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Catholics Urged To Attend Rose Day February 9

OKLAHOMA CITY — The annual Rose Day event will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9 at the state Capitol. Rose Day provides a great opportunity for pro-life Oklahomans to visit the Capitol and urge our elected officials to vote to uphold the sanctity of innocent human life, said Tony Lauinger, state chairman of Oklahomans for Life, Inc.

Former abortion-center administrator Abby Johnson will be the featured speaker. She is scheduled to address the Rose Day audience at 11:45 a.m. Johnson has become an outspoken advocate for the unborn child.

Pro-life legislators, also, will be introduced. Lauinger called on Oklahoma Catholics to help fill the Capitol on Rose Day.

"Please make plans to attend," Lauinger said. "The unborn child has no voice if we don't speak."
My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

One of my favorite saints is Katharine Drexel. Saint Katharine was born to wealthy parents on Nov. 20, 1858. She was by far the longest survivor of three children and therefore inherited basically the entire income from her father’s large estate. During her long lifetime, Katharine gave all her money away, more than $40 million.

There is another woman remembered in the Gospel who also gave away all her money. She was a poor widow. The Lord said she put in two coins which was all that she had. She gave everything!

Even though the circumstances of these two women are so radically different, both are challenging examples for us. One gave millions of dollars, the other two small coins. From the human perspective, Saint Katharine far outshone the poor widow. But from the Divine perspective, they gave equally because they gave out of love. Both gave all they had.

Today is our annual ADF appeal. Once each year, I come to ask your support for the Church of this Archdiocese. The financial commitment you make today pays for — and therefore provides — almost all the necessary works of the Church for the coming year.

Saint Katharine gave millions of dollars. The widow gave two small coins. Both gave generously. Both contributed because they were women of faith. They believed in God and made their commitment from spiritual motivation. They loved God. Therefore, they contributed to the temple and the Church to provide for the works of God.

Our ADF funds are used exclusively and totally for the works of God. Therefore, a pledge to ADF is truly a sign of your faith, a response to the Church’s mission and a tangible expression of your love of God. For these reasons, I come before you this year to ask your support for the Church of this Archdiocese through the Archdiocesan Development Fund.
El compromiso que usted hace hoy paga y provee - todos los trabajos necesarios de la Iglesia año venidero.

Las dos mujeres santas que identificé como ejemplos de generosidad recordaron la dimensión espiritual de ofrecer su dinero para apoyar la Iglesia. Santa Catarina dio dos millones. La viuda dio dos monedas pequeñas. Las dos dieron con mucha generosidad. Las dos contribuyeron porque eran mujeres de fe. Ellas creyeron confiaron Dios e hicieron su compromiso con una motivación espiritual. Ellas amaban a Dios. Por consiguiente, ellas contribuyeron al templo y a la Iglesia para que se logren los trabajos de Dios.

Nuestros fondos de ADF son usados exclusivamente y totalmente para los trabajos de Dios. Por consiguiente, una promesa al ADF verdaderamente es un signo de su fe. Ellas creyeron confiaron en que el trabajo de Dios sería realizado. Por consiguiente, una promesa al ADF verdaderamente es un signo de su fe. Ellas creyeron confiaron en que el trabajo de Dios sería realizado. Por consiguiente, esta disposición verdaderamente es un signo de su fe. Las dos dieron con mucha generosidad. Las dos dieron todo lo que tenían. ¡Ella lo dio todo! Aunque las circunstancias de estas dos mujeres son muy diferentes, ambas son ejemplos retadores para nosotros. Una dio millones de dólares, la otra dio dos monedas. Desde la perspectiva divina, las dos sobresalió a la mujer viuda. Pero desde la perspectiva humana, Santa Catarina fue nacida a unos padres ricos el veinte de noviembre, mil ochocientos cincuenta y ocho. De ellos, recibe una porción de los fondos de ADF para asistir a las parroquias que son financiados por los fondos recibidos de esta solicitud a la solicitud de ADF. Una vez al año, vengo a ustedes para pedirles su apoyo. Permitáme decírselo a algunos para que se den cuenta de la importancia de su generosidad al ADF. Estas apostarizaciones incluyen el Tribunal Matrimonial, Programa de Educación Religiosa, Servicios de Liturgia y Culto, la supervisión y dirección de las escuelas católicas, la formación del diácono, programas educativos de ministerios pastorales, la educación y formación de los seminaristas para ordenarse al sacerdocio y trabajar en sus parroquias. Ministerio Hispánico, sobre- tes de pre-vida y familia, Evangelización y otros alcances espirituales. Además, toda escuela pre-escolar, primaria, secundaria y a Universidad de San Gregorio, reciben una porción de los fondos de ADF para asistir a los parroquianos con sus subsidios hacia la educación de las escuelas católicas.

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I am asking you to make a generous contribution to the ADF because financially supporting the work of God is a spiritual response to God and His goodness. Please, then, make a generous and loving pledge today.

I also address you today with words of sincere gratitude. For the past 18 years, I have asked for your help and many of you have graciously and generously responded. I can never adequately thank you but the Lord can and He will! The Church was founded by Jesus and is enlivened by Him. The Church is not a human institution. It is God’s work which we share in under the guidance of a bishop whom the Lord sends us to be our shepherd. For the last 18 years I have joyfully attempted to fulfill that role. With great trust, I relied on your response and cooperation. You have done both well and I am grateful. Your generosity has made it possible for the Church of this Archdiocese to accomplish much good work. I thank you in word now and forever in grateful prayer.

Next week we will all welcome our new shepherd to Oklahoma. Archbishop Paul Coakley is a man of faith and prayer. He has served the Church as a priest in the Diocese of Wichita and as Bishop of Salina, Kan. He comes with great joy and enthusiasm. He will be a good shepherd for us. I know that you will receive Archbishop Coakley with love and unite with him in prayer and support.

In the coming fiscal year, Archbishop Coakley will need to continue developing the life of the Church here. He can and will do that if he has your help and support. Therefore as I thank you for your generous responses to me in the past, I urge you to make today’s ADF a record. With the example of Saint Katharine Drexel and the poor widow, all of us should be spiritually motivated to be generous. No, I am not asking you to give all that you have, but I am urging you to give more generously than ever before to this year’s ADF appeal. Each one of us will be greatly blessed by the presence and ministry of our new Archbishop. How unfair it would be if each of us did not do the best we can to help him build up the Church in faith and hope and love here in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

As you make your pledge today, please remember the remarkable stories of Saint Katharine Drexel and the poor widow. They literally gave all they had. Won’t you pledge at least $50 or $100 or even more a month for the next 10 months? Remember God is never outdone in charity. Jesus gave Himself up for us on the cross. Won’t you give generously to the work of God which is funded by today’s ADF appeal?

Thank you and God bless you!
The Catholic Foundation
CORNERSTONE
A Life Gift of Your Home

A life estate gift is also called a gift of a remainder interest in a residence, vacation home or farm to a charity such as the Catholic Foundation while the donor is living, and the donor retains the right to use the property for life. The donor receives a current income tax deduction for the gift that can be used to reduce one's current taxable income.

Highlights:
— Retain the use of your residence, farm or vacation home for the remainder of your life.
— Receive an income tax deduction.
— Reduce the size of your estate and expense of probate
— Provide a legacy to the Catholic Foundation to benefit the Catholic Church for years to come.

A life estate involving your home may also be combined with a charitable gift annuity to provide current income tax savings while enabling you to continue living in your home and provide additional income through the gift annuity. The amount of the annual annuity payments is based on the remainder value calculated under the life estate agreement. Because the gift annuity provides income to you, the tax deduction available to you is lower than if you only established the life estate agreement.

Minimum age for participation in the life estate/gift annuity program is 75.

For more information about life estate agreements involving your residence, farm or vacation home, contact The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma Inc.

Please Remember the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in Your Estate Plans

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Catholic Charities to Host Annual Meeting at St. Francis Assisi Church

OKLAHOMA CITY — Catholic Charities will host its annual meeting on Feb. 21 at St. Francis Assisi Church, 1901 NW 18th St. in Oklahoma City. The early evening event will begin at 4 p.m. with a Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Eusebius Beltran and followed by the annual meeting and awards.

As chairman of Catholic Charities board of directors, Archbishop Beltran has advocated for the growth of social services to meet the needs of the poor in Oklahoma. This will be the last Catholic Charities Annual Meeting Mass led by Archbishop Beltran, who has presided as the principal celebrant of the Liturgy since his installation as Oklahoma City’s archbishop in 1993.

“In the past year, people throughout western and central Oklahoma have received assistance from Catholic Charities’ many programs,” said Catholic Charities Executive Director Tim O’Connor. “Of course, this would not have been possible without the leadership and guidance of Archbishop Beltran, who has led Catholic Charities as its spiritual leader and board chairman. This year’s meeting will be a time to celebrate these works and thank the many Oklahomans who have donated their talents and money to make our efforts possible.”

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

During its annual meeting, Catholic Charities will recount its 2010 successes and 2011 goals. Additionally, awards will be presented to organizations, volunteers, clergy and parishioners who have devoted their efforts to serve others.

Keystone speaker at 2011 Catholic Charities Annual Meeting will be Oklahoma Department of Human Services Director Howard Hendrick. A former state representative and Oklahoma native, Hendrick has been director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services since July 1, 1998. Director Hendrick leads a staff of nearly 8,000 employees and administers a $1.8 billion budget. Hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans are touched daily by more than 40 state and federal human services programs administered under his leadership.

“We are pleased that Oklahoma DHS Director Howard Hendrick will join us as speaker at this year’s event,” said O’Connor. “Throughout his tenure, Howard has shown he is deeply committed to ensuring that the so many basic human needs, such as food, housing, education and medical care, are available to all Oklahomans. He appreciates the commitment of both faith-based organizations and private groups working with government to make sure that the poorest among us is protected and safe, no matter what their income.”

For more information about Catholic Charities and its many programs, call (405) 523-3000. You may also visit www.catholiccharitiesok.org to view the many services and programs that are supported by Catholic Charities.

Save the date
March 12
for the Green Tie Gala
Honoring the 2011 St. Patrick’s Parade Grand Marshal, David Egan.
For tickets, call Catholic Charities at (405) 523-3000.
Oklahoma Catholic Men’s Conference
To Be Held March 12 at Hotel in Norman
15th Annual Event Carries Theme of ‘The Way of the Cross’

Celebrating its 15th year, in the Father’s Footsteps has continued to challenge, inspire, motivate and educate the Catholic men of the Archdiocese. That trend will continue on March 12 with the 2011 Men’s Conference. Returning to the beautiful Embassy Suites Conference Center in Norman, men will again be treated to a world-class facility with all of the trimmings: spacious rooms, great conference facilities and excellent food and beverage throughout the day. "The Way of the Cross" is this year’s theme with the highlighted Scripture, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friend.” (John 15:13). Men will hear talks from speakers who lay down the challenge of living our faith each day. That year’s young adult track provides five fast-paced hours of speakers, music, fellowship, witness, inspiration and reconciliation geared specifically for high school and college young men.

Online registration is open now at www.catholicmen.net. Residues will be available mid-January in all parishes in the Archdiocese. Please reserve this day of learning, reflection, reconciliation and celebration of the Eucharist as a commitment to your Lenten formation.

Father Larry Richards: A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher and retreat master, Father Richards holds the answer to some of life’s most profound questions. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor and evangelist. Father Richards has directed hundreds of retreats, parish missions and conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds and lives of millions worldwide.

Father Richards was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. After high school, he attended the college seminary at Gannon University and received his bachelor of science degree in mental health counseling in 1983. Father Richards continued his studies at the major seminary at St. Vincent in Latrobe, Pa., and received his master’s degree in theology in 1987. He will soon conclude his studies at the University of Notre Dame and be awarded a master’s of arts degree in liturgy. Ordained to the priesthood in 1989 for the Diocese of Erie, Father Richards serves as pastor of St. Joseph Church/Church of Life Community in Erie. He is also the spiritual director of the TEC (Teen Encounter Christ) Retreat Program for the Diocese of Erie.

Father Richards is the founder and president of The Reason for our Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the Good News’ by educating others about Jesus Christ. For more information on the foundation, go to www.TheReasonForOurHope.org.

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is the founder and director of Encounter Christ (EVTN), a national American Christian radio and television ministry. A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher and retreat master, Father Richards holds the answer to some of life’s most profound questions. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor and evangelist. Father Richards has directed hundreds of retreats, parish missions and conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds and lives of millions worldwide.

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Deacon Burke-Sivers holds a bachelor’s degree in economics and business administration from the University of Notre Dame, and a master’s degree in Theological Studies from the University of Dallas. Deacon Harold is a Benedictine Oblate of Mt. Angel Abbey, an associate member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, a member of the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy and a consultation team member for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops National Directory for Catechesis.

Currently serving as the director of Public Safety at the University of Portland, Deacon Harold is a nationally recognized expert in school safety, security and violence prevention, and is listed in the International Who’s Who of Professional Management. He and his wife, Colleen, have four children.

Robert T. Rogers: Robert T. Rogers, a quiet electrical engineer from Ohio, was living a wonderful life. A son of a large loving family, he looked forward to building his own large family. He had a beautiful wife, Melissa, and four precious children.

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ministry to serve the God that he loved. He was spared for a reason and developed his faith in God. He knew that a wonderful wife, four precious kids and an unshakable faith in God that was about to be tested again.

Then tragedy struck. In an instant, a flash flood in Kanata overtook the family van on a highway in 2003, sweeping Robert's beloved family away from him to their deaths. He was alone, on his knees before God asking "Why?" Through his immediate trust in God, Robert has risen above adversity and shared his compelling message across the country with ABC, CBS, CNN, Montel Williams, Focus on the Family and numerous Catholic church events. He has ministered at many diocesan conferences, schools, youth rallies and men's conferences.

The amazing story of how Robert not only survived the unspeakable tragedy, but triumphed into a man on fire with love for God, is chronicled in his book, "The Deep: One Man's Story of How Tragedy Took His Family But Could Not Take His Faith."

New Robert travels the world, sharing his witness that life is short and we must cherish those we love, and keep God at the center of our lives. His powerful talk was laced with Scripture as a reminder that all those who live God will encounter tragedy and that the secrets for dealing with it lie within stories such as the Book of Job. Robert has a goal of opening an orphanage in honor of each of his five deceased family members. So far he has honored his wife, Melissa, with an orphanage in Russia, and his daughter, Makenah, with an orphanage in Benin. Information on his outspoken, "Mighty in the Land" can be found on his website.

Robert closed his talk with a poignant song to his oldest daughter, Makenah, in which he asked her what it was like to live in heaven.

An accomplished worship leader, pianist, songwriter and author, Robert teaches others to live a life of no regrets with his inspiring words and original songs at the piano.

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Chris Padgett:

A brilliant songwriter, musician, speaker and worship leader, Chris Padgett travels around the world giving talks, missions and concerts. A founding member of the popular Christian band Scaries and Tanzen, Chris wrote, recorded and toured with the band for seven years. He also has four solo albums to his credit; Follow, Golden, Wonder (Joyful Desperation) and The Encounter.

One of the most effective champions of family life in the church today, Chris can speak from experience. He has been married to his high school sweetheart for over 15 years and has eight children. As he loves to say, the Padgett family is taking the call to make disciples very seriously.

Chris and his wife, Linda, recently published their first book, Not Ready for Marriage, Not Ready for Sex. One Couple's Return to Chastity. recounting their journey from courting to marriage, the book speaks to young people about maintaining chastity in the midst of a culture that encourages otherwise.

Known for his many senses of humor and his love of books, Chris is a "very zealous" convert to Catholicism. He and his family entered the church on Easter of 1999. He holds a master's theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and has begun doctoral work in Marian studies at the International Marian Research Institute in Dayton, Ohio.

Chris is a veteran of three World Youth Days (Roma, Toronto, and Cologne; San Francisco, California) and has ministered at many diocesan youth events. His television appearances include Life on the Rock with Jeff Cavins and Living Life Abundantly with Johnette Benkavick, both on EWTN. He has spoken on numerous radio shows and appeared at several Steubenville youth conferences.

Upcoming projects include a host-of-complimented live performances, an iTunes project with some of the funniest stories and messages from his talks, and a DVD.

John Smith:

The reignig Big 12 Coach of the Year, John Smith is a name synonymous with wrestling success.

The Oklahoma State head coach won six consecutive world championships as a competitor from 1987-92, including gold medals at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul and at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, and he owns five national championships as head coach of the Cowboys.

Smith accepted the head coaching position at Oklahoma State in 1992 and the success and accomplishments since that time speak for themselves. He has led his alma mater to five NCAA team titles in 1995, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, and has coached 23 NCAA individual champions and five Olympians. Under his watch, the Cowboys have brought 11 team conference championships and 65 individual conference titles back to Stillwater. He has also seen his student-athletes earn All-America recognition, an average of 4.7 All-Americans honors per year.

Most recently, he led the Cowboys to their ninth Big 12 team title in 14 tries when the Pokes hosted the favored Iowa State Cyclones in 2010. With a freshmen- and sophomore-heavy lineup that entered the event as underdogs, Smith guided a trio of Cowboys to championship finishes in liftingokus over an Iowa State squad that was ranked second in the nation at the time and was loaded with seniors and other experienced wrestlers.

In 1995, Smith married the former Toni Donaldson. The couple has three sons, Joseph, Samuel and Levi, and two daughters, Isabella and Cecilia.

When you mention the name John Smith around the campus of Oklahoma State University, you will no doubt hear many different tales of a storied athletic career both as a student and as a collegiate athlete and coach. The career, however, that pleased Coach Smith the most is that of husband and dad.
Following Mass, Father Ray Ackerman led the teens in a discussion in a session in the Cathedral. In another, Tony Laugher of Oklahoman for Life Inc. discussed pro-life legislative issues with adults who attended the Mass.

Sanctity of Life Mass Cathedral of Our Lady January 19, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated Christmas, the birth of Jesus. I trust that at that time, each of us and our families looked into the natiuity scene we had at home or in our parish church. There we see the little baby lying in the manger. While every baby is a beautiful creature of God, that child is the eter- 

nal Son of God. That is Jesus. He is Lord. He is Saviour.

Two weeks ago our country was thrown into a state of panic and shock. A lone gunman fired repeatedly into the crowd in Tucson. Six people were killed, more injured, and our nation, rightly so, was stunned.

Jesus came to the world so that we could have life and have it more abundantly. Yet because of peo- ple’s lack of choice and selfish motivation, we seem to remain in a spiral of gloom and doom, fear and death. The fundamental decision of Christian life was summarized in our First Reading from the Scripture. That is what we heard Moses, speaking on behalf of God – “See, I have set before you this day life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore choose life…”

There is a beauty in the phrase, “choose life!” Does it mean being able and being allowed to do whatever we want and have unrestricted pleas- 

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The more courageous we are in carrying our daily crosses, the more able we are to discover the true meaning of life. We begin to see beyond the material realities of this world to the spiritual and eternal meaning of life. History is replete in showing us the lives of the saints. They gave them- selves to God, thus losing themselves in Him and gaining happiness and the fullness of life in heaven.

Tonight, as we gather here together, we acknowledge the great threat to human life and fulfill- ment especially in the practice and acceptance of abortion. We, therefore, need to turn to the Lord, the Author of Life, the Giver of all good things and Choose Life! Choose God! And carry our crosses will- ingly and joyfully because God is Love. God is Life and we are His people.

Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran Apostolic Administrator

Prayers For Life

ANNUAL SANCTITY OF LIFE MASS CALLS HUNDREDS TO CATHEDRAL

Lord, Hear Our Prayer...

For women haunted by the memory of abortion: that God might grant His Church the grace to heal and support them; We pray to the Lord.

For the members of our Supreme Court: that they may sustain and promote the right to life of every child from the first moment of conception; We pray to the Lord.

For children who are lost, abused, or homeless: that the joy of the past Christmas season may be restored and the wisdom to love and protect them; We pray to the Lord.

For those who seek to serve us in gov- ernment office: that by their lives for every human being, from conception to natural death, they might lead us in a love of what is right and true; We pray to the Lord.

For all expectant mothers: that they may have the strength to carry their burden and protect their children; We pray to the Lord.

For the souls of all deceased children: that the love they bore for the children in their womb; We pray to the Lord.

For the members of our Supreme Court: that God might grant them the wisdom to heal and support them; We pray to the Lord.

For those whose burden of age has grown heavy: that God might grant them the strength and the wisdom to love and protect them; We pray to the Lord.

For the United States of America: that we might protect and defend the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for every human being from conception to natural death; We pray to the Lord.
Many persons have difficulty accepting, expressing and appropriately coping with their feelings. Many deny their feelings or feel vulnerable, guilty, shame, or fear of having certain feelings. Many don’t know what they are feeling or don’t know how to deal with such feelings appropriately. However, feelings are a normal and important part of who we are and an important part of human being. Feelings are connected to our spirituality, physical well-being, our values and our thinking. Feelings give us information about ourselves that can help us become the men and women God wants us to become. Unfortunately, for many in their formative years, feelings were not affirmed and validated as being normal. For others, feelings were associated with being weak, and others were criticized or shamed for having certain feelings. For others, in their younger years, feelings were shut down to survive—abuse, trauma or dramatic situations. For those and other reasons, many are not in touch with nor are they dealing appropriately with their feelings. However, as we begin to better understand, accept and appropriately cope with our feelings, we begin to touch in touch with who we are and who God made us to be. We are more in touch with God’s love for us and are aware of His will for us. As we are more aware of our feelings, we are more at peace with ourselves, not just with our gifts and strengths, but with our flaws and our defects.

Signs we are better understanding, accepting and more appropriately coping with our feelings include feeling sadness and crying without guilt or shame, feeling hurt and angry while nurturing and healing ourselves without attempting to punish the source of pain, feeling happiness, joy and love with gratitude and an awareness of God’s presence.

Other signs of being accepting of and coping appropriately with feelings include allowing ourselves to stay with and experiencing a feeling until it is time to release it and go on; understanding that sometimes feelings are important and can help point us toward reality, but sometimes feelings can be deceptive, and knowing that feelings are important while simultaneously realizing we do not have to be controlled by them.

Patterns of understanding, accepting and coping with feelings include sharing feelings back and forth with a friend; journaling about hurts, sadness, frustrations, resentment while examining behaviors and thought patterns associated with those feelings; exploring feelings with a therapist in individual or group therapies; and accessing sharing feelings once or twice weekly with understanding and acceptance and without criticism, advancing our problem-solving.

As we explore and become aware of our feelings, we begin to better understand and accept ourselves. As we more understand and accept our feelings and ourselves, we experience a wonderful journey toward wholeness. This beautiful journey inward allows us to experience the peace and joy of God within and being at peace with who we are.

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By Denise Roessert

When I was a substitute teacher, I had a trick. I set aside precisely three minutes to familiarize myself with the seating chart. As the students were filing in and finding seats, I committed to memory the names of the students who were very likely to give me trouble. They were the ones who were a wild card, and something changed. When their attitude shifted, I put their names into short-term memory.

At the opening bell, I would put the seating chart down and begin implementing the teacher’s lesson plan — and then when one of the students acted up, I addressed him by name. He would stare at me in shock. Did I know him? Well, that changed everything. Suddenly, things were on a personal level. Anonymity — gone. Inconspicuous no longer.

I could see him thinking, how does she know me? Does she know my parents? Hey, she could write me a ticket. It gains access to the person. It allows us to experience the peace and joy of God within and being at peace with who we are.

When God gave us a name and He is calling us by that Name.

By Joe Froehle

In ancient days, He offered His name to Moses, but for each of us, this name remained a mystery. And then He called us to ourselves, as He called to Moses. Draw close. There is something I want you to do. And the key to your success rests in one name. My name. I am. The I Am is sending you. This Creator has known your name from the moment you were conceived in the womb. He knows you by name because He made you. In it lies a lesson I share with confirmation students. The One who made you has also called you by name. When you were baptized, you were given a new name. Every time you have entered the Church, from the moment you were old enough to reach the holy water font, you have been blessed yourself by that name.

But when you are confirmed, you will stand before God and before his shepherd, the bishop, and you will renew those baptismal promises. At your baptism, God called you as He did to Moses. He gave you your name. Today, he asks you to claim that name — now and forever. He is preparing to send you into the world, as He did Moses, to live the same life that He lived, to liberate the captives, and share His good news with others. It is time for you to wear your name publicly. It is time for you to become Christ to the world.

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Clear Ethical Thinking and the ‘Tyranny of Relativism’

By Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

I once asked a young physician whether he had received any training in medical ethics during medical school. I wondered whether he had been taught how to handle some of the complex moral questions that arise when practicing medicine. It turned out that he had taken only one ethics class during his four years of medical school, and it was a rather loose-knit affair. For the first part of each class, he told me, students were presented with medical cases that raised ethical questions. For the second part, they were asked to discuss and share their feelings about what the ethical thing to do in each case might be. This course was largely an airing of different opinions, with students never receiving any definitive ethical guidance or principles.

His experience reminded me how rarely we are today to discuss ethical problems, but how quickly we shy away from talking about ethical truths. We raise ethical questions but avoid ethical answers. We encourage the discussion of opinions and premises, but leave students in the lurch to “make up their own minds” about what might or might not be ethical.

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This type of ethical schizophrenia is obviously inadequate, however. Imagine someone saying: “If you think slavery is wrong, then don’t own a slave!” Real human goods are at stake when we make moral judgments and ethical decisions—in slavery, a human life is oppressed; in abortion, a human life is ended.

Not only do such ethical (or unethical) decisions affect others profoundly (black men and women, unborn boys and girls but they also affect us. We must all be involved in making us into those who oppress, or those who kill. In other words, human choices have consequences that affect all of us. But they also cause effects in the depths of the human soul, in the inner sanctuary of our own person. One surely want said that we parent ourselves through our actions. When we freely decide to do an action, we “create” ourselves, and show the direction in which our heart is going to go. In this world of good and evil, nothing is more important for the good of all than the excellence of the actions that manifest the ethical core of our lives.

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Leah wanted to start over, but kept thinking to herself, ‘You’ve gone past a point where God can help you. In her despair she called home. She told her dad, “If you don’t come and get me I’m going to lose my soul.”

When her dad arrived after a long drive from Missouri, he was beaming. He told her that before they left town they would be visiting the son she had been promised, a deflated self-image, bewilderment and depression.

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SHAWNEE — Twenty-one St. Gregory’s University students were among an estimated gathering of 400,000 in Washington, D.C., for the annual “March for Life.” As part of a college student pilgrimage with the Diocese of Tulsa, the group made the five-day trip to the nation’s capital for the peaceful protest of the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, which legalized abortion in all 50 states.

“We have a very enthusiastic group this year that is committed to the respect and protection of the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death,” said SGU Campus Minister Victor Poole. “I am thankful to have made this pilgrimage with so many inspiring young adults.”

As part of the trip, the group visited St. Meinrad Archabbey and the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. They also toured the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and joined 1,800 students from across the nation at the Students for Life National Conference. In between destinations, the students participated in praying the Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary, daily Mass and fellowship.

Students making the trip were (hometown in parenthesis): Rebecca Bodman (Oklahoma City), Christina Kurt (Katy, Texas), Macy Conley (Mustang), Denny Michalopulos (Tulsa), Sherry McHargue (Oklahoma City), Christina McHargue (Oklahoma City), Gabriela Weigel (Dallas), Yuya Denny (Choctaw), Louis Apedra (Skiatook), Karen Bastian (Moore), Vincent Carrares (Huntsville, Texas), Abby Pellett (Powell, Wyo.), Alex Burre (Taholah), Nicholas Burre (Taholah), J Solgado (Oklahoma City), Andrade (Paula Valley), Tim Fernandez (Claremore), Elizabeth McDaniell (Edmond), Erin Phillips (Dallas), Vanya Donny (Choctaw), Louis Apedra (Skiatook), Karen Bastian (Moore), Vincent Carrares (Huntsville, Texas), Abby Pellett (Powell, Wyo.), Alex Burre (Taholah), Nicholas Burre (Taholah), J Solgado.

SHAWNEE — A total of 81 students were named to the 2010 fall honor rolls at SGU. For President’s Honor Roll status, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade-point average. For Dean’s Honor Roll, a 3.5 or higher.

President’s Honor Roll
Avinger, Texas: Dillon Klaus
Choctaw: Caitlin O’Hagan
Chouteau: Sarah Coddin
El Reno: Catherine Knipfer
Emily Kudliger
Harrah: Amanda Cochlin
Holly, Colo.: Abigail Pollart
Idabel: Amanda Williams
Kingfisher: Jessica Stangl
Moore: John Clark
Norman: Devon Frasier, Alexandra Freed, Brock Vorwald
Oklahoma City: Rebecca Bodman, Elizabeth Brett, Dominique Martinez, Erin Phillips
Owasso: Amy Aurilio, Megan Tucker
Tulsa: Essence Rice
Winfield, Kan.: Anastasia Turegho

Dean’s Honor Roll
Chouteau: Katie Carlisle
Choctaw: Joshua Malon
Perry Smith, Ark.: Jose Huerynaty

Garland, Texas: Dana Buchko
Grand Prarie, Texas: Virginia Krieg
Harrah: Susan Haltuny
Irving, Texas: Gabriela Weigel
Jasian, Texas: Joshua Dutcher
Katy, Texas: Christina Kurt
Lane: Taylor Bryan
Loveland: Abigail Pollart
Norman: Melissa Alexander
Noble: Mary Lynch
Norman: Dallas Easley, Torreani Powell McCarthy, Lauren Swenson
Oklahoma City: Chelsea Laturgeon
John Tesal
Owasso: Allison Komir
Sharon: Leah Rabeann, Justin Mielc
Shell Knob, Mo.: Tricia Frantz
Sperry: Jennifer Wolf
Stilwell: Joshua Douglas
Taholah: Alexander Burre, Nicholas Burre
Waxahachie, Tx: Thomas McNamara
Whitesboro, Tx: Leticia Silva
Wichita Falls, Tx: Karen Hynes
Wilson: Callie Brewer
Yukon: Jennifer Alesch
International: Subharthi Shanker, Igor Mandro, Nathalie Pfeifer, Laura Curiel Duran

Further information regarding St. Gregory’s University can be found at www.stgregorys.edu or by calling 1-888-STGREGS.
Ministry Offers Hope for Marriage

TULSA — Retrouvaille is a program designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship. It has also proven helpful to couples who are separated or divorced. The program is Catholic in origin and orientation, but is open to couples of other faiths. The main emphasis of the program is on communication between husband and wife. It gives couples the opportunity to rediscover each other and to examine their lives together in a new and positive way.

The program begins with a weekend session and is followed by six follow-up sessions. During the weekend a series of informal talks are given by a team of three couples and a priest.

Participating couples are not asked to share their problems with anyone else. There are no group dynamics or group discussions.

For information about the program, starting the weekend of Feb. 18-20 in Tulsa, call 918-605-7010 or go to www.holyparishmarriage.com. All inquiries are confidential.

Across Oklahoma

Catholic Women to Hold Meeting

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Catholic Woman’s Activities Club at St. Joseph Church will meet Feb. 10. The club is made up of women from the parish who enjoy programs on gardening, music, civics and the arts.

The club meets the second Thursday of each month at noon from September through May. All Catholic women are invited to join us. For more information call June at 525-6904 or Pearl at 524-3641.

Saint Charles to Host Singles Dance

OKLAHOMA CITY — Saint Charles, 5014 N. Green, will host a dance for singles from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Feb. 19. A social hour will begin at 7 p.m. with the dance beginning at 8 p.m. For more information call 611-0763.

Date Changed for Marriage Covenant

OKLAHOMA CITY — The date for the Marriage Covenant program has been changed to Feb. 18-19. The move was made so it did not conflict with the installation of Archbishop-Elect Paul S. Coakley. Marriage as a Covenant is for couples who are engaged to be married. It is prepared by married couples and a priest. The team couples share their own personal stories of their marriage journey in areas of selected topics. For more information or to register contact the Office of Family Life at 405-721-8944.

Correction

In the January 23 issue of the Sooner Catholic information about the Permanent Diaconate was incorrect. The Permanent Diaconate program requires a four year Aspirancy/Formation and three year post-ordination program.
Church teaches about marriage, you’ll enrichment, or what the Catholic content editor. “Whether you’re in- USCCB staff member and the site’s information,” said Sheila Garcia, because they want useful and reliable news. The website offers reviews, and Marriage in Tip, blogs, quizzes, book features a Daily Marriage married life, the website to articles on all stages of relationships. In addition people in serious dating engaged couples and resources for married and practical information and received nearly half a million visits, a 23 percent grow in 2010. According to a report from Google Analytics, the website received nearly half a million visits, a 23 percent increase over 2009.

The website offers practical information and resources for married and engaged couples and people in serious dating relationships. In addition to articles on all stages of married life, the website features a Daily Marriage Tip, blogs, quizzes, book reviews, and Marriage in the News.

“People visit For Your Marriage because they want useful and reliable information,” said Sheila Garcia, USCCB staff member and the site’s content editor. “Whether you’re interested in marriage preparation or enrichment, or what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage, you’ll almost certainly find what you need.”

The report found that articles on preparing for a Catholic wedding are especially popular. For Your Marriage has extensive resources for engaged couples, including the texts of suggested wedding readings and commentaries. It also offers information about music, ceremony options, interchurch marriages, and “Ten Tips” for planning a memorable wedding.

According to the report, visitors came from 213 countries or territories. Significant numbers came from the United Kingdom, Australia, the Philippines and India. Visitors from Ireland increased 505 percent over 2009.

The For Your Marriage website was launched in 2007 as part of the Bishops National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage. Strengthening marriage and family life is one of the university’s five priorities.

Proposed Law Would Require Surgical License

OKLAHOMA CITY — Under legislation filed by state Rep. Sally Kern, abortion clinics would be required to maintain a valid ambulato- ry surgery center license.

House Bill 1548, the “Abortion Patients’ Enhanced Safety Act,” would require abortion clinics to obtain a valid ambulatory surgery center license from the Oklahoma Department of Health.

Kern noted abortion is an invasive procedure that creates the potential for numerous complications.

“Regardless of where you stand on the issue of abortion, if these clinics are going to exist, it is important that they are adequately prepared to address the many complications that can stem from an abortion,” said Kern, a Oklahoma City “There are clinics that currently do not offer appropriate care in the event of complications. I would like to see that change.”

Potential complications in first trimester abortions include bleeding, hemorrhage, infection, uterine perforation, blood clots, cervical tears, free fluid in the abdomen, missed or ectopic pregnancies, cardiac arrest, sepsis, respiratory arrest, reaction to anesthesia, fertility problems, emotional problems and death. The risks for second trimester abortions are greater still.

“The risk of hemorrhage is greater in second-trimester abortions and can result in complications that require a hysterectomy, other reproductive surgery, or a blood transfusion,” Kern said. “My legislation would ensure that abortion clinics are prepared to address such issues.”

House Bill 1548 can receive a vote after the Oklahoma Legislature convenes in session on Feb. 7.
Birth Choice Office Hit By Thieves

EL RENO - Police are looking for burglars who broke into the Birth Choice of El Reno office Jan. 28 and stole boxes of diapers.

Birth Choice is located at 400 W. London, a block from Sacred Heart Church. The not-for-profit provides support to expectant mothers and their children.

Daisy Weisenburger, office manager, said she walked into the office that afternoon and believed she interrupted a burglary in progress.

Weisenburger said the thieves took “a lot of things” including diapers, toilet tissue and paper towels.

Police Chief Ken Brown said the thieves broke through a back door. He said he did not have immediate specifics on all of the items stolen.

Weisenburger said she believed if she hadn’t interrupted the burglary, “they would have cleaned us out and that’s thousands of dollars.” She said the non-profit organization will have to replace all the items that were stolen.

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The Mass and installation will be delivered in real time over the Internet with live video streaming. The Archdiocese is partnering with PDC, a Norman firm that specializes in digital recording and Internet delivery. The live stream will be available at www.EWTN.com.

While Father Bird is leading the 16-member committee in charge of coordinating the Mass and installation, Father Robert Wood will serve as Master of Ceremonies with Father Stephen Hamilton assisting. Edwyn Day, Director of Music for Christ the King will coordinate the music for the Mass and installation. Also servers will be seminarians for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

An Evening Prayer Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Because of limited seating, this also will require a ticket for admission. Priests and deacons of the Archdiocese will be the primary guests at the Prayer Service. Father Bird said Day will coordinate the music for this service.

“Ho [Day] and a small committee have done a great job in planning the music for the Mass and installation,” Father Bird said. They have been rehearsing with a choir made up of members of several parishes.

Father Bird said the choir at the Cathedral of Our Lady will provide music for the evening prayer service.

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Calendar

FEBRUARY

8 Catholic War Veterans of any war (veteran/non-veteran) will meet the second Tuesday of each month in the community room of St. Ann Retirement Center at 7 p.m. For more information contact Fr. Mike Price Ofsch at 405-567-3404.

9 Rose day at the State Capital. Rose distribution starts at 10 a.m. and the program begins at 11:45 a.m.

9 Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, NW 32nd and Western every Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to Noon. All are welcome.

9 Catholic War Veterans USA The Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the SunGlowe Family Recreational Center located at 3900 SE 29th St. In Del City. For more information contact Ken at (405) 739-0036 or by e-mail at OldPost168@cox.net.

10 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Epiphany parish in the chapel every Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and daily (MTWRF) from 8:30-9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Epiphany is located at 7306 W Britton Road, Oklahoma City 73132.

10 The Catholic Woman’s Activities Club, a club made up of women from all parishes meet on the second Thursday of each month at noon in the Patro Room of Epiphany (7336 W Britton Rd.) All Catholic Women are invited to join us. For more information call June 525-6904 or Pearl 524-3641.

10 Eucharistic Adoration every “Thursday night from 5 p.m. to midnight” at St. Gregory’s Chapel, St. Gregory’s monastic community. The evening will begin with Mass at 5 p.m. with adoration to follow. Included is vespers with the monks.

11 BINGO NIGHT at St. Joseph’s Church in Norman. Light Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. with a free session first, second session at 8:30 p.m. $5 per session, no limit on blackout cards, group photo of all the winners.

12 A Spanish-language marriage preparation program for couples that are married civilly or thru common law and want to have their marriage blessed by the Church. For more information or to register contact the Office of Family Life at 405-721-8944.

12 The Benedictine Oblates of Red Plaines Spirituality Center will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month. They join the Community for Vespers, followed by a pot-luck dinner. For more information, contact Sister Eunice at 373-4565 or eunice@skabonet.net.

13 Charismatic Healing Mass, 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 5901 S.W. 29th St., Oklahoma City. For more information call the church office at 405-685-4806.

13 Monthly Novena to The Infant Jesus The 11-25 of each month. National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague is located at Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church. 304 NW 2nd Street, Prague. (405)467-3080 or sbmw@okarchive.com.

14 Marriage as Covenant is a weekend program, February 18-19. Details. For more information, contact the Archbishop’s installation. For more information or to register contact the Office of Family Life at 405-721-8944.

15 The Lay Missionaries of Charity the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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18 Mass and installation will be delivered in real time over the Internet with live video streaming. The Archdiocese is partnering with PDC, a Norman firm that specializes in digital recording and Internet delivery. The live stream will be available at www.EWTN.com.

While Father Bird is leading the 16-member committee in charge of coordinating the Mass and installation, Father Robert Wood will serve as Master of Ceremonies with Father Stephen Hamilton assisting. Edwyn Day, Director of Music for Christ the King will coordinate the music for the Mass and installation. Also servers will be seminarians for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

An Evening Prayer Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Because of limited seating, this also will require a ticket for admission. Priests and deacons of the Archdiocese will be the primary guests at the Prayer Service. Father Bird said Day will coordinate the music for this service.

“Ho [Day] and a small committee have done a great job in planning the music for the Mass and installation,” Father Bird said. They have been rehearsing with a choir made up of members of several parishes.

Father Bird said the choir at the Cathedral of Our Lady will provide music for the evening prayer service.
CLINTON — Saint Mary’s Church was overflowing Jan. 30 as the Catholic faithful turned out to celebrate the Eucharist and participate in the blessing and dedication of a new parish hall.

Apostolic Administrator Archbishop Eusebius Beltran celebrated Mass and blessed the 4,000 square foot hall that features a large gathering area and commercial kitchen. Father Rex Arnold, pastor at Saint Mary’s, co-celebrated while Deacons Pedro V. Maldonado and William A. Hough assisted.

The Mass featured both English and Spanish and Archbishop Beltran congratulated Saint Mary’s for its willingness to worship in both languages.

“Our God is God of all people,” Archbishop Beltran said in his homily.

Father Arnold thanked those involved with the building project and offered a special thanks to Archbishop Beltran for the Archdiocesan support. Father Arnold recognized that the blessing of the Saint Mary’s parish hall would be the last building blessing administered by the retiring Archbishop Beltran.

Colorful Hispanic dancers performed at the blessing and dedication accompanied by drums.

Director Hispanic Ministry Sister Rosario Martinez, CMST, attended the blessing and dedication at St. Mary’s.