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Fourth Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

By Ray Dyer
The Sooner Catholic
OKLAHOMA CITY—Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley said serving God in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will not be noticeably different than serving Him in the Diocese of Salina, where he has served as bishop for the past six years.
The “challenges will be similar,” said the archbishop-elect on Dec. 16 when he was introduced as the successor to the retiring Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran.

Installation
Feb. 11 in Edmond, St. John the Baptist

“The Diocese of Salina is a rural area, very similar to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City,” Archbishop-elect Coakley said. “The greatest difference will be the large urban area of Oklahoma City. I did not have this kind of urban setting in Salina.” He said both areas deal with aging populations, agriculture-based economies and families and individuals searching for a new and better life.
One thing that won’t change, the new archbishop-elect said, would be his time behind the steering wheel.
“As in Kansas, I’ll be doing a lot of driving,” he said, referring to the wide-open spaces of western Oklahoma, which make up a great continued on Page 3
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The Good News

. . .Welcome Archbishop Coakley!

What a wonderful way for the Catholic community of our Arch- diocese to begin a new year! Yes, on behalf of all Catholic people of central and western Oklahoma and the Panhandle, I joyfully welcome Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Archbishop Coakley will be installed as the Fourth Archbishop of Oklahoma City on Feb. 11.

The announcement of Archbishop Coakley’s appointment was made Dec. 16, just a week before Christ- mas. I considered that announcement as a special Christmas gift from Pope Benedict XVI to us here in Oklahoma. Certainly it is a blessing. For 16 months after I reached the mandatory age (75) for a bishop to offer his resignation to the Holy Father, there has been a “certain uncertainty.” Now, speculations are proceeding as the Fourth Archbishop of Oklahoma City.

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Archbishop Coakley, I and all the Catholic people of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, joyfully welcome you in the glorious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome! name yesterday, today and always. He is Lord and God.

We are a pilgrim people. We are on a journey of faith. In the Sacred Scriptures, Jesus invites us as human beings to see our lives as a pilgrim journey. Moreover, He invites us to follow Him even more closely by our fellowship with Him through the Church that He established. Thus, Archbishop Coakley, having been appointed here by Pope Benedict XVI, truly comes in the Name of Jesus.

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deal of the more than 42,000 square miles of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.
A graduate of Kansas University, Archbishop-elect Coakley said while he
is excited about coming to Oklahoma, he admitted there was some sadness in
leaving Kansas, his home since his family moved there when he was a young
boy.

Ordained a priest in 1983, Archbishop Coakley, 55, was introduced Dec. 16
as the fourth archbishop of Oklahoma City during a press conference at the
Catholic Pastoral Center. Prior to the media gathering, the newly announced
archbishop met with staff at the Pastoral Center. He was introduced by
Archbishop Beltran, who joked the new archbishop will be by far the tallest of
the four Catholic spiritual leaders who have served here.

Later, Archbishop Beltran, Archbishop-elect Coakley and Monsignor
Edward J. Weisenburger, V.G., celebrated Mass. They were joined in the
Eucharistic Celebration by Father Kirk Larkin, a beloved archdiocesan priest
who has been battling cancer for several months, and Father Gerard
MacAulay, retired.

Archbishop-elect Coakley greeted each pastoral center employee as they
filed out of the chapel following Mass. He was later given a tour of the
Archdiocesan Heritage Room by Archbishop Beltran and Jim Weinmann,
Heritage Room director. The museum, created by Archbishop Beltran, exhibits
the colorful and faith-filled history of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Archbishop-elect Coakley is scheduled to be installed as Metropolitan
Archbishop at 2 p.m. Feb. 11 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in
Edmond. He said he will move here for good around the first of February.

According to the Register, the newspaper of the Diocese of Salina, the papal
nuncio, the pope’s representative to the United States, informed Bishop
Coakley in October that Pope Benedict XVI had appointed him to serve as
archbishop of Oklahoma City. Typically, the Register said, the public announce-
ment is made about two weeks later. But Archbishop-elect Coakley said he
requested a delay in making the news public because the Diocese of Salina was
preparing to begin a major capital campaign.

“We were preparing for the kickoff of the capital campaign, still complet-
ing details on the ‘Bread of Hope’ implementation,” Archbishop-elect
Coakley said in the story. “He (the papal nuncio) agreed to delay it two months.
That gave us the time we needed to make headway, the capital campaign being
the most urgent.”

After completing studies at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg,
Md., he was ordained a priest on May 21, 1983. Father Coakley was appointed
Bishop of Salina by Pope John Paul II on Oct. 21, 2004, and was ordained and
installed as the diocese’s 10th bishop on Dec. 28, 2004.

Archbishop-elect Coakley has selected “Duc in Altum” as his episcopal
motto (Put Out into the Deep). It is found in St. Luke’s gospel when Jesus, after
teaching the crowds from Simon’s boat, invites the disciples to “put out into the
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Simon Peter and his companions cast their nets and “caught such a great
number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point.” (Lk. 5:4). Archbishop-elect Coakley said Jesus continues to call the Church today, as
always, to put out into the deep.
Archdiocese Excited About Archbishop-Elect

By Anamaria Scaperlanda
For the Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — The appointment of Bishop Paul Coakley of Salina, Kan., as archbishop of Oklahoma City has elicited much enthusiasm among the people of Oklahoma City.

Manager Edward Weisenburger, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral, stated, “Bishop Coakley has been competent, stable and energetic. He’s well-liked by both clergy and layfolk alike in his diocese. It looks like he has focused his energy on diocesan organization and long-term planning — we’re happy to have him.”

Bishop Coakley comes from a rural diocese, like much of the diocese of Oklahoma City, but also has experience with the urban area of Wichita.

Judy Reilly, pastoral associate at Epiphany of the Lord Parish, said, “I would think that he is uniquely qualified to see our Archdiocese as the unique place that it truly is, speaking of the dual urban and rural nature of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese. “So much of our Archdiocese is rural, and those of us in the metro area sometimes forget that. Because of his experience in the Salina Diocese, he could come to understand the special needs that our Archdiocese has. His time in Wichita, which is the largest city in Kansas, could help him understand the metro area. His experience will only benefit us here.”

“Bishop Coakley seems to have done a great job outreach vacations,” Maeg Weisenburger said of the increase of priestly vocations during Bishop Coakley’s ministry. “It would be wonderful if that trend would continue here.”

Father Shane Tharp, pastor of Holy Name in Chickasha, said, “I was privileged to be at his ordination Mass six years ago, and he made that mission in Salina, so I would like to see a comparable effort here and look forward to his efforts to increase vocations.”

Pat Koenig, Director of Religious Education for the Archdiocese, is hopeful about the intellectual reputation of the archbishop-elect. She acknowledged, “His intellectualism is also exciting. He will be the chief catechist. My hope would not just be for the youth but for all the people of the Archdiocese. Adult faith formation is a very important and significant mission of the church as well.”

Father Jim Ginn, pastor of St. Thomas More University Parish, which serves the University of Oklahoma, also anticipates this aspect of the upcoming archbishop. “I have heard that he is extremely intelligent, which I think just opens all sorts of possibilities at this parish, and we would enjoy him coming here often and hope that he does. The colleagues and faculty would enjoy this.”

Father Tharp is thrilled about what possibilities a new archbishop can open up for the people of the Archdiocese. “The arrival of a new archbishop signals new opportunities in the Archdiocese. The people of the Archdiocese should recognize in the arrival of Bishop Coakley the opportunity to live and spread the Gospel in a new fashion.”

Bishop Paul S. Coakley was born to John and Mary Coakley in Norfolk, Va., in 1955, and lived there with his father, mother and older brother, John, until he was 2 years old. The family relocated to Metairie, La., in 1955, and lived there with his sister, Mary Christina, until 1967.

After beginning his elementary education at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School, the family moved in 1965 to Overland Park, Kan. Bishop Coakley’s secondary education was completed in public schools in Overland Park.

After graduation from high school he attended the University of Kansas where he completed undergraduate studies in English and classical antiquities in 1977. During this period he was a student in KU’s Integrated Humanities Program, where he studied under John Suenen, Dennis Quinn and Frank Nelick.

Upon completing his university studies, Bishop Coakley traveled in Europe and briefly considered a monastic vocation at the Abbey of Notre Dame de Fontgombault in France, before he returned to begin seminary studies for Diocese of Wichita in 1978.

He was ordained a priest in May 21, 1983. After serving as a priest of the Diocese of Wichita for 21 years, he was appointed Bishop of Salina on Oct. 21, 2004. Bishop Coakley was ordained and installed as Bishop of Salina on Dec. 28, 2004.

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Gratitude to Archbishop Beltran

Vatican City, December 17, 2010

Your Excellency,

On the occasion of your resignation from the Office of Bishop, Pope Benedict XVI has instructed me to convey to you his appreciation for your over 32 years of episcopal service, first as the Ordinary of the Diocese of Tulsa and then as Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The Holy Father wishes to express to you his closeness in prayer that you may continue to enjoy pastoral ministry in ways your health and God’s providence permit.

You began your years of service as a parish priest in Georgia and eventually became Bishop of Tulsa. As metropolitan Archbishop of the local Church of Oklahoma City, you have made every effort to live your episcopal motto: “We Are One In Christ.” Throughout the years you have fulfilled your duty to teach by publishing newspaper articles to clarify doctrinal matters and to promote a pro-life mentality among your own flock and the society at large.

The Holy Father is aware of the loyalty you have demonstrated for the See of St. Peter. He is confident that you will know the serene joy which comes from giving thanks for all of your work in the Lord’s vineyard and that you will continue to bear witness to the power of grace bestowed upon us all whom we put our faith in God’s love. May the words of Saint Paul in his letter to the Church at Ephesus be a source of great comfort to you now: “May he enlighten your innermost vision that you may know the great hope to which he has called you, the wealth of his glorious heritage to be distributed among the members of the Church, and the immeasurable scope of his power in us who believe.” (Ephesians 1: 18-19).

Commending you to the loving intercession of Our Lady, and with fraternal affection in Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Holiness imparts to you his Apostolic Blessing, invoking upon you grace and peace.

I take this occasion to assure you of my prayers and my sentiments of esteem and fraternal regard.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Marc Card. Ouellet

Apostolic Administrator

Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley’s statement to the press

“I want to express my profound appreciation for the trust which our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has placed in me by appointing me as your shepherd, the fourth Archbishop of Oklahoma City. This new pastoral responsibility is an opportunity and a challenge that I certainly had not sought, but one which I will eagerly embrace with all my heart. I trust that it is the Lord who has called me here, and so I am confident that He will provide the grace and make fruitful my ministry among you.”

Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley’s statement to the press
Across Oklahoma

Meditation Retreat for the New Year with Debra Luther

FREDMINT — Jan. 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. Begin the New Year with a gift for your soul — a Meditation Retreat to relax, refocus and renew. Come and learn some simple meditations for centering your mind and spirit. Reflect on what rejuvenates you and how you might take that forth into the coming year. Let the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on you at the beginning of this brand New Year. Fee: $50 (to Debra Luther); $15 deposit (to Benedictine Sisters). Place: Red Plume Spirituality Center - Lagey's Retreat House. Bring a journal, pen, blanket or yoga mat, comfy clothes.

Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute

OKLAHOMA CITY — Join fellow Oklahomans in a multicultural tribute to Dr Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 17 at Corpus Christi Church, 1005 N.E. 15th St., Oklahoma City, beginning at 11 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at noon by Archbishop Koowhute J Bohlin. For more information, contact Rocky Vandel, Catholic Charities, (405) 523-3003.

Knights Italian Dinner Jan. 22

OKLAHOMA CITY — St. Eugene Knights of Columbus #10822 will host its annual Italian dinner on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the parish hall. The pasta dinner will include homemade marinara sauce and Italian sausage meatballs from “secret” Cousins family recipes. The dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for children ages 6-12. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Bolivar medical mission next fall. St. Eugene is located at 2400 W. Hefner Road. For more information, call Steve Chastain at 735-1052.

Christian Unity Service Set

OKLAHOMA CITY — The 2011 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Worship Service will be held at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral, 127 N.W. 7th Street. The preacher for the occasion will be Rev. Dr. William Tabbernee, executive director, Oklahoma Conference of Churches. Ecumenical leaders from throughout Oklahoma will participate in the liturgy. Everyone is invited.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

OKLAHOMA CITY — Marriage Encounter is a process designed to give you and your spouse a special opportunity to examine your life together and your strengths and your limitations, your attitudes toward each other and toward your family, your hurts and your fears, your desires and ambitions, your disappointments and your joy, your successes and frustrations. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Jan. 28-30 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-4115.

The Oklahoma Catholic Student Conference - “Saints in Our Midst”

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The Catholic Foundation

We Thought You Should Know...

Congress recently passed the Tax Relief Act of 2010. In addition to extending tax relief, the new law also reinstates a provision allowing tax-free charitable gifts from your Traditional or Roth IRAs to the Catholic Foundation. Many of our supporters have taken advantage of this popular giving method in the past to help strengthen our Catholic Church in central and western Oklahoma. The law allows qualified individuals to count gifts made by Jan. 31, 2011, against their 2010 minimum required distribution. Here are some highlights of the new law:

— Individuals 70½ or older can transfer up to $100,000 from their IRA directly to the Catholic Foundation and distributions satisfy your minimum distribution requirement.

— Charitable distributions can be excluded from your taxable income when filing your tax return and do not count toward the 50 percent Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitation when calculating income tax deductions.

— Transfers must be made directly to the Catholic Foundation. (Most plan administrators require a written request authorizing a charitable distribution. Please contact your IRA administrator for specific directions.)

— Gifts must be made before Jan. 31, 2011, to be eligible for 2010 minimum distribution requirements.

For more information on making a charitable gift or other planned giving, contact:

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Your Child’s Future is in a Catholic School!

Our children — the young people of the third millennium — will provide the energy and leadership needed by our Church and nation as we move into a changing and challenging future. This month we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2011. We celebrate because each Catholic school is an added value for our community and the nation. Because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by a strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a definite, positive contribution to American society.

Catholic schools give a high level of service (the A+ Level) to local communities because of the many service projects students undertake. “Giving back to the community” and “helping others” are values instilled in every Catholic school student.

Catholic schools give a high level of service to the nation (the A+ Level) by serving students from all economic backgrounds and giving them a strong academic and moral foundation, allowing them to succeed in life, serving in industry, the government, business, non-profit and educational fields.

High academics, high parental involvement, low student-teacher ratios, and value-based education all lead to the A+ education for students attending Catholic elementary and secondary schools. In 2002, an analysis by the Institute of Education Science at the U.S. Department of Education found that:

- Catholic school students generally perform higher than their public school counterparts on standardized achievement tests;
- Catholic school graduates are more likely to have completed advanced-level courses;
- Catholic high schools typically have more demanding graduation requirements;
- Catholic school students are more likely to complete a bachelor’s or advanced degree by their mid-20s.

For more information about enrolling your child in one of the Oklahoma Catholic schools, please call or visit the school of your choice from the list on the next page.

The future is there!
ACE Program continued

Education Collaborative or ACE Collaborative is dedicated to insuring a strong Catholic identity in our schools as well as exceptional academics. The ACE Collaborative is built on the premise that, in order to create an environment that improves student learning, teachers must communicate with one another. Teachers have very little time to have meaningful conversations with colleagues about what they do well or seek help when they are struggling. Throughout this year, teachers from each school have met to agree upon what will be taught at each grade level in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th. Our curricular area of focus for the 2010-2011 school year is science. But our teachers didn’t want to stop there. Because of their enthusiasm and hard work, teachers have also met to improve curriculum for math, world languages and theology. Meetings were not only held in July but also in October and November. Groups of teachers will meet again in February and then for another week this coming July. The benefit of teacher collaboration has been the establishment of strong professional relationships among teachers. These relationships contribute not only to professional growth, but also serve to strengthen student learning. Conversations among teachers began with the goal of eliminating gaps and repetitions in the curriculum at all grade levels.

Although all 22 schools in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will be working under the guidance of Notre Dame University instructors for the next two years, this project will continue long after Notre Dame’s team of instructors complete their work. The process of renewing curriculum and instruction is an ongoing cycle. Each subject area will be reviewed and vertically aligned in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition, data from both standardized tests and teacher designed assessment will be used to monitor student achievement and evaluate the success of the curriculum alignment. According to Cris Carter, Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools, “Multiple sources of information are vital to understanding the learning needs of each child, and the ACE Collaborative offers teachers the means to use data for the benefit of each learner and enhance instruction.”

Finally, teachers will maintain communication through a website called Curriculum Mapper and through a wiki site.

In addition, several teachers will be chosen for further training, which will be funded by Notre Dame University. In March a select team of teachers will fly to Notre Dame to begin a three-day training session. Their task will be to carry on the curriculum renewal process begun this year by Notre Dame and our Archdiocese. Next year another team will go to Notre Dame to be trained in the areas of assessment and data-driven decision-making.

Sister Catherine Powers, Archdiocesan Superintendent says, “We are grateful to Notre Dame for its commitment to improve Catholic education in various parts of our country. We are honored to be one of only five dioceses in the country engaging in this important project. We believe that our partnership with Notre Dame will enhance Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and insure a strong culture that is Catholic and supports academic excellence.”

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

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Catholic Elementary School Graduates & High School:

In 2005, 85% of our 8th grade graduates attended Catholic High School. In 2010, 79% of our 8th grade graduates attended Catholic High School. In 2010, our two high schools graduated 232 students. Of that number 224 went to college. This represents 92.7%
Ladies of Grace Conference Scheduled January 22

OKLAHOMA CITY — Ladies of Grace, a group that includes married as well as those who are or are planning to raise children, is sponsoring a half-day or full-day workshop, "Raising Kids," on Saturday, Jan. 22 at Christ the King Parish for a half-day or full day. The workshop is intended for couples who are planning to marry and those who are or are planning to raise children. The workshop is intended to provide a focus on issues that are essential in building healthy relationships. The goal of the workshop is to assist participants in preventing or being prepared to manage various concerns that arise in marriage and parenting. This workshop is not intended to address specific problems or disorders that may occur during childhood.

The workshop will be held on Jan. 22 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Cost is $10 per couple. To register, please call the Office of Family Life at 724-8044.

Ladies of Grace Conference Scheduled January 22

The fifth annual conference will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Nichols Hills, Oklahoma City. The conference is sponsored by the Ladies of Grace, a group of Catholic women to promote and support the faith, morals and traditions of the Catholic Church.

Registration includes a box lunch and drink. After registration, check-ins will be held at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., and the conference will adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Registration for the Ladies of Grace conference is $25 and includes lunch. Checks should be made payable to CTK, Ladies of Grace. Register by contacting Cindy Rice at (405) 843-4766 or cindy@ckokc.org. Ladies of Grace is sponsored by Christ the King Parish for a half-day or full day.

Featured Speakers

Jane Jayros is a third generation Oklahoma speaker and former Miss America. Her career includes 20 years in communications and involves audiences to laughter and tears while challenging them to make a difference in their world.

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And The Family: A Sacred Calling

Workshop Focus: Marriage, Family

OKLAHOMA CITY — "Managing Your Biggest Investments: Getting Married, Raising Kids," is a workshop designed for the engaged and the newly married as well as those who have children and strive to enrich their marriages and their parenting skills.

Dr. Pamela Danner and Dennis Moran, clinical psychologists with more than 20 years of experience working with families, will facilitate this workshop.

The workshop will cover a range of issues including an overview of the normal development from birth to young adulthood, issues related to partner selection and establishing and maintaining a healthy marriage, strategies for effective conflict resolution, a model for parental discipline, and a discussion of "normal" child behavior, and practical tips for responding to predictable parenting dilemmas.

Sharon Byrd
"Zumba! Ditch the Workout and Join the Party!" by Laree O'Neal
"Cookie Decorating Diva" by Karen Flores

Facebook Friends" by Elizabeth Taylor

"Wine, Cheese and Chocolate" by Mary Stark of Beaux Wine Bar, Stacie Thompson of Forward Foods and Teresa Wall of 42nd St. Candy Co.

Ladies of Grace is sponsored by Christ the King Catholic Church. Established in 1949, Christ the King is a vibrant community of faith, offering programs and ministry opportunities for all of its members. Visitors are welcome. Weekend Masses are Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

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Catholic Charities on Frontlines in War on Poverty

OKLAHOMA CITY — Food, shelter, clothing, health care, transportation and utilities are a few of the basic necessities of modern American living. Unfortunately, for the more than 357,000 Oklahoma households below the poverty line, such necessities can be out of reach.

To remind the public of the large impact poverty has on our community, the U.S. Conference of Bishops has created Poverty in America Awareness Month, which is marked each January. A growing problem in Oklahoma, poverty affects people of all ages, races and religions. In fact, the war against poverty is an ongoing effort that is waged in our parishes, our communities and through outreach efforts by Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

The social arm of the Catholic Church and a living witness to the Catholic faith, Catholic Charities and its programs provide help and assistance to women, children, families and the elderly of Oklahoma regardless of race, creed, religion, ability to pay or other qualification.

“Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City has a long history of caring for those in need, however, due to the recent recession, poverty is at its highest level in years,” said Catholic Charities Executive Director Tim O’Conner. “However, to truly overcome poverty, it is imperative that individuals, churches and charities work hand in hand with state and local governments to find a lasting solution to this growing problem.”

“This month, I encourage everyone to donate time and/or money to fighting poverty in our state. If we each give a small amount of ourselves, we can make a huge difference in the lives of others.”

In many ways Catholic Charities offers assistance to those in need, enabling them to lift themselves from poverty and reach self-sufficiency.

Family HOPE (Help, Organize, Prioritize, Empower)

Family HOPE is a long-term case management program that strives to help improve the economic situation, home environment and social support of those in need. The program helps families identify their needs, creates goals and learns to access community resources and tools. Much more than an emergency assistance program, Family HOPE’s goal is to help families reach and maintain self-sufficiency through case management services. Financial assistance may be available to families enrolled in the program; however, assistance is dependent on the client’s participation in the program.

Sanctuary Women’s Development Center

Founded in early 2009, Sanctuary Women’s Development Center was created to support basic human rights through offering homeless and low-income women and their children resources, support and advocacy to alleviate the effects of poverty within the community and empower them with the tools to overcome homelessness. Sanctuary also offers services to those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

St. Joseph’s Counseling, Support and Education Program

St. Joseph’s Counseling Center has been providing professional outpatient counseling services within the Archdiocese since 1990. Counseling Services include up to six sessions free of charge for individuals, families and couples. Those needing longer term or specialized care will be provided assistance in obtaining an appropriate referral when necessary. St. Joseph’s Counseling Center offers:

- Parish and Community Education — Programs on topics such as communication, community building, developmental stages, mental health, parenting and substance abuse are offered to the parish.

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In addition, you may learn more about Catholic Charities through the new Facebook group, at www.facebook.com/CCOKC.
Sanctity of Life Mass

The 38th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

January 19, 2011 - 6 p.m. Mass

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Celebrant Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

Presentations to follow Mass
The youth program facilitator will be Father Ray Ackerman and the presenter for the adult program will be Tony Lauinger, State Chairman of Oklahomans for Life.

For more information, call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944
9 Charismatic Healing Mass, 5:30 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3010 N.W. 28th St., Oklahoma City For more information, call the Church office at (405) 721-4032.

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12 Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, NW 33d and Western, every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. All are welcome.

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12 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, begins with Mass at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel of Epiphany Parish, every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and daily (M, T, W, F) from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Epiphany is located at 7368 W. Britton Road, Oklahoma City 73112.

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30 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 1901 N.W. 18th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73106.

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Pastoral Assignments
Chaplain, St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Wichita, Kan. - June - August, 1983
Associate Pastor, St. Mary’s Church, Derby, Kan. - 1983 - 1985
Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Wichita - 1987 - 1991
Pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Wichita, Kan. - 1989 - 1990
Associate Director, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, Kan. - 1990 - 1995
Associate Pastor (part time), St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Wichita, Kan. - 1990 - 1995
Director, Spiritual Formation, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. - 1998 - 2002
Director, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, Kan. - 2002 - 2004 (January)
Vice Chancellor, Diocese of Wichita - January 2004 - December 2004
Administrator, Church of the Magdalen, Wichita, Kan. - July 2004 - December 2004
Diocesan Bishop, Diocese of Salina - December 2004 - Present

Other Assignments
USCCB Committee on Home Missions - 2006-2007
USCCB Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry - 2006-2007
USCCB Subcommittee on Home Missions - 2007-present

USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations - 2007-2010
USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth - 2010-present
USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis - 2006-present
Consultant USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations - 2010-present
Conception Seminary College Board of Regents - 2006-present
Institute for Priestly Formation, Bishops’ Advisory Council - 2007-present
Episcopal Liaison to National Association of Catholic Chaplains - 2010-present
Knight of Columbus, Fourth Degree
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

For more photos, video of Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley’s press conference, or to read Archbishop-elect Paul S. Coakley’s comments, visit www.catharchdioceseokc.org
As part of its commencement celebration, St. Gregory’s University formally blessed its “Kateri Plaza,” a newly renovated area near the west entrance of Benedictine Hall. Pictured are members of the Color Guard from the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, middle from left, SGU Chancellor Rt. Rev. Lawrence Blayney, O.S.B., SGU commencement speaker Rev. Wayne Paysse, and SGU Board of Directors Chair Rev. Don Wolf. (Photo by Brother Jim Smith)

SGU Grads Told to Focus on Their Family, Community

SHAWNEE — St. Gregory’s University celebrated its full commencement Dec. 18 inside W.P. Wood Field House with bachelor’s degrees conferred on 45 graduates. An additional 15 received associate’s degrees and 12 received master’s degrees.

Father Wayne Paysse, executive director of the Black and Indian Mission Office in Washington, D.C., delivered the commencement address, encouraging SGU graduates to recognize the importance of family life.

“...I hope what you have learned at St. Gregory’s will not only help you to develop rewarding careers, but also help build up the most important institution you will ever be part of — your family,” Paysse said.

Father Paysse referred to the Benedictine monks who founded St. Gregory’s as examples of what it means to be committed to a family. He detailed two Benedictine values — humility and zeal — as guides to being successful in life.

“The monks and teachers of St. Gregory’s University have given you graduates what you need to make your mark on the world,” he said. “My prayer today is you would do just that — make your mark on the world.

Begin with your families. Begin with your communities. Begin with St. Gregory’s University.”

Valedictorians Dominique Martinez and Robin Miller also addressed the audience. Martinez, who is from Oklahoma City, was the valedictorian for the College of Arts and Sciences. Miller, from Broken Arrow, was the valedictorian for the College for Working Adults.

Both acknowledged those who helped them during their journeys to a college degree.

Martinez said: “We may feel apprehensive about what is going to happen as we move to the next phase of our lives, but we have been prepared here. We are capable of going out and sharing our newfound knowledge and skills with the world.

Said Miller: “It is our obligation to use what we have learned, one day at a time, to help and support others. We have the opportunity to be shining examples of the benefits of a quality education.”

Father Wayne Paysse, executive director of the Black and Indian Mission Office.

Dominique Martinez