During this Year of Faith, if we are going to speak clearly of a “New Evangelization,” an apparent improvement over the old-fashioned, just plain common everyday “evangelization,” we need to better understand this powerful word.

Yes, “Evangelization” is a powerful and even dangerous word. The power comes from the “who” that is found in its core. The danger lies in its many possible meanings that can water down, or even confuse, the powerful reality within it.

In fact, “Evangelization” has so many meanings and uses that in the end, very few truly know what we are trying to say. To some, “Evangelization” is everything we do. But here lies the problem — if everything is “evangelization,” then there is a great danger that ultimately nothing specifically is “evangelization.” One way of clarifying this problem, within the limits of space of this column, is by looking at another word with multiple theological meanings, like “tradition.”

In Catholic theology we speak of Tradition with a big “T” and we distinguish it from tradition with a little “t.”

ROME (CNS) — As the church is set to begin the Year of Faith and a synod on the New Evangelization, the rosary can play a key role in strengthening and spreading the word of God, said a leading American expert in Marian studies.

“The Year of Faith is a call for evangelization, a New Evangelization that’s to start with ourselves” in reassuring one’s love for Christ and then reaching out to those who have become distanced from the church, said Holy Cross Father James Phalan, director, Family Rosary International.

October is the month the church dedicates to the rosary, and the world Synod of Bishops will start Oct. 7, the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Benedict XVI entrusted the synod to Mary’s intercession, and he has said the rosary can stimulate missionary activity by leading Christians to meditate on the life of Jesus.

“During this Year of Faith, we’re to take up the rosary in our hands again,” Father Phalan told Catholic News Service during a visit to Rome in mid-September.

“Mary has always been the mother of evangelization,” he said, because “she’s always been the one who shows us Jesus.”

Blessed John Paul II said the rosary is “contemplating the face of Christ with Mary.”

By praying the rosary, people are led to listen more deeply to God’s word, to contemplate events in Christ’s life, to see what his life means and to find Christ’s presence in one’s own life, Father Phalan said. “It’s a way of identifying ourselves with Christ, so it’s a profound path to holiness.”

Praying the rosary together, especially for a family, has added beauty and power, he said.

“When couples or families pray the rosary together, there’s a real intimacy that’s bonding in faith,” that then fortifies relationships and solidifies the wider Christian community, he said.

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God Has Opened the Door of Faith to Us

When Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch from their first missionary journey, “They called the Church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles” (Acts 14:27). The door of faith is still open to each of us and God continues to invite us across its threshold into a deeper relationship with himself in the Church. The upcoming Year of Faith which Pope Benedict XVI has declared for the whole Church is an opportunity for every Catholic to turn toward Jesus Christ, encounter him in the Sacraments and rediscover the riches of our Catholic faith.

“Porta Fidei,” the “Door of Faith” is the name of the decree by which the Holy Father has called for this special year of pastoral activity dedicated to renewing the faith of Catholics. The Year of Faith begins on Oct. 11, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It will conclude on Nov. 26, 2013.

During this Year of Faith we are invited to study both the documents of Vatican II and the Catechism, in order to deepen our knowledge of the faith and enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ and his Church.

The beginning of the Year of Faith this month is also the occasion for a Synod of Bishops in Rome. Its theme is “The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Faith.” During this synod, bishops from around the world will meet to discuss the ways in which the Church is to be renewed in our time. The Synod will be the starting point for the entire celebration of the Year of Faith.

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Pope Benedict XVI has declared that the Year of Faith is to be the “Year of the Catechumenate.” The grace of God in the sacrament of baptism should become a new beginning, opening to each of us the possibility of a “second baptism” through the new light of faith. This “second baptism” will be a new birth of grace, a new beginning of faith. The Year of Faith is a “summon to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the World.” (Porta Fidei 6). The Year of Faith offers an opportunity for each of us to renew our baptismal commitment by living the everyday moments of our lives with faith, hope and love as witnesses to Christ.

In the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City we will be making available a variety of resources for the Year of Faith. Prayer cards and posters will be distributed in each of the parishes. The Sooner Catholic and our website will have regular features. Our archdiocesan departments are taking the year as the theme for ordinary programming throughout this year. Pastors are being encouraged to make use of various resources which are being made available for parish-based activities. I am currently conducting a series of listening sessions around the Archdiocese as part of a process to develop a mutually shared vision and pastoral priorities for the Archdiocese. This will be an essential part of the experience and outcome of the Year of Faith that will guide us into the future over the course of the next few years.

Please join me in praying out into the deep.

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A Mother's Story

Education Helps Family Take First Step in Dealing with Mental Illness

My name is Debbie Allen. I am a member of St. James the Greater Parish and also a member of NAMI. The National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI, is America’s largest grassroots mental health organization.

My son, Daniel, is 34 years old. When he was young, I called him my “melancholy” child. As a teenager, he suffered from bullying and depression and as he grew older, he began to self-medicate with alcohol. Even though I am an RN and my husband a police officer, we were uneducated in the realm of mental illness and did not recognize what was happening. A little denial did not help matters.

Five years ago we could no longer look the other way. Daniel suffered a major break following a divorce that culminated with a suicide attempt and emergency order of detention, followed by involuntary commitment to Griffin Memorial Hospital.

We were devasated, lost, embarrassed and did not know where to turn. Through NAMI and the grace of God we were able to find the right care for Daniel and even though he is still disabled, he is sober and living independently.

I am sharing my story with you because since my son became ill, I have become acutely aware of the need for education and the eradication of stigma. Statistics show that one in four adults experiences a mental health disorder in any given year, one in 17 adults lives with a serious mental illness and one in 10 children and youth has a serious mental condition that interferes with their daily lives.

Yet fewer than one-half of the children and only 40 percent of adults get ANY treatment at all, resulting in school failure, homelessness, unemployment, incarceration and tragically, suicide. How many parents in our diocese are affected by mental illness and not seeking care due to lack of funds, education or the stigma attached to mental illness?

To find your local NAMI Affiliate, go to www.oknami.org or call 230-1900.

Imagine having compassionate non-judgemental acceptance of yourself and understanding that you are a child of God, a divine soul in human form, and that your most basic and urgent life task is to know, accept, love and nurture yourself. And with this acceptance of yourself, when you make a mistake you would remind yourself of the living and caring person that you are, that we all make mistakes, that our merciful and loving God forgives you, and that you would continue to unconditionally love yourself.

In the real world, however, this sounds pretty unrealistic.

In the real world we are focused on having high expectations of and being harsh and critical of ourselves, making impossible, achieving results, attaining perfectionism, being right, etc. In the real world there doesn’t seem to be much room for self-acceptance.

Jesus tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves and, I believe, we can increasingly love others by having compassionate self-acceptance. As we have more compassion for ourselves, we are more compassionate of others, as we are less judgmental of ourselves, we are less judgmental of others. As we are more accepting of ourselves, we are more accepting of them.

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A Life of Faith, One Day at a Time

WASHINGTON — To honor the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI has announced a Year of Faith, starting Oct. 11 and ending Nov. 24, 2013. The goal is to strengthen the faith of Catholics and draw the world to faith by their example.

Bishop David Ricken of Green Bay, Wis., chairman of the Committee on Evangelization, and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, offers “10 Ways Catholics Can Live the Year of Faith.” Rooted in guidelines from the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, some of these suggestions are already requirements for Catholics. Others can be embraced by Catholics at all times and especially during the Year of Faith:

1. Participate in Mass. The Year of Faith is meant to promote the personal encounter with Jesus. This occurs most immediately in the Eucharist. Regular Mass attendance strengthens one’s faith through the Scriptures, the Cross, other prayers, eucharistic music, the homily, receiving Communion and being part of a faith community.

2. Go to Confession. Like going to Mass, Catholics find strength and grow deeper in their faith through participation in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Confession urges people to turn back to God, to express sorrow for failing short and open their lives to the power of God’s healing grace. It also offers forgiveness for the injuries of the past and provides strength for the future.

3. Learn about the lives of the saints. The saints are timeless examples of how to live a Christian life, and they provide endless hope. Not only were they sinners who kept trying to grow closer to God, but they also exemplify ways a person can serve God: through teaching, missionary work, charity, prayer, and simply striving to please God in the ordinary actions and decisions of daily life.

4. Read the Bible daily. Scripture offers firsthand access to the Word of God and tells the story of human salvation. Catholics can pray the Scriptures (through Lectio Divina or other methods) to become more attuned to the Word of God. Either way, the Bible is a must for growth in the Year of Faith.

5. Read the documents of Vatican II. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) ushered in a great renewal of the Church. It impacted how Mass is celebrated, the role of the laity, how the Church understands itself and its relationship with other Christians and non-Christians. To continue this renewal, Catholics must understand what the Council taught and how it enriches the lives of believers.

6. Study the Catechism. Published exactly 30 years after the start of the Council, the Catechism of the Catholic Church covers the beliefs, moral teachings, prayer and sacraments of the Catholic Church in one volume. It is a resource for growing in understanding of the faith.

7. Volunteer in the parish. The Year of Faith can’t only be about study and reflection. The solid grounding of the Scriptures, the Council and the Catechism must translate into action. The parish is a great place to start, and each person’s gifts help build up the community. People are welcome as ministers of hospitality, liturgical musicians, lectors, catechists and in other roles in parish life.

8. Help those in need. The Vatican urges Catholics to donate to charity and volunteer to help the poor during the Year of Faith. This means to personally encounter Christ in the poor, marginalized and vulnerable. Helping others brings Catholics face-to-face with Christ and creates an example for the rest of the world.

9. Invite a friend to Mass. The Year of Faith may be global in its scope, focusing on a renewal of faith and evangelization for the whole Church, but real change occurs at the local level, one person at a time. A personal invitation can make all the difference to someone who has drifted from the faith or feels alienated from the Church. Everyone knows someone like this, so everyone can extend a loving welcome.

10. Incorporate the Beatitudes into daily life. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) provide a blueprint for Christian living. Their wisdom can help all to be more humble, patient, just, transparent, loving, forgiving and free. It’s precisely the example of lived faith needed to draw people to the Church in the year ahead.

More information about the Year of Faith is available online: usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/year-of-faith/index.cfm
Kitchens Honored with Heart of Parish Award

Religious Education Director Honored for Work During Woodward Tornado

The Catholic Foundation recently presented a Heart of the Parish Award to Peggy Kitchens, Religious Education Director for St. Peter Church, Woodward. This award is a discretionary honor that the Foundation is able to bestow on an individual who may not necessarily meet the criteria for the Religious Educator of the Year or the Catholic Schools Educator of the Year, but has demonstrated extraordinary dedication and service to their parish or school.

Peggy Kitchens is being honored for selflessly giving time to assist neighbors, parishes and local community residents during a massive tornado that afflicted the city of Woodward last April. Within an hour after the tornado ravaged this community, Peggy contacted her pastor and asked to help. She accepted the task of coordinating the community relief effort without a moment's hesitation. She spent several days making phone calls, sending emails and connecting with other agencies and churches for assistance.

The parishes were her first priority as she began organizing them at their homes and establishing an ongoing relationship with the recovery process. She organized a dinner for all of the affected families at the Parish Hall and led them in prayer, providing them with an opportunity to process the impact of this storm.

She coordinated relief efforts with Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul and the American Red Cross. She also overcame the enormous amount of people and organizations who wanted to provide assistance. She personally gave Archbishop Coakley, the Parish Award to Peggy Kitchens. She truly wanted to honor her for her extraordinary service and dedication to St. Peter Catholic Church and the entire Woodward community during this time of crisis.

“I was amazed at her tireless energy. Even though she was in the middle of the storm, she seemed calm and energized. It was like this was her masterpiece, the perfect woman for this tragic situation.”

Father Scott Boeckman, St. Peter Catholic Church pastor, speaking of Peggy Kitchens' work after April 2011 tornado

Catholic Foundation Names Morris Educator of the Year

At the recent Fall Teacher In-Service Day at the Catholic Pastoral Center, the Catholic Foundation awarded its 2012 Catholic Education Foundation Board of Directors.

Father Scott Boeckman of St. Peter Church in Woodward with Catholic Foundation 2012 Heart of the Parish award winner Peggy Kitchens, Archishop Paul S. Coakley and CPFO Immediate Past President Tom Avant. (Photos courtesy)

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Archbishop Paul S. Coakley Catholic School Educator of the Year Award to Dottie Morris. Dottie is a third-grade teacher at All Saints Catholic School in Norman. She has spent the past 16 years as a teacher at All Saints. Prior to that, she taught at Corpus Christi and Bishop John Carroll school for a total of 28 years as a Catholic school teacher.

Dottie loves to teach and helps her students recognize their love for learning. She is positive and gives students “faith” in themselves to succeed. She reaches every student with her devotion to faith, her total commitment to Catholic education and her desire to always learn something new. She prays for her students and with her students on a daily basis. She is a faith leader for the students and teachers. Her nominator noted, “Every teacher looks to Dottie for guidance and always feels good about her presence in our community. Every parent wants their child to learn from Dottie. She is truly Catholic in all she does and leads by example as she lives her vocation whole-heartedly.”

Annually, the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma utilizes its discretionary funds to support educational programs including the Catholic School Education Foundation of the Year Award along with the Religious Educator of the Year Awards Applications were narrowed down to three finalists from which the Foundation Committee selected an ultimate award-winner. The finalists for the 2012 Catholic School Educator of the Year are Marie Engel, ninth-grade English teacher at Bishop McGuinness High School, and Gayle Nixon, first-grade teacher at St. James Catholic School. The award-winner receives a $500 award and her school receives a $5,000 grant from the Catholic Foundation and a reception in her honor at her school. The finalists also receive a $500 award.

Finalist Marie Engel has spent her entire 24-year teaching career devoted to Catholic education. She began teaching at the King School in Oklahoma City. She taught in a Tulsa Catholic school for two years before moving back to Oklahoma City to join the staff at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. In 2004, Marie accepted an English teaching position at Bishop McGuinness High School and is currently teaching ninth-grade English at Bishop McGuinness. As the Pre-AP English teacher for the fresh-
Nursing Course to Partner Faith, Health

The next Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course will be held Nov. 12-16 at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat Center in Guthrie. The program, which blends faith and health, is open to nurses of all faiths.

“This course will offer an opportunity for nurses to gain an understanding of the knowledge needed to begin the Faith Community Nursing,” said Mary Diane Stelkenkamp, Catholic Charities Faith Community Nurses coordinator.

An independent nursing practice, Faith Community Nursing, which combines professional nursing and health ministry, is a recognized specialty for registered nurses. Faith Community Nurses are often called “pardon nurses,” “congregational health nurses” or “church nurses,” and emphasize health and healing within a faith community. The Faith Community Nursing program does not involve hands-on health care. Instead, the nurse performs role of educator, referral agent, advocate, personal health counselor, developer of support groups, coordinator of volunteers and integrator of faith and health. The spiritual aspect is key to parish nursing and nurse care with a Faith Community Ministerial Team by actively promoting wellness, wholeness and preventive health.

The Faith Community Nursing course, revised in 2009, includes instruction from both local Faith Community Nurses, as well as community leaders who have expertise in theology, ethics, counseling, community resources and education.

Non-nurses interested in promoting health within their faith community may enroll in the program. They will receive a pin titled “Lay Health Minster.” Cost for the course is $400, which includes tuition, materials, Continuing Education Units, first-year membership with FCNAOK, snacks and lodging for five nights.

For more information or to reserve your space, contact Mary Diane Stelkenkamp at 525-3216, or mdstelkenkamp@catholic-charities.org. Registration ends Oct. 28 and is limited to 15 people.

Bingo Set for Oct. 27 at St. James

OKLAHOMA CITY — The last Bingo of Fall 2012 at St. James Catholic Church, 414 and South McKinley Avenue, will be Oct. 25. Food and beverages reasonably priced will be served at 5:45 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. All games including two Mackeys are $15. There will be door prizes and special recognition for all players born in October. A Magnavox Flat Screen TV will be given away this night and all players get an entry into the drawing. It only takes one entry to win.

Halloween Carnival Set

OKLAHOMA CITY — Friday, Oct. 26 is the date for St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School’s 26th annual Halloween carnival. This popular event is known for providing a huge assortment of games, inflatable rides, good food and prize galore, all in a family-friendly environment! Everyone is encouraged to come in costume and join in the festivities. Dinner is available, and in addition to fun for the kids, adults can enjoy bingo, a candy walk and a goodie hush in this safe Halloween alternative for kids from 2 to 99!

St. Charles is located at 5600 N.gewes - between Meridian and MacArthur on N.W. 56th Street. The carnival is from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m., and food and games are reasonably priced. Feel free to contact SBCHS at 789-5224 if you have any questions or if you can your business would be interested in sponsoring a game booth with advertisement included.

Pre-K Positions Available

OKLAHOMA CITY — Five fall-timed positions, Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings and occasional Saturday mornings. First Eucharist Prep, Reconciliation Prep and VBS. Available 12-31-12. Experience, Pastoral Degree and DRE certification desired or enrollment in pastoral program. Submit resume by Oct. 15 to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, P.O. Box 510, Edmond, OK 73034. Attention: Father Ackerman or Dr. Harry Kocurek.

Irish to Host Open House

OKLAHOMA CITY — Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School will host its annual Open House for all interested and prospective students and parents on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 414 and South McKinley Avenue. All are welcome.

Student organizations as well as parent groups will be available to provide information and answer questions. Student organizations as well as parent groups will be represented and ready to help visitors. Coaches will be present to highlight the school’s athletic programs. Visitors will be able to tour the campus and meet the school’s administrative staff. Refreshments will be served in the Commons area.

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is the largest Archdiocesan secondary school in the city. The college preparatory curriculum serves approximately 700 students from grades 9-12. Its mission is to educate the whole person in mind, body and spirit and to foster students who value their faith and service to others.

Across Oklahoma

Oral Roberts University

An annual Open House will be held Nov. 2 at Oral Roberts University. The event will be held at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Rose Garden and student life center. A special tour will be held for prospective students and parents. For more information contact the admission office at 918-231-9100.

Notre Dame Dame Tailgate Set Oct. 27

NORMAN — The Notre Dame Club of Oklahoma City will host a tailgate party starting four hours before the kickoff of the Oct. 27 football game between the Fighting Irish and the Oklahoma Sooners. The event will be held in the northeast corner of the parking lot at the Lloyd Noble Center.

The menu includes, among other items, hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, buns and chips as well as soft drinks, water and beer. All you-can-eat tailgate is $30 per person prior to Oct. 20 and $40 per person after Oct. 20. Checks should be made to Notre Dame Club of Oklahoma City, 5400 N Grand Blvd., Suite 545 Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Contact Mike Milligan at gmiligan@bmc.edu for additional information or call him at (405) 525-8331 Ext. 1 or (405) 919-5691. Entertainment at the tailgate will include bagpipe players and an Irish folk band.

Catherine of Siena Coming on Nov. 19

OKLAHOMA CITY — Bishop John Carroll School will be hosting Catherine of Siena, a Womn for Our Times on Nov. 19 in the Corner Center at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The one-woman show, performed by Adria Dominick, Sister Nancy Murray, OP, promises to enchant, inform and inspire the audience. The evening will begin with hors d’oeuvres, wine reception and silent auction at 6 p.m., followed by a talk at 7:30. Tickets are $40 in advance and $50 at the door.

For tickets, contact Carolyn Waterman at (405) 893-5407, or cwaterman@bmc.edu.

Test Dates Set at McGuinness

OKLAHOMA CITY — Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School will be administering the ACT High School Placement Test on Saturday, Nov. 10 to any eighth-grade student interested in attending the school as a freshman for the 2013-2014 school year. All prospective ninth-graders must take this test in order to help with course selection. A second test date will be offered on Saturday, Nov. 17 for all those who cannot make it on the first test date.

Students will need to arrive before 8 a.m. on the day of testing. They need to bring $15 for the testing fee and two No. 2 pencils. No calculators or cell phones are allowed. The test lasts approximately three and a half hours.

Students not attending a feeder school and interested in taking the placement test must contact Amy Hansen, freshman coordinator, at ahanson@bmc.edu or 405-617-6578 Ext. 225 to register for the test.

More information on Planned Giving can be found at the website www.catholicfoundationokc.org.

For more information, contact The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc., 59 N. Grand Blvd., Suite 545, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.
Domestic Abuse Hidden in the Shadows
Montalvo-Liendo — Women’s Stories Touch Too Close to Home

By Ray Dyer
Stoner Catholic
OKLAHOMA CITY — Dr. Nora Montalvo-Liendo studies women who have been abused by men. She does so because she’s curious why many women stay in relationships that inflict physical and emotional abuse, on them and on their children.

What Dr. Montalvo-Liendo said she found through her studies was that society really doesn’t focus too much in terms of resources on the issue of domestic abuse, perhaps because it often hits too close to home.

She told of the woman who was beaten by her husband, a well-known attorney, and thrown virtually naked into the front yard. He tried to make her swallow an abortion-inducing pill because she was pregnant. She wouldn’t do it.

The woman’s sister begged her to call the law on her husband. “Why, the battered woman said, “They didn’t do anything to him the last time I called.”

Turns out, her husband was a drinking buddy of a local judge.

Or there’s the first woman interviewed by Montalvo-Liendo. Turned out she knew the health-care worker who was abusing this woman.

A native of Brownsville, Texas, Dr. Montalvo-Liendo was in Oklahoma to speak at the annual Statewide Conference on Domestic Violence.

The conference, held in Norman, attracted more than 700 people, according to Lina Carreras, executive director of the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life and a contributor to the statewide conference. Following the conference, Dr. Montalvo-Liendo gave presentations in English and Spanish at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

In Texas, where Dr. Montalvo-Liendo conducted her study, 142 women were killed by their husbands or “intimate partners” in 2010. In her hometown of Brownsville, population about 100,000, 939 women were victims of domestic abuse. So were 394 children.

Dr. Montalvo-Liendo said it’s not uncommon for young children to witness their mothers being beaten or sexually assaulted by their husbands or “intimate partner.”

Men who beat or abuse women come from all walks of life, Dr. Montalvo-Liendo said. Abusers can be blue collar workers or Ivy League educated, it makes no difference.

What they all have in common is the overpowering need to control others. “Abusers are all extremely jealous and controlling,” she said.

Imagine the kind of demonic jealousy rage that must live inside the man who put “the hottest sauce he could find” in his wife’s “private areas” to make sure she did not cheat on him while he was at work.

Or the man who made his wife eat off the floor while their children watched. The woman tried to comfort her young children by telling them it was a game.

Or the man who cut the face of his wife so she would not be attractive to other men. The woman told emergency room workers the cuts came when a mirror shattered. The doctor and nurses never challenged her story.

Dr. Montalvo-Liendo found in her studies that it usually takes a woman “up to eight times being abused” before she “recognizes” that she needs to leave the relationship for good.

She said those who argue a woman can leave an abusive relationship anytime she likes are trying to make a very “complex” situation seem simple.

“The first thought in these women’s minds is the need to protect their children,” Montalvo-Liendo said. Other women are so confused and desperate for “love,” they will actually blame themselves for the abuse. Just as troubling, Montalvo-Liendo said, was her interview with the woman who blamed the abuse on her teenage son, rather than risk her husband going to jail.

Police actually arrested the 13-year-old boy as his own mother.

HHS Mandate Opens Abortion, Contraception Market to Minors

By Kevin J. Jones
Catholic News Agency
WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNA/EWTN News) — Minor children on their parents’ health-care plans will have free coverage of sterilization and contraception, including abortion-causing drugs, under the controversial HHS mandate — and depending on the state, they can obtain access without parental consent.

Matt Bowman, senior counsel for the religious liberty legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, said the mandate “tramples parental rights” because it requires them “to pay for and sponsor coverage of abortifacients, sterilization, contraception and education in favor of the same for their own children.”

The Department of Health and Human Services ruled in January 2012 that most employers who have 50 or more employees must provide the coverage as “preventive care” for “all women with reproductive capacity.”

The mandate also requires the coverage for beneficiaries, including minors, on the affected health plans. Bowman told CNA Sept. 20 that means that a minor on her parents’ plan could be sterilized if she finds a doctor willing to perform the procedure.

“She can be sterilized at no cost,” Bowman stated. “Whether her parents will know and/or consent might differ by state. But the Guttmacher Institute and other abortion advocates explicitly advocated for this mandated coverage of minors so that access without parental involvement might be able to increase.”

The Guttmacher Institute, in a Sept. 1 briefing on state policies, said that an increase in minors’ access to reproductive health care over the last 30 years shows a broader recognition that “while parental involvement in minors’ health-care decisions is desirable, many minors will not avail themselves of important services if they are forced to involve their parents.”

The institute, the former research arm of abortion provider Planned Parenthood, said that 26 states and the District of Columbia allow all minors 12 years and older to consent to contraceptive services. At least one state, Oregon, allows 15-year-olds to consent to sterilization.

CNA repeatedly contacted the Department of Health and Human Services for comment but did not receive a response.

Employers who do not comply with the mandate face fines of $100 per employee per day. Large employers like the University of Notre Dame could face annual fines in the millions.

There are presently 30 lawsuits challenging the HHS mandate in federal court on religious freedom grounds. The 80 plaintiffs include Catholic dioceses, universities, health-care systems and charities.

The mandate’s narrow religious exemption would not apply to many Catholic institutions, despite Catholics’ moral and religious objections to the covered procedures and drugs. Several Protestant institutions have also challenged the law, citing objections to abortion-causing drugs.

The Obama administration has said it will accommodate some religious objections, though the details of those arrangements remain unclear.

Bowman rejected the idea that the Obama administration’s proposed accommodations will affect the coverage of minors.

“The accommodation does not even claim it will change this part of the mandate,” he said.

Legislation to allow all employers with religious or moral objections to opt out of the coverage failed in the U.S. Senate earlier this year.

Defenders of the Obama administration have decried resistance to the mandate as a “war on women.”

At the same time, a grassroots campaign called The Women’s FACT (For Themselves) has garnered the support of 34,000 women. The group says those backing the mandate are trying to “shush down anyone who disagrees” with them by invoking “women’s health,” while ignoring the negative physical and social effects of contraception for women.
Oklahoma Catholics to March Together for Life

By Ray Dyer
For the Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — The natural rivalry between Oklahoma City and Tulsa is tense for high school football, but when it comes to the sanctity of life, Catholics in Oklahoma will march arm-in-arm, literally.

More than 300 Oklahoma Catholics are expected to fill buses in January of 2013, making their way to Washington, D.C., to take part in the 40th Annual March for Life.

And for the first time, buses will pick up participants in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Before, the pro-life walkers from our Archdiocese had to make their way to Tulsa where the bus caravan departed for the nation’s capital.

Anthony Keiser, Director of Youth, Young Adults and Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Tulsa, said the bus pickup was expanded because of demand. Last year, the parishes of Saint Joseph in Jenks and Saint Benedict in Shawnee sent more than 40 people to Tulsa to join in the march. Others are requesting to join the pro-life effort so it was decided that two buses would load in Oklahoma City at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

Keiser said the two buses will carry 96 people, so the Archdiocesan Reservation could more than double in just one year if seats fill as expected.

High school students usually fill most of the seats, while Keiser said one bus is dedicated to college students. Adults and adult chaperones are also encouraged to sign up. “We try to have a priest on every bus,” Keiser said. He said while the focus of the trip is pro-life, “it’s about more than abortion.”

When you’re on a bus for 24 hours going and coming, there’s time for a lot of discussion. There’s a reason element to the trip and there’s an overwhelming feeling of Catholic pride.

Keiser said the bus caravan is scheduled to stop in Nashville, Tenn., where riders will meet with a Religious Order “whose average age is about 35.”

The Oklahoma college students will also gather at Georgetown University for a pro-life conference.

This will be Keiser’s seventh time to take part in the National March for Life. The march annually draws more than 1 million people to Washington, D.C. It will be held Jan. 25, 2013, and comes each year as a way to draw attention to the infamous Jan. 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision that made abortion on demand legal in the United States.

Before heading for home, the Oklahoma Catholics will also meet with the entire Oklahoma congressional delegation, Keiser said.

Keiser said he has heard the bus trip and the March for Life “absolutely make an impact on the lives” of the young people who take part. “I have to say it’s one of the most popular things we do with the high school students,” he said.

A Call for Help

Society Always There for Others is Now in Need

By Rex Hogan
For the Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Adriana — she asked that her last name not be used — was shopping recently at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store for her 6-year-old daughter.

“I shop here a lot because they have nice things I can afford. I’m going to get something for my daughter. I can always find something she likes,” the woman said.

For at least the last 10 years the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocesan Council of Oklahoma City, has been helping people. The Society is probably best known for its thrift store on Northwest 10th at the intersection of Meridian, but the Society also helps those in need through its Disaster Recovery Program.

Executive director/disaster coordinator Betty Olivae said the Society’s most recent annual report shows it has earned just over $1 million and has spent just over $1 million for client assistance.

She said the Society has partnered with other relief agencies to provide help for victims of the April 15 tornado that struck Woodward and also to those affected by wildfires.

“We provided gift cards for food or gas at the Red Cross Multi-Agency Resource Center where at least 20 agencies and charities gathered under the same roof to provide immediate assistance to the people affected,” Olivae said.

The Society is in need of some help, too.

Bill James, president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, said donations are not coming in as fast as they have in past years.

“Times are tough,” he said. “Donations have been better in the past.”

Lester Vance, who oversees the Thrift Store operation, said the store needs donations of clothing, home items and furniture.

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley held his second “Listening Session: A Mutually Shared Vision” Thursday, Sept. 27 at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Norman.

About 250 people, including laity, priests, deacons, religious and youth attended the second of six Listening sessions. Shellee Grover of St. John the Baptist Church and Pedro A. Moreno, Archdiocesan Director of Hispanic Ministry, assisted the Archbishop as session moderators.

Many attendees presented their comments in Spanish to the Archbishop. Archbishop Coakley also spoke and prayed in Spanish.

From far left, Ron Keegan, S. of St. Mark Parish, takes notes during the Listening session; Father Jack Finkhley, pastor of St. Andrews Church, introduces parish member George Finkhley to the Archbishop; the Archbishop in a contemplative moment; Father Bill Prout, pastor of St. Anne Church, calls his turn to address the Archbishop. (Photos by Thomas Maupin)
OKLAHOMA CITY — Archbishop Paul S. Coakley was the Principal Celebrant for the Red Mass, celebrated Sept. 22 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The Red Mass is a historical tradition within the Church first introduced in the 13th century when it officially opened the term of the court for most European countries, according to the Saint Thomas More Society. It was first celebrated in the United States in 1928.

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It is imperative that if you plan to attend, please contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

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Knights Share Fair, Fun, Fellowship With Students

By Rex Hogan
For the Sooners Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Delanie Brewer’s son is a 15-year-old special education student at Northwest Classen High School. He and other special education students attended the Oklahoma State Fair Sept. 19 as guests of the Oklahoma City Knights of Columbus 1038.

The Classen students were among three other schools sending students as part of the Council’s 66th annual Kids Day at the Fair. “Elizah has been here before and he just loves this day,” Brewer said. “We have three kids and we just don’t get to go because it’s so expensive. Last year he rode the Ferris wheel for the first time and the look on his face when he got off was priceless. He is non-verbal and he had this big grin,” she said.

Holly Partin is a special education teacher at Classen. She said the students always look forward to this day. “They have never been here before so they’ll be thankful after today,” she said.

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Knights Earns Chaustain said those Knights who volunteer for the first time to walk with the youngsters probably don’t understand just how much it means. “I would say you have to experience it,” Chastain said. “You have to go out there and walk with them to understand what that day means.”

Rachel’s Vineyard Offers a Helping Hand

Are you suffering from an abortion or know someone who is? You are not alone.

Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ at a Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat Oct. 26-28.

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The retreat is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life.

For more information about the retreat or our mission, call (405) 623-3844, or email rachelsvineyardokc@gmail.com

The cost for the retreat is $75. This includes the cost for meals, a private room and all retreat materials. Payment plan and financial assistance for the retreat are available.

For a description of the October retreat and a complete list of other retreat dates and locations, call 1-877 HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel’s Vineyard international website, located at www.rachelsvineyard.org

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Archbishop — Catholics Should Follow Pope’s ‘Road Map’ of Faith Renewal

By R.W. Dowling

Catholic News Service

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — In a wide-ranging address at the eighth annual Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia spoke of the “debris of failure” that must be dealt with if the Catholic Church in America is to be truly renewed.

The Archbishop said the obvious problems include the clergy sex abuse crisis, a decline in priestly vocations, staggering Catholic school closures and parishes, years of deficit spending and unresolvable financial management, and drastic demographic changes.

“That’s our reality as disciples. That’s the debris of failure we need to deal with if we want to repair God’s house,” he told the crowd of 1,550 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels Plaza.

In his Sept. 18 address, Archbishop Chaput stressed that Pope Benedict XVI had given the church a “road map” of renewal in his Oct. 17, 2011 apostolic letter “Porta Fidei” (“The Door of Faith”). In it, the Pope announced the upcoming Year of Faith, which begins Oct. 11, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and ends Nov. 24, 2013, the solemnity of Christ the King.

“Moraly, we live in chaotic times,” Archbishop Chaput said. “In such a climate, it’s very easy for people to develop habits that undermine virtue, character and moral judgment. It’s hard to teach a moral conscience when a culture can’t agree on even the most basic standards of right and wrong. As a result, for individuals, today’s conditions of daily life are often isolating and even frightening.”

Basically, during this period of New Evangelization, the Pope is asking Catholics to receive a blessing, he said. “He’s asking members of his flock to examine their hearts and life habits without excuses or alibis. “If you think that sounds easy or insane,” he said, “try it for a week.”

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The Archbishop said Pope Benedict had some “concrete suggestions” for parishes and church groups in the Year of Faith. First, to study in detail the Apostles’ Creed and the catechism. Second, to intensify their witness of charity. And third to study the history of their faith and, in particular, see how “holiness and sin” are so often woven together.

“The clerical scandal of the past decade has wounded victims and their families, damaged the faith of our laypeople, hurt many good priests and found too many American bishops guilty of failures in leadership that resulted in bitter suffering for innocent persons,” he pointed out. “As a bishop, I repent and apologize for that failure — and I commit myself as strongly as I can to do the work a good bishop must do, which is shepherding and protecting his people.”

Knights of Columbus Council 1038 members Mike Cutter, left, and D.W. Hearn prepare to walk with a group of students at the state fair. "Who by Rex Hogan

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Dios Nos ha Abierto la Puerta de la Fe

CUITUD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Cuando el beato Juan Pablo II inició el viernes las sesiones del Vaticano del 7 al 28 de octubre, el Vaticano del 7 al 28 de octubre, el seminario mayor de la fe de Jesucristo, comenzando con aquellos que ya han sido bautizados. Comisiones en nuestros propios contextos y en aquellos lugares donde la fe, quince una vez firmen, se ha debilitado.

La claridad que la nueva evangelización abrazó con entusiasmo la inmediatamente para referirse al corazón tradicional que ahora se veían amenazados por "un país y naciones en donde la religión..." y "países y naciones en donde la religión..."

El Cardenal Francis Arinze, Prefecto de la Congregación para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos, nos enriqueció con unas palabras sobre tres tipos de oración que quisiera compartir con ustedes.

I. Oración Litúrgica

...Ciertamente hay tantos caminos en la oración como orantes, pero es el mismo diálogo de amor, el mismo respeto de Dios y Dios mismo, y es entonces que se le llama oración. Mientras que comunicarse, el amor necesita expresarse y darse a cono-

II. Oraciones Comunitarías

...En su libro Camino de Perfección la gran santa del pueblo de Dios, nos dice en el capítulo 4, #9: "...guarda el silencio cada una por sí, y acostumbrarse a soledad es gran cosa para la oración; y para éste ha de ser el camino de esta casa..."

...Aquí, hermanos y hermanas, démosle gracias a Dios por las oportunidades que tenemos en la Arquidiócesis para crecer en la vida de oración personal, comunitaria y sobre todo la liturgia de la Santa Misa. Nuestra mejor oportunidad para nuestro diálogo de amor con Dios.

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Los talleres de Oración y Vida se convierten en herramientas de la evangelización, por medio de la oración y la predicación del Evangelio; el creyente se acercará a Cristo, en la Iglesia y todo lo que ella mismo fundó. “El auténtico cristianismo es la flexible, el que no conoce de doctrina, ciencia. La razón, la ciencia y la tecnología que nos poseemos en la actualidad no han podido dar solución a los problemas más enigmáticos de las personas, especialmente los de sentido de vida y los morales. El ateoismo no ha aceptado nada positivo a la sociedad. Solo rebelión y casi odio a la Iglesia, por eso no son considerados, de los necesitados de todos los tiempos (Mateos 25, 31-46). Son los pobres el lugar privilegiado donde Dios se manifiesta. Los Talleres quieren hacer que la Iglesia luz, sus prédicas sean nuestros profetas, que objetivos, nuestras misiónes. También servirán para que, y en el pueblo de la familia, y de la Iglesia que el Padre. Los Talleres enseñan a Cristo y no seguir un modelo de vida que se ha convertido en las mismas dones se irradian a la sociedad. Quien transforma un corazón convertido estos dones se irradia a la sociedad. Quien transforma un corazón, transforma al mundo.

**¿Qué son los Talleres de Oración Y Vida?**

La misión del Guía es la de implantar a Dios vives en los corazones y en el mundo, y desde el príncipe hasta el pueblo de Dios, que se iniciaron en el Brasil en 1974, y los Talleres de Oración y Vida, que datan de 1984, tratan de hacer que la oración y sus obje-
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Evangelization

"There is nothing more that can make a big difference in facing problems that seem so complex and profound insight, which is more profound for them than the New Evangelization."

Rosary

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"The big ‘T’ Traditions are set in stone, and will not change or cease to be, like the Canon of Scripture or our belief in the Most Holy Trinity. God has revealed this to us and this will not change. On the other hand, little ‘t’ traditions are common in our devotional life. Examples of these little ‘t’ traditions are some devotions and chaplets. These are good and beneficial but they are not at the same level as our belief in the Trinity or the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist."

The New Evangelization is a new opportunity for many to not just be knowledgeable of Jesus Christ, but to have our hearts and lives transformed by the power of His Love and Mercy. New Evangelization is one more chance for us to grow as followers of the Light and Life of Christ in the world and be salt of the earth. New Evangelization is an opening for all of us to improve our ability to be the point of intercession and witness about in Matthew 13, and grow as truly joyful Christians.

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7 Rosemary Oktoberfest starting at 12 p.m. The event begins with a 2-mile Fun Run/Walk through the Historic Gateway Neighborhood and continues throughout the afternoon with great food, music and entertainment. For more information or to register for the 2-mile Fun Run, please contact Roseary School at 525-9272.

7 Birth Choice 20th Life Walk at Wiley Post Park (2012 S. Robinson Ave., along the Oklahoma River). Registration begins at 1 p.m., walk begins at 2 p.m. For more information or to register, go to www.watchfortheunborn.org and click on events.

7 The Byzantine Divine Liturgy at St. Mark in Norman, 5:30 p.m.

7-9 Julie Currick Catholic recording artist, will sit at St. Paul in Del City on Oct. 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. for a special Mass Concert Loving Our Catholic Creed. All are invited. Admission is free, a free will offering will be taken at the concert. See the posters and visit www.JulieCurrick.com.

7 Listening Session from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church (Levon Center), Edmond.

10 Listening Session from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Peter Parishes, Gorham.

12-14 Outdoor Retreat at Camp OLOC. This retreat is for faith through 12th-grade Youth groups, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire USA, Ventures, individuals, leaders and parents.

12 Spiritual Women’s Prayer Retreat. All ladies are invited to attend this fall retreat sponsored by the OKC Central Region of Catholic Women at the Catholic Pastoral Center. There will be no charge to attend the retreat. The topic of the retreat will be “Deepening Our Spirituality.” led by Rev. Bill Probst. It will begin with fellowship from 9 a.m., with the retreat from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mass will be at 11:30 a.m. You are invited to stay for lunch at noon. Lunch will be $7. For more information, call Mary AnnSchmitt at 945-5754.

12 Bingo at St. Joseph Church in Norman. A light dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., first session begins at 7 p.m., second session at 8:30 p.m. It is $5 for each of 10 games, plus benefits and unsold blackout purchases.

13 Arts and Crafts Fair. St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church gym at 600 Girthie Broke Blvd, Yukon. Admission is five.

13 Craft Festival at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1100 N. Sara Road, Mustang.

14 Charismatic Healing Mass, 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 3901 SE 24th St., Oklahoma City. For more information, call the church office at (405) 465-4806.

14 Listening Session from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Clinton.

17 Craft Fair at St. Ann Retreat Center from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

24 TAP INTO FAITH! This month’s topic is The Death Penalty with Father M. Peter O’Neill, S. Wenceslaus, Prague. Single or married, ages 23-32. 8 p.m. talk, 8:45 p.m. Q & A. Stay afterwards for fellowship. Tap into Faith is held at Alfredo’s Mexican Cafe located at the southwest corner of 33rd and Broadway, Edmond. For more information, contact Alison Giordano at 639-9787.

26 Fashion Show and Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Belle Isle Restaurant & Brewery, 1900 NW Expressway, 50 Penn Place, third floor (825 includes lunch). Reservations are a must! RSVP to Mary Ann Schmitt at 945-5754 by Oct. 12. Fundraiser for OKC Central Region Council of Catholic Women.

26 St. Charles Catholic Singles Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. with men and mingle from 7-7:45 p.m. Steak and Shuck are welcome. For further information, contact Al Projo at 615-0761.

24-25 Yukon Parish Mission. All parishes of the Archdiocese are invited to a parish mission featuring Dr. Jerry Galuppi. The four-day mission will include morning and evening sessions as well as opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and daily Mass attendance. All attendance will take place at Assumption Chapel. For more information, contact the parish office at 356-2743.

For a full description of each event and for more calendar listings, go to www.soonercatholic.org.

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Sooner Catholic

Prayer, Service Fuel Annual St. Mary's Food Drive

By Emily Kindiger
For the Sooner Catholic

St. Mary's Catholic School in Lawton teaches its children to combine prayer with service during its annual food drive.

St. Mary's Director of Campus Ministries Robert Quinnet said the entire student body, all 141 children from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, participated in the Oklahoma-wide Students Against Hunger food drive. Students collected 750 pounds of food last year.

The food drive, which runs from Sept. 15-27, is just one of the ways St. Mary's Catholic School promotes Service Learning as part of its new mission statement.

Quinnet said students collected 800 pounds of food in 2011. The school collected 900 pounds of food last year.

St. Mary's Principal Paolo Dulcamara said the school used the proceeds from the sale of the food to buy food for the Lawton Food Bank.

St. Mary's Catholic School in Lawton recently received Catholic textbooks with the help of its local Knights of Columbus.

St. Mary's Principal Paolo Joseph Dulcamara said three classes received new textbooks for this school year, and while researching, he had trouble finding "authentic Catholic textbooks." After "hours and hours" of searching, he said he found Catholic Textbook Project.

They present information "in a very organic, natural fashion ... (with books) that celebrate our Catholicity." For example, he said all social studies books present a history of western civilization, but west is only a direction. He said it should be the history of Christian civilization because "they formed the world we know of today. It was built upon a Christian civilization."

Catholic Textbook Project is "honest about history," he said. "They approach history in a narrative format." But "textbooks are expensive," Dulcamara said, so he talked with the Holy Family Catholic Church's Knights of Columbus about helping with funding.

"We're very excited to help the school," said Grand Knight Neal Hubbard.

He said they participated in the Catholic Textbook's Angel program and held a bingo fundraiser in August to raise the funds for one classroom's books.

A set of textbooks costs $1,500 and includes 25 student books, a teacher's guide and media materials, Hubbard said. The Knights raised the $1,500 for geography and social studies for St. Mary's sixth- and seventh-grade class.

"I'm so thankful to the Knights of Columbus for assisting us in this ... (The books) aren't slanted," said Dulcamara.

The teacher (Richard Little) loves them and he's not Catholic. They give the tools to incorporate the Catholic faith into teaching, Dulcamara said. "I've been pleased with everything in the books. They provide excellent academics through the perfect 20/20 lens of Jesus."