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In addition to 15 new electors, Pope Francis named five new cardinals who are over the age of 80 and, therefore, ineligible to vote in a conclave. Popes have used such nominations to honor churchmen for their scholarship or other contributions.

The pope announced the names Jan. 4, after praying the Angelus with a crowd in St. Peter’s Square, and said he would formally induct the men into the College of Cardinals Feb. 14.

With the list, the pope continues a movement he started with his first batch of appointments a year ago, giving gradually more representation at the highest levels of the church to poorer countries in the global South. According to the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the new cardinals will include the first in history from Cape Verde, Tonga and Myanmar.

The Feb. 14 consistory will bring the total number of cardinals under the age of 80 to 125. Until they reach their 80th birthdays, cardinals are eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope. Blessed Paul VI limited the number of electors to 120, but later popes have occasionally exceeded that limit.

Three of the new cardinal electors hail from Asia, three from Latin America, two from Africa and two from Oceania.

Of the five Europeans on the list, Pope Francis reverences the tomb of St. Peter as he arrives to lead a consistory at which he created 19 new cardinals in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican on Feb. 22, 2014. The Vatican announced that Pope Francis will create new cardinals Feb. 14, releasing the names this month. CNS photo/Paul Haring.

for about a quarter of all cardinal electors.

Announcing the appointments, Pope Francis noted that the cere-

mony to induct the new cardinals will follow a two-day meeting of the entire college, Feb. 12 and 13, “to reflect on guidelines and proposals for reform of the Roman Curia.”

The pope’s nine-member Council of Cardinals is currently working on a major reform of the Vatican bureaucracy, including a new apostolic constitution for the curia.

Here is the list of the new cardinals:

-- French Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, prefect of the Apostolic Signature, 62.
-- Portuguese Patriarch Manuel Jose Macario do Nascimento Clemente of Lisbon, 66.
-- Ethiopian Archbishop Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel of Addis Ababa, 66.
-- New Zealand Archbishop John Dew of Wellington, 66.
-- Italian Archbishop Edoardo Menichelli of Ancona-Osimo, 75.

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Catholic schools: A legacy worth preserving

As a result of a grant from the Catholic Telegraph Fund, the Oklahoma City Archdiocese James the Greater School students are a tremendous resource not only to Catholics, but as a readiness to serve. They have breathed life into parishes and communities, and, most importantly, drawn children into deeper communion with Christ and the Church. It is precisely because of these benefits that the Catholic community must continue to invest in the future of our children and their schools.

Nationwide, there are waiting lists at nearly 25 Catholic schools, but 550,000 fewer children are benefiting daily from a Catholic education, and our communities have lost more than 1,000 Catholic schools, more than 1,000 Catholic schools the world has ever seen. Just as the first settlers to the New World lacked the knowledge and service as we move forward.

Archbishop Coakley visits with the first grade class at St. John Neumann School in Yukon. Photo provided.

Put Out Into the Deep

According to a new Vatican apostolic exhortation, many Catholics have forgotten or are willing to ignore the Church’s mission to form missionary disciples of Jesus Christ and transform the world by sharing the Good News. “The New Evangelization,” which Pope Francis released on March 19, is intended to re-energize the Church’s efforts to reach out to those who have been alienated or marginalized by society and to renew the Church’s commitment to the poor.

The Church, Pope Francis said, is a place of welcome and a hospitable home for all. It is a place where everyone can find the love, support and guidance they need to grow in faith and become more involved in their communities.

The exhortation is based on two popes’ earlier documents: “Evangelii Nuntiandi,” released by Pope Paul VI in 1975, and “Fides et Ratio,” released by Pope John Paul II in 1998. It is the first document of its kind to focus on the new evangelization and to include a call to action for each person to participate in the mission of the Church.

The exhortation’s themes include:

- The call to make disciples of all nations.
- The importance of the new Evangelization for the Church’s mission to form missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.
- The need for the Church to be a place of welcome and a hospitable home for all.
- The role of the laity in the new Evangelization.
- The importance of prayer and study in the new Evangelization.

Read the full document on the Vatican website.

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New Year’s resolutions in the service of love

As the New Year begins, many of us resolve to do better, to be better, in some aspect of our lives: to exercise more and indulge less, to be more organized and more disciplined.

We want to be better than we are: to be the type of person who doesn’t mind turning down second helpings of delicious dessert, who wakes up on an orderly home, and whose rooms and walls aren’t interrupted by cold weather.

While New Year’s resolutions pepper the pages of popular magazines, the pursuit of strength when facing difficulty or temptation is ancient, as is the quest for control in the desire for pleasure. In fact, the ancient Greeks named these qualities and virtues, two of the four necessary characteristics one must acquire to be good, or virtuous. Together with justice and prudence, temperance and courage are the cardinal virtues, the cornerstones.

Though prudence and justice aren’t typically the substance of New Year’s resolutions, they are as important as fortitude and temperance, if not more so. Prudence, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “diagnoses practical reasons in every circumstance, our true good and to choose the best way of acquiring it in order to achieve it.” In other words, it is the ability to know right from wrong in particular circumstances, to judge whether Justice requires that we give others what we owe to them.

New Year’s resolutions experts suggest setting specific, measurable goals, such as “cardio three times a week,” rather than “be healthier.” Medieval philosophers Augustine and Thomas Aquinas agree; for virtues are habits we develop.

Aquinas said that we acquire virtue by practicing virtue: we cultivate virtue by performing virtue in small things, such as getting out of bed at our first alarm, politely refraining from office gossip, and exercising when we don’t feel like it. Being good, for Aquinas, is about not following a list of rules, but acquiring these characteristics, which we do by constantly practicing them.

For Aquinas and others in the Church, however, cultivating virtue is not part of a quest for perfection. Unlike magpie-inspired New Year’s resolutions, all other virtues are in the service of the highest virtue, love. We are inspired by love to become more virtuous; practicing virtue, then, allows us to love better.

In their book “Called to Love,” Carl Anderson and Father Joseph Granados write, “Every effort to follow the Virtues (if it’s really virtuous) is also after flows from love and love strengthens it in turn. Striving for real virtue has nothing to do with epiphanic perfectionism or self-effacement; the true goal is a richer love giving itself entirely to that which is loved, virtue readily bearing all things for the sake of the beloved object; justice is love serving only the loved object, and therefore ruling rightly; prudence is love distinguishing with sagacity between what harms it and what helps it.

Following the great philosophers—Saints Augustine and Aquinas—we understand our New Year’s resolutions as a path to love, transforming them from goals focused on the self to practices we employ to love Christ’s Church and “Love thy neighbor.”

Meet Our Sisters

Anasma Scopeclands
Bidding for the Sooner Catholic

[An interview by Sister Ann Marie]

What Order do you belong to? I am a Discalced Carmelite nun.

What is your ministry in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City? In her 60 years in our community, Sister Jeanne Marie put the gift of teaching to work.

What is the most fulfilling part of your vocation? “It is the best way of drawing closer to God for me.”

What is a Consecrated Life? We desire to be conformed to the mind of Christ who chooses a person individually and personally to leave some aspects of the world and consecrate oneself to God. We ask God to sanctify our lives.

Father Devlin’s life and service celebrated

Father Kevin Devlin’s life and service were celebrated Jan. 8, at a Mass of Christian Burial at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. The Most Rev. Paul S. Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City, said the prayer of tribute.


Father Devlin was born Feb. 3, 1928, in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, one of nine children of Patrick and Selina O’Neill Devlin. Father Devlin attended St. Patrick’s Armagh in Northern Ireland and All Hallows Seminary in Dublin, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 20, 1954. At the invitation of the Most Rev. Eugene McQuinn, he immigrated to Oklahoma to assume his first assignment as associate pastor of St. Mary Church in Medina.

During his nearly 60 years of service to the people of Oklahoma, he served in the following parishes:

- St. Mary Church, Medford, associate pastor (1954-55)
- St. Joseph Church, Pond Creek Mission, Lincolnton (1955-58)
- Holy Family Church, Canute, administrator (1958-60)
- St. Patrick Church, Walter, missions, Wau- tou, pastor (1960-64)
- Mother of Sorrows Church, Apache; Mis- sion, Cyril, pastor (1964-67)
- St. Joseph Church, Enid, administrator (1967-73)
- St. Thomas, Tonkau- wa, administrator (1973-78)
- St. Matthew Church, Elk City, pastor (1973- 84)
- St. Cornelius Church, Cherokee, pastor (1984-88)
- St. Rose of Lima Church, Perry, pastor (1986-2002)
- Father was retired to Conway Springs, Kan., in July 2002. He celebrated 60 years of ministry in 2014. Father Devlin was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, and sisters.

Burial will be at St. Patrick Cemetery, Conway Springs.

A memorial has been established in his honor by St. Joseph School Endowment, Conway Springs, Kan.
Dr. King archdiocese celebration Jan. 17

The archdiocese’s annual celebration to honor the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17, Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Paul R. Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City. Mass will begin at 5 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church, 1616 NW 23rd Street. "The event, which is organized with the Oklahoma City parish and Catholic Charities, celebrates Dr. King’s work and invites the community to join in solidarity with those who are in need of working for ways to improve their lives," said Becky VanPoo, director of Catholic Charities Outreach and Program Development. "Dr. King challenged society to ‘lift the load of poverty,’ and we are challenged to pray and work for all those who are weak and marginalized," VanPoo said. "By improving their lives, we improve our lives as well."
The Mass and the celebration are a tribute from the Catholic community for Dr. King, and everyone is invited to attend.

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Pope celebrates Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Oklahoma celebrates Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Annual prayer service on Jan. 25

By Anamaría Scaperlanda Biddick

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By Cita Carter

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Making disciples for a future not yet imagined

Strategic planning studies for Oklahoma Catholic education

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For more information about enrollment goals in one of the archdiocesan Catholic schools, please call or visit the school of your choice from the list on pages 8 and 9.
Why Catholic schools?

In today's economic climate, parents may wonder why they should send their children to Catholic schools. We offer a most compelling reason: to make right choices in a world where such choices are countercultural.

Through our Catholic worldview, we give children the tools they need to analyze the world in which they live through the lens of a morality and spirituality that come through our Lord Jesus Christ. We teach our children to show kindness by willing the good of the other and acting on it.

Catholic schools typically observe the annual celebration with Mass, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to students, families, parishioners and our communities and our nation.

The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education. First, schools are communities — small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city and nation.

Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

U.S. Graduation Rates

A look at national high school graduation rates

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Total Enrollment (actual high school diplomas awarded):


What is National Catholic Schools Week?

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2015 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

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Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of OKC

Five year enrollment statistics

2014-2015 School Year: Elementary Enrollment: 3,917
High School Enrollment: 1,108

2013-2014 School Year: Elementary Enrollment: 3,974 - 8.2% decrease in a 5 year period
High School Enrollment: 1,092 - 3% increase in a 5 year period

Catholic Elementary School Graduates & High School

In 2014, 72 percent of our 8th grade graduates attended Catholic high school.

In 2014, our two high schools graduated 259 students. Of that number, 247 went to college. This represents 95 percent.

If You Read This...

Other books by Art and Laraine Bennett

- "The Temperament God Gave You" (2005)
- "The Temperament God Gave Your Kids" (2012)
- "The Temperament God Gave Your Spouse" (2008)

E-books and paperbacks are available at Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble.com. A PDF is available at www.catholiccompany.com/pdfs/11011168.pdf.
El santuario de la misión St. Joseph en la comunidad Laguna Pueblo, Nuevo México.

Las comunidades pueblo no son todas indígenas, aunque el 85% de las personas en el estado son de descendencia nativa. Los estatutos de las escuelas de pueblo, como las de los grupos nativos de Nueva Inglaterra, se pueden consultar en www.usccb.org. La parroquia de Santiago Apóstol en la comunidad Laguna Pueblo, Nuevo México, sigue una tradición cristiana que data de las primeras misiones de los misioneros del siglo XVII. En la parroquia, se celebra la Misa en inglés y en español, y la comunidad tiene un gran engorro por la tradición católica.

El arzobispo añade que la comunidad pueblo ha hecho un esfuerzo por mantener el legado católico, y que el arzobispo ha nombrado un coordinador de pastoral Indias Católicas para trabajar con las comunidades pueblo. El arzobispo ha dicho que la comunidad pueblo ha sido una parte esencial de la historia de la Iglesia en el estado, y que ha sido un modelo para otras comunidades.
Join the journey to health and holiness.

Saint James the Greater parish is hosting a virtual pilgrimage to help cultivate good habits for the body and soul. “The Way of Saint James” will begin Jan. 13 and continue through April 12.


“The Way of Saint James” can be a virtual walk to Santiago de Compostela from Saint James the Greater. Local leaders emphasize the importance of health and Spirituality in contemporary life.

The pilgrimage will start on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. at the Oklahoma City Civic Center Music Hall. This is a preview event for the pilgrimage continuing through April 12.

The June 1st 5k Run/Walk in Oklahoma City is a 5K race that is a part of the larger June 1st Festival of Lights. The festival includes a 10K run, a half marathon, and a 5K race.

The race begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 1st, 2014, and finishes around 10 a.m. The course takes runners through the heart of downtown Oklahoma City, featuring iconic landmarks such as the Oklahoma City National Memorial and the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark.

The event is open to runners of all ages and abilities, and participants are encouraged to wear costumes to celebrate the theme of the festival. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest runners in each age group.

The proceeds from the June 1st Run/Walk go towards supporting the June 1st Festival of Lights and its ongoing efforts to promote unity and harmony in Oklahoma City. This event is organized by a local non-profit organization, the June 1st Festival of Lights Foundation, and is supported by local businesses and community members.

For more information on the June 1st Run/Walk or to register, please visit the event website at http://www.runjune1st.com. You can also contact the event organizers at 405-235-8800.

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Catholic Business Profile
Kingfisher’s Rep. Sanders: “Three questions I ask before every vote”

By Sally Linhart
For the Sooner Catholic

Kingfisher native Mike Sanders’ faith can accurately be described in two words: strong and steady. The husband, father and businessman is a devout Catholic who lives his faith deep by and example.

Calling his Catholic faith a constant force in his life, he emphasized the importance of evangelization through leadership.

“I make it a point to show my kids how important it is – and how proud I am – to be Catholic. You must set a good example, and your words will always speak louder than your words.”

Sanders serves as State Representative for District 59. Finding his calling early in life, he began working on campaigns at age 9. After working on the George W. Bush campaign for a year, Sanders earned a coveted spot at the White House as director of interns. After spending more than three years in that position, he ran for another three and a half years at the U.S. Department of Agriculture – totaling eight years of service under President Bush.

Sanders was elected to the State House of Representatives in 2008, and also holds a leadership position as assistant majority whip. Since his election six years ago, he has served as vice chairman of the Human Services Committee and is currently serving as chairman for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. Additionally, he serves on the Agriculture and Wildlife, Energy and Aerospace, and Appropriations and Budget committees.

Sanders, who attended Catholic schools through eighth grade, recalls having a great example of faith set for him by his own parents. “My mother always used her faith to teach me life lessons,” Sanders said. “From using parables as ways to relate, to constantly hav- ing reminders like holy water and saint statues around the house, everything went back to her Catholic faith.”

In addition to his late mother, Sanders cites President Bush.

“It’s because of his influence and the love of the word that means our Savior, Jesus. It’s because of his influence and the love of the word that means our Savior, Jesus. It’s because of his influence and the love of the word that means our Savior, Jesus.”

Sanders holds a 100 percent pro voting record with national and Oklahoma right-to-life groups.

Sanders and his wife, Nellie, parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul, live in Kingfisher with their two young sons, Davis and Walker. He works for his family’s business, Sanders Funeral Service. Sanders was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Knights of Columbus #3113.

He emphasized his willingness to support his children in whatever vocation they might be called to someday. He plans to encourage them to explore all their options, whether they lie in the secular world or in the Catholic Church.

Nellie Sanders, who converted to Catholicism two years ago, gives plenty of credit to her husband for his role in her faith journey.

“The doctors had done all they could do for me, and a priest was called to administer last rites.”

After spending four days in a coma with family and friends by his side preparing to say goodbye, Sanders woke up and said “what’s up?” At that point, he began to rely even more heavily on his faith. “I felt I said I’m going to give it all up to you, God.”

Finding ways to apply his Catholic faith into his daily business dealings is a priority for Sanders.

“There are three questions I ask before every vote,” he said. “Is this good for my district? Is this good for our state? Does this violate my faith in any way? If a bill meets these criteria, then I will support it.”

Sanders is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

Holy Name

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name: “Moses! Moses!” God iden-

ifies himself by using the names of Moses’ ancestors: “I am ... the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.” Moses wants to know God’s actual name. He asks for his name, saying, “When I go among the Israelites ... if they ask me ‘What is his name?’ What am I to tell them? God responds, ‘I am, who I am.’” God is beyond naming; even his name is beyond man’s ability to comprehend.

In the New Testament, the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew is a list-
ing of the names of Jesus’ ances-

tors. In the Gospel of Luke, Mary is directed by the Angel of the Annunciation to “name him Je-

sus,” and this is mentioned again at Our Lord’s circumcision when he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”

Our Savior’s designation is not set by any human; his name is from the Almighty who alone has power to name him.

“...At the name of Jesus every knee should bend.”

Phil 2: 10

In his ministry, Christ gave his apostles the power to use his name. In Mark, Christ commis-
sions the Apostles and says “in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages.” In the conclusion of John’s Gospel, he writes that these things “are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.”

Also in John, Christ says that “whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.” Call-
ing upon this promise, Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, cures a crippled beggar “in the name of Je-

sus Christ.” Peter explains to the amazed crowd that witnessed this that “by faith in his name, this man, whom you see and know, his name has made strong.”

Christ calls Simon to be his dis-
ciple, re-names him “Peter,” the rock. Saul of Tarsus, “also known as Paul,” changes his life to follow Christ and becomes well known by his new name. So powerful is Christ’s name that Saint Paul in his “Letter to the Philippians” declares that “at the name of Jesus every knee should bend.”

Throughout the centuries, many indulgences have been attached to the pious use of the name of Jesus. In earlier times, men respectfully removed their hats if they spoke Christ’s name, and in the 1950s in this country, school children were taught to bow their heads whenever they said “Jesus.”

Many parishes hosted a very active Name Society. To utter the name of Jesus is born and he writes on a tablet “...At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend.”

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in the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, Jesus is addressed as “the brightness of eternal light,” “Jesus, our refuge,” and as “Jesus, our way and our life.” The litany invokes the Holy Name “to deliver us” from “all sin,” “from ev-

elating death,” and “from neglect of Your inspirations.” The litany concludes by asking Our Lord to “as much a lasting fear as a lasting love of Your Holy Name.”

In the end, what does it mean if we take Christ’s name as our name, if we call ourselves, name ourselves, Christians? We have both this holy faith and this holy love of the word that means our Savior, this most holy name of Jesus.

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