NEWKIRK – On Oct. 5, Saint Francis of Assisi in Newkirk celebrated its 125th anniversary. The parish marked the occasion with a pet blessing in the morning in honor of their patron saint, Saint Francis of Assisi, and an anniversary Mass and catered meal in the evening.

More than 200 current and former parishioners attended the events that included Newkirk local, Hannah Cross, performing an historical skit about World War I. The skit was about parishioner Agnes Wanko Shoonvoer and her journey toward the faith.

Theresa Horinek, a parishioner at Saint Francis said, “It was a great celebration with everyone lingering to visit with friends and family. I am so thankful for the many parishioners who assisted in the planning and preparation for the event.”

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Bishops urge mercy on World Day Against the Death Penalty

By Catholic News Agency

Washington D.C. – The death penalty is outdated and promotes a culture of violence, three bishops said during a livestream conversation on Oct. 10, marked as World Day Against the Death Penalty.

Archbishops Paul Coakley of Oklahoma City and Wilton Gregory of Washington D.C. were joined by Bishop Frank DeWane of Venice, Fla., for the roundtable discussion facilitated by Catholic News Service.

DeWane is the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ domestic justice committee and will be succeeded by Archbishop Coakley in a few weeks.

“There’s no question that we are living in an age where violence has captured the hearts and minds of a lot of people,” said Gregory, offering that social media in particular has put “despicable” human carnage on display.

On Wednesday, the day before the livestream, an anti-Semitic attack on a synagogue in Germany resulted in the death of two people. The attack was broadcast over the streaming site Twitch.

“What the Church wants us to understand is that taking a life, even the life of one who may have been guilty of a horrendous crime, is itself a continuation of violence,” said the Washington archbishop. “It makes us violent to do violence against another human being” regardless of the circumstances, Gregory said.

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healing and closure. This is the message of the Cross and Resurrection.
For many years, we have tolerated this death penalty based on our belief that it was a deterrent to crime. The facts do not bear that out. In fact, 89 percent of criminologists do not accept this assertion. The areas of the country with the highest execution rates also have the highest crime rates. Conversely, those areas of the country with the lowest execution rates also have the lowest crime rates.

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Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

Archbishop's Pastoral Council

The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley's official calendar.

Oct. 20 – Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m., Christ the King
Oct. 22 – Parish Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
Oct. 22 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis Assisi Parish, Oklahoma City
Oct. 23 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:30 a.m., Sacred Heart School, El Reno
Oct. 24 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:30 a.m., St. James the Greater School, OKC
Oct. 24 – Senior Staff meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
Oct. 24 – Illness Stanly Bohart Interim Liturgy Committee; 3 p.m., CPC
Oct. 24 – Red Mass, 6 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi, OKC
Oct. 25-28 – Eucharistic Orders of the Holy Sepulcher, Alusquagura, N.M.
Oct. 29-31 – Annual Priests Retreat, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita
Nov. 1 – All Saints Day, CPC offices closed
Nov. 4 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:15 a.m., St. Mark and All Saints School, Norman
Nov. 4 – School Mass and classroom visits, 8:30 a.m., National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, OKC
Nov. 5 – Illness Stanly Bohart Shrine Groundbreaking, 3 p.m., S.E. 89 and Shields Boulevard, OKC

Did You Know?
You are invited to the groundbreaking and blessing of the site of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3! Archibishop Coakley and OKC Mayor David Holt for this special event.

Here is what you need to know:
- The event is free;
- No tickets required;
- Parking on the site. Enter from northbound Shields Blvd. or eastbound 89;
- Parish bus parking at Crossroads Church, 8961 S. Shields Blvd.;
- Parish bus unloading, eastbound 89;
- No pets please;
- Find more info at archokc.org/shrine.

Put Out Into the Deep

October is Respect Life Month. Each year we have an opportunity to renew our pro-life commitment to promoting human dignity and sanctity of every life from conception to natural death. Human dignity is an endowment we receive from our Creator who creates us in his image and likeness. Though we may deflect that dignity by our sinfulness, we cannot to tally destroy or devalue it. It is not something we earn or can forfeit. It is not granted to us by a government but created in us by God. He alone is the Lord of the Life.

Respect Life Month is about focusing on an important part of our Church’s prophetic moral teaching about the sanctity of life that we often overlook or question. I am referring to the death penalty.

In recent years, we have witnessed an authentic development of the Church’s teaching on the use of the death penalty. In 1999, Saint John Paul II called for an end to the death penalty, which he described as “both cruel and unnecessary.” In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, “Society’s leaders should make every effort to eliminate the death penalty.” In 2018, Pope Francis revised the Catechism of the Catholic Church so that henceforward it reads, “The Church teaches, in light of the Gospel, that ‘the death penalty is inadmissible henceforward it reads, “The Church teaches, in light of the Gospel, that ‘the death penalty is inadmissible

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"Bring a Franciscan has changed my life to slow down and look at what God really does in my life," she said, "and appreciate the wonders of creation God has given us and recognize my re-
tability to take care of this earth." Sullivan said she always was interested in living a peaceful life but struggled to material-
ize what “peace” looked like.

"If you really want to walk like Francis, then you must actually live it. You can’t be in your car at that moment," she said. "You must be able to accept that and know that is not you," she said.

"When you think about how you are trying to live your life, it’s not just what you say and be-
lieve, but you have to act in accordance with what you say you believe."
Reverend Frederick Van der aa arrived as a missionary in Oklahoma at the behest of vicar apostolic, Bishop Theophile Meerschaert, in 1893. Father Van der aa was one of the first four priests recruited from Holland and Belgium. He would be the only one to stay in Oklahoma for his entire career. However, his service to the diocese was not without its difficulties.

In 1904, as pastor of the growing community of Kingfisher, he loaned the bishop the considerable sum of $3,000. He was from a rather well-to-do family and was capable of such magnanimity. While it was a generous gesture, it was indeed a loan. Bishop Meerschaert indicated that the money would not be repaid. From 1904-1913, there was correspondence that was, at times, less than pleasant. Father Van der aa asked the apostolic delegate (later nuncio) in Washington for help in resolving the matter. As one might suppose, the bishop was none too pleased with his priest and finally constituted a tribunal to settle the issue. Not surprisingly, the tribunal ruled in favor of Father Van der aa. Finally, he received his payment in 1913 (awaiting the interest), nearly 10 years later.

Father Van der aa was assigned to the parish in Apache, which for a European was a bit remote. For 17 years he served as pastor, and for many years sent letters to Bishop Meerschaert requesting a transfer. Each time, he was rejected. Since he was a man of independent means, he would leave his parishes to escape the brutal Oklaho- ma summers for as long as six months and return to Holland. One has to wonder if this was not his form of retaliation. With the coming of a new bishop, Francis Kelley, he was sent to Rapid City in 1925 and Casanota in 1930. Assigned to Flatrock in 1933, his irascible tempera- ment finally got the best of him and Bishop Kelley informed him it was time to retire. Serving as the chaplain of the Benedictine nuns in Tulia in his retirement, his behavior became more erratic. Finally, he was diagnosed as mentally ill and died at a hospital in Saint Louis in 1945. The story of Father Van der aa is tragic and strangely fascinating. Inflamed with missionary zeal, he came to Oklahoma to serve and spent most of his ministerial life facing set back after set back; some self-inflicted and some not. Bright and articulate, he is the case of wondering what might have been under different circumstances.
Newkirk parish celebrates 125th anniversary

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opened, a Benedictine priest named Father Iserman offered Sunday Masses to Catholic families at Mrs. John Smith’s house. Later that year, a store building was bought for $150 as a temporary church location. That building was moved to the corner of 8th Street and Magnolia Avenue in a town called Newkirk, 10 miles north of present-day Ponca City with the aid of a steam engine and mules.

A few years later, in 1898, Father Renier Sevens from Saint Mary in Ponca City began the construction of a new building for Saint Francis of Assisi. He did this with the aid of contributions from the parishioners and $500 from the Catholic Church Extension Society. The church was built on Main Street for an original cost of $1,500 and was dedicated by Bishop Meerschaert on Aug. 24, 1898.

In 1906, Father John Kekeisen was named pastor of Saint Francis. That year, he opened a school with his sister at a two-story house not far from the parish. They taught the upper grades while another building was being rented for the lower grades. The building for the lower grades was a house on S. Maple Avenue and the extra room was used by Father Kekeisen to make altars for the church.

The entire block on W. 9th Street was purchased for around $1,800 in 1907 and that is where the present-day church remains. In 1910, a school was built on the west side of the church; it was taught by the Sisters of the Precious Blood from Wichita. Since there were many students who lived too far to commute to the school every day, the sisters rented a house to provide room and board. Another building was later purchased and moved to the southwest corner of the church property and that turned into a high school called Saint Francis Academy. It closed in 1932.

In 1952, the construction of a new brick church was started and when it was finished, it was blessed by Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness. In 1954, a new rectory and convent were built. Another school was built at the church in 1960 but closed in 1973.

In 1994, the centennial celebration of the parish was celebrated by Archbishop Eusebius Beltran, the sisters that formally taught at the parochial school and many priests from around Oklahoma.

Miranda Renteria is a sophomore at Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School and an intern for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Photos provided.

Blue Mass for first responders

A Blue Mass for police, fire, EMS and other first responders was held on Sept. 29 at St. Eugene in Oklahoma City. Photos Cara Koenig/Sooner Catholic.

White Mass for medical professionals

A White Mass for doctors, nurses, allied health and other medical professionals was held Oct. 1 at Christ the King in Oklahoma City. Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, spoke after Mass. Photos Cara Koenig/Sooner Catholic.

On Sept. 21, St. Mary Catholic School in Ponca City had its annual Fall Fest. The community event is the school’s largest and most successful fundraiser. Each year, Fr. Cason Krittenbrink volunteers for the dunk tank. Photos provided.
St. Vincent de Paul Church in McLoud celebrated the 100th birthday of long-time parishioner Loretta Wilkins. Wilkins was born in Beggs on Sept. 19, 1919. A Mass was celebrated by Fr. Deva Undrulla.

The St. Benedict Parish Guild of Shawnee recently hosted their annual Silver Tea Luncheon and meeting Sept. 10. The guild officers are (left to right) Angie Lock, president; Jere Aguilera, secretary; Susan Ruth, treasurer; and Wanda Myers, parliamentarian. (Debbie Sinnaman, vice president, not pictured).

Gospel of Life Dwellings hosted bingo games during their September FUN Raiser on Sept. 7 in Moore. Photo provided.

St. Mary Catholic School in Ponca City is learning about the life cycle of the plant and tending their own plants. The first-grade class created one-of-a-kind works of art to submit at the Kay County Fair. Photos provided.

Principal Stan Melby and the fifth-grade class at St. Mary Catholic School in Lawton accepted a scholarship check from the Tax Credit Scholarship program. The check was presented by Alissa Patterson, development coordinator for Catholic schools.

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, pet blessings were held at St. Joseph in Union City, St. Philip Neri in Midwest City and St. Francis of Assisi in Norman.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre held a retreat and annual gathering on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Sept. 13 at St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee. Photo provided.


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Six relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as Padre Pio, were at Christ the King in Oklahoma City on Sept. 7. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Coakley. Photo provided.

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Book review: The Way of Prayer

By Brother Benet Eaton

The Sooner Catholic

This book by Father Gabriel of the Sacred Heart was originally published in Italian in 1955, but recently a new English translation has been released. The English version of the English translation was released in 2019. Father Eaton is an expert on the teachings of the Carmelites. The book is a companion to his earlier work, "The Way of the Interior Carmelite".

"The Way of Prayer" was written in the 1950s and offers guidance for those who wish to pray in a more profound and contemplative manner. The book is divided into two sections: the first section focuses on the importance of prayer and the second section provides practical guidance for prayer.

Father Eaton says in his commentary that there are three original sources for prayer in the Carmelite Order: the petitions of the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father, and the Creed. He also offers a survey of the different forms of prayer in the Carmelite Order.

Part 1 has three chapters: Ch. 1 is about Saint Teresa and her life, Ch. 2 is about Saint John of the Cross and his life, and Ch. 3 is about Saint John of the Cross and his life. Each chapter is written with a specific purpose: to provide a historical and theological context for the prayer practices of the Carmelites.

The book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in prayer and Carmelite spirituality. It is an excellent guide for those who wish to deepen their prayer life and connect more closely with God and the community of saints.

The book is written in a clear and accessible manner, making it suitable for readers of all ages and backgrounds. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in prayer and Carmelite spirituality.

Music director

Corpus Christi Choir in Oklahoma City is looking for a part-time music director. The choir is a non-denominational group of men and women who sing a variety of musical styles, including liturgical music, contemporary music, and classical music. The choir meets weekly and performs at various events throughout the year.

Job description

The music director will be responsible for overseeing the choir's musical activities, including rehearsal, performance, and programming. The director will work closely with the choir director to ensure that the choir's musical vision is realized.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in music education or a related field
- Experience as a music director or choir conductor
- Strong understanding of music theory and music history
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work well with others

Salary

The salary for this position is $25,000 per year.

Application deadline

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Mark Chan at mchan@osu.edu.

Catapult Learning, a leading online learning company, is seeking a part-time music director to oversee the choir's musical activities. The choir consists of approximately 50 members, ranging in age from 18 to 60. The choir meets twice a week and performs at several events throughout the year, including weddings, funerals, and church services.

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Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Petra


Youth, campus ministry director

- Guymon

- Youth, campus ministry director

The Diocese of Oklahoma City is looking for a youth and campus ministry director to develop and implement programs that support and engage youth and young adults in the faith community.

Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in theology or related field
- Minimum of two years of experience in youth ministry
- Strong understanding of the Church's teachings and traditions
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work well with others

Salary

The salary for this position is $30,000 per year.

Application deadline

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Dr. Brian Conroy at bconroy@dioceseokc.org.

Catapult teachers needed

Catapult Learning is seeking teachers for its K-12 online school, which provides personalized learning experiences for students in grades K-12. The school offers a variety of subjects, including math, reading, writing, and science.

Job description

The teachers will be responsible for creating and delivering personalized learning experiences for each student. They will work closely with the student's班主任 to ensure that the student's educational needs are met.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in education or a related field
- Experience teaching in an online or blended learning environment
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work well with others

Salary

The salary for this position is $40,000 per year.

Application deadline

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Catapult Learning at careers@catapultlearning.com.

The Way of Prayer

A good backdrop to Saint Teresa's letter to the Galicians would be the publications by the Carmelites. The first letter to the Galicians was published in 1601, and the second in 1603. The letter was written to the Carmelites in Spain, and refers to the Carmelites in the New World.

In his commentary on the letter to the Galicians, Father Eaton identifies the themes of gratitude and perseverance as key elements of the letter. The letter serves as a reminder of the importance of gratitude and perseverance in our daily lives.

Father Eaton also notes that the letter to the Galicians is important for understanding the Carmelite Order in the New World. The letter provides insight into the challenges and perseverances of the Carmelites in the New World.

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Los Gálatas se encuentran con un Pablo muy enojado

Las falsas enseñanzas despiertan su lado furioso

Un buen telón de fondo para la carta de San Pablo a los Gálatas sería estudiar los acontecimientos del Concilio de Jerusalén, Hechos 15, 1-12. Este primer concilio de la iglesia trató con un problema único. Los judíos que se convirtieron y formaron parte de la comunidad cristiana querían imponer a los nuevos cristianos gentiles, que no venían de judaísmo, muchas costumbres, celebraciones y prácticas del judaísmo. Esto incluía la circuncisión. Su falsa afirmación de que la salvación exige la circuncisión y otras ceremonias sacrificiales quedó desmentida por ellos apasionadamente.

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Durante muchos años, hemos sido testigos de ejecuciones en que fue un elemento disuasorio del crimen. Es más difícil para muchos entender y conciliar la justicia con la misericordia. La misericordia perfecciona la justicia. La justicia, como la cruz y la rencor. Durante muchos años, hemos mostrado una falsa afirmación de que la salvación exige la circuncisión y otras ceremonias sacrificiales quedó desmentida por ellos apasionadamente.

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Calendar

This calendar only covers the two weeks between issue dates and may not reflect all of the calendar items. To see a full calendar, go to www.soonercatholic.org.

October

20 Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m. at Christ the King, 8005 Dorset Dr., Nichols Hills.
20 Festival of the Americas and the World, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at St. Eugene, 2400 W. Hefner Rd., Edmond.
20 Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m. at Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact Elaine at (405) 586-3561, ccpprayer@gmail.com.
25 Halloween Carnival, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at St. Monica, 2001 N. Western Ave., Edmond.
25 Creighton FertilityCare Introductory class, 7 p.m. at St. Monica, 2001 N. Western Ave., Edmond.

November

1 All Saints’ Day. CPC offices closed.

Bishop McGuinness open house, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at 801 N.W. 50, Oklahoma City.
24 Red Mass for legal profession, 6 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, 1901 N.W. 18, Oklahoma City.
25 Feast of Sts. Francis and Jude. Contact Michael at (405) 341-2199, (405) 694-1292.

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St. John Paul II Study and Sharing
26 Join us at St. John Paul II Study and Sharing at 4113 S. Eastern Ave. in Moore. Explore the universal call to holiness and vocations with the writings of St. John Paul II in three small groups: Women of the Way, Disciples for Alternatives, Consecrate; Teachers of the Truth, Discovering the Mystery; Lovers of Life – discovering the价值s of life. We invite you to participate in station identification. For $100, we will pre-record you for broadcast during the radiothon. Sign up today by calling (405) 441-3708. Leave your name, phone number and your parish. I will schedule your recording and call you back. Call today because time is limited! OKCR hopes to have your voice on the radio.

October

21 Diocesan Bishop’s open house, 6 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, 1901 N.W. 18, Oklahoma City.
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ters to be held on Nov. 3, Dec. 1, and Missouri, Okarche.

St. Ann Retirement Center is hosting the annual Magic at The Mount auction Saturday, Nov. 16, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at 801 N.W. 50, Oklahoma City. All are welcome to have a live auction at 7 p.m. Oct. 26. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets $25, include dinner and drinks.

Leah Darrow event Oct. 26 and 27. Contact Leah Darrow event

7 p.m. at St. Monica, 2001 N. Western Ave., Edmond.

St. Catherine’s miscarriage remembrance Mass, 10 a.m. at St. Eugene, 2400 W. Hefner Rd., Edmond. To receive more information or to sponsor a table, contact Tonya Avery at sarahaverry@gmail.com. 

Bingo at St. James, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at St. James, 4147 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City. 

St. Monica, 2001 N. Western Ave., Edmond.

Magic at The Mount auction event, 5:15 p.m. at Mount St. Mary Catholic High School, 2831 N. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City. 

Live auction, 7 p.m., Holy Trinity Catholic School, N. 2 and Missouri, Okarche.

St. Majella’s pilgrimage and infant loss ministry meets 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Epiphany of the Lord, 7338 W. Britton Rd., Oklahoma City on the third Monday of every month. Call (405) 618-2402.

St. John Paul II Study and Sharing at the St. John Paul II Pastoral Center. Contact Elaine at (405) 586-3561, ccpprayer@gmail.com.

Earn $10. The young adults event “From Passion to Purpose,” Leah Darrow event Oct. 26 and 27. Contact Leah Darrow event

St. Monica 18 and Dec. 16 at St. Monica in Edmond. Contact Christine Littell at (405) 631-8865, diane.wilson@mountstmary.org. All are welcome to have a live auction at 7 p.m. Oct. 26. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets $25, include dinner and drinks.

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Two Ways To Give

Step 1: Give the Gift of a Catholic Education

Gifts of all amounts are welcome. Donors may designate a portion of their gift to a school of their choice. The remainder of their gift will go to the schools most in need. The sample amounts below are calculated to receive the maximum state tax credit.

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A 2-year gift commitment qualifies the donor for a 75% tax credit; a 1-year commitment allows for a 50% tax credit. In early January, the Tax Credit Scholarship program reports gifts to the state. After applying the state tax credit, the remaining amount may be deducted as a charitable contribution from your federal taxes.

For calendar year 2019, the Oklahoma legislature allocated $5 million in total Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship tax credits. If total gifts to Oklahoma Scholarship Granting Organizations result in tax credits exceeding the limit, the actual tax credit percentage will be prorated proportionally, with the unused, “suspended” credits available to the donor in the next immediate tax year.

Make a gift: Go online archokc.org/tcs OR make a check payable to “Tax Credit Scholarship”

Send to: Archdiocese of Oklahoma City | Tax Credit Scholarship | P.O. Box 32180 | Oklahoma City, OK 73123

Your Tax Credit will reduce the amount of state income tax due.

Filing taxes as: (Check one) □ Joint Tax Filing □ Individual Social Security Number(s): __________________________

□ Business Entity: Please provide best phone number to reach you: __________________________

□ I will be making a TWO-YEAR pledge: (75% Tax Credit)

□ Joint Tax Filing: My Pledge $5,334 | Annual Gift $2,667 | Tax Credit $2,000

□ Individual: My Pledge $2,667 | Annual Gift $1,333 | Tax Credit $1,000

□ Other Amount: $ __________________________

□ I will be making a ONE-YEAR gift: (50% Tax Credit)

□ Joint Tax Filing: My Gift $4,000 | Tax Credit $2,000

□ Individual: My Gift $2,000 | Tax Credit $1,000

□ Other Amount: $ __________________________

Enclosed is my check payable to: Tax Credit Scholarship

□ Please charge my credit card $ __________________________

□ Mastercard □ Visa □ AmEx □ Discover

Account #: __________________________

3-4 Digit Sec. Code: ___ ___ ___ Exp: ___ __ / ___ ___

I understand that my credit card will be charged on the 10th of each month.

Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Please complete and cut out this form, place it in an envelope, affix first-class postage, and mail it to:

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Tax Credit Scholarship, P.O. Box 32180, Oklahoma City, OK 73123

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