Catholic social justice and the Civil Rights Movement

Church celebrates 50 years since the signing of the Civil Rights Act

By Diane Clay

On a steamy Georgia morning in March 1965, Father Eusebius Beltran and three of his brother priests piled into the four-door sedan they borrowed from the Archdiocese of Atlanta and headed south toward Selma, Ala.

It had been two days since they'd heard news of a police shooting and beatings during a protest march in Selma that would later become known as "Bloody Sunday."

The men were not strangers to marches during the Civil Rights Movement, having marched many times through the streets of Atlanta to protest discrimination by schools, restaurants, bus stations and other public venues. But, they hadn't marched in a protest like this. The Selma marches became a national spark to protest the ongoing exclusion of African-American voters from the electoral process and from the discrimination they faced.

At the urging of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who they'd spoken with often at his father's Baptist church, the Catholic priests sought approval from Archbishop Hallinan for the road trip to Selma and use of the archdiocese's car.

"He told me that he wanted to see the boys, the priests, who were going with me before we left," said Archbishop Beltran, who is now Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

"The four of us went to see Archbishop Hallinan in the hospital and that's when he asked us 'Do you guys know what you're doing? Do you realize you're breaking the law? Do you know that you could go to jail? And, that if you go to jail, I want to let you know I will not bail you out because part of standing for the truth is you take the punishment, and that's part of the punishment.' We said we all knew that, and he said 'OK, God bless you.'"

After a nervous 4-hour drive to Selma, the priests each claimed a mattress on the floor of a hallway at the Catholic church and headed to join the crowds at a pre-march pep rally.

"The whole thing was well-organized and there was always a spokesman up there who was giving directions, reminding people no violence and to be ready to take a beating. It was scary in a way, but when you're young, you don't think about it. And, it had to be done too. It was part of the movement at that time. Selma brought together everything we were working toward."

The next day, the march began in the same way it had two days earlier. Dr. King led the way across the Edmund Pettus Bridge where the group of more than 2,500 marchers were met by state troopers. Since a judge had issued a court order prohibiting the marchers from continuing to Montgomery, Ala., they turned around and marched back to the church without incident. (Later that evening, three white pastors were attacked by members of the Klu Klux Klan, killing one Universalist pastor after the public hospital refused treatment.)

Following the second march, which became known as "Turnaround Tuesday," Father Beltran and his crew returned to Atlanta where they continued their meetings and marches for several years – including a march to protest a segregated chicken restaurant owned by Lester Maddox, who later became Georgia's governor.

It has been 50 years since President Lyndon Johnson signed the landmark Civil Rights Act, which outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and ended unequal application of voter registration requirements and racial segregation in schools, at the workplace and by facilities that served the general public.

While there have been significant gains in opportunity, fairness and civil rights, Archbishop Beltran said new clashes such as those in Ferguson, Mo., are most unfortunate.

Eucharistic procession held at Saint Francis

To counteract the effects of the Satanic ritual scheduled for the evening of Sept. 21 at the Oklahoma City Civic Center, Archbishop Coakley, the faithful of the archdiocese and men and women from across the country will join in a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. The event begins at 3 p.m. at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Oklahoma City.

Pope Francis leads Benediction outside the Basilica of St. Mary Major as he celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi in Rome June 19. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)
The Hour has come

On Sunday, Sept. 21, a local satanic sect apparently will be allowed to conduct a public act of homicide: the performance of a so-called black mass at the Civic Center in Oklahoma City, at the same rate of an annual festival of ashes and lauds of ams from around the world, our city’s leaders will allow this outrageous public support for the cult. They will not accredit to the reasonable requests of the faithful to stop this ugliness, this sacrilege. The Catholic Mass is not the reason for so many that this satanic ritual invokes powers of evil and incites them to commit murder.

Even though our city leaders apparently do not take this threat seriously, I do. As a Catholic priest and bishop I have witnessed in my ministry the battle between forces of good and evil in both ordinary and extraordinary ways. It is not merely a struggle rooted in human or divine source, but it is a battle certainly of the source of much suffering and mayhem in our lives and in our world. Denominational activity and the chaos of sin is very real. The madness of war accompanied by increasingly brutal acts of terror, the foreboding in our schools and communities are all evi- dence that something is terribly wrong.

The crucial battleground for the forces of good and evil is the human heart. As a Christian, I believe that Jesus Christ came to conquer the power of sin and to cast out demons. This was an essential part of his mis- sionary work. He also asked for prayers for his trip to the Holy Land and in his final words to his disciples before he was crucified over the dark mass. I am deeply grateful for the strong response to our appeal for prayer throughout the Chris- tian community. In every community from coast to coast across Oklahomans, throughout our great country and around the world have responded with prayer and fasting. We have been given an opportunity to express our faith in the Lord and our profound gratitude for his gift of the Eucharist through acts of devotion. Many of our Catholic people have been asking to St. Michael the Archangel for heavenly protection against the powers of evil in our land.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, we will gather for a public act of worship at St. Francis of Assisi Church. I invite all Catholics as well as other Christian believers who are willing, good will to join us for a Eucharistic Holy Hour, an out- door Eucharistic procession scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. We will prayerfully hear our witness to our faith as an expression of our solidarity and in preparation for acts of blasphemy.

I am aware that other groups are planning to show their opposition to the blasphemous event that evening at the Civic Center. I urgently ask everyone to avoid their opposition to the blasphemous event that evening of worship at St. Francis of Assisi Church. I invite all those who desire to offer prayers for the protection of the Catholic Church and for the good of all, to join us at 3 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi. We would welcome you to the Civic Center to pray in silent reverence and peace. The provisional twenty to those who pray there will be no violence. It would be presumptuous and dan- gerous to expose ourselves to others to those evil in- fluences.

Finally, let us demonstrate our faith in the power of the Lord’s grace by praying for the conversion of those who will not participate in this despicable act at the Civic Center. “I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good.” (Mt 5:44-45)

Archbishop Cookley’s Calendar

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

Sept. 21 – Holy Hour, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Oklahoma City

Sept. 21-25 – Catholic Extension Mission Bishops Conference, Chicago

Sept. 26 – Mass for Full Teachers Institute, 8:30 a.m., St. Francis De Sales Chapel at Catholic Pastoral Center

Sept. 27 – Mass for Catholic Congress, Noon, St. Francis De Sales Chapel at Catholic Pastoral Center

Sept. 27 – Red Mass, 5 p.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City

Sept. 27-30 – Mass and dinner with students, 5 p.m., St. Thomas More University and Student Parish and Student Center

Sept. 30 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis De Sales Chapel at Catholic Pastoral Center

Oct. 1 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8 a.m., St. Mary School, Guatemala City

Oct. 2 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:15 a.m., Christ the King School, Oklahoma City

Oct. 3 – Worldwide Children’s Eucharist and Holy Hour, 8:30 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Edmond

Oct. 4 – Keynote speaker for 2014 Rediscover Catholic Crewe, Memphis

Oct. 8 – Archbishop’s Annual Picnic for Priests, Deacons, Religious, CFC Staff and Board Members, 5 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center

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“No matter where we went, Saint Mary’s always felt like home,” Holman said.

Father Stephen Austin is a former parochial student at Saint Mary’s Church. He left his job in 1981, but returned in 1997.

“All of my children were baptized here, and I waited until we came back to be baptized here myself. It feels like a family. No matter where we went, we are Catholic. Father Austin, Car

Austin grew up at Saint Mary’s and was one of the last to enter the convent when it was in its old location. Looking back, she has
many memories.

“It was a close knit bunch. It was a real place to grow up. Everyone knew everyone and they took care of one another. That’s the way she said.

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Jubilarian Dinner celebrates ordination anniversaries

By Sarah Cooper
For the Sooner Catholic

When Father SWamy Andarias celebra-
ted his first Mass at Saint Peter’s Catholic Church in Woodward, he was nervous about what the parishioners would think of him, especially his English pronunciation. To his delight, a number of the parishioners stopped after Mass to thank him for his wonderful homily.

“I was extremely happy when I heard their apprecia-
tion,” Father Andarias said. “I was really a big deal to hear those com-
ments on that first day.”

Now the pastor at Sacred Heart parish in Mangum as well as its missions in Hobart and Hollis, Father Andarias is begin-
ing his fourth year as a missionary priest for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. His vocation began in K.K. Patur, a small town in southern India. After his parents experienced infertility for 14 years, they vowed to Our Lady of Good Health that if they were blessed with a child they would encourage him or her to pursue a religious vocation.

“One day I bought a dress for my daughter, my parents were pleased and encour-
gaged me to consider the priesthood,” Father Andarias said.

After serving as a priest for the Diocese of Nellore, India for 11 years, his bishop gave him the opportunity to serve Oklahoma’s Indian parishes. Once he arrived, Father Andarias realized that navigating the two vastly different cultures would be his biggest challenge.

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To help the archdiocese’s international priests adjust to life in the United States, Father Scott Boeckman, vicar of priests for the archdiocese, ensures they feel welcome and their acceptance. “I meet without judgment.”

The brothers of the archdiocese gathered Sept. 4 to celebrate priesthood anniver-
saries. Among those recognized was Fr. Bill Ross, who celebrated his tenth anniversary of ordination.

Suicide Prevention Month

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Catholic Charities are working hard to train all staff and volunteers to help prevent suicide in our parish-
s and schools.

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Almighty and eternal God, you are the source of all that is good, and you teach us, by the example of your Son, to serve with love...

The broken and depressed, the forgotten and alone, the stranger and the lost, the sick and the dying, the hungry and the naked, the young and the old, the weak and the strong, the innocent and the guilty, and all those in need, until he comes again in glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.


Meet Our Sisters

This is part of a series to intro-
duce the religious sisters of the
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The sisters serve in Oklahoma.

Sister Mary Rose Elizabeth Power, RSM

What community do you belong to? Immaculate Heart of Mary, South Central Community.

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Across the Archdiocese

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For the Sooner Catholic

The bi-annual Region 10 Youth Conference this year from Sept. 21 to Nov. 23 at the Cox Convention Center and the ballroom at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel.

Young people from across Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas will gather to share their faith, and be inspired to live that faith in a world that can be hostile to Christianity.

The 3-day weekend will include music, prayer workshops and three general break-out sessions with keynote speakers.

This year’s speakers include Leah Darrow, a native Oklahoman and well-known ex-model and chastity advocate. Speaking throughout the country and worldwide, Darrow challenges young women to live chastely and modestly. By drawing on her own experience, Darrow tells a compelling story of how she nearly lost her soul.

Other speakers at the conference include tournament, Father’s great grandparents came to the United States from Czechoslovakia. He was raised in Union City.

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As was the case with many ethnic families at that time, Father grew up speaking Czech and did not learn English until he went to school. He said he is looking forward to the Mass. “I am just one of them; that people would want to keep up their tradition,” Father Michalek said.

The offertory hymn of the Mass will feature music recognizing the Czech heritage. Robert Stohle, director of liturgy and music for Saint John’s, reports that the Largo from Czech composer Antonin Dvorak’s Symphony No. 9, known as “The New World Symphony,” will be presented with words in Czech added. Bishop Beltran, Archbishop Coakley and the Slovak national anthem will be played at the conclusion of the Mass, and many people are expected to attend wearing traditional Czech folk dresses.

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Shrine of the Little Flower, Czech Mass to be held in Yukon

If You Go

Steve Angrisano will host two events in OKC

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Above, Bishop Edward Weisenburger and Archbishop Eusebio Elizondo celebrate Mass after the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on Sept. 12. The peace pilgrimage is especially timely as it occurred 2 weeks after a ceasefire of fighting between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

At right, Bishop Pfleger, Bishop Beltran, and Archbishop Beltran at a spot overlooking Jerusalem on Sept. 12.

Archbishop Beltran celebrates Mass at the Church of the Flagellation on Sept. 12. The Mass is offered each year, just prior to Yukon’s Czech Festival in early October. The Mass will be celebrated for Mass. Campers will participate in a Eucharistic procession to the Oklahoma City National Memorial with a prayer service being conducted at the site.

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Father Bruce Natsuhara dies at 62

Father Bruce Natsuhara, a Catholic priest who served in Oklahoma City, passed away July 24, 2012. He was 80.

Br. Bruce Natsuhara, a brother of the Christian Brothers, was born in Plainfield, Ill., on Dec. 15, 1932, and was ordained a priest on May 23, 1964. He was assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Oklahoma City.

Saint Teresa of the Andes is a Catholic chapel located in the Andes Mountains of South America.

Father Natsuhara served as assistant pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Oklahoma City, and was later assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Francis Xavier Church.

He taught English at the University of Oklahoma in Norman and was also a part-time instructor at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Father Natsuhara died peacefully at home in his Oklahoma City home on July 24, 2012. He was a member of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Natsuhara, and their four children: Brian, Elizabeth, Peter and Patricia. He is also survived by his two brothers, John and Michael, and his sister, Mary Kay.

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Obituary for Sister Dorothy Doolan, OP

Sister Dorothy Doolan was born Jan. 21, 1934, in St. Louis, Mo. She was the daughter of James J. Doolan, a member of the Irish-Catholic faith, and the late Margaret (nee Dunham) Doolan.

Sister Dorothy entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, Calif., in 1952, and made her profession in 1954. She received her bachelor’s degree in education from the University of St. Louis in 1956 and her master’s degree in education from the University of Oklahoma in 1964.

She served as a teacher in Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Pa., and New York City. She later served as principal of St. John the Baptist School in Oklahoma City.

In 1970, Sister Dorothy moved to California to serve as principal of St. Joseph’s School in Orange, Calif. She later served as principal of St. Joseph the Worker School in Los Angeles for 23 years.

Sister Dorothy is survived by her brother, Robert Doolan, and her sister, Margaret (nee Dunham) Masterson.

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Obituary for Sister Patricia Kopycinski, CST

Sister Patricia Kopycinski, CST, a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, Calif., died July 24, 2012, in Oklahoma City. She was 80.

Sister Patricia was born May 5, 1932, in Oklahoma City, to Joseph and Alice Kopycinski. She was a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph since 1954.

She taught in Oklahoma City and Oklahoma City Public Schools for 30 years. She also taught at St. John the Baptist School in Oklahoma City and at the University of Oklahoma.

Sister Patricia is survived by her sister, Mary Lou Kopycinski, and her brother, John Kopycinski.

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My Transformative Experiences Growing up in the Civil Rights Era

By Sister Patricia Chapell, R.S.M.

Growing up in New Haven, Connecticut as an African American was challenging, especially during the turbulent times of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. It was a time of hope and affirmation of my blackness and dignity through the Black Power movement.

This was also a time to ask challenging questions within my faith community. At St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, a predominantly African-American parish: How could this white, blonde, blue-eyed Jesus speak the Gospel of freedom and liberation when white people were the oppressors? And how could I identify with this Jesus? This school of faith and my opportunity to explore the questions more deeply with Baptists and Muslims.

My church community began to incorporate Gospel music and African rhythms into its liturgical celebrations. As the Civil Rights Movement grew, many parishioners came together with others of color who lived and worked in the community to work for our lives and on the lives of others in the country.

Vividly, I also remember the sorrow and despair felt when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated April 4, 1968. Someone in the family had died. The event would explode into angry rioting and destruction, which would take decades to rebuild.

To this day I carry these transformative experiences with me.

Sister Patricia Chapell is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Connecticut unit. She is a former president of the National Black Sisters’ Conference and currently Co-Chairs the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur-USA, National Anti-Racism Team.

Young People Deserve to Experience the Dignity of Work

By Joanna Arellano

The La Vilita (Little Village) neighborhood, also known as “Mexico of the Midwest,” has many faces. Bustling with loud rancheras and colorful taquero stands, it is still plagued with high rates of crime and gang violence, high poverty, under-resourced schools, teen pregnancy, and low green space-per-capita ratio in Chicago.

Both from Mexico, my parents built their lives in La Vilita. Growing up in a humble household, money was never at the center of our lives. It was at the center of our worries.

As blue-collar workers, my parents knew early on that a quality education for their daughters would be the only guarantee to escape what we were up against. My oldest sister paved the way as the first member in both my immediate and extended family to attend college, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The three remaining sisters followed in her footsteps.

My experience in college was extremely transformational and enriching. For the first time, I delved deeply into social justice with the Church, learned art as a form of the special needs community, interacted with the U.S. government, and learned the poetic language and culture of Brazil first-hand.

Immediately after graduation, my memories and intangible experiences from college became bundled into two words – student loans.

Now, two years later, I carry my debt of over $300k on my back everywhere I go, with interest climbing higher and higher every month and year. Although I was able to find a full-time job in the midst of our poor economy, I am still paying the price by juggling a student loan debt, car loan debt, rent, groceries, etc. Numerous friends have gone back to living with their parents because they cannot make ends meet.

The psychological and spiritual impact of debt and unemployment is devastating. The dignity of work stems from our call for stewardship of the world and all in it, as a means to enter more deeply in relationship with God. If our youth are unable to experience and live out this principle vibrantly, discerning one’s vocation and purpose becomes a tumultuous challenge and mystery at a crucial age.

We begin with understanding that our current economic circumstance is causing high youth unemployment rates, and that a substantial percent of the jobs added since 2008 are low-wage jobs. The corporatization of public higher education in some sectors is harming many students’ capacity to fully participate in the dignity of work. Too often, students entering and leaving college are viewed as dollar signs by some institutions and organizations, rather than as children of God with the unique capacity to better society through their gifts and achieving a higher education.

Catholic Social Teaching calls us to confront systemic injustices that threaten the dignity of the human person on every level – from conception to natural death. We can respond to this systemic and deeply embedded injustice by supporting local organizations and movements that address these issues.

We can organize to respond as a Church to ensure that we, as a society, are not diminishing the dignity of the young person for generations to come in our country.

Our existence is not “for-profit.” Joanna Arellano is Program Coordinator, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Campaign for Human Development for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Archbishop Beltran poses with a first communion class. Photo courtesy of Archdiocesan Atlanta.