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By Diane Clay
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On the obverse side of the medal, the branches of the cross are comets, which, with the fleurs-de-lis, form the coat of arms of the Pecci family. Stamped on the reverse side are the words “Pridie” (on the left branch), “Kal” (on the top branch), “Januar” (on the right branch) and the year “1888” (at the foot of the cross). The medal’s ribbon is red, with delicate lines of white and yellow on each border and is worn on the right side of breast.

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Archbishop Coakley celebrates Mass with Conception Seminary College

CONCEPTION, Mo. — On the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Archbishop Coakley celebrated Mass in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception for the seminary and monastic communities at Conception Seminary College. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has five men pursuing priestly studies at Conception.

During his homily, Archbishop Coakley encouraged the two communities to reflect upon the Blessed Virgin’s total surrender to the will of God, something that each of us is continually called to imitate.

While visiting the college, Archbishop Coakley also was able to meet privately with each of the archdiocese’s seminarians and participate in the daily life of the college, including the annual celebration of Pastor’s Day.

“We were able to celebrate a Mass on the Solemnity of the Annunciation with all of our seminarians and other ecclesial communities on campus,” said Michael Krug, a freshman at CSC studying for the archdiocese.

“His spiritual leadership is something I am very appreciative of as a seminarian of the archdiocese.”

Conception Seminary College is one of the largest free standing seminaries in the United States, and the main apostolate of the Benedictine monks of Conception Abbey. For more information, go online to www.conception.edu or follow the college on social media.

While both are characterized by their fresh approachable writing style and concern for the truth, this latest one speaks more to the realities of marriage and family life in the modern world. This is the chapter that will probably be of most interest to priests who are called to minister to those couples whose lived experience often falls short of their full potential.

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley's Calendar

The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley’s of Oklahoma City.

April 17 – Catholic Day at the Dodgers, 2 p.m., Bricktown Ballpark
April 17 – Mystagogy Mass, 4 p.m., Saint Francis de Sales Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center
April 19 – Mess, 11:30 a.m., Saint Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
April 20 – Pastoral Council, 9:30 a.m., CPC
April 20 – Live on-air for Catholic Radio Network, 4:30 p.m., Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting
April 20 – Confirmation, 7 p.m., Saint Joseph Old Cathedral, Oklahoma City
April 21 – Vocations Board Meeting, 1 p.m., CPC
April 21 – Confirmation, 7 p.m., Saint Mark the Evangelist, Norman
April 23 – Knights of Columbus state convention, Tulsa
April 24 – Confirmation, 9 a.m., Saint Robert Bellarmine, Edmond
April 26 – Workshops for Clergy on revised marriage rite, CPC
April 26 – Confirmation, 7 p.m., Good Shepherd, Marietta
April 27 – School Mass and classrooms visits, 8:30 a.m., Saint Joseph School, Enid
April 27 – Confirmation, 6 p.m., Holy Angels, Oklahoma City
April 28 – Catholic Charities board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Catholic Charities offices, OKC
April 29 – Confirmation, 7 p.m., Saint Catherine of Sienna, Paul Valley
April 30 – Confirmation, 2 p.m., Oklahoma City
May 1 – Confirmation, 11 a.m., Corpus Christi, Oklahoma City

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joy of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the Good Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
A Millennial Journey in Faith
Learning to carry Christ’s forgiveness, peace to others

When Denise Uwimana was growing up, her family had a unique ritual: every night after dinner, they would discuss what they experienced that day. They sang hymns, read a Bible passage, and talked about any misunderstandings that had arisen that day. Each member of the family would forgive the others for any wrongdoing. The day would end with a family prayer.

Uwimana, a Tutsi from Rwanda, grew up to become one of her family members killed by the Hutu tribe; though she and her children were spared, her husband was killed. Despite the grave evil done to Uwimana and her tribe during the genocide, she chose to forgive the perpetrators and work for reconciliation in her country.

Her childhood practice of daily forgiveness enabled her to work for peace and reconciliation in her homeland, in spite of the terrible pain she suffered. The habit of repeated forgiveness prepared her to attain heroic virtue and work toward reconciliation after an unthinkably offensive act was committed against her family and her tribe.

Her story makes clear what Thomas Aquinas and other great spiritual writers venerate: a habit. It’s like a muscle: the more we exercise it, the stronger it becomes. Forgiveness in small matters leads to the ability to forgive an egregious wrong because we have practiced at forgiving; our “forgiveness muscles” are strong.

So, it is with any virtue — the more we practice courage, self-control, justice and prudence, the better we are able to become possessors of self-control and act with justice and prudence.

Reflecting on Uwimana’s story spurs us to re-evaluate our own habits of reconciliation. Do I cultivate peace and forgiveness in my home? Do I have “a positive attitude that seeks to understand other people’s weaknesses,” or do I “look for more and more faults, [imagining] greater evils, and [pre-]assume all kind of bad intentions,” as Pope Francis contrasts in his recent exhortation, “Amoris Let- ticiis.”

When I am honest with myself, I know that so often I do not have a positive attitude toward other’s weaknesses, especially those who I love most. For most of my life, I have been guilty of letting the “right” desire to see [my] rights expected turn into a thrust for vengeance rather than a reasoned defense of [my] dignity,” that Pope Francis warns against.

My own habits of forgiveness and peace fell woefully short of those of Uwimana and her family. I resolve to begin again; to pray for forgiveness rather than dwell on the offense we sought against us; to think of the strengths of the other rather than the weaknesses; to pause before reacting to the end by apologizing for my own wrongdoings; to offer weekly prayers to expect to grow right in the sense of self-control as we mature, and to expect a more reflective and sober approach to life.

Growing old invariably offers us the opportunity to redirect our focus, and as our body and soul, our mind and heart can be brought to consider matters we may have previously avoided, like death. And that which awits us beyond death’s threshold. Our later years enable us to consider the possibility of a universe beyond the grave and to by faith to expect a new life in eternity. Those who are young enough to be unaware of the afterlife, believe in its existence and its future.

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She is survived by two sisters, Helen Ma- ry Beltran and Angel Celalakis, two brothers, Archbishop Eusebios Beltran and Frank Bel- tran along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and burial were at the mother- enhouse of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters in Reading, Pa.

On “Aging Gracefully”

It seems odd, even a bit repul- sive, when we encounter tales of elderly men running off with youn- er women who are young enough to be their grandchildren. The wheel- chair-toting miserly elderly? John Howard Marshall was 89 years old when he married 34-year-old Anna Nicole Smith. He had money to burn and reality TV star in a strip club. Anna insisted that the “old man, and wasn’t in it for the money.”

With age should come wisdom. It’s appropriate and fitting for older men to leave behind their fren- zy, and no longer live and act like college frat boys. It’s right to expect growth in self-control as we mature, and to expect a more reflective and sober approach to life.

God’s Love

Aging gracefully also involves accepting the shortening of the time ahead of us and the lengthening of the time behind us. Even as we achieve a much-sought independence in our own lives, we begin to cycle back toward a renewed dependence on others, on caregivers, family and the community, and we may even come to the realization that our own mind will have to be surrendered if dementia comes our way.

All of this can instruct us, if we approach it with grace, in the wilderness of our own willful- ness once again. Aside from our own dying, and returning to a humble frame- work of interdependence in our shared destiny with others and with God. Our soul, Tadseusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., earned his doctorate in neurosci- ence from Yale and did post-doc- toral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, and is the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

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A Walk with Collen Carroll Campbell

By J.B. Helm
For the Denver Catholic

Collen Carroll Campbell is a writer and a journalist who has won many awards for her work. She was awarded the Catholic Press Association’s National Catholic Book Award and the Association of Catholic College Publishers Award. As a student at Marquette University during the 1990s, Campbell abandoned her life as a self-described party girl in empty and unfilled high school. In her book, “My Sisters the Saints,” she explores the search for which she writes that she feels as if “I had lost something.” I didn’t know what it was or how it must tell us what it was actually like to be a human being at that particular time, in that particular place. At the same time, each narrative must transcend these things to deal with questions and issues that all humans have faced with over the centuries and across the borders of various geographical locations. “My Sisters the Saints,” COLLIN CARROLL CAMPBELL’S award winning memoir does both of these things, inviting us to a deeper understanding of life and to celebrate joyfully with her as she journeys through her life and her Catholic faith. Campbell realizes that seeing in Teresa’s early life’s attachments to personal appearance and reputation parallel or mimic his own life. Teresa also shared the same and meaningful spiritual journey cast off my own personal new light.”

Saint Therese of Lisieux was another of Campbell’s father’s favorite’s, and again there are parallels between the life of the saint and Campbells’s own. In her last semester in college, Campbell learns that her father has Alzheimer’s. Campbell loses her beloved father, even as her career takes her from newspaper reporter to freelance writer as she meets the convert to Catholicism who would eventually become her husband. Campbell’s adventure takes her in a role as a speechwriter for President George W. Bush, a local parishioner between parishioners in the nation’s capital and a deep desire to return home. Saint Louis and marry her medical student fiancé, John.

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God’s Not Dead 2 misses mark on religious liberty

The largest Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG – parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

A Holy Year in Rome

Imagine the Papal Vis-\textsuperscript{ic} security that guaranteeing the opening of the Holy Doors in Holy Year 1949, when priests carried scissors to snip a lock on Pope Pius X\textsuperscript{II}’s door-sill. According to a hallowed sister, Pope John Charles Masonic Chapel returned to his apartments with a transmuted man and cut on his legs, whereas Pope John XX\textsuperscript{III} left uncut, facing behind-the-scenes stories in his new book, A Faithful Apprentice’s Guide to the Holy Year. Far more than a Jubilee Year guide, the writing in this 211-page book gracefully describes why we pilgrimage is a sacredness of closeness to God; “our yearning to know who God is, to understand His goodness, His love for us.”

A yearning to understand how truly unimportant everything else is. It does not lead us to God.

The author notes that pilgrimages are an inversion of the Gospel message in that the faithful seek the route that brings them back to the Father’s throne room.

Beyond the spiritual, Lewis conveys the true meaning of pilgrimage as a spiritual sustenance to all who travel the art, the majestic basilicas, the eloquent bridges, the splendid piazzas, the cobblestones, the fountains, and the symphony of church bells.

Chapters include descriptions and color photos of the seven major basilicas, a history of Jubilee years, Vatic-...
"La Alegría del Amor" (Amoris Laetitia) es el encíclica publicada por el Papa Francisco el 8 de abril de 2016. Se divide en 10 capítulos, que cubren desde la preparación para el matrimonio hasta el amor en la vida diaria, incluyendo el matrimonio cristiano, el amor por los padres, la familia y la misericordia.

La encíclica responde a la pregunta de cómo se puede amar de manera verdadera en el matrimonio, en la familia y en los contextos individuales. Francisco llama a los católicos a reflexionar sobre la noción de amor como "la alegría de la vida" y el "amor de Dios" que se manifiesta en la vida de los cristianos.

En el capítulo 1, Francisco habla del matrimonio como una bendición de Dios y un acto que debe ser celebrado y bendecido. En el capítulo 2, habla de la preparación para el matrimonio y cómo los futuros cónyuges deben prepararse adecuadamente.

En el capítulo 3, se habla sobre la intimidad de la pareja y la importancia de la caridad en el matrimonio. En el capítulo 4, se habla sobre la llamada "generación para siempre" y la importancia de la vida en común.

En el capítulo 5, se habla sobre la familia y su importancia en la sociedad. En el capítulo 6, se habla sobre la misericordia y la alegría en el matrimonio.

En el capítulo 7, se habla sobre la importancia de la educación en el amor y la caridad. En el capítulo 8, se habla sobre la importancia del amor en el trabajo y en la vida diaria.

En el capítulo 9, se habla sobre la importancia del amor en la obra de caridad y la misericordia. En el capítulo 10, se habla sobre la importancia del amor en la vida espiritual y en el crecimiento personal.

La encíclica termina con una invitación a los católicos a reflexionar sobre el amor y a vivirlo de manera verdadera en su vida diaria.

"La Alegría del Amor" es una de las principales obras de Francisco y ha sido calificada como una de las encíclicas más importantes de la historia de la Iglesia Católica.
By Sally Crowe Nash

would it surprise you to know that I am guilty of taking my faith for granted? I grew up in a Catholic home and benefitted from a Catholic education. Consequently, my interactions and associations were primarily with other Christians until I went on to college. I was pretty comfortable, thinking most people thought pretty much like me. I do remember the rude awakening I got when my faith bumped up against a friendly college classmate who told me she was a witch and professed the Wiccan religion. I was literally dumbfounded and did not know how to respond. Today, thanks to conversations and callers on “Catholic Answers Live” after a pilgrimage to Ireland Nov. 2-12. The trip is $2,949 per person all expenses included with God, self and others.

Pilgrimage to Ireland
Fr. Carl William Janocha will lead a pilgrimage to Ireland Nov. 2-12. The trip is $2,949 per person all expenses included with airfare from OKC, 2-12. The trip is $2,949 per person all expenses included. For more information, contact Brian at (405) 521-0747.

Saint Ann health fair
On Wednesday, April 20, Saint Ann Center will host a health fair and open house from 3-5 p.m. in the sister’s lounge. The event is free and open to the public. Healthy snacks and entertainment provided. Representatives from various health-related organizations available to discuss health issues and services. Call (405) 721-0747.

Spring mission
St. James the Greater welcomes deacons Eddie Easley and Robert Hermann from St. Anne in Columbia City, Ind., for a spring mission. Presentations at Saturday and Sunday Masses on April 23 and 24 as well as April 25 – 27 at 7 p.m. at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Tickets $100 each, includes dinner, door prizes, music by The Midlife Crisis Band, 99.9 alternate, and the chance to win a Lincoln MKC or $25,000. Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Ulster sound Project, St. Bernard’s ACTS retreats, St. Bernard’s next Hale halfway house and the Center of Family Love in Okarche. For info, go to www.christianlives.org or contact Phil Depronghania (918) 808-0600.

Kings golf tournament
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Fiscal Year 2015 financial audit results of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Revenues, gains, and other support:

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Interest and Dividend Income:

- Investments | 1,647,796 | 1,500,576 |
- Notes Receivable | 275,408 | 221,079 |
- Gain on Investments | 2,790,325 | 7,777,078 |
- Other Income | 379,610 | 422,095 |

Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support: 22,682,710 | 26,370,829

Expenses:

Budgeted Departments and Offices:

- Pastoral Center | 1,627,961 | 1,057,741 |
- Business Office | 1,130,564 | 1,234,879 |
- Safe Environment | 98,977 | 70,537 |
- Archdiocesan Newspaper | 419,179 | 440,596 |
- Office of Communication | 63,230 | 98,775 |
- Office of Christian Education | 612,020 | 490,361 |
- Youth Ministry | 513,372 | 509,275 |
- Office of Family Life | 219,677 | 220,866 |
- Hispanic Ministry | 427,089 | 408,546 |
- Our Lady of Guadalupe | 356,090 | 346,156 |
- Office of Planning, Stewardship, and Development | 171,920 | 191,292 |
- Ministry to Priests, Permanent Deacons, and Clergy Education | 417,147 | 292,013 |
- Hospital Ministry | 246,789 | 240,484 |
- Tribunal | 126,272 | 130,027 |
- Office of Worship and Spiritual Life | 245,140 | 150,837 |
- National Conference of Catholic Bishops - United States Catholic Conference | 41,602 | 41,120 |
- Priests’ Welfare, Retirement, and Disability | 36,442 | 38,249 |
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Total Spontaneous Programs and Other Subsidies: 17,748,576 | 13,049,516

Total Expenses: 18,583,772 | 19,684,720

Change in Net Assets Before Other Comprehensive Income: 4,098,938 | 6,886,109

Other Comprehensive Income:

- Actuarial Gain (Loss) | (2,447,332) | 47,811 |
- Change in net Assets | 1,651,606 | 6,733,920 |
- Total Assets at Beginning of the Year | 12,444,632 | 107,210,212 |
- Net Assets at End of the Year | 111,096,238 | 109,444,632 |

Assets:

2015 | 2014
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Cash | 1,823,801 | 3,813,393
Accounts Receivable, Net of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts | 1,508,131 | 1,800,118
Contributions Receivable, Net of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts | 907,478 | 842,447
Investments | 100,770,333 | 94,138,392
Notes Receivable, Net of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts | 15,118,838 | 16,508,742
Land, Buildings, and Equipment | 8,927,25 | 73,350
Other | 36,637 | 426,167
Total Assets | 173,112,020 | 167,756,127

Liabilities and Net Assets:

- Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities | 598,834 | 1,281,466 |
- Contributions Payable, Net of Discount | 1,530,122 | 2,483,026 |
- Investments Managed for Related Parties | 46,709,566 | 43,151,160 |
- Accrued Insurance Claims | 1,665,148 | 1,586,658 |
- Bank Borrowings | 11,512,112 | 9,809,185 |
- Accrued Pension Benefit Cost | 62,015,782 | 58,311,495 |
- Total Liabilities | 104,379,095 | 102,761,613 |
- Temporarily Restricted | 446,723 | 534,146 |
- Permanently Restricted | 6,275,420 | 6,148,873 |
- Total Net Assets | 173,112,020 | 167,756,127
- Total Liabilities and Net Assets | 173,112,020 | 167,756,127

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Paul S. Coakley
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Risen Lord! As your shepherd, I consider it a solemn responsibility to be a good steward of the financial gifts received by the archdiocese, and to be transparent and accountable to the people of the archdiocese, who have shown great generosity in the support of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and its ministries.

In that spirit, I present this financial report for fiscal year 2014-15. It has been prepared by our archdiocesan business office and reviewed by independent auditors as well as by our archdiocesan finance council. I offer it now for your review.

Numbers on a page can only present an incomplete picture, but hopefully this report provides an overview of the activities and ministries provided by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. I give you my pledge that we are continuing to make every effort to be good and faithful stewards of the financial resources of the archdiocese.

Every good gift comes from a generous and loving God. Our gratitude to God moves us to a generous response in sharing our gifts with others. This is part of discipleship. When we acknowledge that the source of our joy is Jesus Christ, we can’t help but share that good news with others. We become what we are called to be. We become missionary disciples!

With the assurance of my prayers and gratitude, I am

Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley
Archbishop of Oklahoma City