DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

St. Eugene Catholic Church is participating in *One Church, Many Disciples*, along with every parish 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 as your pastor, and I hope you will embrace this opportunity at St. Eugene.

Reverend Christopher H. Tran, Pastor

OUR PARISH ROOTS

Although Bishop Meerschaert preached in Weatherford in 1902, a church would not be established there until 1945 when it became a mission of Blessed Virgin church in Hydro. Masses were first offered on the campus of Southwestern State College for the 12 catholic residents. In 1947, an old protestant church in Elk City was purchased, moved to South State Street and dedicated to St. James. By 1959 the community had grown to 33 members, not including about a dozen college students.

Work was begun on a new church building that same year, and the first Mass was celebrated on Easter in 1960. Dedicated to St. Eugene, it is believed that the church was also so named to honor Bishop Eugene McGuinness who had died not long before. In 1962, the priest from Hydro was transferred to Weatherford, with Hydro becoming to the mission until its closure some years later.

In 1983, a parish hall was constructed, and in 1997 Archbishop Beltran dedicated a new religious education building, with spaces for parish offices and ministries.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, the Catholics of St. Eugene gather as a community to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. We praise the Lord. We proclaim the Good News. We celebrate the sacramental life of faith. We serve others as Jesus taught us. As disciples we follow the Lord and invite others to come walk with us.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

St. Eugene Catholic Church 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, St. Eugene will raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of $205,000. St. Eugene will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $41,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Eugene.

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. Eugene.

With St. Eugene’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will address replacement of the flooring in the church. In addition, we plan to repair the air conditioning system in the church.

New Flooring in the Church

Air Conditioning repairs