DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church is participating in One Church, Many Disciples, along with every church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. This first ever major campaign will build a Shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, support faith formation ministries and strengthen local parishes, including Immaculate Heart. We join with faithful from across the archdiocese who are also helping to ensure our local church is strong and vibrant for generations to come.

As an archdiocese, we form a faith community of 200,000 Catholics in central and western Oklahoma; we truly are One Church, Many Disciples! With the Beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother, each of us has the opportunity to share in his legacy. What an occasion to live Jesus’ call to missionary discipleship.

Please take a moment to review the impact One Church, Many Disciples will have on Immaculate Heart of Mary.

OUR PARISH ROOTS

Calumet, in northwestern Canadian County, was established as a town site in 1893. The first Catholic church was built during the pastorate of Fr. Constantine Pourcin, O.S.B., of El Reno. Bishop Meerschaert dedicated the church on February 21, 1904. Nine years later, however, it was wrecked in a windstorm. The lumber that could be salvaged was used by Fr. Albert Monnot, of Geary, in building the second church, dedicated to St. Anthony on October 6, 1913. A third church was dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on April 1, 1959.

In 1941, Fr. Don Kanaly became pastor of Calumet. He was involved at the time in developing a correspondence school for Catholic children in parishes too small to have either a Catholic school or their own religious education program. The program moved with him to Calumet, and it was administered by two Precious Blood Sisters who resided in the town.

In recent years, the pastor of Calumet has been the Catholic chaplain at the nearby U.S. Reformatory at El Reno.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, Immaculate Heart is very active, with multiple clubs and ministry groups that benefit the faith community in Calumet. Immaculate Heart offers religious education programs, an altar society, and communal dinners that work to create a welcoming faith community. In addition, Immaculate Heart hosts a variety of fundraising efforts, further building the sense of community within the church.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Immaculate Heart of Mary welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City’s campaign, One Church, Many Disciples. This campaign will enable the building of a shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, and will fund shared ministerial needs. Through participating in this campaign, Immaculate Heart will raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of $80,000. Immaculate Heart will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $16,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to Immaculate Heart.

OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

Through the One Church, Many Disciples campaign, we will not only play a significant role in this historic moment in the Church’s history, but we will also be able to support exciting new projects at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

With Immaculate Heart’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we intend to build new classrooms for our growing religious education program. God has blessed us with tremendous growth, and new classrooms would allow us to meet the demands this growth has created. Remaining funds will be used for ongoing maintenance and repairs.