Archbishop Coakley on newly-filed lawsuit against HHS mandate: “Religious liberty encompasses more than the right to worship”

By Tina Korbe Dzurisin
The Sooner Catholic

On Wednesday, March 12, Oklahoma City became ground zero in the fight against a disputed Department of Health and Human Services mandate.

That day, the newly-formed, Oklahoma-based Catholic Benefits Association – an organization comprised of some 200 Catholic employers from across the country – filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma to challenge the mandate, which orders the majority of U.S. employers to provide employees with health insurance that covers contraception, abortifacients, sterilization and related counseling.

While not the first lawsuit against the mandate, it is the first class-action suit.

In addition to the CBA, the named plaintiffs in this latest lawsuit include the Catholic Insurance Company (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the CBA), the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, All Saints Catholic School in Norman, Okla., Archbishop William E. Lori and the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Cathedral Foundation in Baltimore, Villa Saint Francis Catholic Care Center in Kansas City, Kan., and Good Will Publishers in North Carolina.

The plaintiffs contend that the HHS mandate violates the religious liberty of employers who are religiously opposed to the use of contraceptives, abortifacients and sterilization.

While religious employers are technically exempt from the mandate, the administration defines “religious employer” so narrowly that the exemption does not protect all Catholic employers. Catholic dioceses are exempt, for example, but separately incorporated Catholic schools, nursing homes and charitable organizations like Catholic Charities and All Saints Catholic School are still subject to the mandate.

The Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City, said the complaint underscores that the Catholic Church is not reducible to its houses of worship; the mission of the Church mandates educational and charitable works, as well.

“The Catholic Church is one,” the archbishop said. “It is fitting, then, that we should file this complaint. Even though we, as an archdiocese, are exempt from the so-called contraception mandate, several of our separately incorporated entities are not.

Yet, these entities were undeniably founded for religious purposes – to respond to the exhortations of Christ to preach and teach the truth, feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked and visit the sick and in prison.

“In addition, many conscientious Catholics in the for-profit sector are employers who wish to operate their businesses in accordance with Church teaching.”

The archbishop said none of these employers can in good conscience comply with the requirements of the administration in this matter.

“We as Catholics – whether incorporated as a diocese or a charitable organization – cannot in good conscience provide employees with insurance that covers contraception, abortifacients and sterilization, which undermine the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of human life and also jeopardize the physical and mental health of those who use them in untold ways,” he said.

He added that, just as the Church compels more than her houses of worship, religious liberty encompasses more than the right to worship.

“Religious freedom is the bedrock of Catholic social teaching.”

“The U.S. Constitution and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act safeguards our right to freely exercise religion, to allow religion to inform not merely our private beliefs, but also our public actions,” Archbishop Coakley said. “It is my prayer that the courts will recognize that the federal government has no clear and compelling public interest that justifies burdening our free exercise of religion by requiring us to pay for conscience-violating drugs and procedures.”

The Catholic Benefits Association exists to support and defend Catholic employers who are united and committed in their defense of their First Amendment right to give witness to their Catholic faith, through their ministries and businesses, by providing their employees with life-affirming health care coverage that is consistent with Catholic teaching.

Through its subsidiary, the Catholic Insurance Company, the CBA has arranged for health provider networks to assist Catholic employers in providing comprehensive, quality health care that honors the dignity of the human person.

The nearly 200 Catholic employers represented by the CBA include dioceses, non-profit organizations and for-profit businesses; collectively, they employ some 19,000 people.

More information about the CBA and the CIC is available at www.catholicbene

Tina Korbe Dzurisin is the director of communications for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Much of the information in this story was drawn from official press releases and wire reports.

Annual archdiocesan-wide Rite of Election attracts about 768

By The Sooner Catholic Staff

On Sunday, March 9, the first Sunday of Lent, some 768 men and women from across the archdiocese attended three separate ceremonies at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City to profess their desire to enter the Catholic Church.

Of these 768 individuals, about 283 are “catechumenos” – persons who have never been baptized and are preparing to receive all the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at their respective parishes.

The remaining 485 are “candidates” – persons who are baptized Christians but not Roman Catholics who wish to come into full communion with the Church.

On Holy Saturday, they will profess their continued on page 7
\[\text{Tune in to Father Kirk Larkin’s Seminary Burse in honor of Rosalee Larkin.}\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\]
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By Bishop Paul H. John II

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Eight parishes will host expositions of the relics of the saints

By Brianna Osbome

The Sooner Catholic

At Mass, the faithful participate in the “divine liturgy” “in all the Saints.” Catholics hope to be with God, in the company of the saints, for eternity. Right now, the people of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City can experience this close presence by venerating the relics of the remains of the Saints, Father Carlos Martins, a member of the religious community Cross of Christ, and the relics of Saint Edmond of Ostrevant. In addition, the saints can intercede for the faithful, as well as pictures of loved ones who are ill, living before God. To this end, those who attend these expositions may experience the “walk of the saints” in which they may venerate the relics of more than 150 saints and martyrs. Relics of the saints, or parts of the bodies of saints, objects that belonged to the saints, such as clothing, are also relics. Relics of Saint Peter and the Twelve are among the foremost in the exposition (Matthews is the twelfth, not Judas). The relics of Saint Paul and the Evangelists Lazar and Mark are also present. From theological perspectives like Augustine, Thomas, and Benedict, to the humble Bernadette, various of Lisanian and Therese, the exposition showcases diverse approaches to holiness.

There are even fragments of the True Cross and a piece of a veil worn by Mary. A full list is available at www.treasuresofthechurch.com.

Veneration of relics stirrs up serious skepticism in modern times. Visible exposition of relics is not widespread in churches in the United States, though it is commonplace in Central and South America and throughout Europe. Many ask, with reason, how can one be sure that these relics are not fakes or hoaxes? To really delve into the Catholic viewpoint on relics, the Vatican website offers the document “Directorate on Popular Piety and the Liturgy,” compiled by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and approved by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 2001 (whose relics, incidentally, are also able to be seen in these expositions). In Chapter VI on “Veneration of the Saints and the Beatified,” section 237 urges local churches to ensure the authenticity of relics and prevent superstition or abuse regarding them. This would include having a clear and written policy of veneration of relics.

Catholics venerate the relics of the saints because these men and women were beloved by the Lord and became saints in their earthly life. Right now, the people of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City can experience this close presence by venerating the relics of the remains of the Saints, Father Carlos Martins, a member of the religious community Cross of Christ, and the relics of Saint Edmond of Ostrevant. In addition, the saints can intercede for the faithful.

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The Rite of Election is typically the first Sunday of Lent, as it celebrates the beginning of the Church's pre-paschal season. Those who celebrate the Rite of Election will be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The text on the following pages comes from the USCCB website.
Green Tie Gala nets an estimated $390,000 for homeless services

By Cara Koenig

The gala is Catholic Charities’ biggest fundraiser of the year, providing about 50 percent of the funds needed to run the agency’s homeless services or about 10 percent of the organization’s annual budget, according to Raglow.

This year, the evening netted an estimated $350,000 through sponsorship, ticket sales and auction proceeds, according to Sonny Wilkinson, who directs mission advancement at Catholic Charities.

All proceeds go directly to Holy Family Home in Midwest City, Sanctuary Women’s Development Center in Stockyard City and the newest Sanctuary Women’s Development Center in Norman, all of which provide help for homeless or at-risk women and children.

“I hope that those in attendance take away that, although the evening is filled with food, drinks and fellowship, their generosity at the event enables Catholic Charities to be present to women in need. The locus of the evening is on those we hope to assist,” said Raglow.

“We want all our guests to go away feeling they spent their time and money well, and sure in the knowledge that the funds raised will be used to great effect,” he added.

Technology was a key factor in this year’s Green Tie Gala. Attendees received iPads for the evening, which they used to bid on silent auction items, as well as to participate in the late-night Dutch auction and wine and Scotch pull.

“The reactions to the new iPad bidding system were very positive,” Wilkinson said. "Many guests were able to spend more time socializing with all their friends and enjoy the evening instead of hovering over the silent auction tables. This year, our silent auction was the most successful to date and I attribute part of that to the digital bidding."

During the live auction, an adorable “Irish German Shepherd” named "Dublin" found a new home, as did a full-length, cherry-red fox fur. Other bidders secara- recently secured dinner with the arch- bishop and an all-expenses-paid trip to Ireland.

The event also honored philanthropist and Catholic Charities board member Jim Everest as the Green Tie Gala Ambassador.

"I had always enjoyed Jim’s presence in our board and mission advancement meetings— he always brought great ideas and solid input to every meeting—but learning about his unwavering commitment to our community and the ways he gives back was amazing," Wilkinson said. "It was an honor to recognize him as the Green Tie Gala Ambassador."

Wilkinson said the gala was made possible by the many volunteers who contributed their time and energy to the event.

Kudos to event chair Linda Haneborg and co-chair Debra McAuliffe Semler, said. "This was a massive success and all of that is due to our amazing event chairs and the committee they recruited. It was an honor to work with so many great people—many of whom want to help again next year!"

Cara Koenig is the photographer and special projects editor at the Sooner Catholic.

 alliance for Catholic education recognizes Sister Catherine Powers with prestigious Sorin Award

By The Sooner Catholic Staff

At a Mass and subsequent ceremony Wednesday, March 11, at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City, representatives of the Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame recognized Sister Catherine “Kay” Powers, CND, with the prestigious University of Notre Dame Sorin Award for Service to Catholic Schools.

Named for the founder of the University, the Reverend Edward Sorin, CFC, the award honors those whose tireless commitment to support, sustain and transform Catholic schools has shaped the lives of countless children, their families and communities.

That description perfectly fits Sister Kay, says her nominator and current Catholic Schools apostolate director Patricia Carter, Ph.D.

Sister Kay last year returned from retirement to serve as the Safe Environment Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, but she is best known for her role as archdiocesan superintendent of Catholic Schools. She served in that capacity for 16 years. From 2002 to 2005, she served as the Safe Environment Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and she began her ministry in education in 1961 at the age of 19.

“In her 16 years as superintendent, Sister Kay served as a model of faithfulness, commitment and professionalism,” Carter said. “She is the consummate educator. She loves truth and desires to share that love with faculty, staff, par- ents and, above all, students.

“Now, as the Safe Environment Coordinator, she infuses a difficult role with compassion and grace and unbelievably prioritizes students’ safety and wellbeing,” Carter added.

Sister Kay said she was humbled and honored to receive the award.

“The very handshake to Notre Dame for their national commitment to the development of Catholic education and for their work in our archdiocese in particular because we have benefited so much from all that they have done,” she said, citing numerous partnerships between Notre Dame and the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Most notably, the archdiocese has been involved with the Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame for 20 years.

National movement that provides highly talented teachers, principals and leaders to hundreds of thousands of children across the United States, many of those children come from low-income families in high-poverty communi- ties. Sister Kay worked with and housed ACE teachers in her 16 years as superintendent.

Saint Patrick’s Day calls to mind the ‘missionary option,’ need for new evangelization by Rebekah Scraperlanda

By Rebekah Scraperlanda

In America, the cultural aspects of Saint Patrick’s Day are often obscured that it is a day to honor and remember a Catholic saint. The memorial of the Irish bishop is over-shadowed by paragons as they dress in green, (badly) attempt Irish brogues and speak of Irish luck.

But in Patrick’s homeland of Ireland, the day is a Holy Day of Obligation, a day when all Catholics in the country are required to go to Mass. This year, for the March 17 celebration, the bishops of Ireland urged Catholics around the world to join them in commemorating the day with Mass.

“Saint Patrick was called to serve and bring God to a people far from his homeland,” the bishops said in a statement. “As Saint Patrick’s Day is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics in Ireland, the best way to honor him is to attend Mass.”

For the Oklahoma Irish Heritage Society, the religious observance of the day goes hand in hand with the cultural celebration. Tim O’Connor, a member of the Oklahoma Society and a parishioner at Our Lady’s Cathedral, said they put the club together to celebrate culture, heritage and faith.

“We’re all gifted by our ancestors,” said O’Connor, “and the Mass is at the heart of our tradition. We need to re-member the missionaries who have gone out to all parts of the world. It’s a great temptation to evangelization.”

Many groups have been involved in this theme, its special Saint Patrick’s Day Mass hosted by the Oklahoma Irish Heritage Society at noon at Saint Joseph Old Cathedr

The church was full, as people from around the archdiocese joined to honor the missionary saint.

In his homily, Archbishop Coakley told the story of Pat- rick, a fifth century English man who brought Christianity to Ireland, which at the time was a superstitious land filled with pagan rituals. Archbishop Coakley emphasized that it was Patrick’s desire to bring the Gospel to the people of Ireland and to give of himself for the sake of the Gospel that led to the conversion of the Irish nation. Patrick focused his evangelization and established dioceses and parishes in Ireland. Soon, Ireland was a center of manastic life and missionary for the Church.

Saint Patrick’s Day not only offers Irish immigrants and their descendents an opportune time to celebrate their Irish heritage every year, but it also serves as a reminder that these immigrants helped bring the Catholic faith into the U.S. – and as a reminder to be motivated to become missionaries in our own lives, as well, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ wherever we go.

“What’s called for today is the ‘missionary option,’” arch- bishop Coakley said, urging his listeners to be disciples, like Patrick, to bring the light of Christ into the world and to bring about a rebirth of evangelical activity.

Coakley also reminded the congregation that the Irish people are suffering again today. He urged them to remem- ber Irish Christians, to pray for them and support them in their hour of need.

Rebekah Scraperlanda is a freelance writer with a back- ground in education and thinks that are skeptical about science, she holds a degree in journalism from the University of Kansas.
The 2014 Catholic Foundation Scholarship deadline is fast approaching. The Catholic Foundation Scholarship deadline is March 1, 2014, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 110 NWOSU Rd., Suite 1022, Chickasha, OK 73018. Until then, please take a moment to fill out your application. The scholarships are open to any student who is accepted to an accredited college or university.

**What are the scholarships for?**

The scholarships are for students who have an unmet need for help in the form of tuition assistance. This includes students who are currently enrolled in the fall semester, who will be enrolled in the fall semester, or who have completed the fall semester of the previous school year.

**How much are the scholarships?**

The scholarships range from $250 to $2,000 per year. Each scholarship is awarded to one student per year.

**What are the requirements for the scholarships?**

The requirements for the scholarships are that applicants must be accepted to an accredited college or university and must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Applicants must also have a current unmet need for help in the form of tuition assistance.

**When are the scholarships available?**

The scholarships are available to any student who is accepted to an accredited college or university and who has an unmet need for help in the form of tuition assistance.

**How do I apply for the scholarships?**

Applicants must complete the Catholic Foundation Scholarship Application and submit it along with all required documentation by March 1, 2014. The applications and required documentation can be found on the Catholic Foundation website at www.catholicfoundationok.org. The applications must be submitted by mail or email to the Catholic Pastoral Center, 110 NWOSU Rd., Suite 1022, Chickasha, OK 73018.

**How will the scholarships be awarded?**

The Catholic Foundation Scholarship Committee will review each application and determine the recipients of the scholarships. The recipients will be announced in May 2014.

**What are the terms of the scholarships?**

The scholarships are available to any student who is accepted to an accredited college or university and who has an unmet need for help in the form of tuition assistance. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years, depending on the recipient's academic progress.

**How can I learn more about the scholarships?**

For more information about the Catholic Foundation Scholarships, please visit the Catholic Foundation website at www.catholicfoundationok.org or call 405-229-6686.
**Conversión y misión**

Cuarenta es el tiempo cuadrado en el que se celebra la conversión y la misión. En este tiempo se invita a los lectores a reflexionar sobre su conversión y su participación en la misión.

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La misión es una actividad que se celebra durante el tiempo cuadrado de Cuarenta. En este tiempo se invita a los lectores a reflexionar sobre su misión y su participación en la misión.

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**Conclusiones**

La conclusión es una actividad que se celebra durante el tiempo cuadrado de Cuarenta. En este tiempo se invita a los lectores a reflexionar sobre su conversión y su participación en la misión.

**Pensamientos cuaresmales**

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**Funcionario de ONU apoya apoyo eclesiástico a migrantes, pide continuar ayuda**

El funcionario de ONU apoya apoyo eclesiástico a migrantes, pide continuar ayuda.

**Por Pedro A. Moreno, OF MRE en El ministerio de la Misión**

Los cuarenta días de la Cuaresma es una oportunidad para el crecimiento espiritual y la misión.

**Fotografía de ONU**

La fotografía de ONU muestra a personas que están apoyando a los migrantes.

**Referencias**

Las referencias se incluyen para que los lectores puedan consultar la fuente de información.
Catholic radio across the archdiocese

Find us on your radio dial at:
97.3 FM Oklahoma City
88.3 FM Norman
88.3 FM Ponca City

Tribune en español:
Spanish Programs are 1 p.m. until dark – Monday thru Friday
980 AM Oklahoma City
1570 AM Tulsa

Here is a list of all the locally produced programs:
Sunday Mass from St. Eugene
Sunday School
Living Catholic with Fr. Don Wolf
Make Straight the Way
Good News with Don Lary
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Around the Archdiocese

New Gathering of Mary High School

Two teams from Oklahoma City-based Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic School will join more than 10,000 students from around the globe as Oklahoma’s representative at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology; www.first.org) Championship for all ages and stages in life. The next session is slated for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 21. The meeting will be at the school (5823 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.) and is free for anyone interested in promoting Christ’s message in education.

Eleventh-grade students at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Edmond have been chosen to represent Oklahoma in the Jr. FLL (grades 1 to 5) robotics competition. Eruption, Tornado, Earthquake, Eruption, Tornado was invited to compete at the global championships in Saint Louis, April 23 to April 26, 2014.

Project robot to solve several missions on a table covered with dirt and sand. The teams would also have to design a ‘base station’ and ‘payloads’ that are often attended by persons from neighboring states who want to find a healing re- treat where no one knows them. The testimonies of these experiencing the healing light of Jesus during the weekend speak volumes.

The successful candidate should have a minimum of five years of educational experience. Exceptional communication skills and enthusiasm for maintaining an excellent academic and religious oriented school is necessary for candidates seeking this position. Contact the Office of the Superintendent, P.O. Box 32180, Oklahoma City, OK or call (405) 721-4202 to request an application.

Full time educational teacher
St. Philip Neri Catholic School
Elementary School Principal

Contact the Of-
fice of Family Life

Bingo begins at Saint James Catholic Church

Saint James to host bingo March 27, 2014
Bingo begins at Saint James Catholic Church (3200 W. Portland St.) on March 27, 2014. Reasonably priced food and beverages will be served at 5:45 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. at 22nd Street (2nd floor) and prizes up to $100 are available. Door prizes and special surprises will be given for all players born in January, February or March. A large, flat-screen TV will also be given away and all players get an entry into the drawing.

6 p.m. at the same location.

Full-time accounting position
The Archdiocesan Business Office is looking for a full-time accountant. The qualified candidate will be one with a combination of either four years of college level accounting or full-time equivalent experience in bookkeeping.

Job Box

Saint James Catholic Church in Edmond, 9:30 a.m.
Saint James the Greater Catholic Church to host an “Evening of Inter-Faith Dialogue” from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at Saint James Church (6201 S. McKinley Ave, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Faith leaders will host the panel discussion and will be joined by Rabbi Avital Harnis and Imam Mouhamed Moustapha of the Islamic Center of Oklahoma, as they present an interfaith solution, a danger-detecting remote-controlled healing drone called the ‘DroneAssistant’. To assist, many enthusiastic first responders and emergency managers.

The Archdiocesan Business Office

The Oklahoma State Department of Health is hiring an in-service to promote collaboration between faith and child protection communities.

They demonstrated the latest research and model to hundreds of visitors at the National Weather Festival in Norman. The niños Victoria based on a new solution to help- people prepare, stay safe or rebuild after a natural disaster and also design and program a robot to solve all the challenges the world en- countered with LEGO models. The team began their journey the summer before last by visiting the National Weather Festival in August to test out top weather experts. They hosted a booth at ChristianaCare at the National Weather Festival in November where they presented their robot to solve several missions on a table covered with dirt and sand. The teams would also have to design a ‘base station’ and ‘payloads’ that are

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<td>Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support</td>
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Expenses:

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<td>Pastoral Center</td>
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<td>Business Office</td>
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<td>Safe Environment</td>
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<td>Archdiocesan Newspaper</td>
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<td>Hispanic Ministry</td>
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<td>Ministry to Priests, Permanent Deacons, and Clergy Education</td>
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<td>Tribunal</td>
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<td>Office of Worship and Spiritual Life</td>
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<td>Property Taxes and Maintenance</td>
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Total Expenses for Pastoral Office Foundations:

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<td>Ecumenical and Interreligious</td>
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<td>Contributions Made To Others</td>
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<td>Seminarian Programs</td>
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<td>Pension Cost</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Change in Net Assets Before Other Comprehensive Income</td>
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<td>Actuarial Gain (Loss)</td>
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<td>Amortization of Prior Service Cost</td>
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<td>Archdiocesan Development Fund</td>
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<td>Priest Medical Collections</td>
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<td>Property Additions by Bishop</td>
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<td>McGuinness Catholic High School</td>
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<td>Bequests and Other</td>
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Financial Audit

Condensed Statements of Financial Position

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Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Office of the Archbishop

March 23, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Go Make Disciples! These words describe our vision for the next five years, as set out in my recent Pastoral Letter of the same name. This is our call and mission, given to us by Christ in the Gospels (Mt 28:19-20). Discipleship comes with a cost; both a human cost and a financial one. Faithful disciples are faithful stewards of the gifts we have received. The way we use the gifts entrusted to us demonstrates our faith, values and priorities as disciples and as a Church. I am grateful for your financial support of your parish and the Archdiocese, especially through the ADF appeal and planned giving.

As your shepherd, I consider it a solemn responsibility to be a faithful steward of the gifts we have received. I offer it now for your review.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

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The annual audit for the archdiocese was performed by Cole and Reed, Certified Public Accountants, and reviewed by the Archdiocesan finance council. Any questions may be referred to the Archdiocesan Business office at (405) 721-5661. The annual audit can be viewed in its entirety on the Business Office webpage at archoke.org/business-office/home