DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Sacred Heart 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 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.

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OUR PARISH ROOTS

The first Catholic Church in Mooreland, 11 miles east of Woodward, was originally a school building in that town. Father Cornelius Smeur, pastor of Alva, bought it and had it moved to Lot II in Block I of the Knittel addition to Moreland. Father Peter Kamp, appointed first resident pastor of Woodward in early 1905, had it remodeled. During his time there it was dedicated to St. Joseph on February 5, 1906. By the mid-1930s, most of the Catholics in Quinlan, nine miles east of Mooreland, had moved from the town. The church in Quinlan, built in 1917, was closed and in 1934 the structure was moved in sections to Mooreland to become the second church there. Since the Quinlan church had been dedicated to the Sacred Heart, that name was kept in Mooreland.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Sacred Heart today is a mission church of St. Peter’s in Woodward, and is close with all of the other missions in Northwest Oklahoma. Many activities are shared between the two churches, with most of the events being held in Woodward. Other than weekend masses, there are also youth activities, religious education classes for youth and young adults, a young adult fellowship group for people ages 18-39, an active Knights of Columbus chapter, as well as an altar society of women that assist with various jobs around the church. In conjunction with St. Peter’s in Woodward, there are Tai Chi sessions offered in Kennedy Hall, the Rosary prayed together twice a week, Liturgy of the Hours on Fridays, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, groups that visit prisoners and minister to them, and regular Bible studies to become more familiar with God’s Word.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

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 $50,000. Sacred Heart will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $10,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to Sacred 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 Sacred Heart.

With Sacred Heart’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will re-wire the church building, repaint the exterior of the church, as get new pads for the kneelers. This will help to make sure that the wiring in the church is up-to-date, the church looks refreshed on the outside, and that people are comfortable during mass or prayer.

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Re-wire and repaint the church

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Purchase new pads for the kneelers