Archdiocese of Oklahoma City launches historic capital campaign

**One Church, Many Disciples**

Archbishop Coakley has unveiled a five-year, $60 million capital and endowment campaign to build a shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother and fund worthy initiatives to strengthen and enhance Church ministries throughout central and western Oklahoma.

This is the first-ever campaign of this size and scope for the archdiocese.

The One Church, Many Disciples Campaign aims to strengthen local parishes, build endowments for faith formation, renovate the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, honor Blessed Stanley Rother and create a fund to support retired priests.

The campaign is the culmination of Archbishop Coakley's pastoral planning process from 2012-2015. After years of listening sessions, prayer and planning, Archbishop Coakley laid out three priorities for the archdiocese.

"The Catholic Church is growing in Oklahoma and we want to be poised to build on that enthusiasm," Archbishop Coakley said. "Faith formation, new evangelization and Hispanic ministry are central to the future needs of our faith community, and the One Church, Many Disciples Campaign will provide foundational support to fulfill these ministry objectives."

In addition to Archbishop Coakley's leadership, the capital and endowment campaign is led by two co-chairs, Ken and Karen Kenworthy and Father Rick Stansberry.

"As one Catholic community – one Church – we are called to come together in a spirit of evangelization and discipleship," said Father Rick Stanberry, pastor of Christ the King in Oklahoma City. "Our campaign at Christ the King and in each of the parishes and missions in the archdiocese will help to transform the way we support the growth of parish-based and shared diocesan ministries."

The campaign will contribute to four permanent ministry endowments at the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma, which will provide long-term funding for the education of seminarians; for youth, young adult and campus ministry; faith formation and adult discipleship; and for Catholic schools.

**Parish representatives learn about the campaign at the October launch meeting. Photo Chris Porter.**

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**50 years of letting his light shine for Christ**

*Parish celebrates Father Vorderlandwehr*

By Charles Albert

While serving in the U.S. Air Force in the early 1950s, Adrian Vorderlandwehr had many options for his future – continuing his military service, accounting and a vocation to the priesthood. After a visit to Saint Gregory's Abbey, he entered the Benedictine community. That was more than 50 years ago.

On Aug. 20, parishioners, family and friends gathered for the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. At age 82, Father Vorderlandwehr is the oldest full-time, active priest in the diocese. Parishioners said his enthusiasm for his faith shows them two common threads: he makes them better Christians as he shines Christ's light, and he follows Archbishop Coakley’s call to “Go Make Disciples” by his actions and example.

Father Vorderlandwehr serves two parishes – Sacred Heart in Konawa and Saint Mary in Wanette. He also has served as prison chaplain at three different Oklahoma prisons.

"I drive a long way just to attend Mass with Father Adrian. At every Mass, he translates the readings into a true-life story and I learn so much. After Mass, Father also has a catechism class to further explain teachings about the Church," James Krohmer said.

Charlene Fundis’s family has been attending Saint Mary since 1904. She said church attendance has grown since Father Vorderlandwehr arrived. She said she has seen him exemplify "Go Make Disciples" by unifying the Wanette community and its different churches.

"He has unified all denominations under the light of Jesus Christ, and I never believed it could happen in

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**Campbell Elements:**

- Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine
- Strengthening Parishes
- Faith Formation
- Cathedral Renovation
- Priests’ Retirement

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**Go Make Disciples**

*ONE CHURCH, MANY DISCIPLES ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY*

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One Church, Many Disciples

This is truly an exciting time for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City! The recent beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother bore witness to God’s presence and the vitality of the Church here in Oklahoma. Blessed Stanley’s life and ministry inspires each of us to more fully embrace the call to discipleship. We are greatly blessed by his example. Now, we are called to build upon his legacy. The One Church, Many Disciples campaign is the culmination of many years of prayerful planning, and focuses the wheel of the Catholic Church in central and western Oklahoma on three priorities—new evangelization, education and formation, and pastoral initiatives. This extraordinary, first-ever campaign in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is in answer to explosive growth of the local Catholic population, Jesus’ call to missionary discipleship, and your response—the faithfulness of the people of the Church.

The campaign will provide funding for a beautiful shrine to Blessed Stanley Rother, enhancement of our noble Cathedrals, our local parish needs, seminarian education, faith formation, priests’ retirement, and to help plan for future parishes. I am asking all 108 parishes and mission communities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to join together as “One Church” to participate in the campaign. All parish families will be given the opportunity to help advance God’s Kingdom with their gifts of time, talent and treasure.

The success of the One Church, Many Disciples campaign is only possible if each of us prayerfully considers making a sacrificial gift. As you pray about how you will participate, please reflect upon the many gifts with which God has blessed you and how you will respond in kind.

Please know I am personally committed to investing myself in this effort, I hope you will join me and help our diocese to continue to grow and succeed for future generations.

Thank you for opening your heart and mind to the message of One Church, Many Disciples and to question: “What must I do in the life of the Church!”

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

Archbishop’s of Oklahoma City

The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley’s official calendar.

Nov. 26 — Mass and blessing of new statues, 10 a.m., Epiphany of the Lord, OKC
Nov. 28 — Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis of Sales Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center
Nov. 29 — Installation of Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger as Bishop of Tucson, 2 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Tucson
Nov. 30 — Saints Ball, 6:30 p.m., National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
Dec. 1 — Priests Advisory Committee meeting, 8 a.m., CPC
Dec. 1 — Mercy Gala, 6:30 p.m., Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club
Dec. 2 — Confirmation, 4 p.m., St. Richard, Carlisle
Dec. 5 — Christmas party for priests of archetype, 3:30 p.m., archbishop’s residence
Dec. 7 — Archdiocesan School Advisory meeting, 7:30 a.m., CPC
Dec. 9 — Archdiocesan Encuentro, 9 a.m., CPC
Dec. 10 — Advent Lessons and Carols, 5 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Gregory’s University to suspend operations in December

For those students that are graduating this semester, a commencement will be held on Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. in the Don and Jessena Summer Field House. A Baccalaureate Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 30 in the Abbey Chapel.

“I am grateful for our excellent staff and faculty who have labored for years under severe financial constraints, dedicated to providing the best education for our students. They have provided generations of students a framework to live joy-filled lives in service to others. I am also grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of the monastic community, the board of directors, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the Catholic Church of Oklahoma and countless others who have prayed for St. Gregory’s and given of their resources to help sustain the university,” President Scaperlanda said.

“Like so many small liberal arts colleges, St. Gregory’s has struggled financially for years. We are grateful to Saint Gregory’s Abbey, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and the Archdiocese of Oklahoma for the opportunity to work with a strong university to create a financially sustainable future model,” President Scaperlanda said.

For more information and updates, visit www.sgo.edu.
New deacons receive parish assignments

Twenty-two men were ordained to the permanent diaconate this month. Below are their names and parish assignments:

Adolfo Aleman – St. Eugene, OKC
Robert Blakely – St. Eugene, OKC
Deacon David Caracciolo – St. Anthony, OKC
C. Roy Butler – St. Mary, Ardmore
Wusa Cara – Holy Family, Lawton
Luis De La Garza – St. Peter, Guymon; St. Francis, Beaver; Good Shepherd, Boise City
George Fortun – St. Andrew, Moore
Mark Gildonv – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Duncan; Immaculate Conception, El Reno; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bethany
Robert Hodge – St. Mary, Ardmore
Juan Jimenez – St. Mary, Ardmore
Timothy Layton – Holy Family, Lawton
Guadalupe Castilleja – Holy Cross, Madill
Jorge Perez – St. Monica, Edmond
Pablo Pena – Our Lady of Grace, Okarche
Emilio Rodriguez – St. Peter, Guymon; St. Frances Cabrini, Beaver; Good Shepherd, Boise City; Sacred Heart, Holdenville
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Above is shown the new surviving artifact from the storage room at St. Thomas More Catholic Bookstore. The artifact is an ornate cross from the Sacred Heart Church in Norman, which dates back to the mid-1800s. The men were delivered, she explained, by some of his peers who used the YouTube format to develop video games. 

“One thing I did for as long as possible,” he said. “Maybe when I’m older, I can load it down to another kid.”

His high-energy program has led him to feature on Father Dave Deyeran’s SiriusXM radio program. “It was great,” he said.

Today’s Catholic Maryland

One hundred years ago, Cardinal Francis Spellman, a prominent American Roman Catholic prelate, traveled to Rome to attend the papal jubilee and the conclave that selected Pope Pius XII. On his way back, Spellman returned to New York City, where he was an archbishop. The journey was a remarkable one for him, and one that would have a significant impact on his life and career.

As Spellman journeyed to Rome, he encountered many of the great figures of that time, including Pope Pius XI and Cardinal Pacelli, who would later become Pope John XXIII. Spellman also had the opportunity to meet with some of the most influential people in the Roman Catholic Church, including Pope Pius XII himself.

Spellman’s trip to Rome was more than just a personal journey; it was a religious pilgrimage as well. The jubilee year was a special occasion for Catholics everywhere, and Spellman wanted to be there to experience it fully.

During his time in Rome, Spellman also had the chance to meet with some of the most notable religious figures of the day. He met with Pope Pius XI, who was a strong advocate for social justice and was known for his commitment to the poor.

Spellman also met with Cardinal Pacelli, who would later become Pope John XXIII. Pacelli was a key figure in the Roman Catholic Church, and Spellman was grateful for the opportunity to meet him.

Finally, Spellman met with Pope Pius XII, who was a remarkable figure in his own right. Pope Pius XII was known for his commitment to peace and his efforts to end World War II. Spellman was thrilled to meet him, and the two men had a meaningful conversation.

As Spellman returned to New York City, he was filled with a sense of purpose and determination. He knew that his time in Rome had had a significant impact on his life, and he was committed to using that knowledge to further the cause of the Roman Catholic Church.

When Spellman returned to the United States, he was a different man. He was more committed than ever to his faith, and he was determined to use his position as archbishop to serve the needs of the faithful.

Over the course of his career, Spellman would go on to become one of the most influential figures in the Roman Catholic Church. He was a strong advocate for social justice, and he was instrumental in promoting the cause of the poor. He was also a key figure in the fight against the Nazis during World War II.

Spellman’s trip to Rome was a formative experience for him, and it had a lasting impact on his life and career. It was a journey that would shape him as a religious leader, and it would help him to become one of the most respected figures in the Roman Catholic Church.
**Making Sense of Bioethics**

In an August 2015 column in *The Washington Post*, George F. Will argued in favor of physician-assisted自杀, summarizing up his perspective this way: “...there is no ... affirming at the end the distinctive human dignity ...”

His conclusion, however, raises several important questions: Should health debacles directed against ourselves be seen as a deep moral evil? Or, as a society, should suicide eliminate our personal freedom once and for all? More importantly, when is the highest of our human faculties, isn't it a radical contradiction to attain an autonomy through suicide with the sacrifice? And to what extent should we be able to make choices?

In this article, we want to highlight the ability to do what we are able to do. We will describe this ability as the human freedom once and for all. When speaking of freedom, we are concerned with the rules that govern it. If, in the name of autonomy, we were to declare that we're free to do whatever we want, even to the point of self-harm, we would be allowed to make choices, even decisions that are impossible to make.

**Father Ted Pacholczyk, National Catholic Bioethics Center**

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**Are true disciples more cats people, dog people or maybe another animal?**

_Either way, even pet lovers have patron saints!_

This month, we celebrate Saint Gertrude of Northville, O.B.B., Patron saint of cats. Her biography begins when she was 15. The king came to a feast at her house. When he asked if she would like to marry his son, she said no. The young lady was offended and, in a not so polite way, she rudely stated she would have nothing to do with any earthly spouse. Lord Christ the Lord. We might add that in the world of love with Christ!

The little crab makes no good on her promises and not only entered religious life, but founded a monastery and became abbess. Her life was filled with work among the sick and exalted animals to the stewardship of those whom he created in his own image. They were domesticated to help man in his service.

It’s important to remember that these little creatures are part of the Lord's creation, a gift from God, and we can have love and affection for them, but, just as for all animals, we need to learn to live with the lives above the lives of our own human brethren.

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They filled their days with laughter and joy, prayer and love, tending to the needs of their customers hard at their businesses and endured the sorrow of losing four children during the First World War. They lived for their church and for their community, and were the kind of people that God's work is always a joy. But, that is often not how God works. He manifested himself to us a small, valuable baby.

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Jim Beckman, executive director of the Secretari- at for Evangelization and Catechesis who recently joined the archdiocese from the Augustine Institute and Saint John Vianney Seminary in Denver, wel- comed the innovative programs that will be made possible by the campaign.

“The future of the Catholic Church is going to be determined by how effectively we reach the young people of today,” Beckman said. “Leadership and discipleship are at the heart of the new evange- lization. We are called to develop leaders in the Church with a true vocation for renewal, and the practical skills to actually implement it.”

“The Church, Many Disciples campaign is timely because of tremendous recent growth of the Catholic population in the archdiocese as well as the excitement surrounding the recent beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother and renewed call to mis- sionary discipleship.

“We are beyond the days when Oklahoma’s Catholi- cism were a mere 3 percent or 4 percent of the over- all population. Today, Catholics make up more than 10 percent of the state’s population. We are a growing community. One Church, Many Disciples will ensure a vibrant and healthy Catholic family for future generations,” Archbishop Coakley said.

The Office of Stewardship and Development of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is managing the campaign process. Peter de Keraty, executive director of the office explained that the 108 church- es of the archdiocese will conduct the campaign in groups, or waves.

“Beginning March 2018 and with additional waves of parishes starting campaigns in August 2018 and January 2019, 108 of parish campaigns. Archbishop Coakley has a personal goal to raise $20 million or more from leadership gifts. The first 20 gifts re- ceived from leadership gift families total more than $15 million.

“I am tremendously grateful and humbled by the generosity and willingness of those I have visited to support One Church, Many Disciples,” he said. To learn more, visit the campaign website at onechurchmanydisciples.org.

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Birth Choice volunteers needed

Birth Choice is in serious need of volunteers who will help clients with their decisions about fatherhood, abortion and birth. Contact Nathaniel Webster at (405) 606-8428.

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La arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City responde al llamado del Beato Luke 5:4 “¡Este es realmente un momento emocionante de crecimiento, formación de la fe y ministerio Hispano en nuestra diócesis!”. Esta extraordinaria primera campaña en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City responde al crecimiento explosivo de la población hispana local, el llamado al discipulado personal y la re- apertura del Reino de Dios.

Cáritas lanza concurso de video para jóvenes sobre la pobreza en Ciudad de México

CUVIDADE MÉXICO – Cáritas Arquidiocesana de México lanzó un concurso de video para jóvenes sobre la pobreza y la solidaridad en la Ciudad de México. Las temáticas del concurso, abierto para jóvenes de edad entre 12 y 29 años que viven en Ciudad de México, son “Nuevos rostros de pobreza en nuestra ciudad” y “Acciones solidarias en el amor del hermano”.

En declaraciones recogidas por el Diario Oficial de la Arquidiócesis de México (DOAM), el Padre Sahúlchán Silva, Director de Cáritas Arquidiocesana de México, explicó que en los videos participantes “se debe mostrar la realidad de los nuevos rostros de la pobreza en nuestra ciudad y las acciones solidarias que ya se llevan a cabo para enfrentar la pobreza”.

CLINIC aumenta capacitación, educación para servir mejor a inmigrantes

WASHINGTON – La Red Católica de Inmigración Legal (CLINIC) anunció su nueva iniciativa titulada “Conoz... las leyes” para capacitar a los inmigrantes en sus derechos legales. El objetivo es que los inmigrantes puedan tomar decisiones informadas y tener acceso a servicios legales de alta calidad.

Un paso hacia la formación de estos líderes legales es el “Conoz... las leyes”, que comenzará el próximo mes de marzo. El programa ofrece entrenamientos de alta calidad que fomentan el liderazgo de los inmigrantes en sus comunidades. Los inmigrantes pueden asistir a los encuentros presenciales o participar en la capacitación por videoconferencia o online.

Además, CLINIC continuará facilitando el acceso a servicios legales de alta calidad para inmigrantes con una amplia gama de leyes y asuntos legales. CLINIC capacitará a los inmigrantes para que puedan obtener los servicios legales adecuados y proteger sus derechos. La capacitación incluye temas como la familia, el trabajo, el acceso a la educación y la salud.

En opinión de Miguel Escobar, Presidente de CLINIC, el programa “Conoz... las leyes” es un paso importante en la dirección de la capacitación y formación de líderes legales en inmigrantes. “Es un gran paso hacia la formación de líderes legales en inmigrantes”, afirmó Escobar. “Este programa tiene como objetivo capacitar a los inmigrantes para que puedan tomar decisiones informadas y tener acceso a servicios legales de alta calidad”.

CLINIC busca treinta y seis líderes legales que sean capaces de capacitar y capacitar a otros inmigrantes en sus derechos legales. CLINIC capacitará a estos líderes legales para que puedan asistir a otros inmigrantes en sus necesidades legales.

Clara aportación de la educación para servir mejor a inmigrantes

CLINIC, una organización sin fines de lucro, se preocupa por capacitar a los inmigrantes en sus derechos legales. “La educación es una forma efectiva de dar voz a los inmigrantes”, aseguró Escobar. “Es un paso importante en la dirección de la capacitación y formación de líderes legales en inmigrantes”.

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**Briefs**

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) will host more than 130 trips in nearly 50 countries during 2017–2018 academic year. Spring break trip applications due Nov. 30; summer trip applications due Jan. 15. Full list of trips at foocus_std.org/missions.

Rachel’s Vineyard retreat

Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to heal and reorder hearts broken by abortion. The Dec. 1-3, retreat offers a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where painful emotions are recognized, and reconciliations and self-forgiveness occur. No cost. Pre-registration required. Contact (405) 623-3844 or rachael-vineyard@archokc.org.

Oklahoma Catholic Women’s Conference

Registration is open for the 2018 Oklahoma Catholic Women’s Conference. The price is $30 until Dec. 1. The event will be March 10 at the Edmond Conference Center. Speakers include Immaculate Illas, María Ruiz Scaperlanda and Donna Heckler. Register at www.owcconference.org.

Byantine icon art show

Holy Family on loan, is hosting a free Byantine Style Icon show 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Dec. 1 in Kirk Hall. Features work of local iconographer Beverly Layton and others. Brief presentation about iconography as well as a guided tour of the larger icons in the church and chapel. Light hors d’oeuvres served. Contact (505) 536-6351.

Sympto-THERM® RFP Class

Learn Natural Family Planning with Andrew and Samantha Mohli, certified instructors of the Sympto- Therm Method. Fee: $100, N.W. 12:30-4 p.m. – Noon Dec. 2, at St. Charles Borromeo, 5024 N. Grove Ave., in All meeting room. The full course cost (three classes) is $315. Participants must register to.rk@oc.org to receive materials. Contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (405) 721-9494, acoronos@archokc.org.

December Yves Mystical Retreat

Dec. 1-5, no cost. Pre-registration required. Contact (405) 623-3844 or rachael-vineyard@archokc.org.

Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, Thursday 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact Toni Calvey, (405) 630-0539, tonicalvey1900@gmail.com or visit www.SpiritOC.org.

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St. Francis of Assisi Secular Franciscan Province of Greater OKC meeting, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at St. Andrew, 800 N.W. 2, Moore, McConnell Room. Contact (316) 558-0432, willowrionn.com.

3 First Friday Sacred Heart Mass at the CPC. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:30 p.m.; Sacrament of Reconciliation to 10 p.m.; Mass at 10 p.m. at St. Anthony, 721-9494 or (405) 528-6252.

9 SRA Conference

Meridian – CPC closed.

16 Monday Mass at 9:30 a.m.; meetings 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Dec. 5-7 at St. Mary’s, 421 S., Ponca City. Visit grandmasplace.org.

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**Calendar**

This calendar only covers the two weeks between issue dates and may not reflect all of the calendar times. To see a full calendar, go to www.sowester100.org.

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**The Red Plains Benedictine Oblates of Mt. St. Scholastica**

Mon. 2–3 p.m., Rm. A/B, St. Charles Borromeo, 5024 N. Grove Ave. Contact (405) 635-5666, jimmartinosb@yahoo.com.

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**Advent Lessons & Carols**

Events begin at 3 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, 1901 N.W. 18.

Dec. 10 at Ascension Bap., 405-721-4115

On Dec. 10 at Craig Sproat, director of music and organist at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Moore; and on Dec. 17 at Andrew Barkoskie, IV, director of sacred music and organist at St. Francis of Assisi. Free and open to the public.

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**Brannon trip**

See “The Miracle of Christmas” on a trip to Brannon. No cost includes one night lodging, two meals and two shows. $269 pp includes one night lodging, two meals and two shows. $269 pp.

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**Sooner Catholic**

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Students at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School line up to say thank you to veterans attending a special Veterans’ Day assembly. Students from the Leadership Class organized the event and hosted a breakfast reception for veterans. Navy Capt. Mark McCabe was the guest speaker. Photo provided.

Deacon Roy and Susan Callison of the American Indian Catholic Outreach speak during the Council of Catholic Women-Tulsa Diocese meeting on Nov. 16 in Claremore. To learn more about the AICO, contact Deacon Roy Callison at rcallison@archokc.org. Photo provided.

Archbishop Coakley celebrates with the 2017 confirmation class at St. Joseph in Blackwell. Photo provided.

St. Joseph in Ada celebrate their 68th annual smorgasbord on Nov. 5. In total, they served 1,036 meals in the parish hall. Photos provided.

Archbishop Coakley visited students at St. Mark the Evangelist and All Saints school in Norman on All Saints Day. Photos provided.