Mother Describes Feelings Of Joy At Son’s Ordination

What feelings could a mother have, watching her son give his life to Christ. Cindy Stanley shares the feelings she experienced on July 8 as her son, Cory Douglas Stanley, became Father Cory Douglas Stanley.

“I am so very proud of my son, Cory, I correct that — Father Cory! I wonder how long it will take me to get used to introducing him as Father Cory. It was very special for our family to see Father Jim Griener vest Cory last year at his Diaconate in Rome and now as a priest for our archdiocese, especially since he baptized him so many years ago.

“There are no words for the bursting feeling in my heart as I watched Cory’s Priestly Ordination ceremony and to watch him give his First Blessings.

“From the beginning of his childhood, Cory has always put his whole heart into whatever he is doing. From building with Lego’s, to school studies, to playing the trumpet in band and at Mass — Cory has

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Holiness and the Word of God

"Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ!" This admonition of Saint Jerome reminds us that an adequate formation in holiness and the art of prayer, which I have been writing about, calls for a renewed emphasis on listening to the Word of God. In the dialogue of faith, God calls and we respond to his call. "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Sm 3:3). It is through a reverent attentiveness to the Word of God, especially when it is proclaimed in the sacred liturgy, that we are able to hear and respond to faith in the saving word.

Since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) placed renewed emphasis in the role of God’s word in the life of the Church, we have witnessed great progress both in devout listening and attentive study of the Scriptures. The homily, based on the biblical texts of the lectionary, is now recognized as an integral part of the Mass. Individuals and communities do well to strive to know the Scriptures, always within the framework of the Church’s faith and tradition. This effort is certainly enhanced by having recourse to good biblical and theological resources that enable Catholics to grasp the integral nature of the Old and New Testament through the lens of our faith in Christ. The work of exegesis and catechesis draws its life and energy from being deeply rooted in the word of God.

Beyond the intellectual study of the word, however, it is particularly important that listening to the word used in a life-giving encounter with the Person of the Word, Jesus Christ. This is the aim of the ancient traditional practice known as lectio divina. This slow, deliberate, prayerful reading of the Bible allows God’s word to fill our mind, echo in our heart and move our will to respond, and sometimes simply to rest in God’s loving embrace.

Pope Benedict described lectio divina as a spiritual reading of the Biblical text: "Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture consists in poring over a biblical text for some time, reading and rereading it, as it were, "squeezing" as the Fathers say and squeezing out from it, so to speak, all its juice, so that it may nourish meditation and contemplation and, like water, succeed in irrigating life itself" (Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, Nov. 6, 2005).

Since the Second Vatican Council, Mary’s perfect receptivity to the word of God is a model for the Church and every believer. Through her "yes" to the angel at the moment of the Incarnation, her presence at the foot of the Cross and on the day of Pentecost, Mary shines intimately in God’s plan of salvation through the obedience of her faith. She loves her life in constant attentiveness to God’s word, pondering it in her heart, and allowing God’s Word to take flesh in and through her. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word!" (Lk. 1:38).

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

**Friday, July 22 – St. Gregory’s University, 11 a.m.**

- Pilgrimage to Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala.

**Sunday, July 24 – Father Stanley Rother Memorial Mass, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 10 a.m.**

- Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Camp, with Emmaus Days Participants, 10 a.m.

**Sunday, July 31 – Father Stanley Rother Burse**

- Father Stanley Rother Burse by St. Joseph Parish, Blackwell.

- Father Stanley Rother Burse by the Carmelite Sisters of Blackwell.

- A $153.55 donation was made to the Archdiocesan Seminary Fund in memory of Father Kirk Larkin: $75 from Joe and Carolyn Dempewolf, $50 from Michael Curullone, Rockford, Ill, $2,500 from Grace Living Center Foundation, Inc, $35 from Lawrence Maloney.

- $25 from Lawrence Maloney.

- $15 from Mary H. Tapp, Ponca City.

- $50 from Michael Cavallone, Caughlin, Tonkawa.

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- $75 from Joe and Carolyn Dempewolf.

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- $100 from Donald and Helen Caughlin, Tonkawa.

- $100 from Bienvenido and Carmelina De La Paz, Ponca City.

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**Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar**

**Monday, July 25 –**

- Mass at Catholic Pastoral Center, 11:30 a.m.

- Groundbreaking for Memory Care Unit at St. Katherine Drexel, El Reno, noon

- $2,500 from Grace Living Center for the Archdiocesan Seminary Fund

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Red Mass to Be Celebrated Sept. 24 in OKC

Bishop: New York
Law Out of Line

WASHINGTON — In response to
the enactment of a law redefining
marriage in the state of New York, Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, chair-
man of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Sub-
committee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, expressed "grave disappointment with the legis-
lative abandonment of the common good."

"Marriage, the union of a man and a woman, forms the foundation of social well-being by promoting love
and respect between the two most fundamental representatives of the human community," he said. "The
institution of marriage also affirms the vital and unique importance to children of receiving care from both
their mother and father together. Making marriage law indifferent to the absence of either sex creates an
institutional and cultural crisis with generational ramifications yet to be seen. To eliminate marriage's very
essence — its essence as the union of husband and wife — from its legal definition is to ignore not only basic
anthropology and biology but also the purpose of life generally. Law is meant to uphold the common good, not
undermine it. New York's government will be forced to ignore that children have a basic right to be
raised by their mother and father together. Also, as demonstrated in other states where marriage redefini-
tion has occurred, officials there will be in a position to retaliate against those who continue to uphold these
basic truths. This is a mark of a pro-
active citizen in New York who de-
ferred marriage should be applauded
those courageous legislators and
active citizens in New York who de-
ferred marriage should be applauded
for their inspiring witness," Bishop
Cordileone said. His comments
follow recent statements by the
Bishop of New York (available at:
http://www.nyscatholic.org/pages/news/show_newsDetails.asp?id=539) and
http://www.nyscatholic.org/pages/news/show_newsDetails.asp?id=538, and

always been determined to do his
best. From the moment he told me
that he had made the decision to
become a priest, I had no doubt that
he would follow through with his
choice and be ordained someday and
be a wonderful priest.

“During his eight years at Seminary — from Conception Seminary in Missouri to the Pontifical North American College in Rome, I have watched him strive to
de his best once again. Just as he has
been dedicated to the studies of the
Catholic Church and vocations, Cory
has arrived to keep in touch with
'home.' It was amazing to see all the
people from home as well as great

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Red Mass to Be Celebrated Sept. 24 in OKC

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Red Mass will be celebrated at the regularly scheduled 5 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A reception will follow in the Carnegie Center. The principal cele-
brate will be the Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley and the Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City A Red
Mass for judges, attorneys, law
school professors, law students and
government officials is traditionally
celebrated in the USA to coincide
with the convocation of the U.S.
Supreme Court on the first Monday
in October. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek
justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect
on what Catholic doctrine believes as the re-
sponsibility of all in the legal profes-
sion. Originating in Europe during
the middle ages, the Red Mass is
sacred from the red vestments
traditionally worn in symbol of the
tongues of fire that descended on
the Apostles at Pentecost. The Mass
will also be of interest to any
parishoners who enjoy historical
liturgies of the Church.

Pope Benedict XVI greets
Archbishop
Coadjutor during
the Pallium
Mass celebrated
at Saint Peter's
Basilica. The
Mass was
celebrated on
the Solemnity of Sts. Peter
and Paul.

Archbishop
Coadjutor led a
procession from
the Archbishops
of Oklahoma
City to Rome
for the
celebration with more
than 100 people
traveling with him.

July 17, 2011 • Sooner Catholic 3
On July 28, 1981, Father Stanley Rother was shot to death while serving as pastor at Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. In two weeks the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and his home parish, Holy Trinity in Okarche, will mark the 30th anniversary of the martyrdom of the priest the Universal Church has declared “Servant of God.” His cause is being promoted for sainthood.

Bishop Victor Reed ordained Father Stanley Rother on May 25, 1963. His ordination card read, “For my own sake I am a Christian, for the sake of others I am a priest.” This is the motto he lived out in his priesthood. Early in his priesthood, Father Rother heard the call to become a missionary. The Catholic Church in Oklahoma had established ties with the Church in Guatemala and through this relationship, Father Rother volunteered to serve his new parish in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. Father Rother fell in love with the people of Santiago Atitlan and they responded to this by loving him in return.

The violence of a civil war in Guatemala had raged for a number of years before it found its way to the beautiful Lake Atitlan. When the violence did arrive, people in the area, some of them Father Rother’s own catechumens, began to disappear. Father Rother would walk the roads looking for the bodies of the dead so they could have a proper burial.

On July 28, 1981, after returning to Santiago Atitlan following a visit home to Oklahoma, the violence caught up with Father Rother. He was shot to death in the middle of the night in his own rectory. No one has ever been prosecuted for the killing. It is believed supporters of the brutal government were responsible for killing Father Rother.

What follows is a letter written by Father Rother during the last year of his life. It is taken from the book “The Shepherd Cannot Run: Letters of Father Stanley Rother Missionary and Martyr.” The book was compiled by the late Father David Monahan, a close friend of Father Rother’s and the founding editor of The Sooner Catholic.

The troubles suspected in September by the pastor fell upon Santiago Atitlan with a vengeance in late October. However, he curiously begins this letter with two items of important but rather ordinary kinds of mission business. Is Father Rother hoping, perhaps, that a possible government censor will not read farther down in the text?

The next to the last paragraph contains an offhand remark about the local radio station, the Voice of Atitlan, wandering from its original purpose. This follows along the lines of earlier private verbal comments made by Father Rother.

The letter arrived in Oklahoma after the first word of troops coming to Santiago Atitlan was received by Archbishop Salatka from another source on Nov. 12.

November 4, 1980

Dear Archbishop Salatka:

Enclosed herein is a copy of the power of attorney that was agreed upon some time ago. It contains the necessary provisions for selling, deeding or almost any kind of divestiture. It would be a lot easier if the two of you were to sign it in front of the same Notary instead of each one doing it in his see city. The document then has to go to a Guatemalan Consulate, and if I remember right, there is one in Houston.

I feel that the option of asking Project Concern to look for a replacement for the Medical Program when they pull out is the best for us. There is no way that the local Bishop can run or finance the program. I want to see
him last week, but he was in another part of the Country at the funeral of a close friend, and I couldn’t get back to him. Project Concern now has a new administrator on hand here and I hope that he can get the program going again.

Our situation here is steadily getting worse here in our town. During the night of Thursday, October 23rd, two men were taken from their homes and vanished. It is rumored that one has returned, but it is not certain. The next night, the director of the radio was taken and it is reported that he left the house unconscious.

He was the former Deacon, got a dispensation and had a daughter of about a year Sunday afternoon another was taken for a possible traffic violation and hasn’t been seen again. Monday night a member of one of the coups was taken. By this time the people are literally scared to death. As a result, hundreds of people are coming to the Church to sleep for the night. Almost every night there are several catechists that come to spend the night with us to take turns standing guard. There won’t be much danger from there to sleep and whether to have someone stay here with me. There was one other was taken for a possible traffic violation and hasn’t been seen again.

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The Siaster are away this week at the provincial chapter. They were also gone last week for their annual retreat. They are finding out that there is more than they can handle if they take on starting in January. One of the things that is being asked for by the girls is alphabetization. That is the one thing that the radio was started for twelve years ago and gradually they want to other things. And that is the reason for their troubles now too. By the way, I sent a picture of the Siaster to the Diocese of Oklahoma City. Archbishop Coakley and Archbishop Beltran will be the principal celebrants. All are welcome.

Save the Date:

On July 28, Father Stanley Rother will be remembered throughout the day at Holy Trinity Church, Okarche, starting with Exposition and Adoration of the Eucharist, all day starting at 8 a.m. The day will end with benediction and Mass at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

On Sunday, July 31, a Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City. Archbishop Cookley and Archbishop Beltran will be the principal celebrants. All are welcome.

Father Rother during the yearly festival of St. James. July 17, 2011 * Sooner Catholic 5
Father Rother Pilgrims Will Travel to Guatemala

OKLAHOMA CITY — Archbishop Paul S. Coakley and Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius J. Boltran will lead a pilgrimage to Guatemala later this month to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the death of Father Stanley F. Rother.

Father Rother, a native of Okarche, has been declared by the Universal Church as a Servant of God. He was shot to death in his rectory on July 28, 1981. The Church in Oklahoma believes Father Rother died for his faith. His cause has agreed to accept information supporting the effort.

Some 40 pilgrims, including Bishop Anthony Taylor of the Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., will make the journey to Guatemala. The pilgrimages begins July 23 and will include daily Mass with two memorial Masses set for July 28, the day Father Rother was killed.

So loved was Father Rother by the people in Santiago Atitlan they received permission in 1981 to remove his heart before his body was returned to Oklahoma. The heart of Father Rother is buried beneath the altar in Santiago Atitlan.

The pilgrims will also tour and celebrate Mass at the site of the 2005 mudslides that claimed hundreds of lives in the area.

On July 25, Archbishop Emeritus Beltran will preside over the blessing of the Hospital Atitlan built with support from Oklahoma Catholics.

The following is a partial list of those making the pilgrimage to Guatemala:

- Archbishop Paul Coakley
- Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius Boltran
- Bishop Anthony Taylor
- Monsignor Edward Weisenburger
- Father Stuart Olen
- Carol Davito
- George Rigazzi
- Jack and Jean Nashert
- Ana Romero
- Maria Sempolans
- Dennis and Donna Frasier
- Carol Shaun
- Ken Greiner
- Anne McGuire
- Larry Wells
- Paul and Jeanne Meyer
- Cheryl Wheeler
- Tom and Katrina Morris
- Monsignor Peter Wells
- Albert Jerome Kodell, OSB (Okarche)
- Albert Lawrence Stayerzen, OSB (Okarche)
- Rev. Stephen Bird
- Rev. Michael Chapman
- Rev. Timothy Leshen
- Rev. Tony Robins
- Sister Kathryn Olsen
- Carol Davito
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Purchase a copy of The Shepherd Cannot Run

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Father Rother

Father Robert Waterman and Father Rother performing much of the physical labor and supervisory work.

“The former deacon” was Gaspar Culán, who was to be the first Tzutuhil Indian ordained a Catholic priest. Before ordination he chose to return to the lay state and to marry.

Alphabetization is the process of learning to read and write.
Conference Focuses on Forgiveness, Conversion

By Anamaria Scapeceleanu
For The Sooner Catholic

NORMAN — As summer began, the University of Oklahoma College of Law played host to the eighth annual conference on Catholic Legal Thought. The University of Oklaho- ma was the first public university to host the event that grew out of a dinner conversation between four law professors who attended “The Call to Justice: The Legacy of Guzman and Espo Four Years Later” at the Vatican in 2005. These profes- sors saw the need that law professors could do in revitalizing our culture and wanted to better position them- selves and other professors to do so by providing greater education to in- tellectual scholars in the Catholic philo- sophical and theological tradition, cre- ating a viable community of scholars, and developing a systematic way for reaching out to newcomers.

As such, scholars, such as Sarah Dom, Duke; St. Thomas, Gonzaga, Villanova and Loyola Chicago, among other universities, joined students and faculty from OU for the three-day conference centered on Augustine. The conference opened with a panel led by keynote speaker Paul Griffiths, the Warren Professor of Catholic Theology at Duke University. Griffiths’ talk was followed by responses from Luis Cortés from the Modern Languages Department at OU, George Martinez of Southern Methodist University, and Bryan McCell from OU’s College of Law. The panel was titled “The Essential Augustine for 21st Century Lawyers and Law Professors” and touched on the role of civil authority, common law and how to talk with non-Christians. The purpose of the panel was to enhance attendees’ under- standing of the works of St. Augustine, especially on matters related to the law.

Conference participants then journeyed to St. Thomas More University Parish to attend Mass with Archbishop Paul Coakley. In his homily, Archbishop Coakley spoke about the mystery of Stephen, underscoring how this led to the spreading of the Gospel among the Gentiles before reminding attendees that “part of our lives as believers is to mine the faith that we’ve accepted, the mystery that’s inexhaustible and continuous to offer deeper veins of inspiration. Faith sheds light on our experience and helps us to under- stand our lives.”

The following day began with Mass, celebrated by Reggie White, O.F., who is also a law professor at St. Thomas University in Minnesota. Following breakfast, the academic portion of the conference continued with a panel titled “The City of Man: What role should the law play in infusing the City of Man with the City of God?” with profe- sors John Brown from Loyola Chicago, Kevin Lee from Campbell University and Lisa Shultz from the University of St. Thomas. The panel discussed to what extent the law should educate people about the moral life.

The afternoon’s panel, “Forgive- ness and Conversion: What should be the law’s attitude toward and treat- ment of post-conviction criminals?” featured professors Mark Oder and Susan Stabile, both from the University of St. Thomas, alongside Megan Ryan from Southern Method- istic University. Professor Ryan opened the panel discussing the use of modern science in this law as well as the “Cruel and Unusual Punish- ment Clause” of the U.S. Constitu- tion, stating that new punish- ments, specifically those using modern science, are more suspect under the Constitution because they are unusual.

Professor Oder continued the panel. He began by admitting that he’s not a theologian, a philosopher or even a Catholic, but an unrepren- sentative prosecutor from Detroit, which, he said, “is a good place if you’re into criminal law. It’s like being in love with someone who broke your heart the same way over and over.”

Oder continued, “It’s interesting to see Augustine as a participant in the process [of justice]. His concern is that mercy have an identifiable role in the process, which is a daunting task of infusing the City of Man with the City of God.” Specifically, Oder spoke about mandatory life without parole for juveniles who commit certain crimes and the pardon of the president. The trend in both of these areas of criminal law is away from mercy. Mandatory sentencing for certain crimes, specifically for juve- niles, is in place in many states which does not allow the fact that it’s a child to enter into the deci- sion. It should not always matter, he says, but, as it is, it cannot matter in many states. Additionally, professors have historically pardoned hundreds and articulated a principle for pardon, while the last three only pardoned a few and did not even attempt to articulate a principle for pardon.

Susan Stabile, Oder’s colleague, concluded the panel by discussing the re-integration of those who have served their sentence to become part of the community again, which is important because of the interdependence of all humans. As it is, re-integration is not based on the way that people serve their sentences, which includes tre- mendous obstacles and ends, at best, with a strained relationship with their family and community.

The conference also included Spiritual Exercises led by Father Greg Rulke, S.J., and concluded with a discussion on the limits of secular discourse led by Brian Smith from the University of San Diego.

Mark Oder, a Non-Catholic, articulated the importance of the conference. “These are my people. These are the people who have that strong connection between faith and vocation that both limiting and freeing.”

Catholic Social Teaching: The Basis of Parish Life

Would you like to learn new ways to reach out to the poor, vulnerable and the suffering with your parish? Would you like to learn practical ways of integrating the mission of the church through your parish community? Would you like to see how each Catholic could be connected to some- thing that is so need of support, help and hope?

A workshop will be held on Friday, Aug. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 1501 N. Classen, Oklahoma City. Jack Jezreel, director of Catholic Services, is a nonprofit organization that creates social justice formation programs.

Becky VanPool, director of Parish Outreach for Catholic Charities, says that the workshop will challenge every participant to answer the question: “If your parish disappeared, would the poor in your community care?”

Jack Jezreel has over 25 years of working in parish ministry and spent eight of those years at a parish in Louisville, Ky., develop- ing a conversion-based justice formation program.

Reflections on the Social Movements of the Parish. He will demonstrate how it is a model for integrating Catholic Social Teaching into parish social ministry and life of your parish.

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The workshop is for anyone in your parish, whether clergy, staff or laity, who is interested in learning more about integrating service to the poor and vulnerable into all aspects of parish life.

There is no charge for the workshop, but pre- registration is required. A light lunch will be served. To register or if you have any questions, contact Becky VanPool at bvanpool@catholiccharitiesok.org or (405) 523-3003.
Several hundred Catholics, including many of Father Cory Stanley’s family, packed into the Cathedral for the July 8 Ordination and Eucharistic Celebration. In the front pew were his parents, Doug and Cindy Stanley, and his brother, Kyle. At the beginning of the homily, Archbishop Coakley praised and thanked Father Stanley’s family for their faithfulness to God and their willingness to give their son and brother to the service of our Lord. Also celebrating the Ordination and Mass were Oklahoma City’s Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius J. Bolen and Bishop Anthony Taylor of the Diocese of Little Rock, as well as dozens of priests and deacons from throughout the Archdiocese. Archbishop Coakley welcomed all, including Monsignor Dan Magendanz and Father Xavier Stanke, OFM, instructor of Father Stanley while he studied in seminary.

Alvin Schones, a great-great-uncle to Father Stanley, said following the Ordination he was “overwhelmed” by the beauty and excitement that surrounded the sacred ceremony.

“Today we rejoice that the Lord continues to call to this special friendship, to anoint and consecrate for service those He has chosen from among us for a special share in the one eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ.

In a true-life script that could have only been written in heaven, Father James Griener, himself years ago had spent some time in the seminary contemplating a possible vocation to the priesthood. He had indeed been found worthy of the priesthood. Archbishop Coakley anointing Fr. Stanley’s hands.

Word of God, and rooted in a sacramental communion with Jesus Christ as Head, Shepherd and Spouse of the Church that the fruitfulness of our ministry flows. “I have told you this that my yoke may be in you and your joy may be complete!”

Today we rejoice that the Lord continues to call to this special friendship, to anoint and consecrate for service those He has chosen from among us for a special share in the one eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ.

“Now, Deacon Cory, you are to be raised to the Order of the Priesthood. For your part you will exercises the sacred duty of teaching in the name of Christ the Teacher. Be submissive to the Word with the obedience of faith. Impart to everyone the word of God which you have received with joy. Prayerfully meditating each day on the law of the Lord, see that you believe what you read, that you teach in its fullness what you believe, and that you practice what you teach. Thus, your teaching and preaching will have the ring of authority and compelling force of the truth.”
Bike Race Helps Raise Funds For St. Greg’s Abbey

SHAWNEE — Organizers of a Memorial Day bicycle race and ride that raised money for St. Gregory’s Abbey and University hope the course’s challenge will help it grow into a nationally recognized race event. Around 50 cyclists gave $500 for a chance to win a bicycle frame and fork, donated by Cannondale Bicycle Corporation and Bicycle Shoppe of Shawnee. The money will help pay for graduate or seminary studies for young monks at the Benedictine monastery. The event was a combined race and ride that started at Tecumseh City Hall and ended at the site of the original Sacred Heart Abbey and Mission, four miles west of Konawa.

“The monastic community is very pleased that the annual ride brings attention to the rich historical importance of the site of Sacred Heart Abbey and Mission,” said the Most Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, abbot and chancellor for the university. “We also very much appreciate the donation of funds raised through the event. The money will support the education of our younger monks, who one day will continue, here at St. Gregory’s, the missionary work begun by the Sacred Heart monks.”

The 26-mile fun ride took a direct route from Tecumseh to the old mission. The race was 39 miles long, meandering through the South Rock Creek area, Earlsboro and Maud. Race director Michael Cappo said the race route is as hilly and difficult as any in Oklahoma. “It was the hardest thing I’ve ever done on a bike,” Cappo said. “We had sustained headwinds of 35 miles per hour for the entire race. It was incredibly challenging.” This year the first time bikers have both raced and toured from Tecumseh to Memorial Day. The event combined two components: the Fred Weber Memorial Day Ride, which has been held annually for 30 years, and a benefit ride to Sacred Heart. The Sacred Heart cycling event in previous years was held the last Saturday in September until a few years ago.

This year the Pedalers Cycling Club of Shawnee received the default fundraiser to coincide with the Weber ride. Cappo and Larry Smith, Bicycle Shoppe owner and a long-time Shawnee cycling enthusiast, plan to apply to have the event nationally sanctioned through USA Cycling. Sanctioning would allow the awarding of prizes and draw a larger number of competitive cyclists. USA Cycling is the official governing body for all disciplines of competitive cycling in the United States. “I think this event has a lot of potential for the future to benefit St. Gregory’s,” Smith said.

In the race, the three fastest men and women won trophies. In the women’s division, winners were Monica Mullins of Shawnee, followed by Tami Sanders and Teresa Pedder, both of Edmond. Winners in the men’s division were Brady Schmiedeberg of Oklahoma City, Brian Ricker of Ada and Michael Kimberling of Norman.

Donations Requested to Help Holy Family Home

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Holy Family Maternity Home is seeking the community for low-cost donations of movie theater gift certificates, museum tickets, restaurant gift cards and passes to local attractions, such as Celebration Station and Orr Family Farm, which can be used for six to eight residents and a chaperone.

“Many of our residents are from a different part of the state, and sadly, their only experience with the Oklahoma City metro area is school and the home. For these girls, the opportunity to see a movie or visit a museum is a much-needed distraction from the difficult reality of life as an expectant teenage mother,” said Mary Jane Webster, director of the Holy Family Maternity Home. “Fortunately, just a small donation of a gift card or museum pass can make a large difference in a young girl’s life.”

Based in Oklahoma City, Catholic Charities Holy Family Maternity Home is a full-service home for young women ages 13-17, in crisis pregnancies. The program is licensed by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and provides 24-hour care and supervision in a safe and comfortable home environment. The Holy Family Maternity Home promotes the respect and dignity of life through assisting each resident and her family in making and carrying out plans that will ensure a positive future for herself and her child.

For more information about the program or to make a donation, please call Catholic Charities at (405) 523-3000.

Michael Cappo, race director for the Sacred Heart Memorial Day Race, presents a check of the race proceeds to Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B. Also pictured are, second from left, David Isbell, Larry Smith and Kaitlin Isbell. (Photography by Brother George Hubl, O.S.B.)
The Catholic Church has long acknowledged the role of the medical professional in declaring death. It is the proper competency of medicine, not theology, to identify reliable signs that death has occurred. The hastening of the body known as rigor mortis, for example, is a reliable medical indicator that death has occurred. When the heart permanently stops beating and the lungs permanently stop functioning (cessation of cardio-pulmonary function), medical professionals recognize these signs as another reliable way to assess death, to distinguish it from the classic “cardiac death,”). Medical professionals determine that a patient has died.

In an August 2000 address, Pope John Paul II took up the particular question of brain death and concluded: “The criterion adopted in most recent times for ascertaining the fact of death, namely the complete and irreversible loss of all brain activity, is now accepted by medical and legal communities.”

The Church likewise acknowledges these developments and has never expressed any serious conceptual reservations about brain death in the years following the Harvard report. Today, medical professionals remain in broad agreement that the complete and irreversible cessation of all brain activity serves as a reliable indicator that a person has died. Major medical societies such as the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Neurology have issued official statements affirming this.

Nevertheless, a certain number of Catholics today insist that brain death is not really death. One moral theologian, for example, recently expressed doubts “that ventilator-sustained brain death be called ‘death’.” Several Catholic physicians have raised similar concerns. As long as thorough and accurate medical testing is performed, however, the Church continues to recognize the determination of death based on neuroscientific criteria. In addition to Pope John Paul II’s warning that death occurs. Meanwhile, the Church continues to recognize the generous nature of freely-chosen organ donation, an act Pope John Paul II once called “particularly praiseworthy” and an act which “can offer a chance of health and even of life itself to another.” The faithful and unsettle consciences.” If conclusions become unsettled on this matter, the practical ramifications can be far-reaching: consent to harvest organs is not given, transplants of such organs do not occur, and lives that could validly be saved by such transplants are instead lost.

In the face of clear church teaching on this issue, Dr. Haas further observes how it is “worth noting that the Church’s teaching is not contradictory to an individual’s personal convictions about brain death in the years following the Harvard report. Today, medical professionals remain in broad agreement that the complete and irreversible cessation of all brain activity serves as a reliable indicator that a person has died. Major medical societies such as the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Neurology have issued official statements affirming this.”

The theme of this year’s conference is “It’s Not By Sight.” Opening our conference is our keynote speaker, Sister Rosalind Moss, a Sister of St. Joseph of Philadelphia, as she shares her experience writing her book “The Verses I Never Saw,” the Scripture that led her from her Jewish heritage to the Catholic Church. In the afternoon session, Sister Moss will speak to attendees about “The Father’s Gift,” a look at all God has given us. Grodi will talk to the morning assembly about “The Veni Emmanuel,” the Scripture that opened his heart to the Catholic Church. Sister Moss will close the conference with a question and answer session, “From the Heart. County. Donations from the Women of Faith/Women of Action Conference will benefit “Help-A-Child,” one of four Works of Peace projects the National Council of Catholic Women support in association with Catholic Relief Services.
By Barbara M. Curcio
St. Eugene Parishioner
OKLAHOMA CITY — The parish of St. Eugene has been celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with a procession of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for six years now. This traditional practice, in which He blesses the church, school and public environment of St. Eugene Parish, has been a joy and a grace to us every year.

Each year it also becomes more and more dear to us as an expression of our commitment to Eucharistic Adoration. Being as it is, an open joyful witness to the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, in the public community, we also knew the rich tradition in the Church the right in with the spirit of the “new evangelization.”

However, this year, because the parish family of St. Eugene has been praying for a new church for some time and making considerable sacrifices to make it happen, on June 26, 2011, it was even more meaningful to bring Our Lord as a joyful, prayerful procession to a stop at the construction site of our long-awaited and much prayed for new building, taking shape under the blue sky of Oklahoma.

Parish to Host Bingo
OKLAHOMA CITY — Bingo July 28 at St. James Catholic Church, 41st and South McKinley Ave. Food and beverages reasonably priced will be served at 5:45 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. All games including two blackouts are $10. Door prizes and special recognition for all players born in July Play and you get an entry for a big screen TV to be given away in October.

Knights to Golf for Ultrasounds
OKLAHOMA CITY — The Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, July 23 at Silverhorn Golf Course, 11411 N. Kelley Ave. It will be an 8 a.m., four-person scramble, with lunch provided. Cost is $75 per person with prizes for the first, second and third-place teams. There will also be closest to the hole and longest drive contests. Mulligans will be available. Please send information (team(s)) and money to Richard J. Schulte, (405) 341-2779, 1511 E. Coffee Creek Road, Edmond Okla. 73043. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program.

Sisters Celebrate Anniversaries
Sister Barbara Ann Herrmann, ASC, celebrated the 65th anniversary of her first profession of vows on June 5, 2011, at the ASC Wichita Center in Wichita, Kan. She made her first profession on July 1, 1946.

Sister Barbara Ann was born in Kinsley, Kan. Her first years of ministry were spent as a lab X-ray technologist at hospitals in Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Missouri. In 1964 she began working as a pastoral minister, first in the Diocese of Springfield, Mo., and then in several cities in Oklahoma. From 1975 to 1981 she returned to health care at the new Minor Emergency Facility at St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. In 1982 she went to Providence, R.I., where she spent several years as pastoral assistant. While there she received her MA in pastoral counseling. In 1986 she returned to Oklahoma, working in pastoral ministry at a parish and then for eight years as a chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City. She worked as a chaplain and bereavement coordinator at Heart of the Valley Hospice in Huntington, Texas, from 1995 to 1999. She is currently Living Mission in Later Life at the Wichita Center.

Sister Barbara was born in Schoenchen, Kan. Her primary ministry has been as kitchen supervisor, in several hospitals including St. Mary’s in Davis, as well as hospitals in Carlsbad and Artesia, N.M., and Marion, Kan., spanning a period of 45 years. From 1975 to 1980 she served as a dietary supervisor at St. Anne’s Home in Oklahoma City. From 1980 to 2000, she began serving as a cosmetologist at St. Anne’s and also ministered there in pastoral care. She is currently Living Mission in Later Life at the Wichita Center.

Martin Valverde en Concierto
En el Centro Guadalupano de la Florecita
1125 South Walker Ave, Oklahoma City 28 y 29 de Julio 2011 – 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Para comprar boletos o más informes llame a: La Florecita 213-2057 o Alma Marquez 245-2466
Cupo es limitado.

Martin Valverde in Concert
At Little Flower Church
1125 South Walker Ave, Oklahoma City July 28 and 29, 2011 – 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

For tickets or more information, please call Little Flower Church at 213-2057 or Alma Marquez at 245-2466 Limited seating.
Field Agent

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in Oklahoma. This professional position offers the chance to make an above average income, a career path into management if desired, paid advanced education and generous bonus opportunities. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. Works in an accepted and exclusive marketing area to sell and service our insurance and retirement products. Performs needed analysis for assigned accounts and recommends appropriate products to meet their needs. Develops positive relationships with the local councils to help recruit new members. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please e-mail a resume to Kevin Pierce, FICF, General Agent, at Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org or call (405) 514-7660. Resume to Kevin Pierce, FICF, General Agent, at Columbus. For more information, please e-mail a contact information for these references should be sent electronically to VPEnrollmentStGregorys-0@gmail.com.

Kindergarten Teacher

Holy Trinity School in Okarche has an opening for a kindergarten teacher. Applicants must be certified in Early Childhood. If you are interested in joining a well-established staff and work with small classes and outstanding professional involvement, please send your resume to Tammy Jacobs, Principal, Holy Trinity Catholic School, P.O. Box 485, Okarche, Okla. 73762. You may also send it via e-mail to tjacobs@holytrinityok.org.

Teachers Needed

St. Gregory’s University invites applications for the position of Vice President for Enrollment Management. The successful candidate is responsible for providing leadership and vision and to organize and direct all functional areas within the Office of Admissions. The vice president is responsible for analyzing and improving criteria for recruitment and admittance activities. This position manages the budget for the office and supervises the admissions counselors and office support staff. Applicants must possess an understanding of and willingness to support the St. Gregory’s University Catholic and Benedictine mission. Bachelor’s degree required, master’s preferred. Four-plus years of progressive experience in university admissions, supervisory-level experience preferred. Priority given to applications received by July 17. Further information can be obtained at www.stgregorys.edu. A cover letter, resume and references c/o Shannon Stann, 210 S. Evans, El Reno, Okla., 73036, or fax (405) 382-3484. St. Gregory’s Catholic School will be hiring a janitor pending a background check for the 2011-2012 school year. Please apply in person after 3:30 p.m. or send resume to Sacred Heart School, 210 S. Evans, El Reno, Okla., 73036.

Part-Time Music Teacher

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Oklahoma City is seeking a part-time music teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Liturgical music director duties for leading student choir and accompanying at school Masses will be negotiated. Please send resume and certification to Todd Guggolz at (405) 789-3583 or e-mail to tguggolz@oschool.org.

Ilinois Catholic Charities will eviction from foster care

Chicago, Ill. (CNA/EWTN News) — Catholic Charities of Illinois plans to challenge the Department of Children and Family Services’ unex- pected decision to end its foster care partnership with three local dioceses. “We are going into court tomorrow in an attempt to stop this,” said Peter Breen, Executive Director and Legal Counsel at the Illinois-based Thomas More Society, in a July 11 interview with CNA.

“What the Quinn administration has done,” he said, “is a statement of wanting to end, unilaterally, an over 30-year partnership with Catholic Charities to provide foster care for the children of the state of Illinois. He said the move would “disrupt the Illinois Catholic Charities that their contracts could not be renewed, over an alleged refusal to comply with the civil union law. “The Department of Children and Family Services is unable to accept the offer and execute the contracts,” McEwen wrote, “because your agency has made it clear that it does not intend to comply with the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act.” Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn confirmed the decision at a press conference on July 11. He said Catholic Charities had “made a choice” not to “voluntarily participate with the state,” and that the state was “not going back,” according to the Capitol Fax website. Breen criticized Quinn and the department for an action he described as “reckless” and an “end- run around the court.”

“Now the executive branch is ignoring the legislative intent of the law, and pushing a partisan political agenda instead of enforcing the laws as they were written and intended by the General Assembly” He said the Department of Children and Family Services’ decision violated the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, “which protects family held religious beliefs and religious practices of people’s organizations.” Breen also argued that the relationship between the state and a competent longterm contractor was subject to “different rules” than those which would govern a situation where no prior contract existed.
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17 Monthly Novena to The Infant Jesus, the 17th-25th of each month. Nine days of novena to Infant Jesus of Prague monthly National Shrine is located at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church at 304 Jan Thirdrive Blvd in Prague. (405) 341-2199 or lmc-oklahoma@sbglb.net.

17 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 Paulsboro from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call Susan Staudt at (405) 242-6624.

17 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 Duhor at 530-4688.

17 Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of Our Lady of perpetual Help, NW 32nd and Western, every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Little Flower Church at 235-2037 or www.shrineofinfantjesus.com.

17 Address Confession at Epiphany Parish, Chapel, every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Little Flower Church at 235-2037 or www.shrineofinfantjesus.com.

17 Latin Mass at 7 a.m. and Extraordinary Form Confession at 7:15 a.m. at St. Francis is located at 1910 S. Robinson, Midwest City. For more information, call (405) 721-8944.

17 Pilgrimage Sunday, Mass at 11 a.m. National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague is located at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church at 304 Jan Thirdrive Blvd in Prague. (405) 341-2199 or lmc-oklahoma@sbglb.net.

21 St. Charles Catholic Singles Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. The church is located at 5024 N. Grove Ave., OKC. For more information, call 413-670-4367.

21 Martin Valverde in Concert. At Little Flower Church, 1123 S. Walker Ave., OKC. July 28 and 29, 7 to 11 p.m. For tickets or more information, call Little Flower Church at 235-2037 or Alma Marquez at 245-2466.

21 Literature and Art: Natural Family Planning. For more information, contact Becky VanPool at bvanpool@catholic-basics.org or at (405) 341-2199 or lmc-oklahoma@sbglb.net.

21 Why Natural Family Planning? Have you ever wondered why the Church teaches against contraception? Join us at the Catholic Pastoral Center at 7 p.m. as we examine the Church’s teaching on marriage, contraception and family planning. Limited child care will be available by reservation only through the Office of Family Life. Call (405) 721-8944 for more information.

21 Respect Life Group meets at 7 a.m. the first Saturday of the month at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic. Call Debby Reich at (405) 824-5578 for more information.

21 Spanish-Language Marriage Preparation Program for couples that are married civilly or through common law and want to have their marriage blessed by the Church. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

21 COMPANY: Single adult ages 35plus, will be going to 5:30 p.m. Mass in Perry to see Father Dan Leisenmeyer, then to Stillwater for dinner at Eskimo Joe’s. Our meal will meet in the Parking lot at 4:30 p.m., so we can carpool there by 4:30 p.m.

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21 Marriage Encounter Weekend is a process designed to give you and your spouse a special opportunity to examine your life together. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

23 First Friday Adoration at St. Francis of Assisi in Oklahoma City. After the 7:30 p.m. Mass, and conclude at 5:30 p.m. with closing prayer and Benediction. This is open to all. St. Francis is located at 1910 NW 19th, Oklahoma City.

23 Holy Family Home Mass, 11:30 a.m., Holy Family Home, 6061 Ridie Drive, Midwest City. To confirm that Mass will be held that day and for directions, call 741-7439.

23 Catholic Social Teaching the Basis of Parish Life Workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 1515 N. Classen, Oklahoma City. To register or if you have any questions, contact Becker VanPool at bvanpool@catholiccharities.com or at (405) 523-3003.

23 First Sacred Friday Heart Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available prior to Mass at 7 p.m. For more information, call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

23 Learning from Our Life Retreat led by Rev. Charles Buckley, O.S.B. For more information, contact Father Charles at (405) 878-1642 or visit www.monksok.org.

23 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular Lay Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, meets at St. John the Baptist Parish, Edmond, on the first and third Saturday of each month. Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the chapel. For more information, contact Toni Harrelson, LMC, at (405) 341-2199 or lmc-oklahoma@sbglb.net.

23 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Claire Fraternity meets at 1:15 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at St. Thomas More Church in Norman in the Library All are welcome. For more information, call Alice at (405) 473-7880.

23 Byzantine Liturgy will be offered at 8 p.m. in St. Mark’s Church, 3399 W Tecumseh Road, Norman. Maltese-Intercessions to Christ Emmanuel will be celebrated after Liturgy. For more information, call Father Phil Sexton at (585) 536-6351.

23 Catholic War Veterans (of any war/conflict) meet the second Tuesday of each month in the community room at St. Ann Retirement Center at 7 p.m. For more information, call Father M. P. Ostraw at (405) 567-4304.

23 CCHD Grant Workshop at 7 p.m. The workshop is aimed at answering the questionnaire regarding new ways to empower people as well as addressing the root causes of social issues. The workshop will be presented in a video-conferencing format. Locations are as follows: Oklahoma City Catholic Pastoral Center, Lawton Holy Family Church; Enid St. Francis Church; Clinton St. John the Baptist Parish; Mary Church, and Woodward St. Peter Church. To register or if you have any questions, contact Becker VanPool at cchdoklahoma@gmail.com or at (405) 523-3009.

23 Bingo at St. Joseph’s Church in Norman. Light supper served at 6:30 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. First session; second session at 8:30 p.m. $5 per session, no limit on black jack cards.

23 The Benedictine Oblates of Red Plains Spirituality Center will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month. They join the Community for Vespers, followed by a potluck dinner. For more information, contact Sister Eunice at 373-4555 or eunice@kansnet.net.
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down a homemade slip and slide that ended with a splash into wading pools that waited at the end of the ride. About 50 yards away other campers climbed up to the top of a water castle that featured a slide, also ending in a wading pool, while others offered their own unique version of cannonball and belly flops in the pool that cools the campers in the hot summer sun.

Housh said the extreme temperatures here meant keeping the kids inside during the blistering afternoon hours. But that’s not downtime. While inside the campers are challenged with quizzes pertaining to their faith and other games that challenge them to grow in the knowledge of that faith.

Daily Mass brings the campers together in worship and offers them a time to join in the liturgy, as altar servers and readers. Before Mass, the youngsters join in song while seated in the chapel.

“Jesus I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you,” the young voices sing together as they await the beginning of the Eucharistic Celebration.

Another day at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp, “Wacky Water Wednesday” and all.
Young Catholic campers from across the state again converged on Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp this summer for fun, worship and the traditional “Wacky Water Wednesday.”

Nancy Housh, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese, said “Wacky Water Wednesday” is a tradition campers of all ages look forward to during their weeklong stay at the beautiful camp located in Lincoln County.

“The kids love it,” Housh said, as the young Catholics took turns racing.

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By Ray Dyer

Father Carl Janocha delivers his homily during Mass for sixth- and seventh-graders at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp.