Archbishop, metro pastors respond to tornadoes

By Tina Korbe Dzurisin

On May 21, 2013, Archbishop Paul Coakley celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. It was an anniversary unlike any of the preceding 29.

From May 19 to May 20, savage, tornadic winds had ravaged several towns in central Oklahoma.

On May 20, a tornado of at least EF-4 magnitude completely annihilated several highly populated neighborhoods in Moore, Okla., including the neighborhood in which archdiocesan seminarian Danny Grover grew up.

The storms left at least 26 dead in both Moore and Shawnee; hundreds more suffered injuries and loss of property.

An unusual anniversary

So it was that Archbishop Coakley found himself on a crowded interstate behind a Salvation Army truck on his way to Moore, Okla., on the afternoon of May 21.

“I feel, as the archbishop, as a shepherd, I need to be there,” he told Catholic News Agency from his car that day. “I’m not sure there’s anything very practical I can do when I arrive, other than to show my pastoral concern and support, and give the assurance of my prayers to those who are indeed suffering.”

That first trip, he viewed the devastation from afar; police blocked the exits to downtown Moore.

At Saint Mark’s Church in Norman, south of the most gut-wrenching destruction, the archbishop met with local church leaders Fathers Tom Boyer and Jack Feehily to express his solidarity with them in the work of rebuilding to come.

It was so soon after the tornadoes that the two men were still assessing.

Deacon Brian Buettner to receive Holy Orders

Archbishop to ordain seminarian to the priesthood this month

By Tina Korbe Dzurisin

As a college student completing a medical internship in the remote island town of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, Deacon Brian Buettner caught a glimpse of the peculiarly impoverished life of the Church when no priests are present to say Mass.

“At the small parish on the island, there were three little women leading a communion service and I thought that was kind of interesting so I inquired about it,” Buettner said.

What he learned evoked a profound compassion in him and heightened his sensitivity to the call of the Lord in his own life.

Four years earlier, the local parish priest was piloting a plane into Dutch Harbor. The plane crashed and the priest died.

Four years later, “they still did not have a permanent priestly presence in the Aleutian Islands,” Buettner says.

In the interim weeks, the three women took turns cantoring, playing the organ and distributing communion at a simple service – the best approximation of the obligatory Sunday Mass they could muster.

Other sacraments weren’t readily available, either.

“It broke my heart that these people weren’t able to receive the sacrament of reconciliation,” Buettner said.

To heal the sick

At the time, he planned to be a doctor and the entire thrust of his education had tended in that direction.

As a junior high student, Buettner was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder and the time he spent in the children’s hospital convinced him he wanted to dedicate his life to healing the sick.

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And Jesus Still Weeps

“And Jesus wept.” Those who have visited the Oklahoma City National Memorial commemorating the victims, survivors and rescuers from the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing will recognize this heartfelt of New Testament verses (Jn. 11:35). It is represented in the iconic sculpture across the street from the National Memorial on the grounds of Saint Joseph Old Cathedral where the former rectory stood prior to the blast.

“And Jesus wept.” Jesus’ response is a compelling reminder that during times of deep sorrow and grief God is with us. We do not suffer alone. He has made our suffering His. He has tasted our tears. In becoming man, Jesus has fully embraced our humanity even suffering death with us and for us. Our suffering finds redemption and meaning in the mystery of the Cross and Resurrection, which bears within it the seed of unconquerable hope.

The Catholic response has not been merely from within Oklahoma. The day after the Moore tornado, the archbishop received a telegram from Pope Francis assuring us of his prayers and he expressed his solidarity with us at his Wednesday general audiences. I was also encouraged by the immediate response of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities USA. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the USCCB, quickly offered to authorize a special collection to assist with the Oklahoma tornado recovery effort. Many bishops have assured me that they will host a collection. The funds received through these collections in other dioceses will be administered by Catholic Charities USA, which has already been with us in our coordination efforts. These funds will be used primarily for humanitarian assistance. Funds for specifically religious purposes, if necessary, will be made available through the USCCB. We are fortunate that damage to our religious institutions has been minimal. Only Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Camp (Camp OLGC) suffered significant damage — and that damage was only to certain buildings. We hope to begin camp on schedule. Storm damage at the camp reassured us that our safety procedures are sound, the cabins, which also serve as storm shelters for campers during the summers, soundly withstood the winds.

Many of us would like to do something right now to assist our suffering brothers and sisters. What can we do? Pray! Through prayer we are spiritually close to those who suffer and we sustain them in mysterious ways known only to God. We can contribute to the special archdiocesan relief collection that has been authorized for each parish. We can also contribute directly to Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City through their website. Volunteer opportunities are available through local community efforts. There will be need for many volunteers, but those here to be carefully coordinated. This is going to be a marathon, not a sprint.

We are never alone in our distress and suffering. Through the love and kindness of both neighbors and strangers Jesus is demonstrating his faithfulness, “Behold, I am with you always” (Mt. 28:20).

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

**June 2** — Confirmation, 10 a.m., Holy Name of Jesus Church, Chickasha
**June 2** — ADP Archbishop’s Circle Evening Prayer and Reception, 5 p.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
**June 3** — Confirmation, 9 a.m., St. Andrew Church, Moore
**June 3** — USCCB Committee Meetings, San Diego, Calif.
**June 10 — June 14** — U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring Assembly, San Diego, Calif.
**June 15** — Confirmation, 8 a.m., Saint Joseph Old Cathedral, Oklahoma City
**June 16** — Confirmation, 1 p.m., Saint Peter Church, Woodward

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

Put Out Into the Deep Luke 5:4

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Additional coverage of Church and archdiocesan news and events, only on www.sooner catholic.com:

- The response to the tornadoes of May 19 and May 20 continues. For updated numbers regarding the number of long-term recovery cases assisted by Catholic Charities and the Saint Vincent de Paul Ministries, please continue to check archokc.org on a regular basis.
- Between the time this issue went to press and it appeared in mailboxes across the archdiocese, on June 1, the archbishop ordained four seminarians — Linh Bui, Cristobal De Loera, Carson Krittenbrink and Timothy Rucket — transitional deacons. Find full coverage of the event at soonercatholic.com starting June 3.
- Catholic Charities hosted a reunion for former residents and staff members of Saint Joseph’s Orphanage and Saint Joseph’s Children’s Home June 1. Find full coverage of the event at soonercatholic.com starting June 3.
- Photos of the May 9 dedication of the church at Saint Frances Cabrini in Beaver, Okla., are now online.
- Every day, Pope Francis offers a new homily; read it online!

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By Cindy Wooden  
**Catholic News Service**

**WASHINGTON** — The fetal nervous system and brain structures that communicate pain are already in place by the 18th week of gestation, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Utah told a congressional hearing May 23.

"Today there is ample documentation that unborn children experience severe pain from at least the 20th week," said Smith, who also addressed the press conference. "No one wants to die a painful death. Unborn children deserve no less."

The hearing witnessed included opponents of Frank's bill who said evidence of fetal pain is unfounded and argued that a woman should be able to choose to have an abortion at any stage of pregnancy, especially in cases of fetal deformities.

Christy Zink, a mother from the District of Columbia, testified against any prohibition on when a woman could get an abortion. "She gave examples of cases, like her own, when a fetus is found to have anomalies after 20 weeks and continuing the pregnancy in her view would be cruel. In Zink's case her pregnancy was at 21 weeks when doctors told her and her husband her unborn baby, a boy, would be missing a part of his brain if her pregnancy was brought to term. The central connecting structure of the two parts of his brain was missing."

Regarding abnormality doctors discover a fetus to have, Levitsen asked those in the hearing room if "children who live" Down syndrome are entitled to a chance at life? Children with different types of brain injuries are not entitled at a chance to live? Is that what we're championing here?"

By Zoe Di Mauro  
**Catholic News Service**

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"There is universal agreement that pain is detected by the fetus in the first trimester," although it is not known if that pain is experienced in quite the same way as it is in adults, said Maureen Conway, an associate professor of neuroscience and adjunct professor of pediatrics at the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City.

She also said that unborn babies are sensitized when undergoing fetal surgery because, she explained, "if doctors have observed that fetuses do are anesthetized when undergoing place by the 18th week of gestation, a University of Utah professor of pediatrics told a congressional hearing May 23.

Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican’s permanent observer to U.S. agencies in Geneva, told the Human Rights Council May 27 that "credible research" by Massimo Intervigno, a former representative of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe on combating torture and discrimination against Christians, "has reached the shocking conclusion that an estimate of more than 100,000 Christians are violently killed because of some relation to their faith every year."

In addition, he said, "in some Western countries, where historically the Christian presence has been an integral part of society, a trend emerges that tends to marginalize Christianity in public life, ignore historic and social contributions and even restrict the ability of faith communities to carry out social charitable services."

But, in fact, Archbishop Tomasi said, "The Christian religion, as other faith communities," serves the true good of humanity by educating members in their human dignity, their rights and responsibilities toward others and in serving their communities and the poor with schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, work in refugee camps and other acts of charity.

During a meeting in Tirana, Albania, May 21-22, the secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace said, "examples of intolerance and discrimination against Christians have not diminished, but rather increased in member-states of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which includes 57 countries in Europe, Central Asia and North America."

He also said that there has been a "deliberate twisting and limiting of what religious freedom actually means, an interpretation which claims to promote tolerance for all people, but in fact tells Christians that they cannot wear symbols of their faith, publicly uphold traditional teachings on sexual morality and marriage and conscientiously object at work to procedures that violate the tenets of their faith."

"Intolerance in the name of 'tolerance' must be named for what it is and publically condemned," Bishop Tomaso said. "To deny religiously informed moral arguments a place in the public squares is intolerable and anti-democratic."
The three journeys are absolutely dependent upon each other. Without Jesus, the sacraments and the parish participation descend to a pious hobby. Without the sacraments, encountering Jesus descends to an abstraction; and the parish participation becomes a recipe for burnout and disconnection. Without the parish participation, encountering Jesus descends to a narcissistic relationship and the sacraments become an accessory to the faith.

I know that this line of reasoning might be shocking or depressing. Let’s try this another way: where are the fruits or signs of your progress in each of these journeys? For the sacraments, have I received all the sacraments of initiation? If I am a parent, have I brought my children to the church for the sacraments at the proper time? Do I go to confession regularly? Have I married, am I married according to the law of the Church?

For the parish participation, do I share my time, talent or treasure for the good of the parish? Do I attend special programs and events, encouraging the parish to be vital in its activities? Do I pray with my fellow Catholics not only at Mass but also for Stations of the Cross and other pious activities? Do I go to Mass every Sunday?

For my relationship with Jesus, do I follow his command to love him and to love my neighbor? Do I pray in a way that is personal and living, aiming at more than rote repetition? Do I talk about my life with Jesus with everyone I encounter?

And that’s just the beginning: As you engage the faith, you will grow and become more perfectly what Christ desires you to be. Simply put, the first question you need to ask yourself, regardless if you feel lost or not, the first question is “Do I actually believe any of this?” From there, chart the course back to Jesus’s embrace.
Archdiocesan Development Fund offers opportunity to grow in faith

In this “Year of Faith,” we pray and reflect on our blessings and join our love of God with that of our fellow Catholics, we are growing in our personal relationship with Him. We begin to take that next step in becoming the person that God has chosen for a specific purpose. Relying on the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration, we open ourselves to God’s love ever more, surrendering our will to His will (plan) for us. Our desire to show our love for God and fulfill that plan blooms into action, supporting the needs of others, through service, love and sacrifice, using the gracious gifts given to us by God.

Many families and individuals have already generously responded to Archbishop Coakley’s invitation to participate in the “Year of Faith” 2013 ADF Appeal. Everyone in this Archdiocese should extend their sincerest appreciation to them for sharing of themselves. Through God’s love, they are helping to develop the faith life of this Archdiocese through the many ministries and apostolates provided through parishes and Archdiocesan programs. Because every member of this Archdiocese is affected directly or indirectly by these programs, by coming together, we can see the fruits of God’s generous love flowing through us into all of His people. Through His love, each of us should be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in deciding our response on how to share our gifts and ourselves in support of this essential mission of our church.

The ADF Appeal for 2013 set its “goal” at $3.2 million, and each parish or mission was challenged to increase participation by a minimum of 15 percent. However, through April, participation has only reached 9,124 from more than 40,000 families. Many parishes/missions have exceeded their financial target as well as their personal challenge. As mentioned earlier, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City invited every member of this Archdiocese to support this growth of faith in and love of God by developing the “Faith Life” in all of us through ministry. At this time, pledges for APEAL 2013 have totaled $2,982,442.87 of which $1,928,924.87 has already been collected after only four months. We continue to pray that the estimated 10,000 families or individuals who have not yet responded continue to reflect on God’s generosity and grow in their personal relationship with God and react positively — giving and sharing their gifts at whatever level is possible. For those who are ready to respond, please complete the form below and mail it directly to: ADF Office, P. O. Box 32180, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-0380.

It is never too late and no gift is ever too small to be important to the success of the ministries of this Archdiocese. In the service of God,

Thomas Maxwell
Executive Director ADF Appeal

Archdiocesan Development Fund Appeal Gift Form

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Catholic Charities’ Guymon Community Service Fair Spotlights Service in Panhandle

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Guymon — Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City spotlighted resources available in Oklahoma’s panhandle as its Guymon office hosted the Second Annual Community Service Fair at the Methodist Family Enrichment Center in Guymon recently. The half-day event helped educate and connect an estimated 125 people to services provided in their area.

There were many success stories from the morning event. One example involved a woman recently diagnosed with breast cancer who was having a difficult time traveling back and forth to Amarillo for doctor’s appointments. Although she initially came to the community service fair to Amarillo for doctor’s appointments, she was able to get transportation to and from treatments. She initially came to the community service fair to Amarillo for doctor’s appointments. Although she initially came to the community service fair to Amarillo for doctor’s appointments, she was able to get transportation to and from treatments.

Another woman, who is a cancer patient, was able to get help with travel and long-term lodging expenses during treatment through the Salvation Army. She is at the heart of everything Catholic Charities does, which is why events like this are so important,” said Julia Gonzales, director of Catholic Charities’ Guymon office. “By hosting this fair, we not only spotlighted the area’s service organizations, but also connected people with life-changing resources. We are grateful to all of the organizations who devoted their time and effort in making this event a success.

Catholic Charities’ Guymon office is one of four out-based offices offering services to rural areas in support of its main office in Oklahoma City. Among the programs available at Catholic Charities in Guymon are economic planning assistance through the Workforce Investment Act, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, Regional Migrant Department, Child and Family Services, and multiple programs to help with travel and long-term lodging expenses during treatment.

More than 25 organizations, including Catholic Charities, participated in the community service fair, including Arcadia Homemakers, American Cancer Society-Ribbon For Life of Texas County, American Red Cross, Community Solutions

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Meet Our Seminarians
This is the fourth part in a 24 part series to introduce the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to the people they will one day serve as priests.

Meet Colt Conn...
The Carmelite Sisters of Saint Therese will celebrate 95 years of service June 8.

Sister Barbara Joseph's Food Pantry.

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The Carmelite Sisters of Saint Therese celebrate 95 years as a religious order

By Brianna Osbourne

The Sooner Catholic

On Saturday, June 8, the Carmelite Sisters of Saint Therese will celebrate 95 years of service to the Church in Oklahoma. With fun activities for all ages, the Sisters will welcome those they have served at Villa Teresa in Tulsa, Moore and Oklahoma City, as well as those they’ve served in parish and rural ministries.

As noted in the book “Roman and Oklahoman,” this order is one of the few sisterhoods established in Oklahoma. It was founded in 1917 in Bentley, Atoka County, and the sisters have staffed more than 30 parishes throughout Oklahoma.

The foundress, Mother Agnes Teresa Cavanaugh, came from Rhode Island to teach the Chouteau.

In the 1930s, the sisters established a convent and school at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Oklahoma City. The book continues, “Little Flower parish and school have served the Catholic Hispanic community of Oklahoma City for over 75 years, assisting thousands of immigrants from Mexico and South Texas to integrate fully into the larger Anglo society.”

With a history built by the hard work of pioneers, it’s no wonder that the Sisters continue to be an active presence in the lives of Oklahomans.

“Our community has a beautiful blend of contemplation and action,” Sister Ahern says. “We are committed to the spiritual growth of Catholics and, in some cases, to help non-Catholics to come into the Church. People share with us their difficulties and need for prayer by telephone or other communication means, or wherever they meet us in person. Our religious community life is a witness to persons of all ages, and our convent home is a place of prayer, retreat and hospitality.”

“We have been faithful to the founding charism of our small congregation: the care and education of the young, especially among families of the poor. Our Sisters brought religious classes to many small or rural communities in Oklahoma, and we staffed parish schools in other areas,” Sister Immaculata said. “Our ‘private’ schools: Villa Teresa, began as the first local kindergarten, serving the daycare and boarding school needs of single parent families or those parents both working for support of their families. Our Sisters have been involved at many levels of education: the care of infants through early childhood, elementary and secondary grades, college and special education. In Carmelite tradition, our charism of intercessory prayer and sacrifice is at the service of the Church, the people of God and particularly priests and other ministers of the Church.

The diversity of the Sisters’ work is astonishing. Currently, the Sisters work in Saint Ann’s Nursing Home, serve in local parishes, care for the sick in clinics and Saint Anthony’s Hospital, teach at Bishop McGuinness High School and Saint Gregory’s University, and aid the poor in Sister Barbara Joseph’s Food Pantry.

However, Sister Immaculata emphasized the humble legacy of the Sisters in Oklahoma.

“The spread of the gospel depends more on what we are than what we do,” she said. “God has blessed our Sisters in their over-imperfect efforts by helping us to bring the truth of our faith to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Sharing our knowledge, love and service of God has contributed to the spiritual growth of Catholics and, in some cases, to help non-Catholics to come into the Church. People share with us their difficulties and need for prayer by telephone or other communication means, or wherever they meet us in person. Our religious community life is a witness to persons of all ages, and our convent home is a place of prayer, retreat and hospitality.”

By the 100th anniversary of the order, the Sisters hope their work will still be going strong.

I didn’t come to visit; I came to stay. Our community has a beautiful blend of contemplative and active service to the Church. It was truly where I was called. In 1997, my mother moved to Oklahoma City a year before she died, she became a Catholic and daily communicant. God is good!”

‘Our community has a beautiful blend of contemplation and action’

I expressed the desire to speak to the priest and was told he was busy. And he was, very busy! I waited. After an hour and a half, Father Patrick Ahern was able to meet with me. I told him of the experience and stated I felt God was asking me to give my all to become a nun, but there was only one drawback: I wasn’t Catholic but wanted to join the Church. He prayed with me and gave me his blessing with the advice to begin instructions, for no religious community would take me without a two-year waiting period.

“Going back, I was ecstatic! My mother knew something was different and began questioning. She was not happy. Being an only child and my mother being a widow also meant living within each other’s questions and agony. How was I to take care of her in her old age and follow God’s calling?

I was assigned a book report about a young woman who was a musician who entered the Carmelite Order, which led me to read more about Carmelites, which led me to read more about Saint Teresa of Avila, a woman of deep prayer and action! I also discovered that the church I had wanted to be affiliated with was the Discalced Carmelites. I concluded that God was calling me to be a Carmelite.

“The discernment between the cloister and active community was sealed by an experience of helping a young boy who was injured and had no idea where his mother was. Assisting him in his injury, I heard the voice again — ‘How will be know My love except through you?’ I was under the impression that Carmelites were all cloistered, meaning that my entering would exclude interaction with people, by giving myself totally to prayer. I had already contacted a cloister in Texas, and tearfully wrote sharing this powerful experience. Mother Anne Christine was so kind and told me there were other Carmelites with less restriction and who worked in the active apostolate. As I was looking through a book of all the sisters in the U.S., I discovered the information on a group of women who had an affiliation with the Discalced Carmelites, but active apostolate. They even offered membership to the community. If you are interested in learning more about the Carmelite Sisters of Saint Therese, please call us at (405) 232-7920. For more information, please visit our website at www.sooner-catholic.com.

IF YOU GO

Carmelite Sisters of Saint Therese celebrate 95 years

When: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. June 8

Where: Villa Teresa Convent, 1300 Classen Drive, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Why: To celebrate the rich history of the order! All alumni of Villa Teresa school and other Carmelite nuns are welcome to celebrate.

R.S.V.P. at (405) 232-7920.
In wake of tornadoes, Catholic Charities opens 572 cases

OKLAHOMA CITY — Since tornadoes ravaged parts of central Oklahoma May 19 and May 20, Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City provided nearly $70,000 in immediate assistance to 572 “intakes” — individuals or families who have requested disaster recovery aid.

These are the raw numbers — but each number is a life, indeed usually a family affected by the storm and aided by the Catholic Charities team,” Catholic Charities executive director Patrick Raglow said in an email.

Operating out of an on-site counseling center, a recovery center and four multi-agency resource centers located throughout central Oklahoma, Catholic Charities case managers have assisted with funeral expense, distributed donations, provided counseling, secured housing, facilitated travel and explained to victims the process to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance.

The disaster response team continues to work around the clock to assist clients as they begin to rebuild after the tornadoes.

“There is much more to do,” Raglow said. “We are in the midst of the immediate relief stage of the operation, which will go on for a few more weeks until survivor immediate needs are met. We have begun to transition some of the survivors to long-term case management.

We travel the journey and will be there for them along long after national attention has shifted elsewhere.”

“We are grateful that, even in the midst of such tragedy, Oklahoma resilience was on full display. It is not resources to help those in need; in the faces of hundreds of volunteers. Indeed, as we read in 1 Kings 19:9-13, it is not the power of those who are not, worse; in the patience of those hit hardest by the tragedy, we see abundant blessings of our God — first in the immediate relief stage of the operation.

“The disaster response continues out of Saint Andrew’s. The Saint Andrew’s pastor Father Feehily was recharging his phone battery at Saint Mark’s. He’d been tempted to be depressed all day, but he counted his blessings instead.

“Due to my fourth tornado in 16 years and every one of the tornadoes damaged our property by a hail a mile or less, so I’m feeling enormously blessed that we have some energy, hopefully, and resources to reach out and help,” Father Feehily said.

“Tomorrow will bring another phase of this,” he continued. “Hopefully we’ll be able to get power back and be a distribution center for water. My experience after four tornadoes is that Oklahoma, especially Oklahoma Catholics, are extraordinarily resilient when it comes to dealing with the aftermath of these kinds of tragedies.

“Tomorrow did, indeed, bring another phase.

By the weekend, Saint Andrew’s had become an on-site counseling center for individuals and families impacted by the tornadoes. From Saint Andrew’s, Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City, the state Knights of Columbus and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society deployed responders to help the storm victims. Metro area pastors and Saint Andrew’s pastor Father Feehily were present.

“Am I going to go in a rest home? I don’t need to rest,” he said.

The 94-year-old was just one example of the thoughtful and purposeful response of Oklahoma Catholics — and, indeed, of Catholics around the world.

“Within the parish, the immediate response of people calling to let us know that they’re OK — when, in fact, they were not — reveals a great deal of family,” Saint Mark’s pastor Father Bolyard said.

“We’ve also received calls from all over the country,” Father Bolyard continued. “Just got an email from the retired archbishop of Strasbourg, France, who reached out to say, ’I’m watching. I’m praying.’ What a great image.

“With the tornadoes, it’s very difficult for people to call to let us know that they’re OK.’

The Greer family home is no longer livable, Danny said.

“You just lost your home,” the archbishop protested.

“Danny — her spunk and generosity — ultimately captured the imagination of reporters all across the country.

“We are extremely blessed,” he said.

One of the most important and moving comments of a number of Catholic community came together as Church after tornadoes ravaged central Oklahoma.

Catholics around the world. During times of deep sorrow and grief, God is with us,” the archbishop wrote in his column this issue. “We do not suffer alone. We have our families, our neighbors, our communities, our parishes, our states, our nation, and the universal Church to support us.

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“Danny was right, when you walk in the door, the whole ceiling fell in the entranceway, but there’s a crucifix still on the wall.”

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Catholic Charities Disaster Recovery Efforts

When: Hours vary Call the Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Services line at (405) 523-3028 to verify whether centers are open.

Where: On-site counseling center at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 801 NW 5th, Moore, OK, 73160; recovery center at All Saints Catholic School, 4001 36th Ave. NW, Norman, OK, 73072; multi-agency resource centers at Little Ave School, 2005 38th Ave. NE, Norman, OK, 73060, Westmoreland High School, 1281 S. Western Ave., Moore, OK, 73160, Carney High School, 304 S. Carney Road, Carney, OK, 74832, and Gordon Cooper Tech, 1 John C. Bruton Blvd., Shattuck, OK.

Why: To receive aid after suffering injury or loss of property during the May 19 and May 20 tornadoes in central Oklahoma.

Catholic community comes together as Church after tornadoes ravage central Oklahoma.
Archdiocese sponsors workshop on fair trade

“The dignity of the human person, realized in community with others, is the criterion against which all aspects of economic life must be measured.”
— Economic Justice for All

This message, stated by the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops in 1986, was conveyed in the fair trade workshop “Works of Faith: Economic Justice for All” — a message which is still important today. The workshop, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in conjunction with the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services at the Pastoral Center last month. Catholics in Lawton, Altus, Enid and Woodward were also able to attend the workshop via teleconference.

Carla Aguilar, from Catholic Relief Services (CRS), was the primary speaker. She shared her own personal experiences and encounters with farmers, laborers and artisans in countries such as Ghana, Guatemala and Mexico, in an attempt to impart a better understanding of fair trade to those in attendance and to teach them how they, too, can allow hard-working men and women to earn a fair wage for their labors, Catholic consumers have the opportunity to write a small piece of this “love story,” the workshop presenters suggested.

A consignment sale is the most popular way of supporting Fair Trade through CRS. Parishes can host a sale at virtually no cost to them. Those in attendance at the workshop were given materials to take home with suggestions on how to involve their parishes and even their local communities.

The CRS fair trade website (www.crsfairtrade.org) has a result of information available with flyers and articles that can be downloaded and distributed. Treva Davis, the CRS Fair Trade Ambassador for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, is also available to answer questions. She can be reached at (405) 365-2646 or by email at tdavis@sbcglobal.net.

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Can Catholics be happy? A Review of Brideshead Revisited

By Emily Matchar

Reviewed by Brianna Osborne

“They seem just like other people.”

“My dear Charles, that’s exactly what they’re not—particularly in this country, where they’re so few...they’ve got an entirely different outlook on life; everything they think important is different from other people. They try and hide it as much as they can, but it comes out all the time.”

As this conversation from Brideshead Revisited points out, Catholics are different from everyone else—not necessarily in how they talk or act, but in how their interior life is lived.

Face of “Downton Abbey” will enjoy the lavish descriptions of the Marchmain family, who live at their ancestral home of Brideshead. They dress in fashionable clothes and give grand parties at their estate. The Marchmain children study at Oxford and mingle in popular society. They drink too much, have affairs and create scandal.

Gradually the narrator, Charles Ryder, discovers the tragedy of the Marchmain family. The members of the family—particularly exuberant Sebastian and his sophisticated sister Julia—suffer incredible guilt and pain because they cannot separate themselves from their Catholic faith. Constantly aware of their sins, they experience the miserable unhappiness that comes with a disjunction between their way of life and the morals instilled in them. Although Sebastian remarks, “happiness doesn’t seem to have much to do with it,” the novel makes it clear that happiness is deeply intertwined with a moral life.

The agnostic Ryder becomes friends with Sebastian at college at the place where they spend their time indulging in more exquisite wine than they do knowledge. Ryder is buffeted by Sebastian’s family; they have a pet named Francis Xavier; they pray novenas for every occasion and Lady Marchmain will not agree to a divorce although her husband is in a decades-long affair.

Yet the building artist in Ryder is intrigued by Brideshead’s strange mix of Baroque fountains and art nouveau chapels, as well as the struggling souls who call it home. He watches as his friend Sebastian descends into alcoholism, and Ryder engages in a romantic affair with Julia. After finally reconnecting all contact with the Marchmain family, forever, he is forced to revisit Brideshead years later, where he sees it with an entirely new aspect.

Although English Catholic author Evelyn Waugh wrote Brideshead in 1945, he struggled with a reality that confronts American Catholic today. Evangelical denominations and megachurches offer happiness and fun to anyone that is “saved.”

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Can Catholics offer happiness? Of course! In the Church that he founded, Jesus Christ offers joy, the love of God and eternal life. However, this requires human cooperation. Each time a person sins, they fall from grace.

It’s a paradox that is difficult to understand. Though Christ redeemed all mankind, Catholics believe that a person can only be saved by worshipping God, being sanctified in the sacraments, praying frequently and, most importantly, being cleansed from sin. Christ’s gift is freely given, but the only way to accept salvation from the life that corresponds to that salvation.

The Marchmains come to this realization, as hopefully every person will.

While society rolls from one world war to another world war, perhaps it’s no surprise that Waugh’s contemporaries were also interested in the dilemma between sin and the search for happiness. More often than not, Catholic writers also had some connection with Catholicism. Readers who enjoy Brideshead Revisited might also like the following: A Farewell to Arms, by Ernest Hemingway (who was married to a Catholic), or about two lovers totally absorbed by their affair. The Great Gatsby, a story currently omnipresent because Baz Luhrmann’s film rendition, was authored by a lapsed Catholic. Finally, The End of the Affair was written by another English Catholic author, Graham Greene.

Brianna Osborne is a staff writer for the Sooner Catholic.

New domesticity chronicled in Homeward Bound appeals to young Catholics

Has your urban-cool niece turned her energies from furrowing the earth to saving the planet, one homegrown tomato at a time? Has your high-achieving, granddaughter decided not to go back to work after her two-year maternity leave, instead stay home to grow and make all her family’s food? Does your hip neighbor have an “Okie-overs” bumper sticker on his car—or his bike? If so, you’re witnessing part of a trend of young adults who are rejecting corporate promises in favor of a more simple, handmade life.

Emily Matchar’s recently released Homeward Bound: Why Women Are Embracing the New Domesticity explores the trend among twenty- and thirty-somethings of re-embracing the domestic arts and re-claiming hearth and home. Matchar explores the various facets of and reasons for this trend, while offering words of warning to those who may be ready to follow suit.

The chapters of the thoroughly researched book are structured around different aspects of the trend, including mommy-bloggers, Etsy-sellers, all-out homeschooling, and the do-it-yourself, make-it-from-scratch food culture. Each chapter provides a look into the lives of (women and men) who are living a handmade life, consciously rejecting other options. This narrative architecture exposes the personal and cultural reasons behind this trend, which ranges from a rejection of consumerism to a mistrust of big corporations—especially food companies—to environmental concerns and unhappiness with work and culture.

The agnostic crotch section includes stories from recent college graduates unable to find jobs who decide to begin selling their own jam or making and selling donuts, the food section is ripe with women who react to the food documentary Food, Inc., about the dangers of industrialized agriculture, and decide to feed their children only what they make themselves. These stories are countered by stories of women who once lived a do-it-yourself life but have since discovered the joy of working and eating at restaurants.

Matchar provides statistics to support these stories, from sociological studies about the happiness of simple-living adherents to economic data on the difficulty of success selling homemade crafts.

A hopeful theme to these stories is a consciousness of the primacy of family and home life. For the inter- viewers, many of whom grew up as latchkey kids, a peaceful home life is valued much more highly than their former careers. Out of love for their families, they choose to do the work of the home, rather than outsource the cooking, cleaning, and childcare. In so doing, they animate the home, making it a place of production alongside consumption. Their ambition is directed toward the home, and, through the home, outward to the wider culture.

Matchar rightly questions the surrender of all professional ambition. Don’t we need doctors, nurses, teachers, and accountants? Or to put it differently, aren’t we called to use our gifts to serve the community? However, Matchar goes beyond these reasonable questions to demagagate the possibility of part-time work and prunes professional ambition in large part due to the financial independence it affords.

In Matchar’s worldview, all women need to sacrifice time with their families in order to work full-time in cases where husbands leave them or die.

Though Matchar’s secular ideology permeates the book (the abortion-repealing Roe vs. Wade is taken for granted as a boon to women), the extensive, multi-faceted nature of the research makes it a must-read for anyone contemplating a return to hearth and home.

Anamaría Escaparanda Biddick teaches junior high math and religion at St. Ann Saints Catholic School in Norman.
«Y Jesús llora.” (Jn. 11:35). Los que han visitado el Monumento Comemorativo Nacional de Oklahoma City que comemora a las víctimas, sobrevivientes y rescatistas del bombardeo del Edificio Federal Alfred P. Murrah recuerdan eso de los más breves de los versátiles del Nuevo Testamento. Están representado en la icónica escultura enfrente del Monumento Nacional en los terrenos de la Antigua Catedral de San José, donde estuvo la antigua rectoría antes de la explosión.

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Comité judicial pasa proyecto legislativo de inmigración al pleno del senado

Por Patricia Zapata

Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Los propugnantes de la reforma abarcadora de inmigración expresaron optimismo y esperanza de que la ley sea aprobada este verano después que el comité judicial del senado el 23 de mayo terminara de valorar 300 enmiendas propuestas, aceptando aproximadamente un tercio de estas, y pasara el nuevo proyecto legislativo al pleno del senado.

Comentaron alabando los esfuerzos de la comisión provinieron de parte de grupos religiosos, de ciudadanos y ciudadanas que se beneficiarían de la Ley DREAM incluida en el proyecto legislativo y hasta de un obispo católico en Irlanda.

Una declaración del presidente de la Comisión de Inmigración de los estados de Estados Unidos al 23 de mayo exigía el progreso de la ley y alentó a los legisladores a ampliar el número potencial de participantes en su articulado de legalización y para repetir los que eliminarían algunas categorías de inmigración reunificadas familiar.

El arzobispo José H. Gómez de Los Angeles, dijo que los obispos y sus colaboradores habían estado "en la niebla" para determinar que la frontera es "segura" para determinar que la frontera es "segura" antes que partes de la ley puedan ser aplicadas.

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When Joe Corbett was considering plans for his Eagle Scout project, he looked to the grounds of Saint Ann Retirement Center, where his grandfather, Tom Corbett, recently moved. Although the facility is comfortable and well-appointed, Joe had an idea to entertain the residents with birds.

The younger Corbett presented his proposal of five birdhouses to Sid Epolo, executive director of Saint Ann’s. Another component of the Eagle Project was to raise the money for materials, secure the volunteers and construct the birdhouses. When the birdhouses were made, they stood on display inside the Saint Ann’s facility so residents could vote for their favorite stain color and preview the birdhouses. Many residents had to give up their own birdhouses when they moved to Saint Ann’s, so the project created a stir of comments and anticipation, with residents often asking when the installation would finally take place.

Corbett received donations from many friends and relatives, including a decent on materials from Lowe’s, and then supervised four other Boy Scouts in building and installing the project on the north and south grounds at Saint Ann’s. Site preparation took place during the winter and final installation was completed this spring. There are four medium-sized birdhouses, and one multi-level birdhouse, each on a metal pole. All together, there are spaces for 30 bird families.

Corbett is a sophomore at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School and he is a recently confirmed member of Christ the King Catholic Church, where his grandfather is a charter member. His fellow Boy Scouts are Tommy Corbett, Alex Tootsie Roll Campaign to raise funds for the Center of Family Love in Oklahoma City. The project is one of the final steps in earning the Eagle Scout rank of Eagle. The Eagle Scout project is one of the final steps in earning the Eagle Scout rank. Just 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank. Each year the rank of Eagle, The Eagle Scout project of these four young men reflect a diversity of skills. The Eagle Scout project is one of the final steps in earning the Eagle Scout rank. Just 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank. Each year the rank of Eagle, The Eagle Scout project of these four young men reflect a diversity of skills. The Eagle project is a fundamental step showing how a scout can lead other young men in a group effort benefiting their local community.

Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable by young men from Boy Scout Troop 21 were honored earlier this year for reaching Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scout program. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Eagle Rating for the Boy Scouts of America. From 1921 to 2011, more than two million Boy Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout rank. Just 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank. Each year the rank of Eagle, The Eagle Scout project of these four young men reflect a diversity of skills. The Eagle project is a fundamental step showing how a scout can lead other young men in a group effort benefiting their local community.

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Briebs

St. Vincent de Paul Society accepts donations for disaster relief

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is working with the Oklahoma-affect-

ed by the recent tornadoes. The charitable organization has experience with past disasters like the recent large explosion in West, Tex., and Hurricane Sandy, plus the wildfires last fall in south Cleveland County. The society does long-term case management, intake and referral of resources for those who had loss and damage because of the powerful storms that swept the state. St. Vincent de Paul is a founding member of the National Voluntary Organizations Activist in Disasters. The society is accepting financial dona-
tions, which will go to the recovery effort in Oklahoma. Checks may be mailed to SNV Discipleship of OKC, c/o Betty Oliver, 1611 ABE Martin Dr, Norman, OK 73071.

Saint Ann Retirement Center to host auto show

Saint Ann Retirement Center will host the Second Annual Awesome Auto Show from 8 a.m. noon Saturday, June 15, in the parking lot of the retire-
ment center, located at 7501 W Britton Road. Refreshments will be served and outdoor music will be provided by The Elderly Brothers. The event is open to the public. For more information or to enter a car, please contact Teresa or Martha at (405) 721-0747.

Holy Innocents Chapel seeks volunteers

Holy Innocents Foundation & Chapel in Warr Acres is looking for volun-
tees! Duties would include answering the phone, running the front desk and helping with referrals for individuals in need. The Foundation provides all training necessary, no experience needed. Shifts range from 8 – 10 a.m. and 10 a.m. noon. Early morning shifts are especially needed. For more information or to request an application, contact Diane Colburn or Elaine Nangle at hifvolunteer@yahoo.com or go to the website www.holyin-
nocestoxic.org and click on “Volunteer.”

Local Knights Council raises funds for Center of Family Love

Members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 8633, conducted their annu-
al Tootsie Roll Campaign to raise funds for the Center of Family Love in Okarche, Okla. Since 1981, the center has provided quality lifetime care for individuals with developmental disabilities. Throughout May the Knights — in their traditional bright yellow aprons with red lettering — distributed junior rolls and encouraged people to donate to the Center. They stationed themselves outside the Mustang Walmart Supercenter Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1. As of May 22, they had raised more than $7,000.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church celebrates annual festival

On Sunday, May 19, Holy Spirit Catholic Church celebrated the annual Festival of the Holy Spirit. An estimated 500 parishioners attended the event. The day included Sunday worship services, breakfast, lunch and dinner, and a host of fun activities.

At 11:30 a.m., the official start of the festival was highlighted by a mass balloon release. The pastor, Father James Greiner, led the assembly in prayer, followed by the release of more than 200 colorful balloons, each bearing a scripture verse and the address of the church. In the weeks fol-
lowing the festival, people from far and wide sent notes to the church letting them know they found one of the balloons and the special meaning the scripture verse had for them. The Mustang Fire Department greeted the assembly as they filed outside, with lights flashing and sirens blaring.

The day continued with a horseshoe tournament, pony rides, Cotton Eye Joe’s snow cones, hay ride and children’s games. The day concluded with an international dinner.

Four Catholic young men attain Boy Scout Eagle ranking

By Dee A. Nash

For the Sooner Catholic

Edmond — Four Catholic young men from Boy Scout Troop 21 were honored earlier this year for reaching Eagle Scout, the highest rank attain-
able in the Boy Scout program. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Eagle Rating for the Boy Scouts of America. From 1921 to 2011, more than two million Boy Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout rank. Just 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle, The Eagle Scout project of these four young men reflect a diversity of skills. The Eagle project is a fundamental step showing how a scout can lead other young men in a group effort benefiting their local community.

Nathan A. Blagg, Edmond, who is a sophomore at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, attained his Eagle rank after he made 50 message cards that were delivered to Saint Ann Retirement Center. The Center will receive the cards, with messages of hope and love, for their residents. Blagg is a member of the Edmond Memorial Bulldog Band and has made CODA Honor Band. His parents are Shannon and Deborah Childers.

Mark S. Cordeiro, Jr., Edmond, a freshman at Edmond Memorial High School, earned his Eagle ranking after completion of a project to build ele-
phant enrichment feed-
ers for the Oklahoma City Zoo. On his road to earning Eagle, Mark attended the Philmont Training Center and National Youth Leadership Training. He served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and other offices. Mark is an honors student and was selected to represent Oklahoma at the National History Day in Washington, D.C. in 2012. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow. His parents are Mark and Judy Cordeiro.

William Brennan Nash, Guthrie, earned his Eagle rank after designing and securing funding for two ADA-accessible, metal, picnic tables for his Eagle project. He led several young men as they built and installed these tables at the sports complex of Mount St. Mary Catholic High School, where he is a senior. During his tenure as a scout in Troop 21, Brennan held the offices of Patrol Leader and Vice President of Venture Crew 2021. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow. Brennan attended Camp Alexander several times as a Boy Scout, and it remains one of his favorite places in the United States. His parents are William K. and Dee A. Nash.

Since its formation, Troop 21 of Edmond Frontier Council has had 157 scouts attain the rank of Eagle. There were seven scouts total who were presented with their Eagle rank at the last Court of Honor Tea at Kressler, Hunter Stout and Sam Gray were also given recognition.
Calendar

First Grade Teacher
Sacred Heart Catholic School
El Reno is accepting applications for a First Grade teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. Applicants must be certified in Oklahoma for Early Childhood education. Program requires five credits of classroom experience in Oklahoma for Early Childhood education. Applicants must also have achieved certification by the end of the school year. Please send resume to Mr. Wade Laffey, Principal, at wlaa@chcsok.com. The e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or e-mail wlaa@chcsok.com.

Part-time Spanish teacher
St. Joseph Catholic School
El Reno is accepting applications for a part-time Spanish teacher. Contact Shannon Statton at 405-262-2284 or e-mail stattonj@cox.net.

Middle School teacher
Sacred Heart Catholic School
El Reno is accepting applications for a full-time certified Middle School teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. Submit resume to Shannon Statton, 210 S. Evans, El Reno, Oklahoma 73036 or fax to (405)-262-3818.

Youth Coordinator
St. Joseph Catholic School
Oklahoma City seeks a full-time Youth Coordinator who will develop and facilitate a comprehensive youth ministry program in collaboration with the Pastor, families, staff, parish groups, and volunteers of our parish. The ideal candidate will be self-motivated, organized, energetic and a team player who is comfortable working with youth participants, parents and adult volunteers. Applicant must be practicing and committed to Catholic faith formation, retreats, service and social programs. Must have strong computer skills and a working knowledge of social and electronic media. Applicant must be willing and able to work nights and weekends while maintaining regular agreed upon office hours. Minimum one-year leadership experience in Catholic youth ministry required. Degree or certification in youth ministry or theology is preferred. Please send resume to Fr. Richard Stansberry, Christ the King Catholic Church, 8005 Doreen Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73120.

Part time Spanish Teacher
Bishop John Carroll School
Oklahoma City has a part-time Spanish teaching position open for the 2013-2014 School Year. Please contact Connie Doke at 405-529-0856 or cdok@bjcs.org. The e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or e-mail jenfen@cox.net. Contact Jenny Fenner, (405) 721-0832 or e-mail jenfen@cox.net.

First Friday Sacred Heart Mass
The Byzantine Divine Liturgy will be at St. Mark in Norman, at 5:30 p.m. on June 2. For more information, contact Fr. M. Price Oswalt at 405-567-3404.

Charismatic Healing Mass
5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 201 W 29th Street, Oklahoma City. For more information call the Church office at 405-485-4806.

11th Catholic War Veterans (of our war veterans) will meet the second Tuesday of each month in the community room of St. Ann Retirement Center at 7 p.m. For more information contact Fr. M. Price Oswalt at 405-567-3404.

12th Catholic War Veterans USA
The Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Family Reception Center located at 3900 SE 29th St in Del City, every second Wednesday. For more information contact Ken at (405) 720-6016 or e-mail okapost168@cox.net.

The Benedictine Oblates of Red Plains Monastery will meet from 1-3 p.m. in Room 322 at the Pastoral Center. The Oblates are a community of Benedictine men who pray for and with the world. They meet together in community, pray together, and work together in a monastery located in Lawton, Oklahoma.

First Friday Corpus Christi Sunday
Corpus Christi Sunday is celebrated on the first Friday of each month. The Byzantine Divine Liturgy will be at St. Mark in Norman, at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Fr. M. Price Oswalt at 405-567-3404.

First Tuesday Divine Liturgy
The Byzantine Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Thomas More Church in Oklahoma City. For more information contact Fr. M. Price Oswalt at 405-567-3404.

The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, at St. John the Baptist Parish, Edmond, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month beginning with Mass at 7:30 am in the Chapel. For more information contact Tom Herron, Inc at 405-341-2199 or imlonoklahoma@sbcglobal.net.

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 Little Flower Church, 106C, from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call Kathaleen Payne (405)-210-4826.

JUNE
2 Corpus Christi Sunday
2 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Clare Fraternity meets at 1:15 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at Thomas More Church in Norman in the Library. All are welcome. If you would like to learn how France lived plan to attend one of our meetings. For more information call Alia at (405) 473-7650.
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A pilgrimage is to take a journey to a new place or to see an often-visited place with new eyes. The point of a pilgrimage is the journey, and the Archdiocesan Year of Faith committee is inviting every Catholic of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to take a pilgrimage this summer.

The committee has selected 14 sites that make up four pilgrimages for the Year of Faith:

1. The seat of the archdiocese
2. Cradle of Catholicism in the archdiocese
3. Multicultural presence in the archdiocese
4. Sites of interest in the archdiocese

Each pilgrimage will end at the Heritage Museum at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City.

The 'seat of the archdiocese' pilgrimage includes destination points at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral, Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, and Saint Joseph Old Cathedral in Oklahoma City.

Pilgrims who travel to 'the cradle of Catholicism in the archdiocese' will visit Saint Gregory’s University and Abbey in Shawnee, Sacred Heart Parish and the ruins of Sacred Heart Abbey, which is where the Benedictine monks and Mercy sisters first settled in Oklahoma Territory, both in Konawa, and St. Wenceslaus Parish and the National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague in Prague.

The 'multicultural presence in the archdiocese' pilgrimage includes tours of Sacred Heart Parish, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac Parish, and Corpus Christi Parish, all in Oklahoma City.

The 'sites of interest in the archdiocese' pilgrimage includes stops at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Duncan, Holy Trinity Parish in Okarche, Saint John Nepomuk Parish in Yukon, Saint Patrick Parish in Oklahoma City and Saint Joseph Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Bison.

The pilgrimage themes have been chosen to bring people in touch with the history of the faith in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Pilgrims will be asked to pray the prayer for the Year of Faith, the Nicene Creed, at each site. Year of Faith prayer cards will be provided at each site.

Info sheets and downloadable passports for each pilgrimage are available at archokc.org/year-of-faith. The info sheet provides a brief background on each site, the address, contact information, Mass times and the times that the sites will be open. The passport has a question to answer for each site. Each pilgrimage ends at the Heritage Museum at the Catholic Pastoral Center where pilgrims will hand in their completed passports to receive an Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Year of Faith commemorative pin.

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When: The pilgrimage sites are open from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays June 17 through August 16. All sites will be closed July 4. It is recommended to call ahead to be sure the sites will be open. The sites will also be open on three Sundays - June 23, July 21 and August 18 - from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Designated sites throughout central and western Oklahoma (see article).

Why: To personally encounter Christ in the sacred spaces of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and to learn the history of the Church in central and western Oklahoma.