Program.

Office of Ministries provides vital functions for the church and the faithful. The office contains Ministries of the Vicar General, the Vicar for Ministries and the Chancellor, serving the Archdiocese, the priest of the Archdiocese.
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Archdiocesan and parish level. In addition, it coordi-
nates the Archdiocese’s educational and training
efforts including educational programs for youth,
training and continuing educational programs for
priests and those ministered to youth, and de-
veloping educational materials for parents. It is also
responsible for maintaining and responding to calls
to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hotline
(open 24 hours a day), providing effective responses
to allegations of abuse, coordinating assistance to
victims of abuse for healing and reconciliation.

Office of Worship and Spiritual Life is to
support, enhance and enable the prayer experi-
ence (communal and personal), for all the faithful of
the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Staff and services
provided enhances the work of the various liturgical
and spiritual ministries within the Archdiocese.
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diocesan, deacon, catechist leaders and for
liturgical leaders, and aids in the spiritual growth
both for individuals and parish groups.

Office of Tribunal of the Archdiocese of
Oklahoma City and the Interdiocesan
Tribunal for the Province of Oklahoma City
are Church courts. The work of Church Tribunals
and the procedures to be followed are specified by
the Canon Law of the Church. Unlike most other
Dioceses, this Archdiocese subsidizes the expense of
Tribunals that the marriage bond did not and could
ting church marriages, teach in adult education
Catholic because one of the parties wishes to marry
make a Catholic and went to join the Catholic Church.
The major portion of the work is processing petitions
for annulments, a declaration from a church
tribunal that the marriage bond did not and could
not come to be. After annulment is granted, then
both parties are free to remarry in the church. The
Church presumes marriages of a man and a woman
Catholic or not, as binding until proven otherwise.

Casas have different grounds and different
processes based on cir-
cumstances. Trained and
classified case lawyers
and support staff with
propriate equipment are
required to review the
tests in each of the
cases. The ADF keeps
the cost from being
shared by the couples.

Office of Vocations: primary tasks are to
recruit candidates for the seminary and then to
assist with the formation of Archdiocesan semina-
tes. This work is done under the guidance of the
Archbishop with the assistance of the
archdiocesan Code of Conduct and other policies
adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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Office of Safe Environment was established
in 2003 to fulfill the mission and obligation to protect
children and young people in accordance with the
Archdiocese Code of Conduct and other policies
adapts the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The
office provides screening and background checks as
also an adjunct to the Office of the Ministries. The
office for the Archdiocese and compiles and main-
Bible study and discerns the Archdiocese’s educational and training
Archbishop Beltran visiting Sacred Heart School.
GOAL for 2011

The Archdiocesan Development Fund Appeal for 2011 has set its goal at $3 million. This goal, if reached, will provide 48 percent of the annual expenses. After distributing $500,000 to Catholic schools, all the remaining funds go to the Operating Budget. Please open your hearts and give generously to this ADF Appeal and help develop the “Life” of this Archdiocese.
Desarrollando la Vida de la Arquidiócesis a través del Ministerio

By Tom Maxwell
Executive Director of the ADF

ADF Solicitación de fondos de 2011

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Todos los que Él ‘Vida’, ‘Espíritu’, ‘Fíos’, ‘Mental’ y ‘Emocional’, se desarrollo a través de los ministerios de los cuales se pueden apoyar a través del Ministerio

El ministerio del “dar” se lo base en el hecho que todos los otros ministerios alcancen, complazcan y apoyen a aquellos que nos fueron dados por Él y que debemos usar y compartir ayudando a desarrollar la vida de la Arquidiócesis a través del Ministerio.

Ya que debemos usar y compartir ayudando a desarrollar la vida de la Arquidiócesis a través del Ministerio. Permite que el Espíritu Santo capture nuestro corazón, nuestra voluntad. Permite que Él nos use como un instrumento donde necesitamos o queremos estar, nos abrimos a la realización del amor de Dios. ¿Es porque la aceptación y el cumplimiento de Él nos abre las puertas de las oaciones, los sueños, las esperanzas, el amor, el crecimiento en el amor de Dios nos enriquece sin entusiasmo, sin saber de lo que Dios viene a tocarnos, nos da una pasión por Dios que abre nuestros ojos espirituales para ver lo precioso que el amor de Dios es en realidad.

No sabemos de dónde la inspiración vendrá. Puede que el Espíritu Santo regrese a nuestra vida. Puede que el amor de Dios nos llame y nos abra las puertas de otras oaciones donde necesitamos o queremos estar, nos abrimos a la realización del amor de Dios. ¿Es porque la aceptación y el cumplimiento de Él nos abre las puertas de las oaciones, los sueños, las esperanzas, el amor, el crecimiento en el amor de Dios nos enriquece sin entusiasmo, sin saber de lo que Dios viene a tocarnos, nos da una pasión por Dios que abre nuestros ojos espirituales para ver lo precioso que el amor de Dios es en realidad.

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Donde de nuestras manos, los resultados de los dones y talentos que hemos recibido, no es una decisión cálcula. Entregar nuestros tesoros, tiempo y talento es una respuesta motiva do por un deseo de compartir el gran e infinito amor de Dios por nosotros - permita que los otros sean un minis tres, un canal para ayudarle a mostrarle Su amor a los que menos reciben. Este amor que nos llena fortaleza, la bendición de la Arquidiócesis y nuestras Iglesias Católica y sus ministerios - ayudando a desarrollar la “Vida” de la Arquidiócesis.
Today, as Catholic people, we must do. Whatever role God gives us in our everyday life situations is our opportunity to reach happiness and fulfillment. Whether we are a child or a parent, a teacher or a student, a public figure or a private person, we are all God’s people. Each of us is called to love God, to live a good and a holy life. As we live our ordinary human lives today, God is calling us to know Him better, to love Him more and to serve Him by fulfilling our ordinary daily obligations to each other.

My dear Filipino Catholic people, as good as we can rejoice in heaven together with the Baby Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph as our Holy Family all united in God forever.

Priest Travels Each Week From Texas To Celebrate Mass for State Filipinos

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Filipino Catholic community of Oklahoma celebrated Mass with Apostolic Administrator Archbishop Beltran as the principal celebrant on Jan. 16. The Mass was the fourth annual celebration held by the community on the Feast of the Holy Infant Jesus.

Father Sam Licanda, assigned to the Filipino Catholic community of Oklahoma, and Monsignor Edward J. Weisenburg, V.G., co-celebrated the Mass at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help where the monsignor serves as pastor.

Hundreds of Filipinos gathered for the Mass, many carrying dolls of the Holy Infant Jesus. At the conclusion of Mass, Archbishop Beltran summoned those with the Christ dolls to the front of the altar where he offered a special blessing.

Following Mass, the Sunday festival was celebrated in the Connor Center and featured traditional Filipino food and entertainment.

Father Licanda is assigned to Fort Worth but has driven faithfully each Sunday to Saint Paul the Apostle Church in Del City where he has celebrated Mass for the Filipino Catholic community of Oklahoma.

Archbishop Beltran congratulated the community for its faith and the growth it has experienced.
Father Thomas O'Toole Dies January 12 in Ardmore

Reverend Thomas O'Toole, Roman Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, died Jan. 12, 2011, in Ardmore at the age of 68. Father O'Toole was born in Coral Gables, Fla., on June 7, 1942, to Thomas and Margaret Kloth O'Toole. He was a dedicated son and brother and embraced the Roman Catholic Church at an early age. Father O'Toole’s zest for life was genuine and greater than many. His friends were an important part of his life and he garnered great satisfaction in ministering to his family, friends and parishioners. He enjoyed sharing people how to enjoy life while serving God.

Father O'Toole attended parochial schools in Great Neck, N.Y., Washington, D.C., and Maryland. He obtained a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy at St. John Vianney Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y., a master's degree in theology from Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo., and a bachelor’s degree in Sacred Theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. On May 31, 1969, he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, which began his 41 years of service, he served the parishes of Saint Thomas More University Church, Norman; Saint Eugene Church, Oklahoma City; Saint Joseph Church and missions; Homosassa Christ the King (in-residence); Saint Charles Borromeo Church, Oklahoma City; Saint John the Baptist Church, Edmond; Saint Ann Church and missions; Elgin; Saint Matthew Church and missions, Elk City; and Saint Peter Church and missions, Woodward. In 2001, Father O’Toole was assigned to Saint Mary Church, Ardmore, and the mission of Saint Cecilia Church, Healdton, where he served until his death. During the 2000’s, he also pastored Holy Cross Church, Madill, Good Shepherd Church, Morris, and the Church of St. Anthony, Tushong.

Since his ordination, Father O’Toole had also served the Archdiocese as a member of the Archdiocesan Tribunal, as a Regional Vicar (Region V and Region VI), and as a member of numerous Archdiocesan committees and councils, including the Clergy Education Committee, the Finance Committee and the Seminary Board.

Father O’Toole also served as executive director of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and Archdiocesan Development Fund, and as secretary-treasurer and CEO of the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma Inc. In addition, he was an active member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Southwestern Lieutenancy.

Father O’Toole was the author of a book, “The Church Learns — The People Learn,” published by Alba House in 1973, and several articles.

Father O’Toole is survived by his sister, Patricia O. Nicholas of Redlands Beach, Calif.; a niece, Regina Marie Nicholas Beckman; a nephew, Michael Gary Nichols; and a host of friends and parishioners who loved him.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 17, 2011, at Saint Mary Church, Ardmore. The Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran was the principal celebrant. Many of the priests of the Archdiocese co-celebrated. The homily was given by Deacon Paul Albert, Saint Matthew Church, Elk City. Father O’Toole was laid to rest in Ardmore on Jan. 18, 2011. Reverend Russell L. Heeres, pastor at Saint Joseph Church, Ada, officiated.

Saint Ann Celebrates Ninth Anniversary

OKLAHOMA CITY — Saint Ann Retirement Center celebrated its ninth anniversary on Jan. 15 with Mass said by Apostolic Administrator Archbishop Eusebius Beltran. The independent and assisted living center at 7501 W. Britton Road has been virtually filled to capacity since its opening.

Father Price Grimes has served as chaplain at Saint Ann since it opened. He co-celebrated Mass with Archbishop Beltran as did Father Louis Lamb.

Following Mass, Sid Espinoza, executive director at Saint Ann, welcomed residents, family and guests to a reception where gifts were presented to Archbishop Beltran and his longtime assistant, Carol Davito. Both received beautiful clocks with personalized inscriptions thanking them for their dedication to Saint Ann. Davito told the audience she would “cherish” the clock, while Archbishop Beltran joked the gift was intended to keep him from being late.

Richard Amend, who serves as director of missions and community relations at Saint Ann, thanked all those who have contributed to the success of the retirement center. He recognized those residents, employees and volunteers who have been at Saint Ann since it first opened its doors.

Archbishop Beltran, above, celebrates Mass at Saint Ann Retirement Center with Father Price Grimes and Father Louis Lamb; con-celebrating, at right, Sid Espinoza, executive director of Saint Ann, welcomes all to the anniversary celebration. Far right, Saint Ann residents participate in the Eucharistic Celebration.
ACCW To Offer Bus Ride For Rose Day at Capitol

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will again provide bus transportation for those wishing to attend Rose Day.

Rose Day will be held Feb. 9 at the state Capitol. It is a pro-life event that each year draws thousands of pro-life supporters, many of them Catholic, to the Capitol. Participants encourage elected state lawmakers to support pro-life legislation and oppose that which is detrimental to life.

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. at Saint Francis Parish, 1901 NW 18th St. A light brunch will be offered at no charge in the Kelley Room following Mass. The bus will leave for the Capitol at 9:30 a.m. and will return mid-afternoon.

Participants are asked to bring four roses. One rose will be given to the governor, one to the lieutenant governor and one each to your respective state senator and representative.

Currie Taylor, documentary filmmaker, is scheduled to address the Rose Day audience at 11 a.m. Taylor’s film, “Life After Abortion,” describes the pain suffered by many women and men following their participation in an abortion of their child.

To reserve a spot on the bus, contact June at 525-6904 or Shirley at 1-405-725-8051. Cost is $12 and has to be paid at the time of reservation.

VATICAN Responds to Egypt

VATICAN CITY (CNA/EWTN News) — The Holy See has no desire to escalate conflict or strain diplomatic relations, Vatican spokesman Father Federico Lombardi said Jan. 11 in response to the Egyptian government's recall of its ambassador to the Holy See. The action by the Egyptian government took place after Egypt temporarily recalled its ambassador to the Holy See. The one-man drama commemorates the life and legacy of Pope John Paul II, taking the audience on an inspiring journey through the most formative years of Karol Wojtyla’s young adulthood growing up in Nazi Occupied Poland during World War II.

For information or tickets, call (405) 728-7888. We are also in need of embroidered neck pillows, wheelchairs and walkers. If you have any of these items or know of anyone who does, please ask them to contact Linda Harris, Director of Nursing at St. Anne’s Home.

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Supporting Seminarian Formation

The Seminarian Burse Fund at the Catholic Foundation continues to ensure financial resources are available for seminarians of the Archdiocese. Last year, contributions of $122,000 did not cover the expenses of over $600,000 to support our seminarians during their graduate educational years. Income from the Fund helps to make up the difference. Your gift to any of the named Burse Funds at the Catholic Foundation will help to ensure we have an abundance of priests for our Archdiocese in the future. The Foundation’s mission is to continue to invest in the future of our faith. It takes your planned gift to insure that future. Please give serious consideration to include the Catholic Seminarian Burse Fund when making your estate plan.

For more information on Planned Giving contact: The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc.

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Please Remember the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in Your Estate Plans
Time to Register for Spring Pastoral Ministry Classes

It’s time to register for spring Pastoral Ministry classes. Some courses will be offered at five sites via video conferencing. Students will be able to attend at any site — Catholic Pastoral Center, Oklahoma City; St. Francis Xavier, Enid; Holy Family, Lawton, with Sheila Mueller; St. Peter, Woodward; St. Mary, Clinton; John Warren.

Core Courses
THEO 1003 INTRODUCTION TO OLD TESTAMENT, Tuesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., available at all locations, Lee Hunt.

This course is a study of the law, prophetic, historical books and wisdom literature of the Old Testament using analytical methods of contemporary scholarship. Each book will be studied within its own social-political and cultural context, as a product of the Jewish faith community and an expression of Yahweh’s revelation. No prerequisite.

THEO 4003 CHRISTOLOGY, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., available at OKC, Vince Brady.

Students investigate the answers given in Scripture and ecclesial tradition to Jesus’ question, “Who do you say I am?” Beginning with Gospel Christological and tracing developments in Christological doctrine through the Councils of Nicaea and Chalcedon, this course gives a firm foundation for examining recent Christological proposals found among today’s leading theologians. Emphasis is given to seeing Christian belief, worship and moral practice as having its ground and legitimacy in the Church’s fundamental Christological convictions. Prerequisite: Ordinarily after five courses in the program. This will be waived for this location at this time.

Elective Courses
THEO 4883 THE PROPHETS, Thursday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., available at OKC, Woodward, Clinton and Lawton, with Sheila Mueller.

This course is a study of prophecy in ancient Israel and its role in how the people of Israel understood themselves. The course explores prophetic traditions in their context, the great prophetic voices and their messages, and the relevance of biblical prophecy today. Note: This course is offered for those who have taken previous Scripture courses and want an in-depth study of one part of the Scriptures. It is ideal for continuing education and/or personal enrichment.

For a complete schedule, more information or to register, contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, (405) 721-4208 or 800-721-5651 Ext. 131, or catharchdioceseok.org.
St. Greg’sAbbott Offers
Benediction During Historic
Oklahoma Inauguration

OKLAHOMA CITY — St. Gregory’s had a role in a historic ceremony at the state Capitol. The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B., Chancellor of St. Gregory’s University and Abbot of St. Gregory’s Abbey, was invited to offer the benediction at the Jan. 10 inauguration of Gov. Mary Fallin. She is the first female to serve as governor of Oklahoma.

“Today we come before you with special gratitude as we celebrate this momentous day in our common history,” Abbot Lawrence said in his benediction. “Father, we are never beyond the gaze of your watchful eye, the ear of your loving heart, or the reach of your guiding hand. Knowing this, we ask you now for your blessing upon us all as we celebrate the inauguration of Gov. Mary Fallin in her service to the people of Oklahoma.”

Like Fallin, Abbot Lawrence is from Tecumseh. As lieutenant governor, Fallin spoke on behalf of the state of Oklahoma at Abbot Lawrence’s inauguration as president of SGU in 2000.

“It is a great honor to participate in the inauguration ceremonies in this way, giving voice to the prayers and hopes of all Oklahomans as Gove Fallin begins her tenure in office,” Abbot Lawrence said. “She and I both share a love for our hometown of Tecumseh, and I am pleased that she involved people from Tecumseh and Pottawatomie County in this historic event.”

Abbot Lawrence was elected the 10th abbot of St. Gregory’s Abbey in 2006 and served as SGU’s president from 2000 to 2007. He graduated from St. Gregory’s College in 1984, entering the novitiate at St. Gregory’s Abbey shortly after. Abbot Lawrence was ordained to the priesthood in 1994 and has since served the university and abbey in a variety of ways.

Brother Simeon Spitz, O.S.B., speaks Jan. 8 during the “Thy Kingdom Come” Catholic Youth Conference at St. Gregory’s University. More than 100 high school students from across the state attended the three-day event, which included a vocational fair, an all-night adoration prayer vigil and a concert by Christian musician Lake Spehar. Brother Simeon, an SGU alumnus and St. Gregory’s Abbey monk, gave four presentations that focused on the kingdom of God and the challenges and blessings it holds today and in the days to come. (Photo by Brother George Hubl, O.S.B.)
23 Holy Trinity Annual Chicken Dinner, 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Oklahoma. Cost is $6 for adults and $4 for children, no charge for children under the age of 4.

24 Pilgrimage Sunday. Mass begins at 11 a.m., noon lunch, 1 p.m. Novena process to Infant Jesus of Prague, Litanies of the Infant Jesus and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague is located at St. Wenceslaus Church at 204 Jim Thorpe Blvd., Prague. (405) 567-3589.

25 Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, NW 32nd and Western, every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

26 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Epiphany Parish, every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

27 Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday night from 5 p.m. to midnight at St. Gregory’s Chapel, St. Gregory’s Monastery, Shawnee. The evening will begin with Mass at 5 p.m. with adoration to follow. Included is vespers with the monks.

28-30 Marriage Encounter is a program designed to give you and your spouse a special opportunity to examine your life together and your strengths and your limitations. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 724-5944.

29 Retreat Doing Away With Shame with Marie Smallman, OSB, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come to a safe environment to take another look at the guilt and shame that you may still be curving from past events. Fee $40 ($10 deposit). Place: Red Flame Spirituality Center – Library. Bring a sack lunch.

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4-6 “Saints in Our Midst” Oklahoma Catholic Student Conference at St. Gregory’s University, Seminaries. Registration begins at 6 p.m. in the Rockwood Center Cost: $40. For more information, contact SGU Campus Minister Victor Pede at (405) 878-5148 or via e-mail at vpede@stgregorys.edu.

4 First Friday Adoration at St. Francis of Assisi in Oklahoma City. After the 7:30 a.m. Mass, and concludes at 5:30 p.m. with closing prayer and Benediction. This is open to all. St. Francis is located at 1910 NW 19th (two blocks east of Penn), Oklahoma City 73103.

4 Holy Family Home Mass, 11:30 a.m., Holy Family Home, 6621 Edie Drive, Midwest City. To confirm that Mass will be held that day and for directions, contact the HFHM at 444-7419.

4 First Friday Sacred Heart Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available prior to Mass. Mass is at 7 p.m. For more information, please call the Office of Family Life at (405) 724-4696, or Diane Grimm at (405) 528-6252.

5 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Seder (Lavash Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta meet in the Council Room at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, Edmond. The first and third Saturday of each month beginning at Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. For more information, contact Toni Harrison, LMC, at (405) 341-2199 or lmcmarkoklahoma@msn.com.

5 Rosary Bandstand Auction. The auction will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. in the gym. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Auction opens at 7:45 p.m. Dress up in your ‘50s poodle skirts and black leather jackets and enter our best costume contest. Prizes for best costumes: mens, womens and group costumes.

5 More reservation online at www.rosaryschool.com.

5 Oklahoma state-certified. Contact Karen Carter, Principal, Christ the King Catholic School, 943-3109, or send completed Archdiocesan applications to 1905 Elmhurst Ave., Oklahoma City 73120.

Archdiocesan Library, Media Center Opening

The Department of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma seeks a qualified person for the Archdiocesan Library and Media Center. This position involves approximately 10 hours per week including Saturday hours. The library, located at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7611 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, provides print and video resources for the various religious education programs in schools and parishes, for youth and adults, and for the ministry formation programs offered by the Archdiocese. Qualifications include a college degree, experience in library work, knowledge of word processing and data base entry, strong organizational and people skills and a general understanding of Catholic theology and religious education for youth and adults. A degree in religious education or a related field preferred. Experience preferred. Contact Sister Catherine Powers, Director of Education, at (405) 721-4122 or via e-mail at cpowers@catharchdioceseokc.org.

Resumes accepted until position filled.

Director of Religious Education St. Francis of Assisi Parishes in Oklahoma City is accepting applications for a dynamic Director of Religious Education. Full-time position and benefits. Starting June 2011. Experience preferred. Degree in religious education, theology or equivalent degree required. Application and job description available by calling the parish office at (405) 528-0483. Send application, resume and references to ISBE Search Committee, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 901 W. NW 16th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73106.
Homily Calls For Communion With Our Lord, One Another

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Gospel John 6:47-58

Response "The Lord is My Shepherd"

First Reading 2 Peter 3:13-18 (end)

Homily, Corpus Christi Church

Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran
Apostolic Administrator
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

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OKLAHOMA CITY — The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City celebrated the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 17 at Corpus Christi Parish. The celebration began with a prayer of unity and peace led by Father Jack Zupez, S.J., pastor of Corpus Christi.

The prayer was followed by multiple artistic demonstrations. The Corpus Christi Liturgical Dancers opened the artistic portion of the celebration. Dressed in purple and black, the five young women share a reverent dance of unity.

After the dance, Freddy Ketcho shared a moving song and poem dedicated to Dr. King in which she spoke of Dr. King, who “sought to open limitless horizons” as well as the “demigods who … still brand us as inferior folk.” Finally, she exhorted Dr. King to “give us a sign that, along with God, you have not forgotten.”

The Adelma Primavera Guatemalan dance group followed the song and poem presented by Ketcho. Composed of four young girls in traditional Guatemalan dresses with black hair braided down their backs, the group presented a dance demonstrating the beauty of their heritage.

Next to perform was the Mexican Folkloric dance group. The two young girls with white lace tops, crimson skirts, white boots and beautiful gold earrings that framed their faces danced to Mariachi-style music. After completing their two dances, they reverently bowed to the altar before returning to their seats.

Edwin Miles, a lifetime parishioner of Corpus Christi, read Dr. King’s Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech from 1964, which Dr. King began by accepting the prize on behalf of the entire non-violent Civil Rights movement and questioning the bestowal of the award on a movement that has not succeeded. He answered the question by speculating that reason is because of the centrality of non-violence as the way toward peace and unity. “The movement has shown that non-violence is not passivity but a powerful social force.” He proclaimed the Christian belief that “truth and unconditional love will have the final reality.”

The St. Gregory’s Liturgical Dancers ended the artistic portion of the celebration with a dance to cello and violin music.

Mass was celebrated by Father Zupez and peppered with enthusiastic clapping. The first reading, especially chosen for the day, proclaimed from 2 Peter, “According to His promise we await a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells,” while the Gospel reading, from John, emphasized the life we have in Christ, who is “the bread of life.”

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