



## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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Sacred Heart 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 Sacred 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 Sacred Heart. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Sacred Heart.



Rev. Bala Raju Pudota

## OUR PARISH ROOTS

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Father Leo Gariador, O.S.B., visited Perry the day it opened, September 16, 1893. A year later, Bishop Meerschaert dedicated a new church in Perry to St. Rose of Lima, a patron chosen by the members of the parish altar society. The present St. Rose of Lima dates back to October 24, 1923. The parish opened a cemetery in 1898, and St. Joseph's Academy opened on September 8, 1900, with 175 students. The Sisters



of Divine Providence comprised the faculty; it was the first mission in Oklahoma for this Texas based community, which over the years would send more than 850 sisters to teach in Oklahoma's parochial schools. Sisters of the Adorers of the Most Precious Blood provided instruction in St. Joseph's school from the mid-1950s. In 1977 the church underwent a major renovation to look more like it does currently. Some of the copper used in the bronze doors was comprised of pennies collected by two families who were in charge of having the doors made and installed.



## PARISH LIFE TODAY

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Today, Sacred Heart is a very active mission. The Knights of Columbus volunteer to work various parish events such as cooking meals, setting up and hosting events, and helping with any number of projects whenever needed, the Lion's Club serves weekly lunches to members of the parish, and the Sunday school holds classes for grades 1-12 to teach the youth of the parish the beauty of the faith. With the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the current parish fast approaching, Sacred Heart boasts a long history of serving the community of Billings and the surrounding areas, and hopes to continue to serve for 100 more years.



## OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

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Sacred Heart 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, Sacred Heart will raise significant funds toward needs of beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$20,000. Sacred Heart will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$4,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to Sacred Heart.

## OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

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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 Sacred Heart.

With Sacred Heart's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will set aside funds to make renovations to the parish hall, specifically working on the roof, building a playground for the children in the parish, and for future projects to keep the parish looking beautiful for everyone who walks through the doors.

**Parish hall renovations and parish grounds upkeep**

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**Sanctuary Renovation**