



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 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. Mary Catholic Church welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City's campaign, *One Church, Many Disciples*. Through participating in this campaign, St. Mary's parish will raise funds toward local needs of the faith community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$100,000. St. Mary's will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$20,000; plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal.

Please take a moment to review the impact *One Church, Many Disciples* will have on our parish. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Mary's Church.



Rev. Carl William Janocha

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 our share of the funds for ongoing church maintenance and improvements.

OUR PARISH ROOTS

The original St. Mary Church, constructed in the 1890's and dedicated by Bishop Meerschaert on September 13th, 1898, was the fifth parish in Western Grant County. Rural parishes, like St. Mary's, were built to be near the farm families they served. However, as demographics shifted from country to town, Medford grew, and St. Mary Catholic Church was relocated there on June 6, 1940. Almost a decade later, a new church was constructed and dedicated on May 10, 1949.

