Archdiocese ordains largest class of priests since 1991

By Tina Korbe Dzurisin
For the Sooner Catholic
OKLAHOMA CITY (June 28, 2014) – At 10 a.m., Saturday, June 28, in a highly-anticipated ceremony at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City, Archbishop Paul Coakley ordained five men to the priesthood – the largest priestly class to come out of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City since 1991.

"Today is an extraordinary day," Archbishop Coakley said June 28. "It’s been more than 20 years since we have had the great privilege to ordain as many priests in one day as we have the privilege and joy of ordaining this day." "We are grateful that the Lord has given us five faithful men for the work of the priestly ministry of the Church," he added.

During the ordination, the five ordinands – Christopher Brashears, Linh Bui, Cristobal De Loera, Carson Krittenbrink and Timothy Ruckel – declared their willingness to fulfill the various duties of the priesthood and promised obedience to the archbishop and his successors.

Archbishop Coakley and all priests present at the ordination gently laid hands on each candidate before the archbishop prayed the prayer of ordination over them. After the new priests donned stoles and chasubles, the archbishop anointed their hands with Sacred Chrism.

"The priesthood is not merely what we do; it is who we are. It is a light; it is an identity," Archbishop Coakley said in his homily at the ordination. "At the heart of this priestly identity is friendship with the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus calls each priest to be His minister and to share His very life. It is from that special friendship – from that intimacy born of a daily conversation with the Lord in prayer and reflection on the word of God and rooted in a sacramental relationship – that Jesus shepherds His Church and the fruitfulness of our priestly ministry flows."

Sustaining this friendship, the archbishop said, is all the more necessary in light of the particular challenges priests of this generation are likely to face.

"We are indeed living in a time of increasing indifference and even hostility toward faith, toward the Church, throughout our society," he said. "The generation of priests who are being ordained today will likely face increasing opposition and persecution and perhaps even a new age of martyrdom in the Church. It’s important to be clear, therefore, crystal clear, that the priesthood is not a career. It is not a path to be chosen for one who is seeking a comfortable and secure life. It is a vocation of radical dependence on Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve and to lay down His life for others."

Even as he offered that realistic picture of the priesthood, though, the archbishop also made clear that priests have great cause to rejoice in their vocation – and to feel supported in it.

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"Deliver us from evil. Amen."

By Sooner Catholic Staff

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On June 30 and July 1, Archbishop Coakley issued statements on the Supreme Court decision in the Hobby Lobby and on the “Black Mass” being planned in Oklahoma City. Black Mass releases at sooner.org.


The summer sessions of Camp OLOG under the “Picture Gallery” tab at www.sooner.org.

By Cindy Woods

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Job creation, respect for the rights of conscientious objection and divestment from weapons of mass destruction are priorities for Pope Francis during his trip to Israel

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

-related to the “Black Mass” scheduled for Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City. Imaginary mockery of the Catholic Mass.

July 17 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., Saint Francis de Sales Chapel at Catholic Pastoral Center

July 22-23 – Annual Pastoral Meeting, Tulsa, July 22-23 – NAPA Institute – Equipping Catholics in the “Next America,” Napa, CA

July 30 – Mass at Emmanuel Greek, 11 a.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Camp

July 31 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., Saint Francis de Sales Chapel at Catholic Pastoral Center

August 5 – Dinner, 5 p.m., Holy Trinity Church, Oklahoma City

August 6 – Knights of Columbus, Oklahoma City

August 7 – Dinner with Seminarians at Archbishop’s Residence, 5:30 p.m.

August 8 – Photograph and meeting with Seminarians, 9:30 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center

August 10 – Dedication of New Radio Station, 5 p.m., Elsie City

2014 Priest Assignments

Effective July 1

Father Gregory Viet Nguyen, O.Carm., will begin his assignment as the Associate Pastor of St. Monica Church, Edmond. He is a member of the Incarnate Word-Carmelite Province of Carmelites of Oklahoma City (CPC Of Carmelites) and whitespace.

Father Long Phan will engage in a process of spiritual formation for 90 days beginning on July 1.

Under that accommodation, organizations self-certify that they are not using the mandate to impose birth control on anyone they serve. The Obama administration has added another layer of protection that ensures that if third party insurers arrange for the provision of contraceptives at no additional cost to the employer, all insured employers are protected.

The court’s determination that EPPA’s extended no-co-payment method of ensuring that insurance coverage for the contraceptives at issue violates their religion, and the court’s reliance on the HHS’s stated interests very well.

In a dissent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, joined by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, says the court’s conclusion that the mandate is constitutional is “flatly wrong” and that the mandate is “clearly burdensome” because employees who object “are required to hire religious entities to ‘opt out of any law’ that they find offensive, as well as to comply with those religious entities’ own laws and rules that impose their objections on the employees.”

Cindy Zimmermann and Tyler Graham contributed to this report.
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Pre-Suppose Nothing

In the years following the Second Vatican Council, a young priest-scholar, Father Joseph Ratzinger, was grappling with some of the issues that led to the emergence of the Council. He wrote to one of the theologians of the Council, Hans Urs von Balthasar, for feedback on some draftwork he had written. Shortly thereafter, he received a note from von Balthasar, with the following statement on it: “Do not presuppose the faith, but propose it.”

Writing about this incident many years later in his book “Cuparii, Cupareni, Cuparehini,” Cardinal Ratzinger made the following observation:

“Faith is not maintained automatically. It is not a finished building which we can simply take for granted. The life of faith has to be constantly renewed. And, since faith is in a way that comprehends all the dimensions of our existence, it also requires constantly renewed reflection and conversion. In recent decades, the church has placed a much greater stress on the “personal act” of faith, or personal conversion. In his encyclical “Mission of the Redemptor,” Saint John Paul II pointed out that there are many places where “the impression is given that the baptized have lost a lasting sense of the faith.” To develop a “living sense of faith” means that we can no longer depend on “Catholic identity” to transmit real faith — each person must also choose to follow Christ in a conscious way.

When we are baptized as infants, we are baptized into the faith of the Church. There is perhaps no better proof of Our belief that faith be a free, unerring gift, than to baptize infants for whom it is clearly impossible to do anything to “baptize.” Baptism is a tremendous grace, wherever it is received. However, too often, baptized Catholics remain personally “unconverted” about everything that they bring themselves to Jesus Christ — neither explicitly denying, nor explicitly affirming a personal faith in Jesus Christ that will be the decisive factor of their lives. John Paul II pointed out in “Catechism of Our Time” that “the truth of baptism is brought to life in the consciousness, and there will be time after. And if the thing. [...] There was time before organisms experienced anything at all. This is my point. But this is the question: What is the experience of encountering the Lord? How were you saved by that question?”

The Fault in Our Stars’ and the Sacred Heart of Jesus

“Terry wrote in ‘The Fault in Our Stars’ has proven to be wildly popular among young adults, and the recently released film adaptation has garnered both positive reviews and a massive audience. A one-time divinity school student and Christian minister, Green is not reluctant to explore the “big” questions of life. In his book “Gospel, Catechesis, Catechism,” Cardinal Ratzinger wrote, “If Jesus is so great, then, as one of my friends often says, ‘Where is he? Where is he?’ He is where he is. Is this a mystery?... A mystery that is not the least bit accidental that Waters (Gus’s last name) and Grace (Hazel’s middle name) met in the sacred heart of Jesus, encountering him. But this is the question: What is the experience of encountering the Lord? How were you saved by that question?”

Golden Jubilee

Congratulations!

Father Robert Barron

St. John the Baptist Church celebrates 125 years

St. John the Baptist Church in Edmond celebrated its 125th anniversary last month. A parish picnic was held on June 23, a Corpus Christi procession took place on June 22 and the celebrations culminated with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Coakley at 7:30 p.m. on June 23, the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Photos provided.

Emmaus Days Retreat

“Then they told what had happened on the road, and how they knew him in the breaking of the bread.” Luke 24: 35

Priests have the awesome responsibility of participating in Christ’s sacrifice, in the sharing of bread and wine into Body and Blood of every Mass. They shepherd the people of God through every stage of life, from baptism, to marriages, to the final hours of life. Are you being called to this extraordinary way of life? Emmaus days is a retreat for young men in high school or those who have just graduated to learn about the vocation of priest. The retreat will take place on Saturday, July 25 and last until July 27. The retreat is held at Our Lady of Goodshep Catholic Youth Camp in Arcadia, OK. For more information, please contact St. John Vocations at 405-721-9351, email vocations@archokc.org or complete the online registration form at http://archokc.org/vocations/home.

Diamond Anniversary

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns will celebrate the 75th Jubilee of their foundation in Oklahoma with a Solemn Mass said by Archbishop Coakley at 7:30 p.m. on July 16, the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, at the Carmelite Monastery of Saint Joseph in Norman. The celebration will begin with a Corpus Christi procession, followed by a Solemn Mass said by Bishop Robert M. Baker, which begins at 5:30 p.m. July 15 and lasts until July 23, the feast of Our Lady of Grace. Follow them on Facebook: “Discalced Carmelite Monastery of Piedmont.”

We are happy to congratulate Saint Meinrad graduates Rev. Linh Bui, Rev. Cristóbal De Luna and Rev. Timothy Rockett on their ordination to the priesthood.

Very Rev. Dan Russell, OCM, and the students, faculty, monks and staff of Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology.

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Fathers Krittenbrink and Brashears said they are eagerly anticipating priestly ministry.

"With the grace of God, I am looking forward to leading people to encounter Jesus Christ in a real and transformative way through the sacraments of the Church, the Word of God and the catechetical tradition of the Church," Father Krittenbrink said.

Father Brashears said that he's particularly eager to offer the sacrament of confirmation.

"It's the gateway back to grace," he said.

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By Sally Linhart

Faith and soccer go hand in hand for Steven Perry

With fans in countries across the globe gripped with World Cup frenzy, there is little doubt that soccer is the sport that seems to coalesce the entire world. In many ways, the soccer field is the one place where faiths feel when they come together at Mass.

Twenty-five-year-old Steven Perry of Edmond describes a similar feeling. "Stepping into the soccer field and stepping into the Mass are very special feelings. In both cases, there is a certain mindset you get into to get ready."

Perry, a 6-foot forward for the Oklahoma City Energy Football Club, is a parishioner at Saint John the Baptist in Edmond. A graduate of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, he signed with the OKC Energy in March and is now playing on the same field he played at when he was in fourth grade. "It's awesome. Pruhl Stadium has changed since my high school days, but the support is still there. Even though I'm in college, Saint John has been there for me. I feel at home. I feel at peace." Perry feels a similar passion for soccer and faith. While he is not sure he attended Mass and being steadfast in the faith is like the game can only be rivaled by one thing—his commitment to his Catholic faith. Although he admits to having struggled from time to time with certain aspects, he knows that faith is like the game can only be rivaled by one thing—his commitment to his Catholic faith. Although he admits to having struggled from time to time with certain aspects, he knows that faith is like a journey. "There's been some ups and downs but I know — I know the answers are there. Some days I spend a lot more time in prayer than others. Because there wasn't a Catholic church within an hour of where I lived in Ireland. Perry recalls having spent more time in reflection during those months. "Being so far away from a church was definitely a challenge!"

Using the game of soccer together with his faith has been a way for Perry to make a positive impact on the lives of others. "My faith affects my life day in and day out, and it influences what I use soccer to do. It inspires me to get involved and do better things," Perry said. "At home, I travel to Peru with Saint John's, with only one job to do–play soccer with the kids. Whether it's working at a free soccer clinic, or donating used soccer gear to underprivileged children, it's important to reach out to the community to make positive changes." Perry was also present at the recent groundbreaking of The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital in Bethesda, giving for pictures and interviews.

Perry attended Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton school in Edmond, beginning in the fourth grade. Although he wanted to make the change to public school after completing the eighth grade, his mother encouraged him to attend McGuinness. Perry wasn't sure about the decision at the time, but he is glad now that he stayed the course. "I feel like I have grown up during my time in the Catholic community. I am attending the schools that I did. They were all such positive influences in my life. McGuinness prepared me well for college life, and Notre Dame prepared me well for real life." Perry credits his mother for encouraging him in his faith. He makes sure he attended Mass and being steadfast in his commitment to providing him with a Catholic education.

Despite a rigorous game schedule, Perry tries to make time for prayer by starting each morning going thanks to God, and reflecting on each blessing and opportunity at the end of the day. Attending Mass is one way he is able to find some balance in his life on being on the soccer field is so intense, but that's my job. Where I'm at Mass, it's so different. It's very peaceful and relaxing. I always feel rejuvenated afterward! I love the way we all come together during Mass, and how we are all focused on the same thing."

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Carmelite Fathers to celebrate 100 years in Oklahoma

By J.E. Helm

Fathers Carmelites in Oklahoma City will celebrate 100 years of their presence in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City on September 4.

The Carmelites arrived in Oklahoma City in 1914 as a result of a call made to the province of Valencia, Spain, when a Carmelite church there was closed due to anti-clerical laws of the time.

The first Carmelites arrived in Oklahoma City on June 29, 1914. They were welcomed by the people of Oklahoma City and were given a home in the center of the city.

Since that time, the Carmelites have been involved in a number of activities in Oklahoma City and throughout the state.

In 1921, Bishop Theophilus Scalabrini, OCD, who served the church through the Diocese of Oklahoma City, welcomed the Carmelites.

The first Carmelite church in Oklahoma City was built in 1926 and was blessed in 1927.

The church, named the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was built on the site of the former Sacred Heart Abbey.

The church is located at 15th Street and South Walker in Oklahoma City.

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Summer, time for reading and relaxing in the sun

Summer is one of the best times for catching up on books and movies, and you can’t go wrong with the idea of spending a lazy afternoon on the back porch with a book in hand. In fact, it’s a great opportunity to take a break from the stresses of everyday life and immerse yourself in a good read.

Many books are perfect for summer reading, and with so many options available, it can be hard to choose just one. Here are a few suggestions to help you get started:

- Beach reads: Consider picking up a book that’s set in a sandy locale or features a beach scene. You can find books that take place at the beach, in the tropics, or in a snowy location.
- Romance: If you’re in the mood for a love story, consider a romance novel. These books often feature romantic settings and plenty of drama.
- Mystery: Mystery novels are great for a little brain stimulation. You can find books that take place in a cozy countryside or in a bustling city.
- Historical fiction: If you’re interested in history, consider a book that’s set in a different time period. You can find books that take place during the Renaissance, the Wild West, or the Renaissance.
- Self-help: If you’re looking to improve yourself, consider a self-help book. You can find books that focus on topics such as time management, productivity, or improving your relationships.

Whatever you choose, make sure to set aside some time to enjoy your book and relax in the sun. Happy reading!
Lánzate a lo más Profundo

Por Patricia Zegar
Catholic News Service

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Switching to NFP improved couple’s relationship with God

By Anamaría Scaperlanda Biddick
For the Sooner Catholic

Like many couples, when Christ the King, Oklahoma City parishioners Michael and Tavi Brzozowski first married, she went on the birth control pill. Now they teach the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning.

Michael said, “When we got married, I was Catholic. Tavi was not. We did not really want marriage prep through our church. It was Tavi’s first exposure to NFP and what the church teaches on contraception.”

“I was very interested in it,” Tavi said. “I grew up Baptist and it wasn’t on our radar, but at that point Michael was in his second year of medical school, so we thought ‘we can’t have a baby now.’”

The teaching of the Natural Family Planning has improved their marriage. “I feel like our communication has improved drastically,” Tavi said. “We’ve learned to love each other in better ways than before.”

“When it’s really increased is communication. It also puts into perspective what sex is: unitive and procreative. We can have sex whenever, but are we ready for a new child?” Michael asked. “When we were on birth control, the idea that you can have sex whenever you want, that didn’t really pan out either. It killed Tavi’s libido.”

Though Natural Family Planning can be tough, they said, it has also brought them closer to God. “During the frustrating parts, when there’s a lot of abstinence, you lean on your faith, and it helps you to feel closer to God,” Tavi said. “It’s strengthened our marriage. We pray more together now.”

“It really puts you more in tune with the sexual act, and how powerful it can be, rather than that’s what you do because you’re married, and pregnancy is a side effect,” Michael said. “You lose sight of…”

“What God created sex to be,” Tavi continued. “Pregnancy is not an accident or a disease. It’s your choice. You know what you’re doing. If you chose to have intercourse on nights you could be fertile, you know that you could be conceiving a child.”

Tavi began using Natural Family Planning as she was going through the Catholic Church’s Pastoral Initiative for Adults, to become Catholic. “By taking NFP, it was a way that God finally drew me to his Church,” she said. “Because of that, I just feel this need to share it.”

By teaching the Billings Ovulation Method, Michael and Tavi also give a face to Natural Family Planning users. Michael and Tavi provide a witness that normal, young people use Natural Family Planning, not just aged hippies—“though I do have Birkenstocks in my closet,” Tavi added with a laugh.

For those interested in Natural Family Planning, Tavi recommend—ed to seek out something that fits with your personality. “Find a good teacher. Find a method that works for you. If you like crazy charts, you might like Billings. If you like the extra verification of the thermometer, you might like Couple’s League’s [sperm-torrent method]. Billings works for us, but there are other really good methods that are all scientific.”

Anamaría Scaperlanda Biddick is a freelance writer and math tutor living in Oklahoma City.

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Oklahomans witnessed God’s presence in World War I

By Brianna Osborne
The Sooner Catholic

One hundred years have passed since World War I began in the summer of 1914, when Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia on July 28. The combatants called upon the nations of Europe through their complicated systems of alliances, and country after country joined the fight. Four years of bloodshed followed, with casualties numbering in the millions.

The United States did not become involved in the conflict officially until 1918, so it would appear that these years of hardship for the people of the world were distant from Oklahomans. But the Church envelops the whole world – and the Great War did not leave the fledging diocese and state untouched.

Bishop Theophile Meerschaert of Oklahoma was an eyewitness to the opening months of the war. In “Bible Belt Catholicism: A history of the Roman Catholic Church in Oklahoma, 1905-1945,” Thomas Elton Brown, Ph. D., describes what the Bishop of Oklahoma saw while visiting his home country.

“When the German armies crossed the Belgian frontier, Meerschaert was visiting the parish church in Coutrai, Belgium…During Meerschaert’s stay, he saw German officers abuse the local pastor, viewed soldiers robbing innocent Belgians, heard Germans demean the Catholic Church, and witnessed, in sum, what would become known as ‘The Rape of Belgium.’”

“Upon his return to the U.S., Bishop Meerschaert carried donations to help the suffering peoples of Europe. This reflected the efforts of the wartime Pope, Benedict XV, who provided help for prisoner of war and food soldiers and the hungry. Oklahomans faced difficulties of their own when America joined the war and anti-German sentiments were directed against immigrants to the United States. Catholics responded by putting their patriotism on display. Brown includes an anecdote from the “The Orphan’s Record,” the

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