DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Saint Andrew’s 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 our own. 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 St. Andrew’s. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Andrew’s.

Fr. Jack Feehily
Rev. John W. Feehily

ST. ANDREW PARISH
A Roman Catholic Community of Faith

OUR PARISH ROOTS

Many years ago, Bishop Reed set himself a personal goal of ensuring that a parish named for each of the twelve apostles would be erected in his statewide diocese. Toward that end, St. Andrew’s was established as a mission of St. Joseph’s in Norman.

At first, Masses were held at Holy Child School, then operated by the Carmelite Sisters on Western Ave. (later known as Villa Teresa). A rectory was built in 1963, and our first pastor, Father Jack Joyce, took up residence in Moore. Church construction began in 1964, and the building opened the next year, to serve a parish that by then numbered 140 families. The first Mass there was offered in February 1965.

Sizable additions to the facilities were made to accommodate an expanding religious education program in 1972 and 1977, and a new church was dedicated on the feast of St. Andrew, November 30, 1979. St. Andrew’s staff gradually increased over the years to provide ministries of all kinds to serve parishioners of all ages.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, St. Andrew is a thriving faith community serving Moore and a wide swath of Southwest Oklahoma City. With dedicated deacons, staff members, and volunteers, we are able to offer a variety of ministries and commissions that call and equip parishioners to become intentional and missionary disciples. The parish has an active Knights of Columbus council, a St. Vincent DePaul conference, a growing food pantry, and a monthly ministry to homeless people. Through the grace of God working through so many parishioners, we have become known for vibrant liturgies that engage the full, active, and conscious participation of all who worship here. We have also become widely known for our hospitality, and the practice of good stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure. We are a Catholic community to which all are welcome to become friends with Christ and with each other, and with all those whom Jesus called the least of his brothers and sisters.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

St. Andrew’s welcomes the opportunity to participate in this capital campaign, One Church, Many Disciples. It will not only enable the building of a shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, but will fund shared ministerial needs. Through participating in this campaign, we will also be able to raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of $860,000. St. Andrew’s will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $172,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Andrew’s.

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 St. Andrew’s.

With St. Andrew’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will engage in a project that will expand our Youth Center and Food Pantry. The expanded Youth Center will include space for an additional large meeting area which will also double as a half-court gym. These additions will demonstrate our ongoing commitment to serve our youth and the poor for generations to come. Remaining funds will be used for ongoing updating and maintenance of our parish plant.

Make Additions to Youth Center and Chapel