DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Saint Monica 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 and, as your Pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Saint Monica.

Rev. Stephen V. Hamilton, Pastor

OUR PARISH ROOTS

In May of 1993 Archbishop Beltran announced that a new parish would be created on the west side of Edmond to address the ever-increasing Catholic population. A 20-acre lot was selected for the new parish complex, and plans were made to build a parish center, with a church to follow. St. Monica, chosen as parish titular, has been a powerful intercessor as the parish membership grew from the original 150 families to 1,000 families today.

Masses were initially held at Washington Irving elementary school and later moved to Santa Fe High School. Construction began on the parish center in January of 1994 and the first Mass was celebrated in the new facility in late September.

In July of 1998, groundbreaking took place for the church building. As before, parishioners again contributed to the construction effort, and on July 14, 2000 the new 1,000 seat church was dedicated by the Archbishop. By 2012 the entire construction debt had been paid off early. Amazing things have been done at our parish by adopting stewardship as a habit of a disciple who sacrificially shares his time, talent, and treasure. In 2017, a new phase of parish growth began with the construction of a new education building for formation classes.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Primacy of worship, stewardship, and a unique demographic of many young families describe St. Monica Catholic Church today. Confessions four days a week and Perpetual Adoration takes place 24 hours a day in our St. Augustine Chapel. Our four weekend Masses and daily Masses are offered in English and in Spanish. Religious formation classes and parish activities keep our parish buildings full throughout the week. Saint Monica Church is blessed with a great deal of cultural diversity including Hispanic, African, and Asian ethnicities among our parishioners.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

We now have an excellent opportunity to participate in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City's first ever major campaign, One Church, Many Disciples. This Archdiocesan-wide campaign will enable the archdiocese to build a shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, and meet other shared ministerial needs. Through participating in this campaign, Saint Monica Catholic Church will raise significant funds towards the current needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve our goal of $1,870,000. Saint Monica will receive 20% of all funds raised up to the goal, totaling $374,000. In addition, 50% of every dollar raised above our goal will be returned to our parish.

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 here at Saint Monica.

With our share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will:

- Furnish the new education building with desks & chairs.
- Provide the new education building with AV technology.
- Fund future beautification & upkeep of the church sanctuary.