Christ the King’s Karen Carter named Distinguished Principal

By Brianna Osborne

The Sooner Catholic

Principal Karen Carter of Christ the King School in Oklahoma City has won the National Catholic Educational Association’s Distinguished Principal Award for Region X. The award will be presented at a banquet during the NCEA Convention in Pittsburgh in April 2014. Though she did not expect to receive the award, her colleagues and the students at Christ the King were not surprised. Those who know her best say that her generosity in time and talent is inspirational.

Fully Rely on God

At first, Mrs. Carter did not want a career in education. “Both my mother and my sister were teachers, so I didn’t want to be,” said Mrs. Carter. “I worked for 10 years at Children’s Mercy Hospital (Kansas City) in Dietetics, but I missed seeing the children after they left the hospital. So I went into education to spend more time with them.”

“I have taught every grade except kindergarten, but mostly I’ve taught science to grades five through eight,” said Mrs. Carter. “I first taught in the Diocese of Jefferson City, Mo…. I first became principal there and when we moved to Oklahoma in 2001, I taught fifth grade for a year at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton before becoming principal at Rosary School. I was a principal at Saint Patrick’s in Wichita, Kan., before returning to Oklahoma and Christ the King.”

The Carter family was always busy, but never as much as in the last few years.

“Since I already had a family before I became a teacher, our four children grew up with Mom watching over them in elementary school and my husband, Tom, teaching them in high school,” said Mrs. Carter. “The biggest challenge when Mr. Carter decided to become a deacon was the commitment to four years, giving one weekend a month for the training. I’m not sure we could have done that with young children.” Mr. Carter was ordained to the permanent diaconate in Oct. 2013.

Mrs. Carter is well known for her motto that helps her to fulfill her many responsibilities.

“It has become my mantra to F.R.O.G. Fully Rely On God,” said Mrs. Carter, mentioning that she has many frogs in her office that remind her of this message. “I use that with others and try to live it myself. [It’s] so simple, yet not that easy.”

Though there are hard days when students or teachers are struggling, Mrs. Carter truly enjoys her work.

“I love that no two days are the same. I love visiting classrooms, seeing students at Church, in the halls, at recess or at sporting events,” she said.

“Christ the King has a very professional, dedicated faculty and staff. I am blessed with two amazing assistants, Amy Feighny and Robert Crump. Best of all though, is the blessing of a supportive, active pastor who worries about everything so I don’t have to! Father Rick Stansberry is why I came to Christ the King and a big part of why I have stayed,” said Mrs. Carter.

Father Stansberry was extremely appreciative of Mrs. Carter’s service. He revealed that she is a good example not only to the school, but to her family as well. “Her husband Tom was just ordained a permanent deacon, her son Patrick a transitional deacon and all of her children are faithful, active Catholics. That speaks volumes of her influence,” he said.

“I have worked with her for 10 years, four at Rosary and six here at Christ the King,” he said. “I know I can say without a doubt I am a better priest because of her inspirational way of life.”

Mrs. Carter admits that she cried when she heard she had won the award. “It has been a challenging fall for our family, with my husband’s recent cancer diagnosis. Yet through it all we have seen so many blessings and this is certainly a big one. God is so good!” she said.

Brianna Osborne is a staff writer for the Sooner Catholic and the editor of the Sooner Catholic enewsletter.
Catholic schools: Communities of faith, knowledge and service

In anticipation of Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 26-31), I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is a part of this archdiocese. Every year, I look forward to this time of reflection and prayer because of the many wonderful and significant contributions Catholic education makes to our lives and the lives of those we serve.

Catholic schools are very much a part of the unique legacy of our archdiocese. We have worked hard and are proud of this archdiocese. Catholic schools are prepared to live their faith and fulfill their mission to provide an excellent education for their children.

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The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley’s of the diocese.

Archbishop Paul A. Coakley

JANUARY

Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King Mass combined with Pilgrim Mass for March for Life Pilgrims, 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Cathedral

Jan. 19 – Mass for Pilgrims, 6:30 a.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City

Jan. 20; Martin Luther King Mass, 11 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel

Jan. 21; School Mass and classroom assemblies, 8:30 a.m., Saint Joseph School, Edmond

Jan. 22; School Mass and classroom assemblies, 8:30 a.m., Sacred Heart School, Bethany

Jan. 24; Crisis in the Family Panel Discussion, 10 a.m., Oklahoma State Capitol

24-26; Respect Life Mass and Respect Life Blood Drive at the Basilica of St. Mary

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Of a New Year’s resolution

By Carol Glatz
Cardinal Dolan is in VATICAN CITY — Christians should look forward to being a light to the people of all land who do not believe, but by “holy cunning” to guard against the snare of temptations, and also to keep it warm with the light of faith. He was speaking at a Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica Jan. 6. (CNS photo/L’Osservatore Romano via Reuters)

The poorest of the poor challenge

By Charles F. Glick

As I was praying about my New Year’s resolution, the question, as ever, is: why? The answer is simply this: we are not yet convinced that the poorest of the poor suffered for the sake of God, and those who hear will see…

The Magi “teach us not to fear death, nor to hold back people when they are dying. We should help people to be ready. The hour is coming when all who are in the graves will hear the voice of the Son of God, and they will rise from the dead.”

Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming when all who are in the graves will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will see…

The poor are getting poorer and, in the main, are incorporated into global systems of production and exchange: sometimes relatively easily, and often, to be sure, and usually, but where socioeconomic life is grounded in the numbers of people out of poverty, that path comes from the poorest of the poor. 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Meet Our Seminarians

This is the 16 part in a 24-part series to introduce the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to the people they will one day serve as priests.

Edwin Salagan Jr.
1. What is your home parish? Catholic Church of Saint Eugene – Oklahoma City
2. What seminary do you attend? Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
3. If it is God’s will, what year will you be ordained a priest? 2017
4. How old were you when you first thought that God might be calling you to the priesthood? I was 10 years old when I started to consider becoming a priest, but I was not one of those brave, enlightened young men who had the courage to enter seminary after high school. I took it me 29 more years to “discover” answering God’s call aft- er a career in health care administration, I finally applied to become a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City at the age of 45.
5. What is your favorite subject in the seminary? Biblical Studies and Church History
6. Describe your typical day. I am an early riser. I awake by 4:30 a.m. and start the day by praying the Litany. If I do have any homework to finish before class, I usually run on the treadmill for 20 minutes. We have Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m., classes from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Mass is 11:30 a.m. every day except on Sunday mornings, when it is at 10:30 a.m. I have afternoon free until 4:00 p.m. for Schola practice or my ministry assignment on Wednesday. Otherwise, at 5:00 p.m. we have communal Evening Prayer, followed by dinner. My free time is spent mainly in prayer and/or studies. Saying the minor offices and Compline is pretty much your daily personal responsibility, so it would be once or twice a day. I also try to be an active part of the community and enjoy spending time with my classmates and the formation staff. I end the day by going to chapel (Right Prayer) and saying the rosary and try to be in bed by 9:45 p.m.
7. What is the most important thing you have learned in the seminary so far? In order to fully understand and realize whether consecrated life is truly your vocation, then lead your life as though you were already an ordained priest. Also, smile until your gums cave in …
8. What do you look forward to most about becoming a priest? Letting the children come to me, and do not prevent them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Saint Monica’s parish in Edmond, Okla., hopes to make this statement a reality with a new program facilitated by the Children of Hope Eucharistic adoration program.

Saint Monica’s parish brings the biblical charge “Let the children come to me” to life

By Sarah Cooper

For the Sooner Catholic

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Every third Wednesday of the month, children of all ages, along with their parents, gather at the Saint Augustine chapel from 10 to 11 a.m. for prayer, activities and song. Two Saint Monica’s juniors saw a need for this kind of devotional prayer focused on teaching young children to have a relationship with Christ.

“We break up the hour with activity and coloring sheets, songs, vocal prayer and quiet prayer. We do not do more than what can be expected out of kids,” explained organizer Cheryl Gumerson. “It is important to gear the hour to what the children will enjoy. We stress the point that Jesus is right there. When the kids understand this, they are thrilled to be there!”

Father Thomas French, a priest with the Brothers of Saint John, began the Children of Hope adoration program in 2000 as an answer to Blessed Pope John Paul II’s call for people of all ages to spend more time with our Lord in Eucharistic adoration.

“The children enjoy being at the feet of Jesus, resting under the loving gaze of he who is no longer with us in the flesh,” said Father French.

Young children often have a more innocent faith to help them fully believe in the true presence. This faith will help them prepare for their eventual First Communion.

“It is my prayer that the chil- dren will learn how to truly talk to Jesus as their best friend and loving protector and that that relationship with Him will last the rest of their lives,” added organizer Lauren McGee.

Parents at Saint Monica’s have found their children respond to the time spent in adora- tion. It’s so beneficial for us to go to spend the prayer time together, and my son has learned a lot already. Each time we say a prayer or head something we’d talked about at home, he’ll look at me like, ‘Hey! Other people do this too!’” said parent Holly Barron. Although children are welcome to come to Eucharistic adoration at any time, the children’s adora- tion hour provides a time for parents to bring their children to adoration and not be concerned if they are disturbing others.

The Children of Hope Children show us that the Lord desires little ones to come to him by means of committed spiritual lives in marriage. He is honored by the simple love of his (or her) adoration offered by the precious souls of our dear children,” remarked Father Stephen Hamilton, pastor of Saint Monica’s, “I believe and hope that God’s children will make the church a familiar place for these children such that Eucharistic adoration may continue to be a prime place in their spiritual lives as they grow to become adults.”

Sarah Cooper is a freelance writ- er for the Sooner Catholic.

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The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2014 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” The annual ob- servance starts January 26, 2014 and ends February 1, 2014. Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and the community at large.

The 2014 theme was developed in response for a theme and logo that would last more than a year, allowing schools to brand the week and their ongoing marketing activities with repeated mentions and use of a consist- ent logo. 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 church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

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 learn how to make right choices in a world where such choices are counter-cultural. 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 comes through our Lord Jesus Christ. We teach our children to show their Love in Action by using the goodness of the other and acting on it.

With a solid curriculum, dedicated teachers and staff, and a desire to change the world for good at a time, the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City live the biblical call to Justice through morning prayer, weekly mass during the school day, a religion curriculum based on archdiocesan standards, a desire to help those in need through charity and social justice, and a joy for the blessings given us, we do so much more than educate the mind. Each school is truly a community of faith, knowledge and service.

High academics, high parental involvement, low student-teacher ratios, and faith-based education all lead to an outstanding education for stu- dents attending Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

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This is God’s word addressed to us by Jesus before he left this world.

Jeffrey Cooper is a freelance writer.

Jesus teaches that what we have received as a gift we must be ready to give as a gift. We are called to become missionary disciples! If we are not growing in our faith and sharing our faith with others, our faith may eventually atrophy and die. At best such faith becomes a superficial and meaningless accessory in our lives.

In proclaiming a vision for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City this past fall, Archbishop Scott H. Holley asked us, “to focus on the very heart and essence of what it means to be a Catholic. It is not first and foremost about building and maintaining fine institutions and structures, through these there have their proper place. Jesus first calls each of us to discipleship. Each of us is needed to be a part of this Archdiocesan and whol- ehearted disciple of Jesus Christ.”

The rest flows from this encounter and relationship.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week we address the notion of discipleship by look- ing no further than the priests, principals and teachers, who are ex- amples of the product and in some cases, the creators. Congratulations to those schools, dedicating their vocational lives to share their faith with the next generation of Oklahoma Catholics.

Father William Nowak (Mount St. Mary), Father Stephen Bird (Bishop McGuinness) and Father Stephen Hamilton (Bishop McGuinness) graduated from Catholic schools within the Archdiocese. Likewise, Principals
Catholic Schools of Oklahoma Open House Schedule

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 26th - Feb 1st, 2014
“Go Make Disciples...”

we are grateful for the gifts of all of our pastors, teachers, administrators, the Year Award re-

2013 Catholic

grade teacher at St.

Nepomuk School) and Leslie Schmitt (All Saints School) have also grad-

Elementary Enrollment

High School Enrollment

Five year enrollment statistics

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of OKC

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Catholic Schools Snapshots

A quick take on issues and statistics

The Ear of the Heart

By J.E. Helm

“The Ear of the Heart” by Mother Dolores Hart, OSB, is not a Holly-

High School: 2008-2009

New York in a successful production of “Mary Poppins.”

Dolores Marie Hicks’ name was changed to Hart for professio-

nally as was not a Catholic. She realized the Church at her young age.

2013-2014 School Year

They (Dolores and Mary) have often been spoken of in the same breath.

1,001

2008-2009 School Year:

5,100

5,200

5,200

5,100

5,504

5,334

5,100

The film’s musical numbers include “Let’s Go Fly A

Disney’s “Saving Mr. Banks” is prac-

1,670

3,967 - 6.17% decrease in a 5 yr period

5,954 - 3.34% decrease in a 5 yr period

High School: 2010-2011

2,220

5,200

2,000

1,197 - 6.59% increase in a 5 yr period

“God was ‘bigger than Elvis’ for Hollywood star”

Hart has engaged her Damita Robinson, a bright young architectural designer and, event-

Dr. Rebekah Scaperlanda

titling” by Mary Poppins.

After watching the film “Saving Mr. Banks,” Disney wondered if the story of this remarkable woman

Disney had been interested in bringing Mary Poppins decades earlier when his two daughters read the books by P.L. Travers about this lovely nancy who would “blow in from the wind.” He dreamed of his girls that he would make the movie when they were children or go back on his word, he reflects looking for 20 years, threatening her with a knife. What Dolores wrote in writing about her early childhood.

Finally, “I remember the fights, the yelling, but I don’t think I really consider this with others;

daughter Dolores in any way, and she says that “I always knew that he loved me and had a sense of pride in me.” Everywhere in her story, she writes about people—even the actors. Her portrayal, a natter of Saint Joseph Carmeldeit in Saint Sulpice, Dolores never actively

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Two other films, “God is Bigger than Elvis” (2011), a documentary that was nominat-

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time can take to remember Pope Francis’ words of joy and hope with these two words from Pope Francis’ Encyclical, The first step might be to identify the root cause of depression and its underlying issues. Recently, in the online edition of “Verily” magazine, Monica Dulcich described the challenges of a “holiday blues.” In reading studies conducted by the Mayo Clinic, the Christian, and community groups, January 2013, many people report feeling depressed and hopeless.

“A specific form of depression that takes hold in the fall and winter months is Seasonal Affective Disorder. SAD can cause weight gain, fatigue, lack of appetite, withdrawal and social isolation. It may also include an increase in weight.

Long spoken with compassion about the ways those suffering from depression can find comfort and joy, Pope Francis said: “Do not be saddened by this. Everything in life turns to joy in Christ.”

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World Day of Prayer Celebrating Consecrated Life to Feb. 2

Archbishop Paul Coakley will pray Vespers with the consecrated religious of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the sisters of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation, as part of World Day of Prayer Celebrating Consecrated Life. All of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City are invited.

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Life to be Feb. 2

The Green Tie Gala 2014: Eat, drink and save a life

The Green Tie Gala planned for March 8, 2014, will benefit Holy Family Women's Development Center. Honoree Jim Everist will be recognised at the festivities at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. This year’s gala will be done and held Thursday, April 24, 2014, to celebrate a grand green time. Sponsors and auction items are needed at this time, and to participate visit GreenTieGala.com or email to tdenegri@mountstmary.org.

Part-Time Cafeteria Help

Bishop McGuinness Cafeteria is accepting applications for part-time positions. Hourly are

SC Schedule

The 2014 publication schedule and submission deadlines of the Sooner Catholic will continue as follows:

Publication Deadline
Sunday, 2/01/14
Sunday, 2/09/14
Sunday, 2/16/14
Sunday, 2/23/14
Sunday, 3/02/14
Sunday, 3/09/14
Sunday, 3/16/14
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Catholic Job Board

Job Search

For help with depression, call: St. Joseph’s Counseling Center, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 3100 E. MacArthur St., Shawnee. For information, call the Church office at (405) 224-2424.

Secretary Position

St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church, Oklahoma City, is seeking a full-time Secretary to manage the School business operation.

The position requires a minimum of one year of experience in an administrative position. The candidate should be able to type 40 words per minute, have proficient computer skills, and be able to maintain confidentiality. Experience in accounting, bookkeeping, and general office procedures are a plus. The successful candidate will need to be available for minimal weekend work.

Interested candidates should submit their resume to St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church, 2621 E. MacArthur St., Shawnee, OK 73085.

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The 18th annual Oklahoma Catholic Men’s Conference to encourage men to “Stand Firm in the Lord”

By Sooner Catholic Staff

The 18th annual “In the Father’s Footsteps” Oklahoma Catholic Men’s Conference is slated for Saturday, March 1, 2014, at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in Norman, Okla. The event will feature a roster of sought-after speakers, including noted author and Holy Land guide Steve Ray, acclaimed author and biblical scholar Jeff Cavins, New Evangelization expert Deacon Ralph Poyo and Archbishop Paul Coakley. Ray will tackle the topic of “Proclaiming the Gospel: Back Then and All Over Again.”

“Today, pluralism is the new paganism as comfort, affluence and self-indulgence become the new gods,” Ray says in the conference brochure. “We face a deadly choice between remaining faithful and losing our souls.”

In a speech he wrote uniquely for the conference, Cavins will address the rabbi-disciple relationship.

“Think for a moment: What was it like to actually follow Jesus every single day, to witness what He did, listen to Him, sit at His feet and then be asked to do what He’s doing?” Cavins said in a video on the conference website. “That is the most exhilarating and adventurous life possible. I’m going to paint that picture for you and then challenge you to do it today.”

“Guys, it’s time we stood up as disciples of the Lord and walk in purpose, with courage, with boldness and love,” he added.

Deacon Ralph Poyo will aim to equip conference attendees to do the work of a disciple through his presentation, “Arise Church, In the Power of the Holy Spirit.”

“Coming to a men’s conference and hearing sound teaching is both wise and encouraged but it isn’t enough,” Poyo says in the conference brochure. “We must transform this motivation into action, empowered by the Holy Spirit.”

The speakers’ theme of discipleship accords with the overall theme of the conference, which is “Stand Firm in the Lord” (Joshua 1:9), and also reinforces the vision statement of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, which is “Go Make Disciples” and the planned subject of Archbishop Coakley’s address to the conference.

Doors will open at the Convention Center at 8:00 a.m. and the conference will be underway by 9:00 a.m. The day will also include opportunities to attend the sacrament of confession and to receive the Eucharist at a Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Coakley.

“Men can spend the day at a first-class conference facility, listen to nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers, enjoy fellowship with other men and celebrate the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist and – did I mention? – enjoy great food and beverages provided throughout the day … all for a very reasonable price!” said conference director Ray Haefele.

If You Go

“In the Father’s Footsteps” Oklahoma Catholic Men’s Conference

When: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2014

Where: The Embassy Suites Convention Center in Norman, Okla.

Why: ‘This conference has introduced programs that have taken root in various parishes as permanent men’s ministries, such as ‘That Man is You!’ and ‘Signposts Study Guides,’” says conference director Ray Haefele. ‘We’ll be introducing more new technology this year that will aid in study of the Catechism, the Bible and books written by leading Catholic authors. We encourage men to gather a group from their parish and make a day of it … What a great way to prepare for our Lenten journey!’

To secure a space: Registration is $29 for high school students, $39 for college students and either $55 for adults (before Feb. 10) or $65 for adults (after Feb. 10). For more information or to register, visit catholicmen.net.

Obituary

Sister Roberta Schachle, OSB

Sister Roberta Schachle, OSB, 87, a Benedictine sister of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kans., died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at the monastery. The vigil service was, Dec. 26, at 7 p.m. in the monastery chapel, and the Mass of Resurrection was celebrated there Friday, Dec. 27, at 10:30 a.m. The Arensberg-Prutting Retired Resident Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be sent to Mount St. Scholastica or made online at the Mount’s website (www.mountosb.org). She was born Roberta Marie Schachle Nov. 11, 1926, in Canute, Okla., one of eight children of John and Teresa Schachle. In 1945, she entered the Benedictine monastery in Tulsa, Okla., where she was a member until 1968, when she became part of the new foundation of Red Plains Monastery in Piedmont, Okla. With a master’s degree in mathematics education from Syracuse University, she spent most of her life teaching in elementary schools in Oklahoma including Marquette and Monte Cassino in Tulsa, John Carroll in Oklahoma City, All Saints in Broken Arrow, and St. John’s in McAlester. She also worked as a housemother for a halfway house of the Tulsa Psychiatric Center, assisted with retreatants and guests at Red Plains Monastery, and was a gifted potter and weaver. In 2009, her community merged with Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas and she spent her remaining years there.

She is survived by a brother, Pat Schachle, of Elk City, Okla., sister-in-law Teresa Schachle of Canute, Okla., and by nieces, nephews, and her monastic family.

Sister Roberta was preceded in death by her parents, by her sisters Teresa Ryan, Mary L. Hodgson and Katherine Wilhelm, and by her brothers Charles, James and John Schachle.