DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Saint Robert Bellarmine 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 Robert Bellarmine.

Rev. Daniel Grover

OUR PARISH ROOTS

In 1948, about a dozen Catholic families in Jones met to organize a new Catholic parish in their community. Locally raised funds were combined with a grant from Catholic Extension Society and an acre of land donated by the Martin family towards the effort. Parishioners labored to build the church and on October 18, 1948, dedicated by Most Rev. Eugene J. McGuinness to St. Robert Bellarmine. In the Spring of 1949 a rectory was built North of church.

On Good Friday of 1962 the church building, now serving 30 families, was destroyed by fire. An old railroad depot was used as a temporary church until a new building could be built. By January of 1964 the new church building, with seating for 160 had been built and dedicated.

A replacement hall building was purchased and moved to the property in 2007, and the parish recently acquired the community center for use as the new parish hall.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, Saint Robert Bellarmine is a vibrant parish that is growing with the surrounding community. Religious education classes are well attended, and Masses are close to overflowing. Our Knights of Columbus chapter and Sisters in Spirit offer multiple opportunities for adults to get involved in the parish. Garden Angels keep the church grounds looking nice and our Mobile Meals ministry cooks and delivers nutritious home-style meals to homebound people.

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 Robert Bellarmine will raise significant funds towards the current needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve our goal of $125,000. Saint Robert Bellarmine will receive 20% of all funds raised up to the goal, totaling $25,000. 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 at our own parish, Saint Robert Bellarmine.

With Saint Robert Bellarmine’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will begin a project to renovate the parish buildings, including:

- **The New Parish Hall**
  Renovating the kitchen to make the new parish hall more usable for parish functions.

- **The Old Parish Hall**
  Begin conversion to classroom available for Religious Education and other parish meetings.

- **The Church**
  Relocating the parish offices currently located in the church to the old parish hall.