Archdiocese blesses site, breaks ground on Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine

By Diane Clay
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OKLAHOMA CITY – Archbishop Paul Coakley broke ground Sunday, Nov. 3, for the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in south Oklahoma City. He was joined by Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt, Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius Beltran, Tulsa Bishop David Konderla, Little Rock Bishop Anthony Taylor, Abbot Lawrence Stasyzen and nearly 2,000 priests, deacons and lay faithful.

During the ceremony, Archbishop Coakley blessed the cornerstone of the shrine and the ground where the future main altar will be located. He then processed with the bishops and priests to bless the area where Blessed Stanley Rother will be entombed in the chapel.

"What we are about to construct here we are building for the honor and glory of God whose goodness, whose holiness, whose faithfulness, whose mercy shown through the life of Father Stanley Rother," Archbishop Coakley said during his homily. "It is God who we glorify as God reveals himself in the lives of his holy ones. We do all of this as we do all things for the glory of God and for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The $40 million shrine at S.E. 89 and Shields Boulevard is the signature element of the first-ever capital campaign for... continued on page 8
I would like to invite you to join me for a first-of-its-kind event in our archdiocese. The Vision 2030 Archdiocesan Convocation is being held at the Cox Convention Center on Saturday, Dec. 7. Why a convocation, and why should you go? First, a convocation, by definition, is a large formal assembly of people. It isn’t like any other event that we may have in the archdiocese from time-to-time. This is a special gathering, called together for a specific purpose. I am calling this convocation for us, and inviting all priests, deacons, lay staff and leaders in parishes, school principals and teachers, parish staff and even volunteers with various ministries — RCIA program, youth ministry, children’s catechesis, social ministries, laychrists, volunteer catechists, etc.

I would be delighted if every parish sent a delegation — 10, 20, even 30 people from some of our largest parishes.

Secondly, at this event, I will be releasing publicly for the first time our new Vision 2030 Pastoral Plan. It has been a significant undertaking putting this plan together. It is the fruit of prayerful discernment, research, regional gatherings and listening sessions, strategic planning, conversations and meetings with key leaders of the archdiocese.

The plan has been over two years in the making. Now, it is time to share it with the rest of the archdiocese. This pastoral plan articulates the pastorate direction for our archdiocese for the next 10 years, leading us to the year 2030. This has been a grace-filled time for the archdiocese in many ways. This plan builds on all that has been gone before.

And third, at the end of the convocation event during the closing Mass, I will consecrate the archdiocese to Mary. Specifically, I want to place the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization.

This event is going to be a significant spiritual moment for all Christians recording artial during this convocation. It will be a grace flowing in those coming during this seeking their ongoing intercessions as we seek to form our Orthodox Missionary Disciple and witnesses to her Son, Jesus Christ.

I hope to see you at the Vision 2030 Archdiocesan Convocation. Please come.

This will be an uplifting day of celebration, inspiration, formation and dedication. I hope you will join me on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Cox Convention Center for the Vision 2030 Archdiocesan Convocation.

Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

Nov. 17 — Mass for Feast of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, 11 a.m. St. Andrew Dung-Lac, OKC
Nov. 19 — Presbyteral council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
Nov. 19 — Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
Nov. 19 — CPC all staff meeting, 12:30 p.m., CPC
Nov. 19 — Archdiocesan Finance Council meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
Nov. 19 — Thanksgiving reception for religious sisters, 4:30 p.m., Archbishop’s residence
Nov. 20 — School Mass and classroom visits, 8:30 a.m., St. Charles Borromeo, OKC
Nov. 21 — Blessed Blume Gilbert Bruno Building Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 21 — Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
Nov. 21 — Senior Staff meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
Nov. 22 — Dedication of Holy Savior Church, Wichita, Kan.
Nov. 24 — Mass with college students, 5 p.m., St. John University Parish, Stillwater
Nov. 26 — Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
Nov. 27 — Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
Nov. 28-29 — CPC offers closed for Thanksgiving

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Rosary for Life – OKC
St. Maria, parishioners at St. James and community members gather every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. to pray the Rosary at 1240 S.W. 44 at the corner of S.W. 44 and Blackwell Avenue near the abortion center. Anyone can participate.

Daily Mass is held weekdays at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway. No Mass on days CPC is closed.

Lori Hopkins, Cognia, presents Andrew Worthington with the Cognia 2019 Values Award at the 2019 Midwest Region Fall Conference in Chicago. Photo provided.

Bishop McGuinness receives 2019 Values Driven Award of Excellence

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School was awarded the 2019 Values Driven Award of Excellence, making the school Oklahoma’s only Cognia, formerly known as AdvancED, recipient of the award.

Andrew Worthington, assistant principal of college admissions, accepted the award at 9 a.m. Nov. 19 during the Midwest Region Fall Conference in Chicago.

“The Cognia recognition offers our school’s mission to light a path both spiritually and academically in the lives of the young men and women we serve,” Principal David Morton said. “Bishop McGuinness is first and foremost a Catholic school and we are proud to educate all students who want instruction rooted in Christ that is rigorous and inclusive. Programs and curricula are responsive and tailored to the academic needs of students as they chart their individual paths to reach their potential. Our teachers do an exceptional job of making each student a positive impacting every student that enters the classroom.”

Cognia is a nonprofit school accrediting agency that conducts rigorous, on-site reviews of educational institutions and provides continuous improvement and support for students across the globe to ensure all learners realize their potential. Lori Hopkins, Cognia regional director, stated, “Cognia’s vision resonates with describing Bishop McGuinness, as the school connects with its stakeholders in an effort to improve. The school’s mission illustrates it stands for the learner.”

Principal Morton said BMCHS is proud to be recognized for providing exemplary education for its students that prepares them for postsecondary success.

Questions and answers about the permanent diaconate

With Deacon Norm Mejstrik

Q. What is the permanent diaconate?
A. The permanent diaconate is a rank in the hierarchy of the Church. When a deacon candidate receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders, he is imprinted with an ir-\n\ndurable mark that configures him to Christ, particularly to serve as a living icon of Christ the servant. A deacon is ordained to serve God’s people in ministries of charity, word and liturgy in communities with the bishop and his priests. To prepare for this life in service, men who are at least age 31 are formed in a four-year program that is designed to help the candidate mature in human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral areas.

Q. What is diacural service?
A. Deacons are ordained by the bishop and are assigned to serve under the super-\n\nvision of the pastor. While most deacons are visible to the congregation during the liturgy and sacraments or in their role as catechists, volunteer catechists, etc., their primary call is one of service through charity. They are called to bring Christ to those in need and to bring those in need to Christ.

Q. What qualities are expected in those interested in the diaconate?
A. As many men mature in faith, they are being called to form themselves in the image of Christ. A deacon must be a man of prayer, one who recognizes the greater good of the congregation. Once ordained, a deacon must be accountable for his actions, thoughts and behavior in all places. They are configured to Christ in the role of service, seek to serve and not to be served. He is humble. He knows that all comes from God and goes to God.

Catholic men between ages 30-39 who are seriously interested in exploring the vocation to the permanent diaconate are invited to contact their pastor to discuss attending an information session. Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Center; Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary in Clinton; or Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph in Norman.

Wines are encouraged to attend.

...For those discerning the call to the Permanent Diaconate.

Sooner Catholic
Red Mass


From the Archives...

A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist.

T
ever Reverend Laurence Smyth was an Irish immigrant whose perseverance, holiness and sense of humor made him one of the pillars of the early Church in Oklahoma. Father Smyth studied for the priesthood in Ireland and served for two years in England before his ordination in 1854. Irriting to serve as a missionary, he departed for Atoka County in 1865. Becoming a pastor in Fort Smith, he was assigned as part of his duties, the Indian Territory. His activities spanned the years of 1862-1877, with a primary concern being the soldiers at Fort Arbuckle.

However, he sought Catholics wherever they were and as the Katy Railroad pushed further so did his drive to administer the sacraments. Records indicate he celebrated baptisms at Cherokee Town (just east of Paula Valley). His desire to serve the Irish railroad workers was legendary. While visiting a railroad construction camp just south of the Red River, a section gang was present that had not made their Easter obligation. He persuaded them (with more than a little blarney) that he would advise them to confess their sins to me to my other piece of advice: listen. Find some time for silent contemplation with God, and admit your daily distractions. This allows the Lord to bless you with thoughts that point to the direction to which he desires you to go.

What do you look forward to most about becoming a priest?

The thing that excites me most about the priesthood is the ability to serve the people of God by administering the sacraments. Sacraments are the ways in which we physically witness the graces of God, and it is with this appealing duty of the priest that makes me feel called to this vocation.

Same one thing that every Catholic needs to know.

I believe the most important thing that a Catholic must know is the reality of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Throughout my life, I have found that the easiest way to find God is to go and see him in the physical, tangible way in which he manifests himself to us. In the sacrament, I am blessed with so much time to adore Christ in the Eucharist and to adore him as a brave soldier of the cross. His heart was too great to admit anything but a perfect, unconditional love for me as has for me.

Why choose a life of sacrificial love?

Choosing a life of sacrificial love is a special type of selfless love; a love that Jesus urges each and every one of us to strive for.

For more information on the Serra Club in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, contact Karen Kenworthy or Sara Brown at serraokc@gmail.com.

Archbishop Coakley seeks formation of Serra Club to bolster vocations

At the request of Archbishop Coakley, a Serra Club is organizing in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to help create and sustain a culture of vocations.

Serra is an official lay apostolate of the Catholic Church. The organization takes its name from recently canonized Saint Junipero Serra, who is famous for establishing the missions in California in the 1700s. The Serra Club’s mission is to foster new vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to affirm and support existing vocations. A Serra Club can be a combination of prayer, service and fellowship. Such a club could greatly assist the work of the archdiocesan vocations office. They are organized by geographic areas within the diocese and often cover many parishes.

A Serra Club is made up of practicing Catholic men and women who meet at least once a month at Mass to pray specifically for vocations. Clubs have anywhere from 25 to more than 150 members. The new Serra Club for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. The monthly event will include a one-hour meeting followed by Mass in the Saint Francis de Sales Chapel and lunch in the refectory.

The monthly program will include a speaker or presentation focused on vocations. In addition, members commit to individual prayer for vocations on a regular basis. This can be a weekly or monthly rosary; an hour spent in Eucharistic Adoration; “spiritually adopting” a seminarian to give encouragement through letters, visits to a seminary or even dinners in the home; and prayer for the vocations director.

To support and affirm existing religious vocations, clubs often host appreciation events or dinners for priests and sisters in the diocese. In addition, a Serra Club often serves as a kind of unofficial support staff to the vocations office that the vocations director can call upon for help with various projects.

Serra Club dues support vocations efforts internationally and within the United States. For example, Serra has developed a website with more than 25 programs that can be tailored to a specific diocese or even a parish by the vocations director (www.serraap.org). In the United States, Serra offers on-site training to groups of parishos who seek to form parish vocations ministries. In addition, conventions are held internationally, nationally and regionally where members from various clubs come together for education and inspiration in their vocations work.
Pilgrimages

Join Fr. Scott Boreman on a pilgrimage May 23-31, visiting the shrines of France, pray- ing Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. It has been presented every 10 years since the mid-1600s in thanksgiving for being spared the ravages of the plague. The pilgrimage includes visits to Lourdes and Erfurt, Switzerland, the fairy tale Neuschwanstein Castle in Bav- aria, Germany, Salzburg, Austria, and Munich, Germany. Visit www.travelillume.com/mesta to register. Contact Alissa Williamson at (913) 771-918. Ext. 15, or pilgrimages@nccw.org.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Petra Experience the tour itineraries of the Holy Land and Petra, Jordan, with Fr. Jon bin Wall, May 24-31. Cost $4,937 pp. Deposit $300. Includes roundtrip airfare from OKC, four-star hotel, open buffet breakfast and dinner daily, meals during sightseeing and plus extra meals, and fees. More feel the Bible come alive while engaging all the holy sites and museums from the 1st century. Return wedding night at the Dead Sea, tour Petra, Mt. Nebo, Madaba, and so much more. Contact Marcin Daly at (405) 596-7060.

Pilgrimage to Berlin, Prague and Austria Fr. Carl William Janocha and Fr. Danny Grover will lead a pilgrimage to Berlin, Prague and Austria, also featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau, Sept. 21-Oct. 2. The trip is roundtrip-airfare, first class/junior hotel, three 5-star hotels, most meals and more. Sites in- clude Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Czeck Krumlov, Salzburg, Munich, Oberammergau, featuring the Passion Play produced every 10 years, and Frankfort. The people of Oberammergau have put on the Passion Play since the time of the plague when it passed over their valley and they have given thanks to God. Sign up now! More information, contact Fr. Janocha at (405) 640-4934, frj@nccw.org.

Passion Play to Oberammergau Fr. Jon bin Wall will lead, on an 11-day classical Austria and Germany trip, Sept. 19-30, including first class admission to the Passion Play of Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps for the 387th performance. Call (913) 340-8691, Ext. 109. Total arrangements by Newas International Travel. Roundtrip air- fare from OKC to/return Frankfurt.


All Saints Day 2019 at St. Rays of Lima in Perry. Photos provided.

Parishesons at St. Peter and Paul in Hobart play games at Catholic Youth Day 2019 celebration. Photo provided.

The Sharonne Knights of Colum- bia assisted the Work Project Activity Center, replac- ing light bulbs, adjusting and replacing ceiling tiles, being there and assisting with several projects. FT is a non-profit recycling center that provides jobs for intellectually challenged adults. Photo provided.

B. Staley Lhrones executive director The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City seeks an executive director for the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. This position is responsible for strategic planning, operation and sustenance of the shrine, which is currently under construction in Oklahoma City. Duties include leading the planning and execution of all buildings and operational aspects of the shrine; providing high-quality clerical support to key employees and contractors supporting the shrine; strategic planning for the facilities, programs, re- source development and outreach; and serving on the advisory board of the bishop for the board of directors in the oversight of the shrine. The candidate must have a bachelor’s degree in business administration or related field; and promotion of pilgrimages and other activities that will take flight on the campus. The suc- cessful candidate will be a bachelor’s degree graduate with a background in higher education (a master’s degree in business or discipline other than finance and business development) required, 5 years in executive leadership with a strong desire for human rela- tionship, demonstrated ability to provide oversight to staff and volunteers. Experience in shrine leadership is preferred. Bilingual in Spanish preferred. Send inquiries and resumes to Alegerie@archokc.org.

Substitute teacher - Kiskading A long-term substitute teacher is needed immediately for a combi- nation grade 3rd and 4 grade classroom at St. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Kiskading. An Oklahoma teaching certificate required; experience preferred. Contact: Joseph Camacho, interim principal, (405) 375-4166 or principal@skcpaste- rian.org.

Mother’s Day Out program The Mother’s Day Out program at Christ the King is seeking a full-time and part-time positions. Must be able to communicate and work well with children and adults. All employees must complete safe-ty training, including CPR and a back- ground check. Contact director of development at ctk.dvpt@okcok.org. Send cover letter and resume to Margaret@ctkclassroom.org.

Development, administrative assistant The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an administrative assistant to help manage the administrative office and handle duties for upper management. The ability to mul- timate is essential in this position. This job is unfulfilling, a good problem solver and organized. The role includes large-scale fundraising initiatives, working with board members and building relationships with donors, staff and volunteers. The candi- date should be familiar with CRM, nonprofit software, donor databa- ses and tax-exempt fund raising. Experience in fundraising and development is a must. Send cover letter and resume to Margaret@ctkclassroom.org.

Caputatius teachers needed The Diocese of Oklahoma City/Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is looking for a school district part- nership with the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Candidates are called to consider full-time and part-time positions. Must be able to communicate and work well with children and adults. All employees must complete safe-ty training, including CPR and a back- ground check. Contact director of development at ctk.dvpt@okcok.org. Send cover letter and resume to Margaret@ctkclassroom.org. Senior director for social services The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a senior director for social services to direct all support programs and services. Send cover letter and resume to Margaret@ctkclassroom.org. Pre-K director Bishop John Carroll in Oklahoma City is looking for an aide to join the pre-school team. A prac- ticing Catholic is preferred, but well living in an environment that allows for children to live a Christian lifestyle is a must. The position sup- ports the prescchool team and must be able to build rapport with the parents of the children and families. Full-time with bene- fits. Send your resume to Margaret@ctkclassroom.org. To see more job openings, go on- line to www.archokc.org/jobs-board.

FATHER TAD PACHOLCHY Bishop Diocese of Oklahoma City
the archdiocese, “One Church, Many Disciples.” The site will include a 2,000-seat church, a chapel where Blessed Stanley Rother (ROW-ther) will be entombed, an education building, an event space and several areas designated for shrines and devotion. The site will be developed over time.

“Today was the groundbreaking for the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in South OKC!” Mayor Holt posted on Twitter. “This is a very ambitious project honoring an amazing person, and I can’t wait to come back for the dedication!”

Along with the Spanish colonial-style church – which will be the largest Catholic Church in Oklahoma – an additional element will be a museum and pilgrim center, which will be an additional $5 million. The center will welcome thousands of visitors each year to an experience that leads them through the life, witness and martyrdom of Blessed Stanley.

The church will host many diocesan events and will help accommodate the growing Hispanic population whose parishes are significantly overcrowded.

Under the leadership of Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius Beltran, Blessed Stanley’s cause for canonization was opened in 2007. Pope Francis recognized him as a martyr in 2016 and his Rite of Beatification took place Sept. 23, 2017, in downtown Oklahoma City with more than 20,000 people in attendance.

Blessed Stanley is the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified.

The design architect for the project is Franck & Lohsen Architects in Washington D.C. They are supported by local architectural firm ADG. The general contractor is The Boldt Company in Oklahoma City with Cooper Project Advisors serving as the owner’s representative.

To learn more about the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, to see photos or to watch a video of the groundbreaking ceremony, go online to archokc.org/shrine.

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Saint Paul's top seven: how to be a great church leader!

Saint Paul's pastoral letters

Toward the end of his life, Saint Paul wrote three special letters that were not directed to specific communities but to two men with heavy responsibilities: Timothy and Titus. These three letters, two to Timothy and one for Titus, are concerned with the work of a pastor in caring for the community or communities under his charge. That is why they are called "pastoral letters." They guide the pastor, shepherds, in the care of their flock.

Here are seven quotes that give us a framework for excellent pastoral leadership:

1. 1 Timothy 3, 2-6: Leaders Lead a Good Life: "...pure among those who are unclean, temperate, self-controlled, discreet, respectable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not aggressive, but gentle, not contentious, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, keep his children under control with perfect dignity; for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of the Church of God? He should not be a recent convert, so that he may not become con- ceited and thus incur the devil's punishment." 2. 2 Timothy 1, 8-12: Leaders Witness the Gospel to Others: "Do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake, but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortal- ity to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed preacher and apostle and teacher." 3. 2 Timothy 1, 15-16: Leaders Love Truth: "Take as your norms the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us." 4. 2 Timothy 2, 9-10: Leaders Suffer for the Sake of the Gospel and the Church: "Remem- ber Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a dis- cendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But, the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory." 5. Titus 2, 11-14: Leaders Love Temperately: "For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the bless- ed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Je- sus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all unlawfulness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good." 6. Titus 3, 1-2: Leaders Promote Obedience and Graciousness: "Remind them to be under the control of magistrates and authorities, to be obedient, to be open to every good enter- prise. They are to slander no one, to be peace- able, considerate, exercising all graciousness toward everyone." 7. Titus 3, 9: Leaders Avoid Foolish Arguments: "Avoid foolish arguments, genealogies, studies and quarrels about the law, for they are useless and futile." There are many more great recommendations from Saint Paul on how to be great leaders within the Church, but these are a good start. Together, we thank God for having inspired Saint Paul in these pastoral letters.

“Called” offers guide for our faith journey

By John H. Dolkan!

We are called to be disciples, called to evangelize the world within the context of everyday life. We are called to imitate. “Called” offers some interesting insight and a five-week guide that can be useful for those already on the jour- ney of discipleship and for those in need of guidance on how to begin their own journey.

The book was very helpful in expanding my vision for being like Jesus. I highly recommend this book and feel it will inspire and equip you to reach out to others and lead them to be Jesus’ disci- ples.

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Author Kevin Cotter

Kevin Cotter’s "Called" was writ- ten "to convince us that being an ev- eryday disciple is not just something we should do out of obligation but something we are made for—something we do, not because we have to, but because love compels us." I venture to guess that most adult Catholics are aware of this “call.” And, I guess that many who are aware of this “call” are responding as best they know how through personal service.

However, I feel there are some adult Catholics who, like me, may be aware of the “call” but unclear on how to respond. “Called” offers some interesting insight and a five-week guide that can be useful for those already on the jour- ney of discipleship and for those in need of guidance on how to begin their own journey.

The book is asking of us as he calls for us to respond as best we know how in the context of everyday life. We are called to evangelize and make disciples. It involves creating a vision of discipleship and building the "Win- Build-Send" model of the FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic Universi- ty Students) organization as the foundation for his five-week guide. Win relates to the foundation for serving as a disciple. It involves personal encounter and relation- ship with Jesus Christ. And, by the grace of God, we can grow to be the kind of Catholic disciples we are called to be.

For serving as a disciple. It involves

- BUILD relates to the “ways of thinking and habits that allow us to be followers of the one we are called to imitate.
- SEND relates to the vision for our evangelization.

Cotter’s five-week guide is de- signed to be read daily and each chapter provides opportunity for self-examination, meditation and reflection on topics such as encountering Jesus, what Jesus is asking of us as his calls for us to be disciples, and creating a vision on why we need to evangelize and make disciples of others.

Responding to the call will bring a disci- ple can be challeng- ing. Learning to be “followers of men” re- quires commitment, love and service. Cotter’s book can be helpful in overcom- ing these challenges and help us renew our personal relationship with Jesus. And, by the grace of God, we can grow to be the kind of Catholic disciples we are called to be.

The book was very helpful in expanding my vision for being like Jesus. I highly recommend this book and feel it will inspire and equip you to reach out to others and lead them to be Jesus’ disci- ples.

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Lánzate a lo más Profundo

¡Únanse a mí para una celebración católica el 7 de Diciembre!

Además, Dianne Davis viene de Chrislle Ministries de Baltimore. Chrislle es una or- ganización católica de evangelización que se utilizan en parroquias de todo el país. También tenemos a Kevin Cotter de The Amazing Parish como uno de nuestros presentadores principales. Kevin es un sacerdote cristiano conocido a nivel nacional, Josè Blakely, que proporcionará música y nos guiará en la adoración.

Por qué una con- vocación? Y por qué deberíamos ir? Primero, una convocatoria, por qué definición, es un gran evento que se presenta a cierta persona o grupo. No es como cualquier otro evento que se celebre en la arquidiócesis de vez en cuando. Esta es una reunión especial, convocada para un propósito específico. Llamo a la convoca- ción para nosotros e invito a todos los sacerdotes, discípulos, personal laico y líderes en parroquias, directores y maestros de escuelas, personal parroquial, e incluso a todos los seguidores de varios congresos, incluidos sacerdotes de la RCCIA, ministros jóvenes, de la comunidad. Muchas personas que encuentran nuestras catóquitas, voluntarias, etc... Me encantaría que cada parroquia enviara una delegación: 10, 20, incluso 30 personas de algunas de nuestras parroquias más grandes.

En segundo lugar, en este evento participarás públicamente en la Eucaristía del nuevo Plan Pastoral para nuestra Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma, 2030. Ha sido una tarea importante armar este plan. En el fruto del discernimiento en oración, la investigación, las reuniones regionales y las sesiones de escucha, la planificación estratégica, las conversaciones, las reuniones con líderes clave de la arquidiócesis. Este plan llevará a cabo en el Centro de Convenciones de Oklahoma City. La celebración del 7 de Diciembre. La Convocatoria Arquidiocesana Visión 2030.

Durante la ceremonia, el arzobispo, el arzobispo Coakley bendijo el terreno para un evento único en nuestra arquidiócesis. Bajo su cargo. Por eso se llaman "padres". Los líderes fulfillment. Espero que todos los líderes podrían estar con nosotros durante este evento, "Yo soy el líder de la arquidiócesis. Este es nuestro evento, el líder de esta diócesis. Todo lo que hago es para el servicio de Dios y los hombres. Y lo que me gustaría que todos hagan es participar en este evento. "Cuando el líder nos invita a participar en un evento, es porque ese evento es importante para nuestro crecimiento y desarrollo. Y el líder quiere que todos estemos presentes para participar en ese evento. Y es nuestro deber como líderes hacerlo. Porque si no participamos, no estaríamos cumpliendo con nuestra responsabilidad como líderes. Por eso es importante que todos los líderes estemos presentes para participar en este evento. "

Y con eso, queridos hermanos y hermanas, que sepan obedecer y estén listos para toda la obra de Dios. Amen.
Ask the pastor about becoming a deacon. Discover the diaconate role by attending the introductory class 7 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Catholic Pastoral Center; 7 p.m. Dec. 5 at St. Joseph in Clinton; and 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at St. Joseph in Enid. If interested, contact Diane Wilson at dwilson@mountstfrancis.org or call (405) 636-6800.

**November 17**

Nine days of novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague. During the nine days, the novena prayer will be: Monday-Friday following Noon, Mass, Saturday following 5 p.m. Mass, and Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass.

**November 21**

- Pray the Rosary for Life, 6:30 p.m., 2435 Wulin Dr., Norman. Contact Connie Lang (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com
- Feast of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
- Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul

**November 22**

- St. Catherine’s miscarriage and infant loss novena meets 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Epiphany of the Lord, 7316 St. Britton Rd, in Oklahoma City, on the third Monday of every month. Call (405) 618-4982.

**November 28**

- Annual turkey dinner 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. St. Joseph, 101 First St. Brook.
- Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria
- Thanksgiving Day - CPC closed.
- Thanksgiving meal 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. St. Francis, 1901 N.W. 18, OKC.
- Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary

**December 1**

- Early application process begins. For questions and MSM Admissions Director Diane Wilson at dwilson@mountstfrancis.org.

**December 6**

- Annual novena for the Infant Jesus of Prague.
- Ecumenical Peace Week. The weekend of Dec. 7-10, the CNC will present Peace Week observances. Check out cnc.org for more information.

**December 7**

- Special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

**December 10**

- Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! Become a seminarian pen pal! 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joined by guest speakers Andre Regnier, with Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) and Diane Davis, creator of ChristLife. The inspiring presentations will be accompanied by uplifting music by Josh Blakesley, who is most known by his appearances at Steubenville youth conferences.

Jeff Cavins is passionate about helping people understand Scripture and become disciples of Jesus Christ. He is best known for creating “The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Learning System,” which has helped hundreds of thousands of people to engage in Scripture in an life-changing way. Cavins’s other recent projects include his podcast, “The Jeff Cavins Show.” He recently wrote, “The Activated Disciple.”

Kevin Cotter is executive director of The Amazing Parish and served as senior director of curriculum at FOCUS, where he worked for 11 years. Cotter has appeared on Catholic radio and television, including EWTN, Relevant Radio, Immaculate Heart Radio and on SiriusXM’s The Catholic Channel. His work has been featured on Catholic websites, including Denver Catholic, National Review, Catholic Exchange and Life Teen.

Andre Regnier founded Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) in 1988, which has been calling countless people to deeper conversion and a Christ-centered life. In 2015, he was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal for distinguished service to the Church. This is the highest medal awarded to laity by the Pope. His books include “Catholic Missionary Identity,” “Five Tenets to Renew the World,” and “Clear & Simple: How to Have Conversations that Lead to Conversion.”

Dianne Davis joined ChristLife in 2012. She was raised in a devout Catholic family and made a personal commitment to Jesus and surrendered her life to him in 2001. She went from “loving” Jesus to “falling in love” with him and her life has never been the same. She is a teacher in the ChristLife series. Her greatest desire is to share Jesus Christ and help others do the same.

Josh Blakesley has acknowledged a simple calling: To make music that moves people into prayer and action. Blakesley has performed with a wide variety of Christian artists like Matt Maher, Andrew Peterson, Jars of Clay and the Newsboys as well as several international papal events. He also works directly with the

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Franciscan University of Steubenville, Life Teen International, Catholic HeartWork Camp, Adore Ministries as well as many churches, camps and conferences.

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