



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

St. Mary Assumption 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 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 and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Mary Assumption Church.



Rev. Carl William Janocha

OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

Through participation in this campaign, St. Mary Assumption parish will raise funds toward local needs of the faith community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$50,000. St. Mary's will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$10,000; plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal. We will use our share of the funds for ongoing church maintenance and improvements.

OUR PARISH ROOTS

St. Mary Assumption parish was established in 1947 when Father Urban de Basque, at the time pastor at Manchester, purchased a former Protestant church and hall and remodeled them for Catholic use. Bishop McGuinness performed the dedication ceremony on May 30, 1948. In 1952, Father Vytautas Zakaras, a Lithuanian priest who had succeeded Father de Basque at Manchester, built a rectory in Wakita and became the first resident pastor. The parish became a mission of Medford on June 15, 1988.

