GUTHRIE — A steady drum beat echoed throughout the lodge as Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., of the Mohawk Nation, gently played a hand drum and shared the life and example of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

“In 1656, the heartbeat of this little Mohawk, Algonquin girl began,” Sister Mitchell said. “She was a beautiful little baby and her father, a Mohawk chief, called her sunshine.”

The presentation was one of four at the second annual Prayer in the Four Directions conference on March 3 at Our Lady of the Lake Lodge in Guthrie. The retreat, “Being a missionary where you are,” was presented by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City’s American Indian Catholic Outreach and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Spiritual Center of Oklahoma.

The speakers were Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference; Sister Theresa Chato, S.B.S.; Dr. Mary Soha, vice-postulator for Servant of God Antonio Cuipa and the La Florida Martyrs; and Mark Thiel, archivist for the Black and Indian Mission Office and Marquette University.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Sister Mitchell told of how smallpox spread through Saint Kateri’s village and claimed the lives of most of the Mohawk people when she was a young girl. The disease killed her parents and left her with a scarred face and poor vision. Her uncle adopted her. When he later tried to arrange her marriage, she refused.

“She was being drawn to something more than the other people in the village. She knew what the cross was without even being able to name it and to understand it, and she lived the cross and that cross for her became her strength,” Sister Mitchell said.

“The cross in our own lives is the same. Very often we don’t want to bear it, we don’t want to pick it up and walk with it. But nonetheless, we know that we are following Christ, and during this Lenten season we really refocus our lives, and walk that journey that Christ did.”

After Saint Kateri left her village in New York she went to Caughnawaga in Quebec, Canada, and was baptized when she was age 20. She died four years later. On June 22, 1980, Saint John Paul II beatified Saint Kateri. She was canonized on Oct. 21, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI.

Sister Mitchell brought a relic of Saint Kateri to the retreat and shared a song that tells of what Saint Kateri accomplished in her life. The refrain

“We are brothers and sisters in Christ”

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I have established a new strategic pastoral plan for the archdiocese. We have been very intentional in the implementation of that plan. We have invested in the study of our archdiocesan staff, which has yielded recommendations in the form of a study to help us engage in forming missionary disciples and a study of our inner-city community, and serve the Hispanic area churches that are located in our metro area.

We have commissioned a study of the needs of our Hispanic parishioners and a study of a first-ever archdiocesan capital campaign. These various initiatives have yielded a mountain of important data and collected wisdom from around the archdiocese. Even as we have been gathering this information, the Lord has blessed the Church in Oklahoma with the recognition of the first martyr and parish priest ever bestowed from the lands of the United States, Blessed Stanley Rother. It has been an eventful few years! These many initiatives and unexpect- ed blessings have aligned in a remark- able way and set the stage for a future full of hope.

The vision laid out in “Go Make Disciples” endures. The pastoral priorities, however, need to be updated. The plan contained in the pastoral letter is a five-year plan and those five years are now expiring. Truth be told, we have more than enough data to guide us through the next five years and beyond.

I have established a new strategic pastoral planning team under the leadership of Jim Beckman, executive director; our Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, to lead us into the next pastoral planning cycle. The mandate of this team is to continue to mine the data already at hand, to refine it as necessary, and to develop an updated strategic pastoral plan that will lead us forward for the next 10 to 12 years.

One of the first steps in this process is to build a team of dedicated intercessors, or prayer warriors! That’s where each of you come in. We are seeking your active support for the success of this strategic pastoral planning process and the archdiocesan capital campaign – One Church, Many Disciples – which is already underway.

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We ask everyone to pray daily for the success of this initiative, using the special prayer, attending a daily Mass each week and making a Eucharistic Holy Hour monthly for the intention of the 2018 Intercessory Prayer Team.

Encourage your family members, fellow pa- rishioners and friends to join this initiative. Thank you for responding to this invitation.

Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

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

March 20 – Presbytery Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
March 20 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel
March 20 – Senior Staff meeting, 9 a.m., CPH
March 20 – Catholic Charities Board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Catholic Charities offices
March 20 – Lenten Retreat for CPC, Catholic Charities staff, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp
March 20 – Ongoing Conversation: “The Bible in Formation: The Bible and Its Authors”
March 20 – Day of Reflection for priests, Noon, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
March 20 – Brown Mass, 6 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
March 20 – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
March 20 – Passion of the Lord, 7 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
March 21 – Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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For questions or information, please contact the Director of Development at (918) 609-2222 or visit www.cristoreyokc.org.

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Deacon Larry Sousa celebrates 40 years of following God’s call

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Help prevent suicide

By Shirley Cox
For The Sooner Catholic

On Nov. 1, an Oklahoma law took effect that provides for a priority of persons (surrogates) who can speak for who is persistently unconscious, incompetent or otherwise mentally or physically incapable of communicating. In the case of such incapacitated persons, nine classes of surrogates are authorized to make health care decisions for the person.

- A legal guardian;
- A health care proxy;
- An attorney-in-fact under a durable power of attorney;
- The patient’s spouse;
- Adult children of the patient; Parents of the patient;
- Adult siblings;
- Other adult relatives of the patient in order of kinship;
- Close friends of the patient who have maintained regular contact with the patient.

Even when patients thought surrogates and physicians knew their wishes, the accuracy rate was only 59 percent to 88 percent. Generally, attempts to prepare surrogates to make substitute decisions have been ineffective. Sometimes, no willing or identifiable family members exist. Furthermore, family disagreements often abound when a person becomes incapacitated.

Consequently, the most important action a person can take to control some medical decisions is to execute an Advance Directive for Health Care. The purpose of the advance directive is to provide written instructions to health care workers if a person is incapacitated.

College seniors, graduates celebrate Catholic Foundation scholarships

Each year, the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma features students in their senior year of study who have received Catholic Foundation scholarships.

Darya Heard
Parish: Saint John Neumann, Yukon
Eastern Oklahoma University, Ada

“I am on track to graduate this May. I have been pursuing a dual degree, a bachelor’s degree in studio art (printmaking) and a degree in molecular biology. The CFO Scholarship has been a great help during my last year. After graduation, I plan to enter with the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, Ind. The main thrust of this order is Perpetual Adoration. I am incredibly excited to continue to discover with this community and serve our beautiful Lord. Thank you.”

Gabriel Sanchez
Parish: Saint Francis Xavier, Enid
Saint Gregory’s University

“Graduating from Saint Gregory’s University this past December was a gift from God. I was able to become the person I am today. My degree was in biomedical science with honors. The CFO scholarship allowed me to cover textbooks and other fees. In my third year I would recommend it to other Catholic students. I am teaching at Pied Creek-Hunter High School. I’m teaching physics, biology, Spanish II and ACT preparation also helping with elementary Spanish.”

Samantha Wair
Parish: Saint John, Edmond
Oklahoma State University

“I have grown exponentially in knowledge, love and faith. I will graduate in May with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. Upon graduation, I plan to teach. I am so thankful for the monetary gift from the Catholic Foundation. Knowing that my Catholic Foundation continues in my success, motivates me to work hard and excel.”

Calista Brubeck
Parish: Epiphany of the Lord, Oklahoma City
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“My educational experience at OU has been amazing! I feel that I entered college well-prepared for when I am in my first year of teaching. My time at Saint Gregory’s has been human development and family science with a minor in early childhood education. My plans upon graduation include pursuing a teaching career in Oklahoma in early childhood education, preferably teaching Kindergarten. Many educationally based pursuits would not be possible without generous support like the scholarships from the Catholic Foundation.”

Ashley Haan
Parish: Epiphany of the Lord, Oklahoma City
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“While attending Saint Gregory’s University the past four years, I have made many close friends, grown in my faith, and gained an appreciation for the liturgical arts. I have a double major in biology and English. The Catholic Foundation scholarship has helped me afford school, and made my life easier. In the future, I hope to work as a paralegal at the National Parks Service or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.”

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Sarah Pierce
Parish: Saint Francis Xavier, Enid
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

“My education experience at OSU in Norman and the past two years at OSUHSC have been beneficial in attaining my degree in communicable diseases and disorders. Throughout my college career I have enjoyed serving in the Norman community by teaching dance classes for children with developmental disabilities, serving as a cancer counselor at the JD McCarty Center, and volunteering at the Norman Regional Hospital and Parkinson’s patients. I have also thoroughly enjoyed being involved at Saint Thomas More University Parish in Norman with FOCUS. I plan to attend graduate school for speech language pathology. The Catholic Foundation is extremely supportive of Catholic students in their academic endeavors. Thank you so much.”

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Communities throughout archdiocese celebrate Christian unity

By Zachary Ossman

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“We are sons of God”

By Steve Gavst
The Sooner Catholic

Many inspirational words were shared with more than 900 men during the 22nd an-
nual “In the Father’s Footsteps,” Oklahoma Catholic Men’s Conference held March 3 in Norman.

Bishop Anthony Taylor
Bishop Taylor of the Diocese of Little Rock gave a presentation on a book he has written on the life of Blessed Stanley Rother, enti-
tled, “The First American Martyr.” Bishop Taylor has been bishop for nearly 10 years. Before becoming bishop, he served in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

“The presentation followed the life of Blessed

Emmanuel Rother from his birth in 1935 in Okarche until his assassination by gunmen on his Guatemalan parish on July 28, 1981.” Bishop Taylor outlined the early life chal-
genges Blessed Stanley had in seminary as well as the start of his missionary outreach to Guatamala. Bishop Taylor explained some of the polit-
ical and historical climate in Guatemala that led to the deaths of Blessed Stanley as well as other clergy there.

“By 1975, Father Rother was the only clergy serving 22,000 parishioners,” Bishop Taylor said.
Among Blessed Stanley’s duties were to visit and dine with some of his parish. Be-
cause of unsanitary condi-
tions, some of the food made him ill, but Blessed Stanley continued to tend and eat with the faithful.

Blessed Stanley’s cause for canonization started in 2007. Bishop Taylor explained briefly the lengthy process involved, and pointed out that 8,400 pages of materi-
als were reviewed to document his martyr-
dom.

Blessed Stanley became the first U.S. priest and the first U.S. martyr to be beat-
ified during a Mass Sept. 23 in Oklahoma City. A miracle is needed for Blessed Stanley to be cano-

“Keep him in mind when you need a miracu-
lor,” Bishop Taylor told the conference.

Trent Horn
The next session included a talk from Catholic apologetics speaker Trent Horn. He’s the host of the radio program, “Catholic Answers Live.” He spoke on ways to engage those who challenge the faith, which occurs regularly

on his radio program.

“You don’t need all the answers, just the right questions,” he said.
Specifically, he said people should ask others these main questions: What do you think? Why do you think that? How do you know that’s true?

As an example, he said one caller told him there was no such thing as “an absolute truth.” He finally asked him how he could believe that when the statement itself sounded like an absolute pronouncement.

“OK, you got me on that one,” the caller told Horn.
He said some opponents will want to fire a series of objections on Catholicism.

“They will do what is known as lily pad jumping,” he said. “When their argument on one objection starts to sink and drown, they will jump to another topic. Don’t let them do that. Stay on topic.”
He advised listeners to always pray before any argument.

“Remember also it’s not our job to convert people,” he said. “We plant seeds of faith. The Holy Spirit con-
verts.”
He instruct-

led men to leave others with one thought that will remain with them.

“Let that one thought stay with

them like a pebble in a shoe. It’ll be some-
thing they can’t ignore.”
If someone is asked a question they can’t answer, Horn said “Just tell them, ‘That’s a great question. I don’t have an answer, but I will get one and get back with you.’”

Patrick Coffin
Patrick Coffin is the host of the “Patrick Coffin Show,” and former host of the top-rat-
ed “Catholic Answers Live.”

The afternoon speaker spoke about the role and responsibility of men in modern society.

“A real man is a man that’s real,” he re-
peted told the conference. “Men are called

to be good fathers and to be good husbands.
We are sons of God.”
He added that a survey of addicts showed most were exposed to fathers who were ei-
ther “abusive, alcoholic or absent.”
Coffin further said men’s weaknesses were

exemplified by the three “Ps” - portfolio, por-
tography and perfectionism.
He addressed a criticism by some non-Catholics on why Christ’s body was de-

picted on the cross, when Protestants simply

suggested Christ’s body was “perfect.”
He further urged men to let their heart

think. “You can’t get what you don’t have.”
He illustrated that point by saying some mar-
riages were like two empty glasses.

“They are busy trying to fill each other up, but

they can’t do it because they’re both empty.”
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He said some opponents will want to fire a series of objections on Catholicism.

“They will do what is known as lily pad jumping,” he said. “When their argument on one objection starts to sink and drown, they will jump to another topic. Don’t let them do that. Stay on topic.”
He advised listeners to always pray before any argument.

“Remember also it’s not our job to convert people,” he said. “We plant seeds of faith. The Holy Spirit con-
verts.”
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led men to leave others with one thought that will remain with them.

“Let that one thought stay with

them like a pebble in a shoe. It’ll be some-
thing they can’t ignore.”
If someone is asked a question they can’t answer, Horn said “Just tell them, ‘That’s a great question. I don’t have an answer, but I will get one and get back with you.’”

Patrick Coffin
Patrick Coffin is the host of the “Patrick Coffin Show,” and former host of the top-rat-
ed “Catholic Answers Live.”

The afternoon speaker spoke about the role and responsibility of men in modern society.

“A real man is a man that’s real,” he re-
peted told the conference. “Men are called

to be good fathers and to be good husbands.
We are sons of God.”
He added that a survey of addicts showed most were exposed to fathers who were ei-
ther “abusive, alcoholic or absent.”
Coffin further said men’s weaknesses were

exemplified by the three “Ps” - portfolio, por-
tography and perfectionism.
He addressed a criticism by some non-Catholics on why Christ’s body was de-

picted on the cross, when Protestants simply

suggested Christ’s body was “perfect.”
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trust God and “quit living by your rules.” He also said it was prudent for men to be protectors instead of just providers.

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Meanwhile, our sister Mary remains at Christ’s feet, dwelling on her past and anxious about her future. Jesus re-tells the story of the Canaanite woman, whose faith moves him, but Mary is so preoccupied with her list of things to really listen. “Lord,” she says, “I pray that my sister is serving more than I am listening to you.”

“Mary, Mary,” Christ answers her, “You are so anxious and troubled by any and every Martha. Let Martha listen with her heart, do you hear me?”

This is the same man whose left hand placed our mind in our shoes, or did we confuse Robert Cardinal Sarah’s comments on the Holy Spirit who is the Triune God becomes totally gift, an offering and not a possession? The possibility of interior silence throughout a day is surely that Christ is present. Perhaps the effect is a new way of being in the presence of Christ before and after our time at the Blessed Sacrament, and receiving the Gospel of the Lord with the right attitude, the three divine persons: personal love is person-love; fire, the energy never to be extinguished; light, illuminating everything; spirit, the Holy Spirit is the Third Divine Per- son. The Church is the place where we get to know the Holy Spirit. The Bible or other books of the Holy Spirit. Scriptures; study the tradition and the Church fathers; study the magisterium and listen to the Church, which he egests; in the liturgy in which he egests; in the liturgy, by which he egests; in prayer, where he leads and intercedes for us and in various other ways.

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To receive certification, the school followed and completed a six-step process, started an all-school recycling program, wrote letters to The Village City Council rejecting recycling bins at the school, and set researchers to buying recycled bins for every classroom.

For more information, go online to www.okgreenchools.org/about-us.

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Oren conmigo

Han pasado casi cinco años desde la publi- cación de mi carta pastoral, “Vayan y Hagan Discípulos”. En esa declaración, expuse una visión pastoral y tres claves prioritarias para nuestro arquidiócesis: la nueva evangelización, la formación en la fe y el ministerio hispano. La carta fue el fruto de un proceso exhaustivo de encuentros con grupos de encuestas, consejos y comités. Hemos estado reflexi- nando este último año en la arquidiócesis, y hemos llegado a la conclusión de que debemos revisar y adaptar nuestra pastoral hispana de manera significativa.

Nuestro objetivo es encontrar 2,018 intercesores dedicados, o un número equivalente de miles, para responder a esta invitación. Existe un campo de una manera notable de presencia hispana en las parroquias, y estamos dispuestos a trabajar juntos para encontrar un número significativo de intercesores.

En este contexto, queremos invitar a nuestros parroquianos a participar en el proceso de formación de intercesores. El proceso incluye la formación de equipos de intercesores dedicados, la formación de mentores, y la posibilidad de formar un equipo de intercesores dedicados a cada parroquia.

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Charismatic Catholic prayer meetings

Charismatic Catholic prayer meetings are held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Bring your Bible. Contact Elaine Nagle, 405-351-2381, elaine.211223@gmail.com or visit www.sparkOKC.org.

Holy Innocents’ Chapel

Registration open for adoration

Holy Innocents’ Foundation is seeking more adorers for the Holy Innocents Chapel next door to the Planned Parenthood abortion center in northwest OKC. Contact Tony Harrelson at adoration.holyinnocents@gmail.com or (405) 341-2199.

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mentions the four directions. "Kateri Tekakwitha, noble turtle, mother Earth, gathers her people, east, south, west and north . . ." She said many nations follow the four directions in the medicine wheel, and she gave examples of the four areas of a person’s whole being - physical, emotional, spiritual, mental. The medicine wheel is interpreted differently by different tribes.

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk

One of the many American Indian’s who supported Kateri’s canonization was Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk. He signed a letter, along with 176 other Lakota people, supporting Pope Leo XIII to declare her a saint. Mark Thiel said during his presentation on Black Elk.

Black Elk was a Lakota Sioux holy man born in 1866, who by age 6, received a vision from Wakan Tanka, the Great Spirit. He witnessed the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876, which took place in Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890, and, for a time, he traveled the world with “Buffalo Bill” Cody’s Wild West show.

He married a Catholic woman, Katherine War Bonnet from the Pine Ridge Agency. She died in 1903.

"The next year, a Lakota family summoned him and Jesuit Father Joseph Lindebner to minist er to their dying son. On meeting the priest, Black Elk deferred to him and his Christian prayer without protest and he accepted his invitation to study the Catholic faith at the nearby Holy Rosary Mission," Thiel said.

"After two weeks of intense study, Father Lindebner baptized him ‘Nicholas’ on Dec. 6, the feast day of Saint Nicholas."

Black Elk later remarried another Catholic woman, Anna Brings White. She died in 1942. During his wake, "the skies above would be joined God in Heaven. An hour before his death, he sprang to life and shouted, “Our Lady is here with me. Our Lady of the mestizo face.”"

"He says something that he couldn’t possibly have known. Our Lady said the same thing to Juan Diego in 1531 and he says, I am looking in her eyes and in her eyes I get the strength and the courage that I need to endure this martyrdom. Be strong my brothers, she’s with us and she will take care of us. Heaven, and they died,” Soha said. "It’s the first documented Marian apparition in North America."

"There are 144 other people I can talk about. They died defending the real presence of Christ and the Eucharist and that’s what makes Catholics unique and singular.”

**This is so much more**

Florence Daugan, Navajo and Kiowa, said she was glad she attended the retreat again.

"This is so much more than I expected it to be. I knew it a year and I knew I wanted to come back. It’s just so much deeper and it really brought me a lot of the answers that my heart has been seeking," she said.

Deacon Roy Callison, director of the archdiocese’s American Indian Catholic Outreach said, "We had an overflowing crowd not only from Oklahoma, but from Texas and Louisiana as well. There were even people from Nebraska who wanted to attend, but we didn’t have enough room. With the retreat’s popularity growing, we plan to acquire a larger space next year so no one will have to miss out on the retreat.”

Sister Kateri Mitchell said Saint Kateri inspired people for the Okla homa retreat, just as she does every July for the conference in her name.

"We all have this faith in our experience with God, our relation ship with God and how we’re able to walk the sacred journey of life; that together we are brothers and sisters in Christ.”

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