DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Our Lady of Victory Parish 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 ours. 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 our parish. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Our Lady of Victory.

Reverend James F. Chamberlain, Pastor

OUR PARISH ROOTS

When the Land Run of 1889 occurred, there had already been a Catholic Church in Purcell for three years. A missionary priest, Fr. Francis Roquier, built a small frame church in 1886, and Benedictine Monks in the area assumed responsibility for Our Lady of Victory. In 1888, Father Vincent Joly became the first resident pastor, and he began construction on a new, larger church building in 1891. Bishop Meerschaert visited in 1892 to dedicate the new church.

The third, and present, church was dedicated by Bishop McGuiness in 1952. Built in the Romanesque style, it contained the altar and stained glass windows from Our Lady’s Cathedral in Oklahoma City, which had recently been remodeled. On April 2, 2000, Archbishop Beltran dedicated a fine new parish hall at Our Lady of Victory.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Our Lady of Victory is a warm, friendly, and generous community of faith. We gather together for worship, meals, and activities. We reach out to the poor with our conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The men of our Knights of Columbus chapter and our women of our Altar Society work to enliven our spirit and support special activities. Our mission is to worship together and to bring the Kingdom of God to our world, and we strive to fulfill that mission every day.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Our Lady of Victory 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, Our Lady of Victory will raise significant funds toward needs of our beloved community. Our parish share of the archdiocesan goal is $225,000. We hope to exceed this goal and raise $281,000 for the parish needs. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve this goal. Our Lady of Victory will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above our goal will be returned to our parish. This means if we reach the challenge goal, our parish will receive $73,000.

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 here at Our Lady of Victory.

With our share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will begin a project to build a new chapel and Spirituality Center for our Parish.

This provides three major benefits:

More Classrooms:
Two classrooms with updated technology to allow for better educational outcomes.

St. Vincent de Paul area:
A dedicated area to store and distribute goods, along with counseling space to support those in need.

A Prayer Chapel:
To seat up to people, independent of the from church and offices, possibility of perpetual adoration.