Father Magallanes celebrates 40 years of serving God, people

By Maria Anna Mendoza
For the Sooner Catholic

Father Manuel Magallanes greets visitors with a sincere smile. A Benedictine priest, he celebrated 40 years of priesthood on June 25. His face reflects the serenity of those who live the presence of the Lord. He has devoted many years to identifying and unifying the Hispanic communities through the project 40/81 and through seven parishes in western and central Oklahoma.

When he was 8 years old, while playing in a church in Los Angeles, Father Magallanes and his cousin received from his grandfather a prediction that would mark the beginning of a long and blessed path in their faith, “You two will become priests.”

At age 12, Father Magallanes was not yet a priest. He began to work with young people of criminal gangs who constantly asked for confession, but Father Magallanes was not yet a consecrated priest. He decided to study theology in Kentucky and Oklahoma, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1976. From 1985 to 1991, he worked as pastor-administrator of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Calumet and served as a Catholic chaplain of the federal prison in El Reno, where he worked for five more years. He also served as auxiliary pastor for Saint Benedict in Shawnee.

He completed a bachelor’s degree at Saint John University in Collegeville, Minn., and a master’s degree in pastoral ministry from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He served in parish ministry for many years in both California and Oklahoma. He always has maintained a particular ministerial outreach to Spanish-speaking and immigrant populations and helped to develop a special regional ministry in western Oklahoma.

Decades later, while reflecting upon his journey of support and activities for the communities in California and Oklahoma, Father Magallanes said he is satisfied. “In this year in which our Catholic Church celebrates the Year of Mercy, I realize that the humanity and God are uniting, and there is celebration! My 40 years as a priest had, in fact, been a preparation to find God in my priestly life, with ups and downs, tough times and good times, but finally finding the meaning to my life.”

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Former NBA player shares personal story of destruction, redemption

Chris Herren cautions students at Bishop McGuinness not to make same mistakes

By Diane Clay
The Sooner Catholic

On a typical Wednesday in June 2008, Chris Herren dropped off his kids at the door of their school and drove away. He couldn’t wait to get home, so within a few miles of the parking lot, he prepped his car and inserted a hero in needle into his vein. It didn’t take long before he overdosed, wrapped his car around a cemetery fence and sat unconscious; the needle still stuck in his arm. After years of being a celebrated basketball star, the 32-year-old’s life had come to this.

June 4, 2008, would be the last day Herren used drugs or alcohol and the first day he understood why his mother took him to Mass.

“I dropped to my knees (at the hospital) and started praying. I thank God every night that I’ve stayed sober,” he told students. “It was all surface. It was dressed up praying. I thank God every night that I’ve stayed sober.”

The former guard for the Boston Celtics and a high school player of the year shared his story with a quiet and captivated audience of students at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. His message of self-defeat and survival was specifically crafted for young men and women who find themselves in uncomfortable situations.

“We all started with a red cup, beer pong, and ‘just’ drinking on the weekend. You lose your ability to be you. It’s an escape. You do it to forget. Every school I go to there are kids popping pills. Why are you risking your life for that? Why are you taking a chance for death?” he asked. “The kids who can go to prom and remember it for the rest of their life for that? Why are you taking a chance for death?”

Herren struggled with substance abuse during most of his basketball career and was the subject of ESPN’s documentary “Unguarded.” His struggles are chronicled in his book “Basketball Junkie.”

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Open eyes, open doors, open hearts

During the week of Sept. 5-10, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City hosted leaders from the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities. Jan Benton, executive director of NCPD and Esther Garcia, NCPD manager of programs and outreach, were here to assist us in assessing the needs of families and persons with various types of disabilities and to formulate a more effective response to these important members of our parishes.

Jan and Esther met with members of our archdiocesan staff, various priests, deacons, parents and individuals with disabilities. They listened and they learned. They visited several important sites already providing services for individuals and families with special needs such as Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy and the Center of Family Love in Okarche.

I am looking forward to receiving their report and recommendations based on their listening sessions and the surveys, which many of you completed and returned for our consideration.

This study comes at a good time as my staff and I have been in the process of reviewing and restructuring our archdiocesan organization so that we can more effectively carry forward our mission of evangelization in service to the parishes, families and individuals of the archdiocese.

In the course of time, as we carry on our daily activities in the midst of busy lives with many demands, we tend to develop blind spots. It frequently happens that many important issues are overlooked because so many urgent and pressing demands compete for our attention each day. This is true in each of our lives. It also is true in organizations such as parishes and even dioceses.

Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley’s official calendar.
Sept. 19 - 20 – Fall Clergy Days, Catholic Pastoral Center
Sept. 20 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
Sept. 20 – Blessing of new KSMJ radio station for Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting, 6:30 p.m., Edmond
Sept. 21 – School Mass and classroom visits, 1 p.m., Rosary School, OKC
Sept. 22 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:30 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Edmond
Sept. 22 – Catholic Charities Board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Catholic Charities offices
Sept. 23 – Mass for Catholic Education Institute, 8:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
Sept. 23 – Presentation of Catholic Schools Service Awards, 12:45 p.m., CPC
Sept. 24 – Presentation of Religious Education Awards, 11:30 a.m., CPC
Sept. 24 – Mass for Catechetical Congress, Noon, St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
Sept. 24 – Red Mass, 5 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Sept. 25 – Young Adult Mass and cookout, 5 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel and CPC grounds
Sept. 29 – Blue Mass, 6 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Oct. 2 – Mass for Oasis retreat, 11 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
Oct. 2 – Archbishop’s Picnic for priests, deacons, religious, CPC staff and board members, 5 p.m., CPC grounds

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- Conference on Domestic Violence Fr. Charles Dahm, O.P., of the Archdiocese of Chicago will speak on Safety and Peace in the Family at the Catholic Pastoral Center in OKC on Sept. 29. Call (405) 721-8944, Ext. 109, to register.
- St. Monica Women’s Retreat: Faith on Fire Featuring musician Anne Trufant, the St. Monica Women’s Retreat will take place Friday, Oct. 14, and Saturday, Oct. 15. The cost is $20, with scholarships available upon request. The deadline to register is Monday, Oct. 10. To register, e-mail Kailee at stmonicakc@gmail.com.

Put Out Into the Deep Luke 5:4

It is for this reason that I asked for this study. I know that there are many individuals who, because of physical, mental, emotional or developmental limitations, do not enjoy access to full participation in the life of our parishes and even to the sacraments.

One of the themes that Pope Francis has focused upon since the first day of his pontificate has been the call to go out to the margins and peripheries of our communities and to welcome the outcast and to serve the needs of those who for one reason or another have been marginalized. He has summoned the Church to a missionary conversion. We are all called to be missionary disciples. Our structures and programs ought to reflect and embody this missionary conversion. It is not enough to maintain what we already have in place. We are called to look outward, not merely inward.

To the extent that we are blind to the gifts of each member of the parish or our community, or to the extent that those persons and their gifts are not welcomed and incorporated, we are all impoverished. This is equally true whether we are talking about persons with disabilities or persons from different nations or cultures who may speak a different language. It is not always easy to be inclusive. We are frequently uncomfortable with people who look, sound, think or express themselves differently than we do.

In spite of the difficulties, the love of Christ urges us on, inviting us to put out into the deep and learn to recognize and honor the face of Christ in the often distressing disguise of the poor, the disabled and the immigrant.
A 21st century sick call

Or … what I did this summer

By Pedro A. Moreno, O.P.
Director of Hispanic Ministry

Only a few weeks ago, I was blessed with a medical emergency. After some oral surgery that went very well, I went home and started taking my prescribed meds, and that didn’t go so well. Oh what a night!

Without going into too many details, I can share that I went from my living room to an emergency room and then to a hospital room in just a few hours. While in my non-specialist opinion the worst part of the medical crisis was over by the next morning, the doctors didn’t agree.

Feeling somewhat improved, I did what any 21st century catholic would do, I posted it on Facebook. I’m still not sure how to interpret a “Like” to a posting about my hospital stay, but I’m sure someone will let me know.

E-mails, text messages, Face-time, Skype and even old fashioned phone calls began pouring in, in addition to a long list of good wishes on Messenger and also another list of notifications from Facebook regarding the comments to my post. I don’t tweet, Instagram, Snapchat or get involved in any other form of social media.

One good friend, pastor of a local parish, quickly called me and asked if anyone had come by for a “Like” to a posting about my hospital stay, but I’m sure someone will let me know.

Another priest also came after Mass and brought me Communion a few hours later. By the next day at the hospital, I had three different ministers of Communion bring me the Eucharist. One, I did turn away, the hospital chaplain, because I had just received our Lord only an hour before.

In my illness, and while in bed, I was experiencing the love of God through my church family. I let my faith family know I was not well. I asked for prayers. The family came through, impressively.

In this year of mercy, we are reminded of the Corporal Works of Mercy, one of them is to visit the sick. From the point of view of a sick man in a hospital bed every visitor – electronically or in person – is Christ visiting me at a moment of weakness and dependency on others. This love heals and gives hope.

I was ill and you cared for me, see Matthew 25, 36. To all those friends and family who in one way or another care for the sick, living examples of mercy, I wish to thank you for being Christ for others.

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Do not hesitate to visit the sick because for such things you will be loved (Sirach 7, 35). To all the sick, and friends and family of those who are sick, I encourage you to let your faith family know that you, or someone you know, is going through a difficult moment and is in need of prayer. Let the parish know that you are hungry for Christ in the Eucharist. Ask for the Sacrament of the Sick.

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Saint Teresa of Kolkata cares for a sick man. CNS photo/KNA.

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The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma cordially invites you to attend the 2016 Archbishop's Dinner Friday, September 30, 2016 6:30 p.m.

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A Millenial Journey in Faith

Shake, rattle and roll: Finding solid ground in an ever-changing world

“What is that sound?” I asked, even as I realized that it was the buzz of books and knickknacks, plates and bowls, tables and, well, everything, rattling as the earth shifted.

“Outside,” I ordered, and led the way to the safety of the front yard, where nothing could fall if the intensity of the quake increased. We stood there for a few minutes as the hum softened and then quieted altogether, waiting to ensure that the aftershocks of the tremor had abated. Later, we learned that this was the biggest earthquake in Oklahoma history.

The ground shifting beneath my feet has become an increasingly commonplace feeling and reality, both literally and metaphorically. The American political culture has reached new lows with this presidential election, in which suburban yard signs, rather than endorse a particular candidate, express fear at the prospect of the future of our country under either major party nominee.

The historical centers of Western culture are attacked regularly by extremist Muslim terrorists, whose leaders have already displaced or murdered many of the ancient Christian communities in the Middle East. The First Amendment guarantee of religious liberty is in danger of being reduced from a freedom to practice religion in all spheres of life to freedom of worship.

Relativism, long at play in the ways that technology invites differentiation, now distorts scientific realities as people no longer accept the basic biological truth of male and female complementarity.

None of this is even to mention the ways that technology invites differentiation, now distorts scientific realities as people no longer accept the basic biological truth of male and female complementarity.

“I expression of personal preference,” says the psalmist. God worked out of the evil Joseph’s brothers wanted, during the volatility of the famine, and led the whole family to health and safety. He led the Holy Family to safety in Egypt, far from King Herod’s dangerous rule. During the

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I have met hope ... in person

In July, I traveled to Serbia, Greece and Lebanon to review the refugee situation now that the borders to Northern Europe are closed. While the flow of people has diminished, it has not ceased. Migration is now largely dependent on traffickers who charge individuals 4,000 to 6,000 Euros to facilitate illegal crossings.

Most of the refugees I met in Serbia were young Syrian men in their 20s who were desperate to find work. They are weighed down with the responsibility to families back home who liquidated their belongings to pay for their journeys. Depending on their route, many encountered beatings and confiscation of everything they had. Broken arms and legs attest to this gratuitous brutality and cruelty.

Nevertheless, amidst this deep suffering, the spirit of goodness and resilience broke through.

In Lebanon, I met a woman, herself a trafficked victim, who awoke from an accident without memory and missing one leg. Yet, she gave thanks for the leg she does have and devoted her energy as a volunteer at a shelter for abused women. After four years, she joined the staff to build not only the capacity of the ladies for a trade, but also their spirit to imagine and have confidence in a new life. On her days off, she brings home-cooked food to the inmates of a prison. As she told me, there was no other place she would rather be.

The detention center for illegal workers in Lebanon is situated inside an underground garage with no sunlight and minimal ventilation. Five hundred to 600 detainees are held, sometimes for up to a year, in seven cells so crowded that occupants had to take turns alternating between sleeping and standing. My first instinct amidst the heat, odor, darkness, sight of people caged and people being hooked, was to flee.

Yet, serving this detention center are nine women from Caritas who provide social and medical care 24/7. The majority of them are in their 20s and 30s. They move without hesitation into the cells to offer care; their boom boxes broadcast music after 2 p.m. when most of the guards go off duty, and they host celebrations with food and games on special days. “Angels” I call them.

We met with the colonel of the center who not only praised these women, but formulated a Memorandum of Understanding that would guarantee Caritas’ long-term presence. Happy to say, a new above-ground detention center, brightly painted with dignified accommodations, will open in September. In it is a wing for the Caritas operation. Somehow in the most oppressive physical environment, both guards and volunteers found a way to honor the humanity of those being detained.

A woman who fled Kosovo for Serbia 20 years ago spoke of leaving with nothing but a Bible, the only possession her mother believed they needed as they would be in God’s hands. She endured hardships of working without formal papers, but noted the kindness of people who took risks to hire her. Since then, she has retrieved her documents with the help of a CRS partner, Balkans Migration Center, and now owns a business. I asked if her mother was right. She nodded without hesitation: God accompanied them.

A Muslim refugee from Syria, who is now living and working in Athens with his family, said that if it were up to him, he would name his newborn daughter “Caritas” for the assistance and kindness his family had received from Caritas Greece. His wife did not quite buy into this, but what a sentiment! Yes, I have met hope ... in person.

Let us be hope, with God’s grace, for each other.

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Maria Scaperlanda to present book “The Shepherd Who Didn’t Run” at St. Gregory’s University Library

The James J. Kelly Library at Saint Gregory’s University announced that award winning author Maria Scaperlanda will be at the library on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. to talk about her book “The Shepherd Who Didn’t Run” by Fr. Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma.

The public is invited to attend this free event to hear more about her book and the story of the life and work of Fr. Stanley Rother. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and Scaperlanda will be available for a book signing following the presentation.

“We are excited to have Maria Scaperlanda speak at Saint Gregory’s. The Shepherd Who Didn’t Run is of particular interest now as Fr. Rother’s cause for canonization moves forward,” said Anita Semtner, library director of Saint Gregory’s University.

The James J. Kelly Library is located on the second floor of Benedictine Hall. The public is asked to take the elevator on the first floor to the second floor in order to arrive at the library. Contact Anita Semtner for more information at (405) 878-5295 or asemtner@stgregorys.edu.
Joe Biden is Isaac Hecker’s fault?

U.S. Catholics generally know little about the Church’s history in our country. But, whether you’re trying to fill gaps in your knowledge or just looking for a good read, let me recommend a new book by Russell Shaw: “Catholics in America – Religious Identity and Cultural Assimilation from John Carroll to Flannery O’Connor” (Ignatius Press).

Its formidable subtitle notwithstanding, Russ Shaw’s new book is an easy-to-digest smorgasbord, a portrait gallery of 15 important characters in the American Catholic story.

Three of the heroes of my Baltimore boyhood get their just desserts: Archbishop John Carroll, first and arguably greatest of U.S. bishops; Cardinal James Gibbons, America’s most prominent Catholic for four decades; and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, “Wild Betty” as she once called herself, founder of the Catholic school system that’s still the Church’s best anti-poverty program.

The politicians (Al Smith and JFK) and the intellectuals (combustible, cantankerous Orestes Brownson and the scholarly old-school Jesuit, John Courtney Murray) are neatly sketched as are three women of consequence: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Dorothy Day and Flannery O’Connor.

A trio of New Yorkers (one born in Ireland, another in Massachusetts, and another in Peoria) take their turns on stage in the persons of Archbishop “Dagger John” Hughes, Cardinal Francis Spellman and Spell’s rival, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Then, there’s the remarkable Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus and, I hope, America’s next beatus.

For contemporary purposes and debates, one of the most suggestive of Shaw’s portraits is that of Father Isaac Hecker, another candidate for beatification. Shortly after his death in 1888, Hecker became the subject of contention in Rome, when an ill-translated biography of the founder of the Paulists, and some intra-Catholic brawling among U.S. hierarchs, led to a papal warning against “Americanism” – a way-of-being-Catholic that Pope Leo XIII deemed excessively privatized, insufficiently contemplative and dismissive of the Church’s magisterium. Ever since, U.S. Catholic historians have been arguing about whether “Americanism” was a phantom hereyes.

There seem to be three confronting parties in that debate. The canonical view of classic U.S. Catholic historians like John Tracy Ellis was that “Americanism” was indeed a phantasm of foreign Roman minds. Then, in the 1970s, came the revisionist view that Hecker, and bishops like John Ireland of Saint Paul-Minnepolis, John Keane of Catholic University, and Cardinal Gibbons, were in fact exploring a new ecclesiology, a new way of thinking about the Church, that Vatican II would vindicate in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church and Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.

Now comes Russell Shaw, who, in his portrait of Hecker, continues to press an argument he first raised in 2013 in “American Church: The Remarkable Rise, Meteoric Fall, and Uncertain Future of Catholicism in America” (the man does have a way with subtitles). Reduced to essentials, Shaw’s contention is that Hecker and those of his “Americanist” cast of mind did represent an assimilation current in U.S. Catholic thought – a tendency to bend over backwards to “fit into” American culture – that eventually made possible Ted Kennedy, Barbara Mikulski, Nancy Pelosi and Joe Biden: cradle-Catholic politicians who support public policies that flatly contradict basic moral truths taught by the Church on the basis of reason and revelation, justifiy their votes in the name of “democracy” and “pluralism,” and are supported by a lot of fellow-Catholics in doing so.

To be sure, Shaw acknowledges that Hecker’s great goal was to convert America to Catholicism, not retrofit Catholicism to the dominant American culture of his day (which I think my friend mistathes as “secular” rather than “Protestant”).

Hecker’s failure, as I read Shaw, is that he didn’t grasp that there were corrosives built into American public culture that would eventually eat away at core Catholic convictions. And, if that’s what Russ Shaw is arguing, then he’s implicitly adopting the “ill-founded Republic” optic on U.S. history advanced by such scholars as Patrick Deneen and David Schindler.

My own view is that the failure of Catholics to infuse American politics with Catholic social doctrine has had a lot more to do with creating Joe Biden and Co. than Isaac Hecker and the 19th-century “Americanists.” In any case, Shaw’s new book and its predecessors are good places to begin thinking about what went wrong here and why.

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Herren established The Herren Project, a nonprofit that provides assistance to families affected by addiction, and Project Purple, an initiative launched to break the stigma of drug-abuse addiction, bring awareness to the dangers of substance abuse and shed light on effective treatment practices.

“It’s incredibly important we talk about the addictive culture we live in,” Principal David Morton said. “For them to look at his life and realize he threw everything in front of him for a pill, a high or a drink is impactful.”

Herren ended his talk with a question and answer session where students asked about his parents.

He talked candidly about his struggle to help his father seek treatment for alcohol addiction with little success, and admonished parents for spending more time teaching kids how to be good athletes or students and not enough time on how to strengthen themselves emotionally and spiritually.

“Parents want kids to see the result of drug addiction, but what about Day 1? ... We fail you socially. We fail you emotionally. Shame on us,” he said. “I was under the influence the day my mom died and all she wanted was for me not to be. So, ask yourself are you the person you want to be?”

For help or questions about addiction, contact the 24-hour national substance abuse hotline at (800) 662-HELP (4357). For more information on Chris Herren and the Herren Project, go online to www.theherrenproject.org.

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Murals celebrate Jesus’ epiphanies

By Judy Hilovsky
For the Sooner Catholic

Oklahoma artist Donna McCoy has transformed what was once an “institutional wall” into a canvas of beauty with the story of Jesus’ three epiphanies: the visit of the Wise Men, The Baptism of Jesus and The Wedding at Cana.

The 84-foot long concrete-block wall facing classrooms and meeting rooms at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church in northwest Oklahoma City is now enhanced with murals. The idea to bring art into the church started with a committee organized to find ways to celebrate the church’s 40th anniversary. Mandy Brown, Epiphany’s religious education director, suggested doing something for the youth, and the idea of a teaching mural emerged.

After requesting and receiving $5,000 from the Pastoral Music and Fine Arts Grants through the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma to partially fund the project, parishioner McCoy was awarded the commission. According to Father Stephen Bird, pastor of Epiphany, McCoy, a parishioner, is “not only a good artist, but also has a degree in theology and really understands the nature of the project.”

But before she started, Bryan Warren, church musician and carpenter prepared the wall. He designed, fabricated and installed the frame that supports the panels, which are adhered to the wall. There are 22 4-foot by 8-foot panels or 704 square feet of space, framed by 220 linear feet of oak. These aluminum panels, which are more durable than wood or canvas, became McCoy’s workspace.

McCoy is a mid-life emerging artist who raised five children and enjoyed a 20-year career in psychology before embracing her passion for art. She loves to paint landscapes, wall murals using oils, egg tempera and, for this project, acrylics.

On her blog, www.artepiphany.com, she keeps readers up-to-date with the mural and explains her process. McCoy said for this work she focuses on iconography, which is a unique art form defined as the science of identification, description, classification and interpretation of symbols, themes and subject matter in the visual arts.

First an icon is to be thought of as a “door” or a “gate.”

“I keep that in mind as I paint and make the decisions about what to include,” McCoy said. However, she said although the art is her vision, “please keep in mind that an icon is best viewed with the heart open to hear what God will speak to you through it.”

In addition to the three epiphanies, the parish “also looked at examples of how a variety of other events and people could be depicted in the background and gave her ideas, beginning with the time of Christ until our modern era and Epiphany parish,” Fr. Bird said. “Donna has done extensive research and we are pleased with her plans.”

“We hope it will help our youth to know more about our faith, beginning with a better understanding of the name of our parish, Epiphany of the Lord,” Fr. Bird said. We can use the mural to teach about the 2,000-year history of our faith. The murals also will add beauty to our facility.”

For the smaller children, McCoy is allowing her drawings to be reproduced for the children to color. In addition, all of her research will be provided to the church so that it may be used for educational purposes.

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Back to School


St. Gregory’s University holds Convocation to celebrate beginning of academic year

Saint Gregory’s students, faculty and staff gathered in the Don and Jenetta Sumner Fieldhouse on Sunday, Aug. 21, for the annual Academic Convocation to welcome students back for the new academic year.

Saint Benedict, the founder of the Benedictine monastic life, around the year 535 A.D. wrote a handbook to help his monks in their quest for human fulfillment through a communal search for God. In this handbook, Saint Benedict instructs the abbot of the monastery to welcome guests by washing their hands, and by doing so, welcoming them into the community.

President Michael Scaperlanda and Rt. Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B., washed the hands of each new Saint Gregory’s student to welcome them into the Cavalier community.

“I thought the Washing of the Hands ceremony was really unique and a great way to open the school year,” said freshman Darian Hargis from Burns Flat. “I fell in love with Saint Gregory’s when I came for a campus tour – everyone was so nice and welcoming. I’m so excited about being part of the Saint Gregory’s family!”

President Scaperlanda delivered the keynote address. He spoke to students and faculty members about Saint Gregory’s mission to educate the whole person and help students establish a foundation to lead joy-filled lives in service to others, while earning a satisfactory living.

“Our purpose is to provide you with an education that allows you to go out and be luminous stars in both your personal life and in your communities,” Scaperlanda said.

President Scaperlanda assured students he would continue to pray for them throughout the school year, and invited them to stop by his office to say hello throughout the year. Saint Gregory’s kicked off the new academic year on Monday, Aug. 22.

Rt. Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B., washes the hands of St. Gregory’s student Alexas Vargas at the annual Academic Convocation. Photo Theresa Bragg.
Students from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Edmond and All Saints School in Norman celebrated the beginning of the school year with Mass and fun activities.

At St. Eugene in Oklahoma City, Fr. Christopher Brashears joined students for the Fun Run.

*Photos Theresa Bragg and provided.*

Catholic High Schools The Mount St. Mary freshmen class spent their class service day at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank. At Bishop McGuinness, the students welcomed their grandparents. David and Jane Edmonds pose with their granddaughters, Charlotte, left and Annemarie, right. *Photos provided.*
Celebrate feast days for September saints

**Saint Januarius**

Monday, Sept. 19, is the feast day of Saint Januarius, Bishop of Naples. He was martyred in the year 305 during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian.

He is the patron saint of Naples, where year-by-year the liquefaction of his blood preserved in a phial, takes place. He also is recognized as a saint in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

**Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions**

Tuesday, Sept. 20, is the feast day of Korean martyrs Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions. Saint Kim Tae-Gon (1821-1846) was the first Korean-born Catholic priest. He was martyred in 1846 during the Joseon Dynasty. He is the patron saint of Korea.

**Saint Matthew**

Wednesday, Sept. 21, is the feast day of Saint Matthew, one of the 12 apostles. "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, 'Follow me,' and he rose and followed him" (Mt 9:9). Saint Matthew wrote the first Gospel and preached in Palestine (Israel) and Ethiopia, where he was martyred in the year 60. Ethiopia is a Christian nation to this day.

**Saint Padre Pio**

Friday, Sept. 23, is the feast day of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968), better known as Padre Pio. He was a Capuchin friar who possessed the supernatural gift of the stigmata. When he said Mass, his hands and feet, correlating to the wounds of Christ, bled. On Good Friday, he was often bedridden. He also had the ability to read the souls of people who came to him for confession.

**Saints Cosmas and Damian**

Monday, Sept. 26, is the feast day of Saints Cosmas and Damian, who are very important in the Eastern Church. They were brothers, physicians and surgeons in Syria during the Roman Empire.

It is believed they were born in what is present-day Saudi Arabia. They cared for the sick without payment and were responsible for many conversions as a result of their charitable works. Both are believed to have been martyred in the year 287 under the reign of Emperor Diocletian. They are the patron saints of physicians and surgeons.

**Saint Vincent de Paul**

Tuesday, Sept. 27, is the feast day of Saint Vincent de Paul (1581-1660), who was a French priest known for his works of charity. As a young priest he was taken prisoner by the Muslim Barbary pirates and was a slave for several years.

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Saint Wenceslaus, also known as Vaclav the Good, was a Bohemian (modern day Czech Republic) duke. He was murdered by his brother while praying in church in September of 938 and is considered a martyr. He is the patron saint of the Czech Republic and its capital, Prague. He also is recognized as a saint in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Saint Lawrence Ruiz (1600-1637) was a layman of Chinese-Filipino descent. He journeyed with a group of priests to Okinawa, Japan. He and his priest companions were arrested and tortured by the shogunate that persecuted Christians. He is the patron saint of the Philippines.

**Archangel Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

Thursday, Sept. 29, is the feast day of Archangel Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.

**Saint Jerome**

Friday, Sept. 30, is the feast day of Saint Jerome (347-420). He was a Roman citizen born in Dalmatia (modern day Croatia and Slovenia). He was a hermit and is a Doctor of the Church. Saint Jerome translated the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate. He also is recognized by the Eastern Orthodox Church as a saint.

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Pregnancy and infant loss

St. Ann’s Ministry for Pregnancy and Infant Loss will have a special prayer service from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, at St. John’s Rapha- el House in Edmond. The monthly Catholic support group consists of parents who have lost a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, medical conditions, etc. Everyone is welcome, no matter how long ago the loss occurred. Con- tact Marilyn Seiler (405) 340-0691, Ext. 197, parishnurse@st-john-ol-og.org.

Lecture on Persecution of the Church

Assumption Church in Duncan will offer an adult education class Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. in Gillespie Hall, 711 W. Hickory Ave. Fr. Dariusz Jonczyk will present “Persecution of the Church by the Soviet K.G.B.” Fr. Dariusz has a PhD in World History from Northeastern University. His areas of expertise are European Culture, Modern World History, Modern Soviet and Eastern European History.

Lebanese Festival

The Lebanese Heritage and Food Festival is Sept. 24 at Our Lady of Lebanon parish in Nor- man. Admission free. The festival is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Vocal health workshop for choirs

Fr. Stephen Bird, president of the Oklaho- ma Alliance for Liturgy and the Arts, invites church musicians to participate in a workshop on vocal health for choirs Sept. 24, 9 a.m. to Noon, First Presbyterian Church, N. 25 and Western Avenue. There are two general sessions: an overview of vocal health as well as protecting the voice in rehearsals. Breakout sessions include promoting vocal health as director of a multi-generational choir and a group voice lesson. Keynote is Kelly Holst, with additional breakouts by Barbara DeMaio and Warren Puffer Jones. Price $10, with $100/ cap for choirs if registered by Sept. 19. After the 19th, individual registration $15, choir cap $150. Send checks payable to Oklahoma Alliance for Liturgy and the Arts (or “OALLA”) to 3102 N. Classen Blvd., No. 284, OKC 73118. Go online to www.liturgyandarts.org or call (405) 722-2110, Ext. 115.

Shawnee carnival and bazaar

St. Benedict’s 2016 Annual Fundraiser Carni- val and Bazaar is on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 632 N. Kickapoo in Shawnee. Take Exit 185 from Interstate 40 and then south three miles. The Granny’s Attic Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast begin at 8 a.m. Silent auction, arts and crafts booth, game booths, inflatables, bake sale, food booths and entertainment 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contact St. Benedict at (405) 275-0001.

Oktoberfest at Holy Spirit – Mustang

Holy Spirit in Mustang is celebrating Oktob- erfest from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Sept. 24. Re- serve a seat by calling the church office at (405) 376-9435 or visit www.holyspiritmustang.org, and select the Oktoberfest link. Proceeds to the new church building fund.

Annual young adult Mass and cookout with Archdiocese

The annual event for young adults ages 18-39 is Sept. 25 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, beginning at 3 p.m. Mass at 5 p.m.; cookout at 6 p.m. Presider is Fr. Chris Brashears, asso- ciate pastor at St. Eugene. The theme is “Free Fallin’: From Trust to Conviction” – How to trust God more and keep our faith through the struggles in our lives. Call the youth and Young Adult Office at (405) 721-9220 or e-mail hjtame@archokc.org.

40 Days for Life OKC

From Sept. 28 through Nov. 6, join oth- er Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside South Winds Women Clinic 1240 S.W. 44 (SE corner of Blackwelder Ave. and S.W. 44). Contact Debby Kirsch at dmkrirsch@hotmail.com, (405) 824-5578. 40daysforlife.com/oklahoma.html.

40 Days for Life Norman

Join in prayer Sept. 28 until Nov. 6, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily outside the Nor- man abortion clinic at 2453 Wilcox Drive. An opening ceremony will be held at Saint Mark Church in Norman on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Contact Connie Lang at (405) 249-1041 or jlang9@cox.net to sign up.

Kolache sale

St. John Nepomuk Altar Society - Yukon will be selling Kolaches in the PAC gym on Friday, Sept. 30 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. or until sold out. The price for these kolaches is $12 per dozen. The building is on west side of school. Watch for signs.

Birth Choice Walk

All are invited to the Birth Choice of Oklaho- ma 24th annual Celebration of Life Walk, Sun- day, Oct. 2, at the Myriad Botanical Gardens. Registration at 1 p.m. Walk at 2 p.m. Children and youth activities, live music by ZER028IX- TY. Food trucks available. Parking available at 350 W. Reno Ave. Contact Carrie at (405) 606-8426.

Oktoberfest

Join the St. Francis/Rosary School commu- nity for the 28th annual Oktoberfest, honoring patron saints, Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Francis of Assisi. This family friendly event will be held Sunday, Oct. 2, at 1919 NW 18th Street, OKC. It begins with a 2-mile Fun Run through the historic Gateway Neighborhood, followed by a carnival. The Fun Run starts at 12 p.m. immediately following 11 a.m. Mass. Oktoberfest 12 - 5 p.m. with live entertain- ment, games, a prize booth, face painting, carri- cature artist, inflatables, food, and much more! St. John Nepomuk arts and crafts fair

St. John Nepomuk Altar Society's Annu- al Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym at 600 Garth Brooks Blvd., Yukon. There will be a large variety of items including seasonal, jewel- ery, unique handmade items and a raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt. There will be grab bags for the first 25 people and a concession stand. If you are interested in participating as a vendor please call Patsy Ryan at (405) 833-3528.

Widowed, divorced and separated retreat

There is help for the heartache of separation, divorce and widowhood at a Beginning Expe- rience Weekend. The program helps with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Trained team members who have suffered the loss of a loved one share their experience as they lead partici- pants through presentations and small group sharing. The next Beginning Experience Weekend will be Oct. 21-23 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. To register, contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944. To download the regis- tration form, go online to www.archokc.org/ office-of-family-life/home.

Fall retreat

The Knights of Columbus Retreat for all Catholic women will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City, Oct. 22. Father Rick Stansberry, pastor of Christ the King, will pres- ent “How to get more out of the Mass.” He will present the history of the Mass, its special im- portance to Catholics and getting the most out of the mass. Cost $15 per attendee, lunch and 2 breaks included. To register, contact Michael Zink, Michael-the-ji@cox.net.

St. Eugene eighth annual gala and auction

Join St. Eugene for “A Night in Old Havana,” 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Embassy Suites, 741 N. Phillips Ave. The annual par- ish fundraiser features catered dinner and cocktails, games of chance, and silent and live auctions. This year’s gala raffle prize is a new 2016 Hyundai Accent; tickets $50. Gala tickets are $80 and may be purchased by credit card at steuigenes.ejoinme.org/2016 or call (405) 820-7529. Sponsorship opportunities begin at $250. Contact Nicole Hughes, (405) 361-2359 or nicole.hughespf@gmail.com.

Ladies group trip to Branson


Anniversary Mass


Faith Community Nursing course

Faith Community Nursing Foundations Course will be Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 9-11 at Oklahoma City University. Attendance required at all six sessions. Limited registration. Parish nurses work with health ministries in parishes in roles as educator, referral agent, advocate, personal health counselor, developer of support groups, volunteer coordinator, and integrator of faith and health. Scholarships available. Contact Nelda Hobbs at (405) 640-0458 or nhobbs@okcu.edu.

See more at www.archokc.org/briefs.
Ojos abiertos, puertas abiertas, corazón abierto

Durante la semana del 5-10 de septiembre la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City recibió líderes de la Asociación Católica Nacional de Discapacidades. Jan Benton, directora ejecutiva de NCDF, por sus siglas en inglés, y Esther Garcia, NCDF administradora de programas y actividades de divulgación, estaban aquí para ayudarnos en la evaluación de las necesidades de las familias y las personas con distintos tipos de discapacidad y formular una respuesta más eficaz a estos importantes miembros de nuestras parroquias.

Jan y Esther se reunieron con miembros de nuestro personal arquidiocesano, varios individuos, diáconos, padres y personas con discapacidad. Escucharon y aprendieron. Visitaron varios sitios importantes ya prestando servicios para individuos y familias con necesidades especiales, tales como Good Shepherd Catholic School en Mercy y el Center for Family Love en Okarche. Espero recibir su informe y recomendaciones basadas en sus sesiones de escucha y las encuestas que muchos han completado y regresado para nuestra consideración.

Este estudio llega en un buen momento para mí personal y he estado en el proceso de revisión y reestructuración de nuestra organización arquidiocesana para que podamos realizar con mayor eficacia nuestra misión de evangelización al servicio de las parroquias, las familias y los individuos de la arquidiócesis. En el curso del tiempo, a medida que lleve mos a cabo nuestras actividades diarias en varias oportunidades, es más cierto en ciertas realidades. Ocurre con frecuencia que muchas cuestiones importantes se pasan por alto debido a las muchas demandas urgen tes y apremiantes que cumplen por nuestra atención cada día. Esto es cierto en cada una de nuestras vidas. También es cierto en las organizaciones, tales como parroquias e escuelas.

Es por esta razón por la que pedí este estudio. Sé que hay muchas personas que debido a limitaciones físicas, mentales, esenciales o de desarrollo no disfrutan del acceso a la participación plena en la vida de nuestras parroquias e incluso a los sacramentos.

Uno de los temas que el Papa Francisco ha destacado desde el primer día de su pontificado ha sido la llamada a salir hacia los márgenes y las periferias de nuestras comunidades y dar la bienvenida a las personas de todas las situaciones o culturas que pueden hablar un idioma diferente. No siempre es fácil ser inclusivo. Con frecuencia nos inmiscuimos con personas que se ven, suenan, piensan o se expresan de manera diferente que nosotros. Con el amor de Cristo nos aprendemos a no being marginalized and a co-celebrar con aquellos que nos escuchan y nos ayudan.

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Cómo aplicar a Cristo Rey

Los padres que deseen obtener más información sobre Cristo Rey pueden visitar el sitio web de la escuela en www.CristoReyOKC.org o póngase en contacto con el escuela Presidente Renee Porter.

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Escuela secundaria católica Cristo Rey abrirá en Oklahoma City

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Padre Magallanes celebra 40 años de servir a Dios y a los hombres

Por María Anna Mendoza
Para el Sooner Catholic

El padre Manuel Magallanes recibe a los visitantes con una sonrisa sincera. Un sacerdote Benedic- dicinó, celebró su Jubileo por 40 años de sacerdocio el 25 de junio. Su rostro refleja la serenidad de quienes realmente viven la presencia del Señor. Ha dedicado años a identificar y unificar a las comunidades hispanas a través del proyecto 40/81, en siete parroquias en el oeste y centro de Oklahoma.

Hace tan sólo unas semanas fui bendecido con una emergencia y luego a un cuarto en el hospital, pero estoy seguro de que la humanidad y Dios se encuentran, y ¡hay celebración!

Mi cuarenta años como sacerdote soñado han sido en realidad una preparación para encontrar a Dios en mi vida sacerdotal, subidas y bajadas, sacrificios para encontrar a Dios en mi vida sacerdotal, subidas y bajadas, pero al fin encontrando el sentido a mi vida. María Anna Mendoza es escritora independiente del Sooner Catholic.

El padre Manuel Magallanes se encuentra cerca de un estanque de la Abadía de San Gregorio para hablar de su juventud, su jubileo de 40 años de sacerdocio y cómo acabó en Oklahoma. Foto María Anna Mendoza.

Visitar a los enfermos en el siglo 21
Lo que hice este verano

Por Pedro A. Moreno, O.P.
Director del Ministerio Hispano

Hace tan sólo unas semanas fui bendecido con una emergencia médica. Después de una cirugía oral que resultó muy bien, me fui a casa y empecé a tomar mis medicamentos, y eso no me resultó bien. ¡Qué noche aquella!

Sin entrar en demasiados detalles, puedo compartir que fui a mi casa y empecé a tomar mis medicamentos, y eso no me resultó bien. ¡Qué noche aquella!

En este año de misericordia se nos recuerdan las Obras Corporales de Misericordia, y una de ellas es visitar a los enfermos. Desde el punto de vista de alguien que de manera renuente fue obligado a ser Cristo para los demás, me siento satisfecho. El padre Magallanes está satisfecho.

Un buen amigo, párroco de una parroquia de Lourdes en California y Oklahoma, el Padre Magallanes, está satisfecho.

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Mientras que la iglesia nos invita a ver en los enfermos y moribundos una imagen de Cristo, lo contrario también es cierto. Desde la perspectiva de un hombre enfermo en una cama de hospital cada visitante, por vía electrónica o en persona, es Cristo visitándome en un momento de debilidad y dependencia de los demás. Este amor sana y da esperanza.

No dejes de visitar al enfermo: con tales obras te harás amar. (Eclesiástico 7, 35) A todos los enfermos, y amigos y familiares de los que están enfermos, os animo a dejarle saber a su familia de fe de que usted, o alguien que conoce, está pasando por un momento difícil y está en necesidad de oración. Déjele saber a la parroquia de que tienen hombre de Cristo en la Eucaristía. Pida el Sacramento de los Enfermos.

¡En el siglo 21 una visita a un enfermo puede iniciarse con tan solo una llamada telefónica!
Wills and Trusts Week 2016 in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke: 12:34

THE FINANCIAL DECISIONS YOU MAKE TODAY
WILL DEFINE YOUR LEGACY
Come to Wills and Trusts Week 2016
October 3—October 24
Informative and spirited sessions for Catholics in Oklahoma.

Decisions about your estate plans are some of the most important you will make. Are you prepared? We can help. Catholics from all parishes are invited to attend one of the information sessions during Wills and Trusts Week, October 3 – October 24.

The Local Parishes listed here, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma — financial stewards of the Catholic faith in Oklahoma and Catholic Charities — providers of vital services to those in need, combined to present this special program of information and prayer at this very important time in your life.

Stewardship: Giving Back to God
In a call to all Catholics, Archbishop Paul Coakley said, “A Christian steward is someone who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, shares them generously, and returns them with increase to the Lord. Planning is an essential part of stewardship and I encourage all Catholics to participate.”

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Monday Evening, October 3, 2016- 7-9 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Church
900 S. Littler Ave., Edmond, OK

Monday Evening, October 10, 2016 - 7-9 p.m.
St. John Nepomuk Church
800 S. Garth Brooks Blvd, Yukon, OK

Tuesday Evening, October 11, 2016 - 7-9 p.m.
St. Joseph Church
421 E. Acres Street, Norman, OK

Thursday Evening, October 13, 2016 - 7-9 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Church
1101 N Madison St; Edl, OK

Monday Evening, October 17, 2016 - 7-9 p.m.
Christ the King Church
8000 N Dorset Ave., Oklahoma City

Monday Evening, October 24, 2016 - 7-9 p.m.
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
711 Hickory Ave., Duncan, OK

Sessions will be presented by local Catholic estate planning attorneys.

Admission is free to all Catholics. Reservations are not necessary but welcome. Refreshments will be served. You don’t have to be a parishioner to attend a session at any of the parishes.

Call, email or go online to make your reservation: (405) 721-4115
jbohan@archokc.org
www.cfook.org

Please do not call the individual parishes for information.

Estate planning is the process of anticipating and arranging for the disposal of your assets when you die. Estate planning typically attempts to eliminate uncertainties over that transition. As you prepare your will or trust be sure to communicate your Catholic values which should include a Catholic Healthcare Directive and Durable Power of Attorney. These documents should be included in any estate plan to communicate your wishes with healthcare decisions and to assign a person to act on your behalf should you be unable to do so. Planning today is so important. Attend one of these information sessions and learn more about the process of estate planning.

Jobs Box

Managing editor – Sooner Catholic newspaper
The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a managing editor for its newspaper, the Sooner Catholic. The full-time position is responsible for management of freelance writers, bulletin communication, e-newsletters, issue design and layout, and invoicing. Bachelor’s degree required; experience with InDesign, Adobe Suite or other CRM databases preferred. Bilingual a plus. Send resume to Nancy Largent at nlargent@archokc.org.

Administrative assistant - OKC
The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has an immediate opening for an administrative assistant for the Office of Stewardship and Development. The position is responsible for providing assistance and support of an administrative, clerical and technical nature, primarily for the executive director. The successful candidate will be bilingual in English/Spanish and organized and have excellent written, verbal and social media communication skills. Familiarity with The Raisers Edge or other CRM databases preferred. Send resume to nlargent@archokc.org.

Catapult Learning teacher
Provides contracted instructional services with educational expertise in reading, mathematics, writing and related areas; diagnoses learning skill deficits and delivers prescribed instructional methods; consults with school personnel to coordinate efforts in providing services to students; communicates and conferences with parents. Apply online at www.catapult-learning.com and click on careers. Apply to job No. 2016-4090.

See more at www.archokc.org/jobs-box.
Calendar

September
21 Feast of St. Matthew.
22 Bingo at St. James, 4201 S. McKinley Ave., OKC. Food served at 5:45 p.m. Bingo at 6:30 p.m. All games $10. Door prizes and recognition for players born in September. All players get entry for large flat screen TV drawing in October. Contact Michael Zink, (405) 314-4120.
22 Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact Toni Calvey at (405) 630-0539, tonicalvey1900@gmail.com or visit www.SpiritOKC.org.
22 Eucharistic adoration will be held each week from 9 p.m. Thursday to 3 p.m. Friday at the Gospel of Life Dwelling chapel, 1145 S.W. 42, OKC. Enter through side door. Contact Sr. Maria at (405) 778-1107.
23 St. Joseph’s, Norman, Knights of Columbus Council will have a fish fry to benefit tuition assistance for students at All Saints School. Serving fried catfish/baked tilapia from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the gymnasium at 421 E. Acres St. in Norman. $5/child, $9/adult and teen, $30 max/family.
24 Most Rev. John C. Waster, archbishop of Santa Fe, will speak about prayer and faith at the Cathedrical Congress. Sign up through parish catechetical leader.
24 St. Benedict Church Annual Carnival and Bazaar, 632 N. Kickapoo in Shawnee. Take exit 185 off I-40 and go south three miles. The Granny’s Attic Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The silent auction, arts & crafts booth, game booths, inflatables, bouncy sale, food booths and entertainment will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m. Contact St. Benedict at (405) 275-0001.
24 St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk, 9 a.m., All Saints Catholic School, 4001 36 Ave. N.W., Norman. Register or donate: www.SVdPUSA.net/walk/1568.
24 The Lebanese Heritage and Food Festival at Our Lady of Lebanon parish in Norman. Admission free. The festival is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
24 Red Mass at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in OKC.
24 Holy Spirit in Mustang Oktoberfest from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Reserve a seat by calling church office at (405) 376-9435 or visit www.holyspiritmustang.org.
24 Catholic Singles and Friends sports-themed dance at St. Charles Borromeo, N.W. 50 and Grove, at 7 p.m. Dance ends at 11 p.m.
25 Pray the Rosary for Life at the Norman abortion clinic, 2453 Wilcox Dr., at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday. Contact Connie Lang at jiang9@cox.net.
27 Feast of St. Vincent de Paul.
28 Feast of St. Wenceslaus.
28 40 Days for Life begins. Stand and peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside South Winds Women Clinic 1240 S.W. 44 (Blackwelder Avenue and S.W. 44). Contact Debby Krisch at dmkrisch@hotmail.com, (405) 824-5578.
29 Fr. Charles Dahm, O.P., of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will speak on Safety and Peace in the Family at the Catholic Pastoral Center in OKC. Call (405) 721-8944, Ext. 109 to register.
29 Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Blue Mass at the Cathedral at 6 p.m.

October
1 Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus.
1 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, at St. Ann Nursing Home, OKC. Mass at 9:30 a.m.; meetings following, Contact Toni Harrelson at (405) 341-2199.
2 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Claire Fraternity meets at 1:15 p.m. at St. Thomas More, Norman, in the library. All are welcome. Contact Alice at (405) 473-7680.
2 Birth Choice of Oklahoma 24th annual Celebration of Life Walk at the Myriad Botanical Gardens. Registration 1 p.m. Walk 2 p.m. Parking available at 350 W. Reno Ave. Contact Carrie at (405) 606-8426.
2 Are you a Catholic layperson who is drawn to religious life? Attend the monthly meeting of the Third Order (Lay) Dominicans. Stanley Rother House (behind St. James) in OKC on the first Sunday of each month, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call John or Mary McClernon at (405) 330-6334 or (405) 414-9407.

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Nine priests celebrate jubilees

The priests of the archdiocese attended a dinner Sept. 6 to celebrate the ordination anniversaries of nine priests. From left to right: Fr. Charles Murphy, 25 years; Fr. Stephen Bird, 40 years; Fr. Carl Janocha and Fr. Ray Ackerman, 25 years; Archbishop Coakley; Fr. Philip Seeton and Fr. Vincent Ramineda, 25 years; Fr. Manuel Magallanes, O.S.B., 40 years; Fr. Joe Jacobi, 25 years; not pictured is Fr. Richard Beckman, 60 years. Photo Chris Porter.

From middle left, the men celebrating 25 years of priesthood on their ordination day, June 1, 1991: Fr. Murphy, Fr. Janocha, Fr. Ackerman, Fr. Seeton and Fr. Jacobi. At left, Fr. Magallanes, O.S.B., on the day of his first Communion. Photos archives of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

To view a video of this year’s jubilarians, go online to www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1czuLkRczw or search for the ArchOKC page on YouTube.