



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

As an archdiocese, we form a faith community of 200,000 Catholics in central and western Oklahoma; we truly are *One Church, Many Disciples!* In this endeavor, we join with the faithful from across the archdiocese who are also helping to ensure our local Church is strong and vibrant for generations to come. 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.

St. Cornelius welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City's campaign, *One Church, Many Disciples*. Through participating in this campaign, St. Cornelius will raise funds to address the local needs of our faith community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$30,000. St. Cornelius will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$6,000; plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal.

Please take a moment to review the impact *One Church, Many Disciples* will have on St. Cornelius Catholic Church. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity.

Rev. Balraj Sagili Jesudas



OUR PARISH ROOTS

The first Mass at Cherokee was held in 1899 at the home of Jacob and Anna Brown. In 1904, a former schoolhouse was purchased and situated on land already owned by the congregation. Bishop Meerschaert blessed St. Cornelius Church on February 2, 1906. At the time, the parish had just twelve members. The present brick church was built in 1930 with a capacity of 300. Father Richard Dolan became the first resident pastor in 1954, and subsequently built the rectory and parish hall.



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 use these funds to renovate the interior of the church, including the walls that are in need of restoration and painting, as well as the pews and kneelers that are in need of restoration. Additionally, any remaining funds will be used for ongoing maintenance and repairs.