Christ Is One Certainty in Life, Says Pontiff

VATICAN CITY, (Zenit.org). — Although life is uncertain, there is nothing uncertain about the destiny of every person, Benedict XVI told a delegation of youth from Madrid, which is the host city for the 2011 World Youth Day.

“Go in the footsteps of Christ,” the pontiff told the youth. “He is your end, your way and also your prize.

“Life is a journey, certainly. But it is not an uncertain journey without a fixed destiny; it leads to Christ, the end of human life and history. On this journey you will meet with him who gave His life for love, and opens to you the doors of eternal life.”

The Holy Father encouraged the youth to discover in the cross “the infinite measure of Christ’s love. Christ gave himself for each one of you and loves you in a unique and personal way. Respond to Christ’s love by offering him your life with love.”

“Young people of today need to discover the new life that comes from God,” he said, “to be satiated by the truth that has its source in Christ who died and was resurrected and who the Church has received as a treasure for all men.”

Benedict XVI also underlined the importance of the World Youth Day events as they “manifest the dynamism of the Church and her eternal youth,” and they “enable young people to feel they are members of the Church, in full communion with their pastors and with the Successor of Peter.”
The Good News

... OLOG (Memorials)

What is OLOG? This is the name of the Catholic youth camp in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Actually, it is an acronym which the kids adopted in the year 2000 when the camp opened under the official name of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp. This summer will mark the 10th year of camping at OLOG!

The camp program at OLOG has been most successful and rewarding. During the summer months, our Archdiocesan Youth Office offers eight weeks of camping. Approximately 1,000 children from all over the Archdiocese participate in the summer camp program every year. Almost 800 are already registered for this coming summer.

The weekly summer camp provides children with a fun place to be. The atmosphere is rustic as the camp is located on 480 acres of wooded land in Lincoln County. In the past, the kids have boasted about the food, the program and the environment. They have actively and joyfully taken part in the religious dimension of the camp. Thus, they return home, especially kids from rural areas, realizing that our Catholic Church is so much larger than their own little parish. Their interest in the Church and what they experienced at OLOG are often related to me as I travel from parish to parish through our Archdiocese. OLOG is truly a successful Catholic youth camp!

Until now, I have been speaking solely about the summer camp program. However, that is only one part of a much longer and diversified use of the camp property. Throughout the rest of the year, even more kids and young adults and older people come and go. Some are there just for the day. Others stay overnight. Some come for a few days while others come for a weekend or a whole week. The programs vary greatly. There are youth retreats, High School KAIROS programs, study sessions, Confirmation retreats, scouting activities and young adult programs. There is seldom a week that passes without an exciting, fulfilling program touching on faith, education and socialization. OLOG is one of the “jewels” of our Archdiocese!

Due to the economic downturn and trying to keep camp fees at a reasonable cost, we have had to curtail some of the additions that would have been very, very beneficial to campers and staff persons and programs. For example, we have a need for several outdoor pavilions. These are not luxury items but gathering places for various activities. They would be most helpful and a great addition to our camp. Therefore, I am looking for four generous people to help make these facilities available for summer camp.

There will be three smaller gazebos. One will be at the archery range and the other two at the Donut Pond, which is a one-mile walk from the main entrance of OLOG. A memorial gift of $5,000 for each gazebo and a memorial gift of $20,000 for the larger pavilion from generous benefactors will make these facilities available for summer camp.

The pavilion and the three gazebos provide an opportunity for anyone wishing to memorialize a loved one. At the same time, it will benefit thousands of young people who will use them for years to come.

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Reverend John I. Jenkins, CSC, President
University of Notre Dame
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South Bend, Indiana 46556

Dear Father Jenkins:

With regard to Notre Dame University’s invitation to President Obama to speak at your commencement and to be honored with a law degree, I find your most recent statement troubling and equally as scandalous as your original invitation.

The Catholic Bishops 2004 prohibition against honoring Catholic politicians who defy Catholic teaching from being honored by Catholic colleges was issued because at that time that was the question at hand. However, as one of the bishops issuing that statement, I certainly did not intend it to be restrictive. Rather, by answering the specific question of that moment, we were clearly applying fundamental reasons for the inviolable right to life of every person. Abortion is always evil, always sinful.

Your justification as presented in today’s news is unacceptable. In fact, it is casuistic and arrogant. The only right choice for Notre Dame University is to publicly rescind the invitation to the president and the plan to honor him with a law degree.

Please hear the cry that I and others desperately make on behalf of unborn children. Please let the University of Notre Dame witness to the truth that all human life is created in the image and likeness of God and must be respected. This is the teaching of our Catholic faith and must be followed in word and in deed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

EJB/cd

Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

Notre Dame President Defends Obama Invite

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 14, 2009/06:36 p.m. (CNA). — Father John Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, has written a letter to the school’s board of trustees, defending the university’s invitation of President Obama to the school’s May commencement ceremony. Father Jenkins argues in his letter that while many have criticized the school’s move, canon lawyers and the USCCB document, “Catholics in Political Life,” both support his action.

In the letter, posted in full on LifeSiteNews, Father Jenkins recalls the June 2004 USCCB statement on Catholics in political life and cites “two key sentences” that “have been frequently quoted” in criticism of Notre Dame’s invitation to President Obama. The first sentence is: “Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions.”

However, Jenkins explains, he interpreted the line by saying that in “every statement I have made about the invitation of President Obama and in every statement I will make, I express our disagreement with him on issues surrounding the protection of life, such as abortion and embryonic stem cell research. If we repeatedly and clearly state that we do not support the president on these issues, we cannot be understood to ‘suggest support.’”

Finally, the document states that “we need to do more to persuade all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials.” Father Jenkins notes that, “However misguided some might consider our actions, it is in the spirit of providing a basis for dialogue that we invited President Obama.”

“On May 17 we will welcome the ninth president who will receive an honorary degree from Notre Dame,” the priest-president concludes. “It will be an important opportunity to bring the leader of our nation to Notre Dame, and, I hope, a joyful day for our graduates and their families.”
On Notre Dame, Law Degrees, and Catholic Politics

Irish Law Student Coalition Calls for Renewed Pro-Life Commitment

SOUTH BEND, Ind. April 8, 2009 (Zenit.org).— The founder of a new law student coalition at Notre Dame stated that the university’s decision to honor President Barack Obama at this year’s spring commencement points to a deeper problem of Catholicism in the United States.

Mariangela Sullivan, founder and director of Notre Dame Action Coalition, shared with ZENIT her views about the "decades-old elephant in the closet:" the issue that many Catholics privately disagree with abortion while publicly supporting it.

Today the Notre Dame Action Coalition sent out a letter announcing its Festival of Life, an initiative that not only responds to the decision of Father John Jenkins, the university’s president, to honor President Obama, but also invites Catholics nationwide to renew their pro-life commitment.

In this interview with ZENIT, Sullivan explains the issues, the event and its goals.

Q: Why do you think the university's decision to honor President Obama has drawn such international attention?

Sullivan: Make no mistake, the controversy surrounding Father Jenkins’s invitation bringing President Obama to Notre Dame is not about Father Jenkins or President Obama or Notre Dame.

Like a couple whose marriage is suddenly on the rocks over a burned pot roast, the troubles at issue here run much deeper than a single incident at a single moment in time.

The reality is that Catholicism in America has quietly become a house divided, and now with one very public act, Notre Dame has dragged into view a decades-old elephant in the room: American Catholics no longer oppose pro-choice politicians.

As the White House shrewdly noted when it fielded the first wave of outrage, half of American Catholics voted for Barack Obama.

Home run, Mr. President, as usual.

The White House is aware of the true crux of the issue, and so should we: Catholicism in America -- as well as the entire pro-life movement -- is a house divided. Indeed, many who say they are pro-life are part of the new president’s constituency.

The choir is not the choir anymore.

A university identifies with a religion that recognizes that fetuses are people. A president makes it a priority to defend through law the choice of women to have fetuses killed. The same university gives to the same president an honorary doctorate of law.

Unlike American voters exercising their civic duties in the privacy of town libraries and city halls, Notre Dame has no cubicle, no curtain. She is the flagship Catholic education institution in the United States; her votes are anything but private.

And the fact that she has chosen to award President Obama an honorary law degree has had the effect of ripping the curtain off the voting booths of all the Catholics in the country, shining light on the division that runs like a canyon straight through the middle of them. Thus the outrage. Thus the feeling that salt has been poured in a wound.

Q: What are the reasons behind the fact that so many Catholics voted for Obama in the national elections?

Sullivan: Like any decision made privately by thousands of people, the answer is both complicated and unknowable.

Political life can be challenging for a Catholic; the truths we embrace do not align smoothly with either major political party. The patience to uncover and reflect on the philosophies and records of individual candidates is necessary to cast a Catholic vote.

That kind of in-depth inquiry is unfamiliar to modern American culture, in which everyone is entitled to her uninformed opinion. Catholics, of course, are not immune to that.

Just a casual look at the Catholics I know can tell us something about how the Catholic vote worked this year. Some believed, in good faith, and without much attention to facts, that the president would honor his promise to find moderate common ground and unity between the parties.

Others factored environmental policy, or health care policy, or economic policy most heavily in their decision-making calculus. Others, dissatisfied with the candidates, settled for various but important victories, like the prospect of ending torture, or the possibility of increased aid to the poor.

Others voted on emotional grounds -- they felt the "hope" that swept the nation. Others didn’t have a decision-making calculus at all.

The famous Catholic vote did not appear as a bloc in the last election. Our voting was as divided as we are, and there were significant shifts toward Obama among the traditional conservative Catholic vote.

Q: Is there a division among Catholics on the life issue? How can this be overcome?

Sullivan: There is certainly division.

The action of Father Jenkins only served to point out an existing source of division and confusion: what exactly is the Catholic role within American citizenship?

A large section of the Catholic population is now floating away from the old pro-life mother ship, on a raft Americans have been steadily constructing for some time.

That raft was launched here at Notre Dame, when Governor Mario Cuomo of New York popularized the most baffling position in the abortion debate: being privately pro-life but publicly unopposed to abortion.

The logic of the pro-choice position is easy to grasp -- though based in error: A fetus is not a person with rights, and therefore can be legally killed. Equally simple is the pro-life view: A fetus is a person with rights, and therefore cannot be legally killed.

The increasingly trendy view for Catholics, however, is a logical house of horrors: A fetus is a person, has rights, and can be legally killed.

This is why it is true that all the pro-life Supreme Court justices in the world could not end abortion. As a wise professor here told me, even as we try to bring the law to the just defense of human life, the transfiguration that will ultimately end abortion can only be one of hearts and minds.

To that end, I founded ND Action for the particular purpose of reaching beyond Notre Dame to the hearts and minds of the wider American community. The group’s focus and energy is entirely devoted to carrying out that purpose.

ND Action is composed of law students who see the scope of the controversy at issue here as much, Continued to page 15
Twelve Men Receive Canonical Call to Ordination

Most Rev. Eusebius J. Beltran, archbishop of Oklahoma City, issued a Canonical Call to be ordained a Permanent Deacon to the following men: Thomas Biles, St. Ann Parish, Elgin; Dennis Fine, St. Joseph Parish, Ada; Thomas Goldworthy, St. Eugene Parish, Oklahoma City; Forrest Simpson, St. Patrick, Oklahoma City; Richard Boothe, Christ the King Parish, Oklahoma City; William Hough, St. Mary Parish, Clinton; Daniel Lombardi, St. John Nepomuk Parish, Yukon; Ty Nguyen, St. Andrew Dung Lac Parish, Oklahoma City; Kha Nguyen, St. Andrew Dung Lac Parish, Oklahoma City; Michael Romaka, Holy Family Parish, Lawton; William Thurman, St. Benedict Parish, Shawnee; and Terrance Rice, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Kingfisher. The ordination is scheduled for Nov. 6, 2009. These men and their wives are completing a four-year program of prayer, study and discernment. Pray for them as they complete their preparation for ordination.

Teen Feels Greater Presence of God in His Life After Retreat

By Tyler Gruntmeir
St. Monica Parish, Edmond

In light of my trip to Conception Seminary...

The past weekend was a really incredible experience for me, spiritually.

Staying among the monks and seminarians, it was not only a time for fun and recreation, but an incredible opportunity for prayer, reflection, meditation and discernment.

Through my (rather rough) past, finding a place where I can feel God's presence has been something hard for me. Work Camp only comes once a year, and of course I go to church every Sunday. But really FEELING the Lord's presence was something I hadn't experienced in a while. This weekend was different. From opening prayer on Saturday until our departure on Monday, I felt touched, almost flooded by the presence of Christ. Looking around me and seeing only men of God was a powerful realization. Surrounded by people who were giving up their time and lives to bring themselves closer to Christ, I felt small. Inferior. Almost graceless. Yet, once I relaxed and took time to actively get to know a few of the seminarians, I noticed that they were all basically just like me. They all had their pasts, their mistakes, their struggles. But they had offered all of those struggles up to God. And He had brought them there. To Conception Seminary. And throughout the trip, I thought (as I'm sure many of the other visitors did), why not me? Why can I not experience this peace, this closeness to God?

So I prayed. I thought. I meditated. I read. But most of all, I listened. I waited and I asked for God to speak to me. To tell me what He wanted from me. Wrong though I may be, it came down to an answer a lot simpler than I had expected.

God gave me MANY talents. Eloquence, coordination, intelligence, agility and compassion, to name a few. Things that not every person on this earth is graced with. Of all his children, of all the people, He gave those talents to ME. An 18-year-old boy who has no idea what he's doing with his life. In realizing that, I felt that all God asks of me is that I use those talents to greater my relationship with Him. With Christ. With the Holy Spirit. Does that mean I'm meant to be a priest? Not necessarily. But nothing says that I can't be a man of faith.

Since I was 15 or so, I've always felt that I would lead the married life. And I still believe this. My dependence on a relationship made that obvious to me. What the future holds, of course, I do not and cannot know. I can only keep my ears open to the Lord and pray. But for now, with what He has shown me through my experience at the seminary, my own ambitions and hopes for the future have settled at this.

I would like to, and am determined to, continue my studies at Francis Tuttle. Following the completion of that course, I would like to pursue a degree in Web design, preferably at UCO. After that, and depending on what the future has brought since then, I would like to spend a year or two at a university seminary, studying theology and furthering my relationship with the Father. I would like to thereon use what I have learned, as well as my God given talents, to pursue a career in Web design and graphic arts. Eventually, God willing, I would like to marry and build a family.

Of course, this future is not set in stone. But I will be praying for direction and listening for the Lord's reply. What is certain, is that a lot in my life has become clearer, and the experience at the seminary has certainly brought me closer to my faith.

Please, keep me, as well as any others who are still trying to discern God's calling for them, in your prayers.

God bless.

This was written by Tyler Gruntmeir of St. Monica Catholic in Edmond following his trip to Conception Seminary in March.
2009 Archdiocesan Spelling Bee Winners

First and second grade
Three-way tie for first — Jonathan Robinson, Rosary; Hanna Newby, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; Yadin George, Villa Teresa; fourth, Vivian Pham, St. John Nepomuk; fifth, Alex O’Quinn, St Eugene’s.

Third and fourth grade
First, Charlie Kolar, All Saints; second, Amy Albright, St. Mary, Guthrie; third, Logan Harrington, St. John Nepomuk; fourth, Diana Nguyen, Bishop John Carroll; fifth, Austin Copeland, St. John Nepomuk.

Fifth and sixth grade
Four-way tie for first — Brandon Pham, St. Phillip Neri; Emily Pham, Bishop John Carroll; David Soto, St. Mary, Ponca City; Anna Egas, St. Phillip Neri; fifth, Mika Cheng, Sacred Heart, OKC. Sister Catherine Powers, superintendent of Catholic Schools is also pictured.

Seventh and eighth grade
First, Courtney Labe, St. Mary, Lawton; second, Elizabeth Low, All Saints; third, Elijah Petty, Holy Trinity; fourth, Cindy Do, Bishop John Carroll; fifth, Brent Gawey, Christ the King.

St. Francis Parishioner Named Candidate in Presidential Scholars Program

Robert (Bob) Cail, a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and a graduating senior at Edmond Santa Fe High School, has been named one of more than 3,000 candidates in the 2009 Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 2.8 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2009.

Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 45th year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

The candidates were selected for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT Assessment. Further consideration is based on students’ essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations and school transcripts. A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 500 semifinalists in early April.

Cail has served on the Archdiocesan Youth Advisory Board and has been active in parish activities. He is the son of Paula and Don Cail and grandson of Win and Don Fuhrman and the late Marie and Elmer Cail.
Father Rother Award presented to Father Joseph Burger

OKLAHOMA CITY — With dozens of fellow brother priests looking on, Father Joseph Burger was presented the Father Stanley Rother Faithful Shepherd Award. Archbishop Beltran presented the honor to Father Burger on April 7, during a prayer service at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help prior to the Chrism Mass.

Father Don Wolf introduced Father Burger, who was ordained into the priesthood on Dec. 21, 1954, in the same cathedral.

Rev. Joseph William Burger has spent more than 50 years ministering to the people of Oklahoma as a priest and as a tireless advocate for minorities, said Father Wolf.

Father Burger becomes the ninth Oklahoma priest to be honored with the Father Stanley Rother Faithful Shepherd Award. The award, created by the Priest’s Council, is named for the Okarche-born priest who was shot to death on July 28, 1981, while serving as a missionary priest in Guatemala. Father Rother is being promoted for sainthood.

Father Burger was born on July 2, 1921, in New Hamburg, Mo., to Henry A. and Anna (Jelan) Burger. Father Burger and his four older brothers and sisters grew up in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he attended Catholic schools under the auspices of the Sisters of Notre Dame, graduating in 1939 from St. Mary High School.

His education was interrupted by World War II and his service in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific.

Following his discharge in 1945, Father Burger enrolled at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, and later transferred to the Art Institute of Chicago. During his time at Xavier and the Art Institute, Father Burger attended daily Mass and his calling to the priesthood became clear to him. Remembering a French missionary priest he had met in the Pacific, he considered the idea of becoming a missionary. In preparation for Maryknoll Seminary, he was sent to Venard Junior Seminary in Pennsylvania to improve his Latin.

After two years at Maryknoll, his advisers suggested that he abandon the idea of foreign missionary service. The Most Rev. Eugene J. McGuinness accepted him for the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa and sent him to Assumption Seminary, San Antonio, Texas. He completed his seminary training at Assumption Seminary and was ordained on Dec. 21, 1954, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City, by Bishop McGuinness.

Father Burger quickly learned of the cultural diversity of the diocese when he was assigned to St. Peter Church, Woodward, and its missions. It was an assignment that required him to learn a second language. While in Woodward, Father Burger studied Spanish with local Hispanic families.

Future assignments took him to St. Joseph Church, Buffalo; Sacred Heart Church, Mangum, and its mission, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Hollis; and St. Anthony Padua Church, Okeene, and its mission, St. Thomas Apostle Church, Seiling.

In 1978, Father Burger began a 10-year assignment at St. Peter Church in Guymon with its missions of Church of the Good Shepherd, Boise City, and Sacred Heart Church, Hooker, an assignment that allowed formal immersion instruction in Spanish in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Father Burger credited his dedication to his vocation to prayer.

“Prayer kept me going,” Father Burger said. “If I ever felt discouraged, which was rare, I knew I needed to pray.”

Father Burger has served as archdiocesan director of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Apostleship of Prayer. He has also served as archdiocesan director of Catholic Rural Life. In 1991 he received the Las Casas Award in recognition of his advocacy for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Native Americans.
Holy Thursday

If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet.

John 13:14

Deacon Raymond LaChance of St. Paul Church in Del City processes out of the church with the consecrated hosts to be placed in a side chapel until Easter vigil.

Father Lowell Stieferman, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Del City, washes the feet of the first communion class.

Deacon Raymond LaChance dries the feet of the first communion class. Photos by Cara Koenig.

The altar being prepared for Good Friday when there is to be no adornment in the church.
Guymon Parish Re-enacts Passion On Good Friday

By Miranda Gilbert
For the Sooner Catholic

“Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Bloodthirsty spectators yelled at the man they called a criminal, also known as Jesus of Nazareth, as judgment was handed down by Roman law.

Crucifixion was a penalty given to the worst of criminals, reserved for those who were to be humiliated and made to suffer in agony before asphyxiation on the cross.

It is said that Romans punished Jesus for consorting with lowly men, and his teachings posed a threat to their control.

The Passion of the Christ, performed by members of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Guymon, brought to life an emotional depiction of what one might have seen during ancient times, with a man who carried his own cross he would be nailed to, and was beaten and tortured along the way, as his mother, Mary, cried helplessly all along the way.

A re-enactment was held of Jesus (David Rodriguez) dragging his cross nearly 400 meters around the church parking lot, to an empty lot across the street where he and two thieves were to meet their fate.

Formal services were also held Good Friday with messages on death, harsh judgments, grief and finding grace with the words, “Forgive them, for they know not what they do” echoing in church.

The second annual passion’s costumes, and other materials such as props, were made possible by fundraisers hosted by the church throughout the year, and numerous volunteers.

At right, a lifeless, tortured and bleeding Jesus Christ (David Rodriguez) is held by his crying mother, Mary (Blanca Jaurequi), after he was declared dead and removed from the cross by his tormentors, who laughed and said, “Where is your God now?”

Photos/Miranda Gilbert

Jesus (David Rodriguez), falls to the ground at the very spot he is to be crucified after bearing his cross and being beaten all the way left him in agony, exhausted. The passion was performed at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Guymon on Friday, April 10.

Jesus (David Rodriguez) carries his cross to the crucifixion mound, all the while being whipped and taunted by soldiers and laughed at by Pontius Pilate, as his mother, Mary, and Mary Magdalen cry in agony with Christ's followers.
Easter Vigil

Father John Feehily confirms one of the candidates.

The newly baptized hold their baptismal candles as the symbol of having accepted the light of Christ.

Candles around the church are lit from the Paschal candle.

Nathan Rodriguez is all smiles as he steps out of the baptismal font after being baptized during Easter Vigil Mass at St. Andrew’s Church in Moore. Photos by Cara Koenig
Parishes to Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at several parishes on April 19 and one parish will be offering special intentions at this time for those affected by domestic violence.

Parishes announcing Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations include St. John the Baptist in Edmond and St. Charles Borromeo in Oklahoma City. Both will begin at 3 p.m. and will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary.

St. Francis will also begin its Divine Mercy celebration at 3 p.m. The hour-long devotion will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary. There will also be special prayers for the Mary Elizabeth project, which is an outreach for those harmed by domestic violence.

According to information provided by the state of Oklahoma, one in four women in Oklahoma has been victimized by abuse. In 2007, 23,400 domestic abuse reports were recorded by police in the state. Of those, 98 percent were related to assault or assault and battery. Oklahoma reportedly ranks seventh in the nation for the number of women killed by men. Also, one in six couples will experience intimate partner violence.

From September 2006 to October 2007, a total of 1,876 women checked into Oklahoma’s 26 domestic abuse shelters. During the same period, nine men reportedly checked in to these shelters.

Sources: Oklahoma State Department of Health; Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation; U.S. Census 2000; 2008 Every Child Matters Report; Oklahoma Department

The special intention for those harmed by domestic abuse will offer this special prayer:

*Loving God, hold me in your gentle arms.*

*Whisper in my ear your Wisdom.*

*Strengthen me, your child, with Courage and Peace.*

*Send your Holy Spirit of Truth through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

Letters

**Thank You, Archbishop**

I wanted to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Archbishop Beltran for his strong and extraordinary letter to Father Jenkins of Notre Dame. I have never been more proud to be a Catholic and to be under the guidance of this wonderful shepherd of our Archdiocese!

*Jamie Landry*

*Epiphany*

*Oklahoma City*

**Truth Needed**

When I came to the Church 10 years ago, I was a pro-choice atheist feminist. I know firsthand about "community organizers" and their agenda to make this world an earthly paradise. I met many of these "community organizers" and apologizers (not apologists) for Christ and His Church on my journey toward God. They almost turned me away from my conversion. I was looking for the truth and they were unsure where He was. If not for the writings of the popes and the fathers of the Church, I would have been lost. God has blessed me with the Catholic Faith.

The One, Holy, Apostolic, Catholic Church does not need to use limited financial resources on third party organizers. We instead need to use those funds to directly help those most in need.

We don’t need "community organizers." We need saints. We don't need the secular ideology of the Industrial Areas Foundation. We need genuine catechesis on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We don’t need slogans and "non-partisan" political meetings, but Christ Himself in the Eucharist and the teachings of His duly-appointed bishops and His properly-ordained priests.

**Niczi Kobzdej**

*Saint Michael’s*

*Bethany*

**Change You Really Can Believe In**

I was overjoyed with the archbishop’s letter in the *Sooner Catholic* on March 22. It addressed what could become a deep schism in the Church, ignited in Oklahoma City by the hiring of a community organizer, working for the IAF, a Chicago political corporation.

What I liked most about the archbishop’s letter was his call for us to study the pope’s encyclical “*God is Love.*” The pope provided a breath of fresh air, which could change the direction that organized Catholic charities have taken since Vatican II. These activities have been, contrary to the words of the pope, “aimed at improving the world” and “resolving every problem” in the name of “social justice.” It’s no wonder so many Catholic charities have come under the service of the “worldly stratagems” of ACORN and the IAF.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development’s annual report states that for 37 years it has been acting to “end poverty forever.” Do they know something that Jesus didn’t? It further states that its core mission is “promoting community and economic development along with education about poverty in the United States.” Where do we see the word “charity?”

In his encyclical on love, Pope Benedict XVI criticized “the activism and growing secularism of many Christians engaged in charitable work.” Where is our focus? Why did a hot dog man and a lone nun have to start off on their own to bring the message of love to the homeless in Oklahoma City?

It seems that in the Catholic Church in the United States, justice issues, required of the laity in the political realm, have virtually replaced “social charity,” required of the Church. However, as the pope says in his second encyclical, “*Saved in Hope*” No. 22, “There also has to be a self-critique of modern Christianity, which must constantly renew its self-understanding out from its roots.” The teachings of Benedict XVI have provided the spirit and courage we need for change, a change away from political action and back to our charitable roots.

*Tom Morris,*

*St. John the Baptist*

*Edmond*
Buenas Noticias...

...Campamento Juvenil Católico Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (OLOG)

Mis queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

¿Qué es Campamento juvenil Católico Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe? (Conocido en inglés como el OLOG) Es el campamento para nuestros jóvenes que lleva el nombre de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y que en el año 2000 cuando fue abierto, nuestros niños le llamaron simpácticamente OLOG. ¡Este año el campamento OLOG estará cerca de cumplir diez años!

El programa del OLOG ha sido muy exitoso y gratificante. Durante los meses del verano, aproximadamente mil niños de toda la Arquidiócesis participan en el programa de verano de este campamento todos los años. Actualmente están inscritos ochocientos para participar en este verano.

Cada semana en el campamento los niños encuentran un lugar para divertirse. La atmósfera del campamento es rustica, ya que el campamento está ubicado sobre cuatrocientos acres de arbustos en los terrenos del condado de Lincoln. En el pasado, los jovencitos se han jactado de comida, del mismo programa y del ambiente. Ellos han tomado activamente con alegría la parte que le corresponde a la dimensión religiosa del campamento. Así, cuando los

![Muy Reverendo Eusebio Delrín Arzobispo Metropolitano de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City.](image)

jovenes regresan a sus hogares, especialmente aquellos que viven en las áreas rurales, se dan cuenta que nuestra Iglesia Católica es mucho más grande que su propia parroquia.

El interés en la Iglesia y en lo que ellos experimentan en el campamento OLOG son cosas que me competen cuando viajo a cada parroquia en nuestra Arquidiócesis. ¡OLOG es verdaderamente un éxito de lo que es un campamento juvenil Católico!

Hasta ahora, he estado hablando del programa de verano del campamento. Sin embargo, el campamento se ha diversificado en su uso. El resto del año, asisten más jóvenes, niños, adultos e incluso gente de avanzada edad. Quienes asisten lo hacen por un día o algunos días. Los programas que se realizan después del verano varían. Se hacen retiros, programas para estudiantes de la preparatoria, sesiones de estudio, retiros para las Confirmaciones, actividades para jóvenes adultos entre otros programas. Rara vez no se hace una actividad que no emocione o toque nuestra fe, educación y socialización. ¡OLOG es uno de las “joyas” de nuestra Arquidiócesis!

Debido a la crisis económica hemos tratado de mantener el costo del campamento de una manera razonable, hemos tenido que prescindir de algunos lugares que han podido ser muy beneficiados para nuestros participantes y empleados que administran los programas que se hacen en el OLOG.

Por ejemplo, necesitamos más pabellones al aire libre, no son lugares de lujo pero son esenciales para efectuar diversas actividades. Éstos serían de gran ayuda a nuestro campamento. Por lo tanto, estoy en búsqueda de aquellas personas generosas que deseen ayudar hacer posible la construcción de estos lugares para el campamento. ¡Desean ustedes homenajear y recordar a alguien o a un ser querido? Al responder que sí, ustedes tendrán la oportunidad de colocar una placa de reconocimiento de esa persona en mayo del 2009. Y les digo de antemano que puede ser leída de la siguiente manera: “Este Pabellón (o Choza) ha sido construido gracias a la generosa donación de (el nombre de la persona), mayo del año 2009”.

Habrá tres pequeños pabellones, uno será con forma arquitectónica y los otros dos estarán en el laguito que está a un milla de la entrada principal del OLOG. Cada donación o regalo se puede hacer para construir los más pequeños con cinco mil dólares y para el pabellón grande el regalo es de veinte mil dólares.

Al hacer estos gestos de generosidad, ustedes permitirán que estas obras estén listas para este verano. Estas obras darán la oportunidad de homenajear a sus seres queridos.

Al mismo tiempo, beneficiarán a miles de jóvenes que usarán el campamento por los años por venir.

![El laguito del campamento Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (OLOG).](image)

![La capilla del campamento OLOG en sus espectaculares instalaciones.](image)
Parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City fueron abarrotadas con gran devoción.

Semana Santa se celebró con actividades litúrgicas y tradiciones.

Por Mauro Yanez
Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Los Católicos en el territorio de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City tenemos el regalo de Dios de preservar nuestras tradiciones típicas de nuestra hispanidad para conmemorar la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesucristo. Ano tras año venimos como se incrementa la presencia de fieles de origen hispano a las celebraciones de la Semana Santa. Las procesiones y las diversas representaciones realizadas en la Semana Santa son parte esencial del proceso de entendimiento de la Pascua de Resurrección. Ahora que estamos nutriéndonos espiritualmente con la Palabra de Dios y entendemos más porque Cristo dio su vida por nosotros, tenemos el compromiso, en estos momentos que vive la humanidad, de promover la paz de Dios entre nuestras comunidades.

Los preceptos de la doctrina Católica nos sugieren que como creyentes nos comprometamos sinceramente a derrotar a la miseria y a la maldad que afligen tanto a nuestro mundo. No obstante, debemos estar alerta y atentos a no ser engañados por las actuales corrientes del pensamiento moderno, porque en esa tendencia hay personas en la vida secular que parecen negarse a respetar la cultura cristiana, por lo tanto, debemos cordial y fielmente demandar respeto a la vida humana y a nuestra doctrina Católica. Debemos alejarnos de todo interés puramente temporal y ser firmes en ayudar a nuestra Iglesia Católica para que siga contribuyendo a la educación del mundo sobre los sentimientos y procedimientos contrarios a todo conflicto violento y homicida. El aborto es un homicidio ante los ojos de Dios.

Sin embargo, debemos estar favorables a todo arreglo pacífico, civilizado y racional, para dar a entender a los líderes eclesiásticos que apoyar el aborto es un trazo error histórico y no solamente de filosofía moral o de interés político. Sencillamente, el aborto es negar la misma Resurrección de Cristo. Para entender esto debemos percibir al Evangelio como una continua invitación a la rectitud del pensamiento y de la acción.

El Sumo Pontífice Pablo VI en su Carta Encíclica “Ecclesiam Suam” dijo: “La conciencia psicológica y la conciencia moral están llamadas por Cristo a una plenitud simultánea, casi como condición para recibir, según conviene al hombre, los dones divinos de la verdad y de la gracia”.

Debemos concientizar que el aborto es una acción malévola.
**Jobs Box**

**English Teacher**

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School (Oklahoma City) is currently seeking qualified candidates for the 2009-2010 school year for an English position with experience in AP and Pre-AP. Applicants can fax letter of interest, resume and copy of teaching certificate to Talita DeNegri at (405) 631-9209 or by e-mail to tdenegri@mountstmary.org. EOE

**Coaching Openings**

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School (Oklahoma City) is seeking qualified coaches in the following fields for 2009-2010: volleyball, girls basketball and track. Applicants can fax letter of interest, resume and copy of teaching certificate to Talita DeNegri at (405) 631-9209 or by e-mail to tdenegri@mountstmary.org. EOE

**Fourth-Grade Teaching Position**

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City is accepting applications for a fourth-grade teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. SHCS is a PK4 through eighth-grade school. Please call the school office at (405) 634-5673 for an application or send a resume to Joana Camacho, SHCS, 2700 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City 73109.

**Part-Time Cafeteria Worker**

Bishop McGuinness High School cafeteria has a part-time job available starting immediately.

The hours are 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Marguerite Claybaugh, cafeteria manager, at (405) 842-6656 Ext. 257, or e-mail her at mclaybaugh@bmchs.org.

**Part-Time Music Teacher**

Bishop John Carroll School has an opening for the 2009-2010 school year for a part-time music teacher. BJCS is a pre-K through eighth-grade school. Call the school office at (405) 525-0956 for an application or send resume to Connie Diotte, 1100 NW 32nd St., Oklahoma City 73118.

**Teaching Positions 2009-2010**

Villa Teresa Catholic School in Oklahoma City is accepting applications for teaching positions in the summer and for the fall 2009-2010 school year. For summer, we need a water safety instructor for the swimming program. For fall, positions for fourth grade and an additional second grade are needed. A long-term substitute is also needed for first grade for the first nine weeks of school next fall. Please call the school office (232-4286) for an interview and send resume to Sister Veronica Higgins, 1216 Classen Drive, Oklahoma City 73103.

**Part-Time Bookkeeper/Payroll**

Sacred Heart Church, Oklahoma City, needs a bookkeeper. Must be proficient in computer bookkeeping, PDS system if possible. Training available for PDS. Compensation negotiable. Send resume to Bob Streets, c/o Sacred Heart Church, 2706 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City 73109.

**Bookkeeper/Payroll**

The Carmelite Sisters at Villa Teresa have an opening for a full charge bookkeeper-payroll position. This position is full time and provides a great benefit package that includes health, dental, life and long-term disability insurance, 10 days sick leave and two personal days. In addition, one week of vacation and a donation to a 403b retirement account after one year. Send your resume to Marilyn Ketch at 1300 Classen Drive, Oklahoma City 73103, fax to (405) 238-3170, or contact her at (405) 232-7926 Ext. 103.

**Center of Family Love Openings**

The Center of Family Love in Okarche has immediate openings for the following: LPNs - Full-time shifts available. DCTs - Certified is great, if not we will train. Shifts available are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Dietary aide - Help prepare meals following recipes and menus. Full-time hours available. Housekeeper and laundry aide - Full-time days available, must be able to lift 25 pounds. Maintenance worker - Painting, drywall and general mechanical experience preferred. Full-time hours available. To apply, call 263-4658, fax 263-4718, e-mail alemske@cfline.org or in person at 635 W. Texas, Okarche, Okla. 73762. EOE

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**Across Oklahoma**

**Good Samaritan Needs More Volunteers**

EDMOND — The clinic opened Feb. 14 and already has a full appointment schedule every Saturday. To be open more hours, more medical personnel are needed, particularly physicians, physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners and nurses. Please visit the following Web site to learn more and to download an application: goodsamaritanofedmond.com. You can also contact the clinic’s president, Deacon Lee Hunt, at 348-9461, or DeaconLee@cox.net. Donations are needed to continue to provide free health care to the uninsured.

**Apartments Available**

OKLAHOMA CITY — Trinity Gardens Apartments, located at 3825 NW 19th in OKC, has several apartments (about 610 square feet) available for persons 62 and older. To make an appointment to view an apartment, please call Kathy Pitt or Barbara Hahn at 947-4143.

**Irish Family Bingo Night**

OKLAHOMA CITY — Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School will host the first Irish Family Bingo Night on Saturday, April 25. The event is sponsored by the BMCHS Alumni Association and will be held in the McGuinness Commons beginning at 7 p.m. This is a fun-filled night of bingo for the whole family. Reservations are suggested. To fill out a reservation form, please visit our Web site at www.bmchs.org. For more information, please contact Patricia Hudacko, special events coordinator, at 842-6638 Ext. 239, or phudacko@bmchs.org.

**St. Benedict’s Golf Tournament**

SHAWNEE — The eighth annual St. Benedict’s Golf Tournament, a four-man scramble, will be held May 8 at Firelake Golf Course in Shawnee. The cost is $50 per player and includes green fees, cart, lunch and drinks. 9 a.m. shotgun start. Deadline to register is May 4.

Team and individual entries are welcome. Prizes will include a new 2009 pickup for hole in one on hole No.11. Other prizes for longest drive, closest to pin on No.5 and No.16. Also, T-Box poker-winner gets half of pot. Mulligans will be $5 each with a limit of four. Winning team earns $400; second place, $300; third place, $200. Proceeds benefit St. Benedict’s Parish youth projects. For more information, call Bill Birney at (405) 623-6642.

**Calling All Holy Family Alumni**

TULSA — May 22 will be the seventh annual Holy Family High All School get-together at Holy Family Catholic Cathedral Hall. For more information, call Mary Lou at (918) 628-0793.

**Save the Date**


**Rev. James Knight Golf Tournament**

WOODWARD — Eighth annual Rev. James Knight Memorial Golf Tournament, June 29 at Boiling Springs Golf Course, to benefit our scholarship fund. Entry forms are available in the parish office or by calling (580) 256-5305.
Calendar

APRIL

19 Divine Mercy Sunday

19 Divine Mercy celebration at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond at 3 p.m., at 9th and Boulevard. There will be an hour of Eucharist Adoration during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with the Chaplet and the Rosary said aloud. For more information, call Warren at St. John's, 715-0776.

19 Divine Mercy celebration at St. Francis, 1901 NW 18th St., OKC, at 3 p.m. The hour-long devotion will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary. There will also be special prayers for the Mary Elizabeth project.

19 The Community of the Secular Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mt. Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus - Oklahoma Community and Province of St. Therese meets at St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in Piedmont from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Susan Staudt at (405) 282-6624.

19 Taize Prayer, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Red Plains Monastery, 728 Richland Road SW, Piedmont. For more information, call 373-4565. Optional video on Taize prayer at 6 p.m.

19 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Francis Fraternity meets at 1:15 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hospital Chapel. For more information, call Jim Disbrow at 830-8688.

19 Pilgrimage Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Anointing of the Sick, 11 a.m. Mass, noon lunch, 1 p.m. Benediction. For more information, call Jim Davis at 830-8688.

23 Theological on Tap series at the Belle Isle Brewery in OKC. All young adults of the archdiocese are invited. We meet in the downstairs bar at 8 p.m. and the speaker will begin at 8:30 p.m. Contact Willy Fontanez at 417-5802 for more information.

23 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Epiphany Parish in the chapel, every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and daily (M,T,W,F) from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Epiphany is located at 7336 W. Britton Road, Oklahoma City 73132.

25 Open House at St. Mary School in Lawton. St. Mary's is now accepting enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year. For any inquiries, call the school office at (580) 355-5288.

25 Retreat: Becoming Real, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Marie Ballmann, OSB. Place: Library at Red Plains Spirituality Center. Call (405) 373-0804 to register. Fee: $40 ($10 deposit). Bring a sack lunch.

25 Retreat: From Meditation to Watercolor, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with Glenda Day, watercolor artist and meditation leader. Place: Art Barn at Red Plains Spirituality Center. Call (405) 373-0804 to register. Fee: $40, supplies provided. ($10 deposit). Bring a sack lunch.

27 Free Health Seminar on Sleep at 2 p.m. The seminar will be held in Mercy’s conference center. To RSVP for the free talks, call (405) 752-3600.

For a full calendar, go to catharchdioceseokc.org

Notre Dame

Continued from page 4 much larger than Father Jenkins' decision. We are also collaborating with ND Response and the entire coalition of pro-life students.

Q: What is your law student coalition doing to reach the Catholic community?

Sullivan: We find ourselves at a crossroads for Catholicism in America. Many Catholics believe that unborn children are persons with rights, and yet do not oppose their legal termination.

We are calling for renewed dedication among American Catholics, and all human rights loving Americans, to defend innocent human life at all stages.

We invite the nation to join with Notre Dame in a two-day Festival of Life here on campus during Commencement Weekend 2009. From the campus of Our Lady’s University, through peaceful prayer and solidarity, we will unequivocally proclaim that the protection of innocent human life must be enshrined in law.

The message that goes forth from Notre Dame at this time must revolve not around Father Jenkins, but around American Catholicism, and must go to the heart of the issue, rather than a single symptom of it.

Our message is one of renewal and truth, and aims to remind all American Catholics of their duty to defend human life at all stages. This occasion at Notre Dame is a rebirth in our commitment to defend human rights.

For more information: NDAction@gmail.com

Sister Clarita Waner, CSJ


The fourth of eight children born to Annie and Robert Waner, Frances Irene came into this world May 6, 1928. Her parents farmed in Marion County, Kan., with the land providing enough to keep the family fed, clothed and sheltered. Sister Clarita described the family's wealth in this way: "We were poor as far as material things were concerned, but we were also the richest youngsters in the world in that we knew we were loved."

She attributed to two aunts (Sister Philomena Waner and Sister Lenora Waner), her oldest sister (Sister Madeline Waner) and her seventh- and eighth-grade teachers (who were Sisters of St. Joseph) her ability to hear God's call to her to enter religious life. At age 15 Frances came to Mount St. Mary Convent in Wichita, Kan. Six months later, on March 19, 1944, she received the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the name Sister M. Clarita.

Sister Clarita's pastoral ministry began in 1973 when she joined the pastoral care department of St. Joseph Medical Center in Wichita. She earned her chaplaincy certification in 1975 and spent the next five years as a chaplain at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward, Calif. In 1980 she became the director of pastoral care and chaplain at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Ponca City, where she remained until health issues caused her to move to the Congregation of St. Joseph-Wichita Center in 2006.

A wake service will be held for Sister Clarita on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for her at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 17. Both services will be held in Resurrection Chapel at the Sisters of St. Joseph Wichita Center, 3700 E. Lincoln, Wichita, Kan. Her body will be interred in the Mount St. Mary Convent Cemetery.

Sister is survived by her sisters Lucy Miller, Wichita, Sister Teresa Waner, CSJ, Wichita, Mildred Ball, Hutchinson, Kansas, and Mary Jo Feist, Enid, Oklahoma, and her brother Robert, Wichita.
Prayers Answered as Support for Birth Choice of Oklahoma Swells

By Rex Hogan
For the Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Officers from Birth Choice of Oklahoma Inc. said their prayers were answered on March 28 when the annual dinner and auction benefiting the pro-life organization delivered a record in terms of monetary support.

The event was held at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.

Bob Dolan, Birth Choice board member and master of ceremonies for the event, told the audience upfront that Birth Choice Oklahoma needed to raise money and quite a bit of it.

“We were open and shared what our needs were in terms of the shortfall last year and what we needed to cover the additional $25,000 for the Rose Home,” Dolan said.

Last year, Birth Choice operated with a $40,000 deficit. The board also needed to find an additional $25,000 to operate Rose Home, a home for single, pregnant women.

“We need $38,000 a month to operate our four centers in south Oklahoma City, Edmond, Bethany and Edmond,” said Jan O’Neill, development director. Birth Choice also has operations in Stillwater, El Reno, Lawton and Nowata. Each center provides a variety of services including pregnancy testing, clothing and support for expectant and new mothers.

O’Neill said directors reviewed previous fundraisers and decided to do something different this year. “We really went out on a limb,” she said, by adding a guest speaker to the event.

“In the past we just had a dinner and silent auction,” O’Neill said.

This year’s Birth Choice annual Life of the Party Gala Event probably will be the model for future fundraisers, Dolan said.

“This one, without doubt, is the best one we’ve ever had. We probably made triple what we made last year,” Dolan said.

Last year, the fundraiser brought in about $65,000. Dolan said the accounting for this year’s event is not complete, but when all is said and done, he expects the event will have raised close to $180,000.

Kathleen Eaton, a former Birth Choice of Oklahoma volunteer and the founder and CEO of Birth Choice Health Clinic in Orange County, Calif., helped create an atmosphere of giving. Her moving personal testimony added greatly to the urgency felt by the pro-life community and Catholic backers.

“She touched the hearts of many people,” Dolan said.

Eaton said she was raised Catholic, but decided “early in life I didn’t need the God thing.” She said she found herself “a single mother.” She later married, “had an affair” in which she became pregnant and “had an abortion.” She said some years later she became despondent about her life and prayed to God that “this broken woman needs your help.”

She remarried and got involved with Birth Choice of Oklahoma.

She and her husband would later move to California where Eaton would open a Birth Choice Health Clinic in 1981. Birth Choice Health Clinic now has three other locations in California and is planning to open a fourth.

Eaton said the organization last year raised $1 million to support its services. She said the Birth Choice Health Clinic Web site receives “40,000 hits” a week. “We have not lost the (abortion) battle,” Eaton said. “We have only started to fight.”