Archdiocese selects The Boldt Company for Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine

By Diane Clay
The Sooner Catholic

Archbishop Coakley on Sept. 6 officially signed the contract with The Boldt Company of Oklahoma City to build the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. The signing comes two months before the groundbreaking ceremony, which will be Sunday, Nov. 3.

“The shrine will be a place of welcome, serving all people in our community and pilgrims from around the world,” Archbishop Coakley said. “The Boldt Company recognizes that this project is about much more than constructing a building; it is a labor of faith and devotion to honor one of our own. To better understand Blessed
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Pope to create 13 new cardinals

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY – Pope Francis announced he will create 13 new cardinals Oct. 5, choosing prelates from 13 different nations as a sign of “the missionary vocation of the church that continues to proclaim the merciful love of God to all men and women of the earth.”

The only Canadian named was 73-year-old Jesuit Father Michael Czerny, undersecretary of the Section for Migrants and Refugees at
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Corpus Christi honors St. Peter Claver

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

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every year, on the weekend closest to Sept. 9 – the feast day of Saint Peter Claver, patron of the missions to African people and human rights defender – Corpus Christi hosts the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver from the other Oklahoma parishes.

The Knights of Peter Claver, established in 1909, are a Catholic fraternal service organization that bases its principles on engagement in their local communities to help the pastor spread the Gospel.

Saint Peter Claver was a priest from Spain whose primary mission was to see everything through the eyes of Christ. At age 30, Father Claver volunteered to work in the missionary fields in Columbia. By this time, the slave trade had been established. Father Claver saw it as his mission to bring the Gospel to all, especially
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Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Gospel of life

This past week, I had the opportunity to celebrate Mass in the beautiful Ronnie Masson chapel of Saint Gregory’s Abbey. The occasion of this most recent visit was the observance of the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Following Mass, during which we prayed for victims of abortion and the parents and families who have experienced the pain and loss of abortion, we processed to the outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We knelt in prayer at the shrine before the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which bears Mary’s image.

I remained altar directly beneath the miraculous tilma of this association. Celebrating Mass at the basilica’s main altar and cathedral of Saint Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

**Blessing of animals**
Holy Family in Lawton, 11:10 a.m. Sept. 28, will host the annual blessing of animals in front of the main altar at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6.

**Want to learn about the future of the archdiocese?**
Archbishop Paul S. Coakley will speak in the beautiful monastic chapel of Saint Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

**Photo Br. George Hubl.**

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is itself a codex, a coded message, that spoke to the indigenous people immediately grasped. The image of Mary itself proclaims the central truth of the Gospel and revealed to the indigenous people in a way that the missionaries could not. The Aztec empire fell quickly and with it its bloody human sacrifice. Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron of the pro-life movement, bears witness to the Gospel of life. Her image affirms the dignity of every person from the moment of conception.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe also affirms the “Star of the New Evangelization.” As even she led the way in the first evangelization of the American continent during nearly 500 years ago, she calls us today in confronting so many challenges to the sanctity of life and human dignity.

**Heavenly Father, you are our life and love. Send down your spirit upon those catechists. Give them to be teachers of your truth and witnesses of your love. Give them the joy of proclaiming the Good News. Help them see you in all your works so that they may share it with others, and in their words and deeds, offer continual praise to the one who saves us. Give them the wisdom to teach. Help them discover your truth in new and exciting ways. May they carry the message of whom they instruct to become your loyal disciples. May their words bring favor and wisdom. May they be an almighty Father, in the name of your son Jesus Christ in unity with the Holy Spirit who inspires us with wisdom, understanding and love.”**

**To VOLUNTEER**
To learn more about volunteering with “No One Dies Alone,” contact Dcn. Richard Thibodeau at (405) 752-3716, (405) 936-5498 or richard.thibodeau@mercy.net. Go online to mercy.net; search for program.

Additional coverage of Children’s Mercy news and events, only on www.sorocene.org.

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**Put Out Into the Deep**

Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Gospel of life

**Find more news on the website**

**By Steve Gutz**

**OKLAHOMA CITY – Deacon Richard Thibodeau has played a major role in creating a new program at Mercy Health Center called “No One Dies Alone.”**

As its name implies, Thibodeau and a group of volunteers work to ensure that people who are near death have someone to help them transition in a dignified manner.

“This is a really, really important and poignant thing,” he said.

Thibodeau has served as chaplain at Mercy for five years. He also is a deacon at Saint Robert Bellarmine in Jones.

“No One Dies Alone,” began at Mercy in 2009.

“It’s important for people to know I didn’t come up with the idea for “No One Dies Alone,” he noted. “It started in the early 2000s in Oregon. Although he didn’t establish the program, it was a personal experience that led him to push for the program at Mercy. While traveling, he found out his father had passed away. The news struck him hard because his father died alone and should have been there with him,” he recalled.

Last year, he began talking with Mercy officials. He said there are many reasons people prefer someone to be with them at the end of life.

“Some people come from broken families and may be in distance with family members. Others may have already lost their spouses. One example he provided was the case of two brothers. One of the brothers lived in Oklahoma City and was receiving end-of-life care. The other brother lived in California and flew in to be with his sibling for the final days. The brother stayed for 10 days but, eventually, family and other obligations, forced him to return to California. The patient was alone.

**Deacon launches hospital program to help the dying**

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Cardinal-designate Czerny, who was elected a new cardinal to continue work in the United States. Cardinal-designate Czerny, who was elected a new cardinal to continue work in the United States.
Mount St. Mary educator receives Fulbright Award

By Eliana Tedrow
The Sooner Catholic

One of the world’s most prestigious and competitive fellowship program awards has been given to Mount St. Mary Catholic High School’s social studies teacher, John Baldrige. The competitive Fulbright-Hays study abroad award offers significant professional learning opportunities.

The Fulbright program was founded by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946 and is one of the world’s most recognized and prestigious scholarship programs. The program’s goal is to strengthen the capacity of nations by improving cultural relationships through the exchange of people, cultural materials and knowledge, and educational opportunities.

In May, Baldrige and nine other social studies educators, traveled to Morocco, a developing country. He was one of the few Americans at the Fulbright program in Rabat, Morocco. Baldrige was there during Ramadan, a time of fasting, that provided the opportunity to witness a day in their lives and that was a big shock to witness in person,” Baldrige said. “At the same time, even with all of their struggles and the challenges of living day-to-day, they were still able to create such a colorful and vibrant culture. They have done such a wonderful job of protecting their cultural traditions, such as music, dance, arts and crafts, and it is a really colorful country with amazing people.

Baldrige said recognizing the humanity and dignity of all God’s children around the world and helping make the world a better place to live for all is a key value of the Catholic faith.

MM Principal Tallia DeNegri said Baldrige is one of the most popular teachers with the kids at the school.

“He is a beacon, not only for our faith, but also for the academic rigor of our Mount community. The kids just soak it all in when he talks,” DeNegri said.

“This honor speaks traditionally for him because now, after all the training and guidance, not only academically and professionally, but spiritually, we have a young man who is an incredible teacher and a spiritual leader in our building,”

Baldrige said he intends to integrate his experience into his classroom where students might be inspired to take action in their own lives to live their faith by making the world a better place.

Eliana Tedrow is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.
Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House celebrates 60 years

Lake Dallas, Texas – This October, Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House will celebrate its 60th year of service to faith communities in the north Texas, Oklahoma and northern Louisiana. Founded in 1959 by the Jesuits of the New Orleans Province, now the U.S.C. Province, Montserrat has served as a place for silent reflection and spiritual renewal. Montserrat’s campus includes space for diocesan, parish and religious organizations to host gatherings. In 2013, the Ignatian Spirituality Institute (SSI) was founded at Montserrat to train future church leaders in the reflective traditions of Saint Ignatius. Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House is a ministry of the U.S. Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus offering the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius and programs in the Ignatian tradition.

Contact Fr. Ron Gonzalez at (940) 323-1000. rgonzalez@montserratretreat.org

The Mount.

Mount Saint Mary to dedicate new field

Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School in Oklahoma City will dedicate the school’s new turf football field at 6:45 p.m. Sept. 26 before the school’s football home opener with Heritage Hall High School.

As part of the dedication ceremony, the school will recognize the two lead benefactors for the project, Gunther, Blumberg, Mustang, Hold, Ada, Newnan, Harrell and Edmond attended Week 1 of the conference. July 12-14. Week 2, July 21-25 was attended by youth from Ponca City, Enid, Oklahoma City, Edmon
d?s Hinsdale, Okarche and Bison. This year’s theme at the conference was “Belong” and it emphasized the belonging of each and every one of God’s children.

Sister Joyce Stoecklein.

A recent Knights of Columbus retreat at the Catholic Pastoral Center featured Fr. Phil Courter, Fr. Courter was an associate pastor at four churches and a pastor at three missions in Oklahoma. He also served as a chaplain for 20 years in the U.S. Navy. The theme was, “Focusing God, the Desert Path.” He shared the importance of Catholics hearing to God through prayer and doing “what God wants when he wants it—even right now.”

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Above photos: Students from St. Francis of Assisi in Oklahoma City at the 2019 Steubenville STL Mid-America youth conference. Below: Skip Calavitta. Week 2 was hosted by Sister Miriam Thomasine Stoecklein.

By Miranda Renteria

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – More than 700 students from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City joined thousands of other young Catholics this summer at the 2019 Steubenville STL Mid-America youth conference.

“The friends you meet, the energy in the prayer and the music and experiences God’s great love with 5,000 of your fellow teen Catholics is something you can’t get anywhere else,” said Jackie Nguyen, a 15 year old who attended the Steubenville conference in Missouri with Saint Francis of Assisi in Oklahoma City. “I’ve never danced, sang and cried so much in one weekend.”

Steubenville STL Mid-America is a three-day conference that takes place annually in July on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. The event is in partnership with the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio and is one of many that occur around the United States. This year’s conference was attended by youth from several states, including Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas, Iowa, Tennessee, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Michigan. This year’s conference grew to have the hightest attendance in 20 years. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City had a total of 743 team participants at the conference this year.

“It was rewarding to see so many young people on fire with their faith and adoring Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,” said Father William Novak, pastor of Saint Francis and vicar general of the archdiocese. Youth from parishes in Oklahoma City, Guthrie, Blanchard, Mustang, Hold, Ada, New

Heidtland, the worship hymns were led by Kyle Huesing, and clergy included Father Chris Martin. The speakers were Lisa Cutter, Nye

Carlo Raffiello, a teen who attended the conference from Saint John in Edmond. “I had a great experience and I’m excited to go back next year.”

Elia Gaytan, who attended from The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, agreed. “God’s clearest message to me was: ‘You are not alone.’ This is a message I have heard over and over; however, seeing 5,000 other people adore Christ and bring their hearts, fears, and desires to him affirmed this message and left me without any doubts.”

Week 1 was hosted by Dan Harms, the worship hymns were led by Josh Blakesley, and clergy included Father Mike Schmitz. The speakers for that week were Katie Prepon McGrady, Noelle Garcia McHugh, and David Calavitta. Week 2 was hosted by Sister Miriam Thomasine Stoecklein.

This year’s theme at the conference will be “Restored.” It is based on the verse, Psalms 80:3, “Restore us, O God of hosts; let thy face shine, that we may be saved.”

Teresa Schmidlkofer (70th jubilees); Sr. Theresa Schmidlkofer, Sr. Theresa Schmidlkofer, Sr. Mary Emer
tita Stoecklein, Sr. Theresa Schmidlkofer, Sr. Mary Mary Terese Alvarado and Sr. Maria Elena Gonzalez (60th jubilees). Sr. Mary Thomasine Stoecklein.

Sister Mary Thomasine Stoecklein, a lifelong educator and pro

fessor of the Blood of Christ for 32 years, has served as the community’s Wichita center. She was Sister Mary Thomasine was the second of eight children and spent her child

hood on the family farm. She was baptized Edna Mae. One of her siblings also joined the ASC comm

unity as Sister Joyce Stoecklein.

Mary Thomasine entered the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in August 1935, professing first vows on Aug. 10, 1941, and final vows five years later. She celebrated her 75th anniversary on May 8, 2016. She taught college education classes for 25 years at Newman University in Wichita where she was an associate professor of education and Education Department chair

woman. Prior to Newman, she spent 15 years as an elementary teacher and/or principal and three years as a high school math teacher.

She played volleyball and basketball in college and continued her love of competitive sports.

A funeral Mass was held on Sept. 7 at the Wichita Center. She was buried at the center’s community cemetery.

Students from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City at the 2019 Steubenville STL Mid-America youth conference. Below: Skip Calavitta. Week 2 was hosted by Sister Miriam Thomasine Stoecklein.

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Nineteen who attended the conference this year already are eager to return.

“I want to go back every year, if possible, and I want to bring as many people with me to experience the Holy Spirit working in them,” Elia Gaytan said.

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those who were brought from Africa on slave vessels. It is said that Saint Peter Claver baptized nearly 300,000 slaves as they entered the New World, giving them basic instruction, and caring for their spiritual needs.

Saint Peter Claver died at age 74 after a long illness in his beloved Columbia. He was canonized in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII. By his life and ministry, Saint Peter Claver sought to fight for the rights of everyone and to share the Gospel with anyone willing to listen.

Saint Peter Claver, pray for us!

The Knights of Peter Claver attend Mass Sept. 8 at Corpus Christi in Oklahoma City to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Peter Claver. Photo provided.

Our Lady of LaVang Mass and celebration

The Our Lady of LaVang Mass and celebration was held Sept. 8 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. Photos Fran Kozakowski/Sooner Catholic.

Cursillo

The Cursillo 40th Anniversary celebration was held Aug. 24 at the St. Joseph Family Center in Norman. Photo Chris Porter/Sooner Catholic.


Archbishop Coakley and archdiocesan staff met this month in Mexico City with priests, including Fr. Gilberto Moya and Fr. Walter Dominguez, to discuss the partnership with the diocese. Photo provided.
Respect Life

Getting Out of Dodge!

"Mommy and daddy are going to help you be babies!" shouted our daughter, Lucia, as we explained that we were going to be moving to Oklahoma City to work as Respect Life coordinators for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. My husband, busted that the excruciating pain he was feeling was “just cramps,” and I also was told that it would not be a big deal if I lost an egg. I would “still be fertile, but why would you want an egg?” And, I was sent home with a note that said, “Noelle is restricted to limited walking.”

Consequently, after seeing two different doctors and being dismissed, I ended up in an emergency room due to ovarian torsion with the unfortunate consequence that a surgeon who performed such sloppy work that I will need another surgery eventually. He told me it did not have traditional insurance (we are part of a healthshare), I would take the extra expensive route of pain pills. While we were having this conversation, she unknowingly to both of us at the time, I was bleeding internally. Thankfully, part due to regularly tracking and being in tune with my cycle through Natural Family Planning, I suspected something was seriously wrong and was able to speak up for myself: I need help. I need surgery.

What does all this have to do with Respect Life? It has to do with how abortive and contraceptive mentality has affected women’s health—directly affecting their ability to have an abortion and drive to help women in difficult situations. However, we were made aware of a more indirect and insidious injustice a few months ago when I had to have an emergency surgery. I was able to give a woman a new way to be pro-life, to understand that it is so important to be pro-life, to understand that it is so important to be pro-life... and we have tried our best to live our lives in this way.

The second letter of Paul mentions this in Ch. 3 verses 15–16: “...consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, as our beloved brother Paul, according to the tradition given to him, also wrote to you, speaking of things as he does in all his letters. In them there are some things hard to understand; these, however, the ignorant and unstable distort to their own destruction, just as they do the other Scriptures.” God has called this imperious man to be a missionary to the gentiles, a theologian and the receiver of divine inspiration as he becomes God’s instrument in writing these various letters, but I want to emphasize one idea, it is not easy to read Paul. He adapts his message to his various audiences while at the same time you can see how his own understanding of profound truths is developing. This is why his writings should be considered as a whole in order to understand the New Testament.

The letter to the Romans, while not being his first letter, is his longest and most profound letter. This letter is his opportunity to go deeper into, and continue to develop, the themes he spoke about in his letters to the Galatians and the Corinthians. As we are speaking to the Christians in Rome, a task that was not an easy one.

Rome had various groups of Christians and not all of them got along well with each other. Some had been converted from Jewish faiths, festivals and holy days. They were familiar with the Old Testament and the synagogue manner of worship. The group before healing and praying for the promised messiah and when the gospel came to Rome, welcomed theLord into their lives. We have the group that is the largest group of Christians in Rome. These Christians, with their conversion to the church of Rome that Paul wanted to make personal contact with, also welcomed the Lord into their lives, including me. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I was often planned to come to you, though I was prevented until now, that I might harvest some fruit among you, too, as well as you of the New Testament. The seeds fall on the good soul, so the Lord's Word is clearly speak- ing to you. If you have gained access to your life, this may be a grace to your heart, so we can see how the Holy Spirit is clearly working through different social and cultural groups and bring them together as one family in Christ.

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary of Council 1818 in Okarche are pleased to announce that the Ramírez family has been named the recipient of the 2023 "Power From The Margins" Book Review. This book, which aims to acknowledge the contributions of individuals and groups who have faced significant challenges and hardships, was selected for its compelling narrative and its ability to inspire readers. "Power From The Margins" by John H. Dolezal, a job description of a Catholic social worker, explores the experiences of the Margins residents, focusing on the journey of faith, the challenges they face, and the hope that can be found in overcoming adversity. The Ramírez family, through their dedication and resilience, embodies the spirit of "Power From The Margins."" by John H. Dolezal

"Power From The Margins"

By John H. Dolezal

According to the Pew Research Center, book sales are down....make up one percent of this

Catholic book review

This sign

A new book, "Power From The Margins," delves into the lives of the working poor and introduces fresh ideas for Catholic teaching to communities. Bishop Ricardo Ramirez has written a thoughtful and encouraging book about this issue. He invites you to do some Lectio Divina with the deprivation at the margins, there are always gifts that the Lord is giving us. I decided to read the book, I found myself repeatedly reflecting on this sample, but I was led to the realization that only the poor can bring these stories of the marginalized to light. No matter how deep

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St. Paul’s letter to the Romans is deep!

The 27 books of the New Testament aren’t all alike. Twenty-one of the 27 in the New Testament are letters with Saint Paul writing more than half of the letters. Saint Paul originally was known as Saul of Tarsus, a devout Jew. A passionate and difficult man whose writings, after the historic encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, reflect those same traits.

In the New Testament, we have a rich tapestry of letters that are addressed to both individuals and communities. Through this correspondence, Paul speaks clearly to both the young and old, the rich and poor, the strong and weak. The theological core of his letters is the good news of the resurrection of Jesus. Through his letters, Paul seeks to proclaim the message of salvation to all nations, transforming the lives of his readers and the world around them.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes a powerful message of inclusion and salvation. He begins by acknowledging the greatness of God’s love and mercy, which he attributes to the freedom of all people to be reconciled with God. In Paul’s thought, salvation is not just for the elect, but for all people, regardless of their background or social status. He emphasizes the importance of faith, and how faith leads to the realization of salvation. Paul’s message is one of hope, of the possibility of salvation for all, regardless of their past or present circumstances.

So, what can we learn from Paul’s letter to the Romans? One key lesson is the importance of faith. Paul reminds us that faith is more than just believing in a certain way of life. Faith is a living, dynamic force that transforms the lives of those who embrace it. It is a commitment to the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ, and who is the source of salvation and eternal life. Faith is also a call to action, to live a life that is in keeping with the teachings of Jesus.

Another important lesson from Paul’s letter is the importance of community. Paul recognizes the power of the community in the process of salvation. He encourages believers to support each other in their faith journey, and to work together to bring about the kingdom of God. The community is a vital force in the process of salvation, and it is through the community that believers are able to live out their faith in a meaningful way.

Finally, Paul’s letter to the Romans reminds us of the importance of love. Paul emphasizes the love of God, which is the foundation of all other virtues. He reminds us that love is the greatest virtue, and that it is through love that we are able to live out our faith in a meaningful way. Love is at the heart of the Christian call to action, and it is love that transforms the world.

In conclusion, Paul’s letter to the Romans is a powerful message of inclusion, salvation, and love. It is a call to action for all believers, and it reminds us of the importance of faith, community, and love in the process of salvation. Through his letter, Paul challenges us to live out our faith in a meaningful way, and to work together to bring about the kingdom of God. Let us be inspired by Paul’s words, and let us strive to live out our faith in a meaningful way, guided by the love of God.
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y el Evangelio de la Vida

La semana pasada tuve la oportunidad de estar en el Seminario de la Iglesia Católica en la ciudad de Superman, el cual fue el大妈 powerless de la celebración del Día Nacional de Recuerdo de Niños Abortados. Exigimos tratamos con las víctimas del aborto y los padres y las familias que han experimentado el dolor y la pérdida por causa de este trágico acto, nos dirigimos al pequeño Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para un paseo por nuestras vidas y celebramos el trabajo de Guadalupe y su mensaje. Una historia que probablemente la mayoría de nosotros nunca habíamos escuchado antes, pero que se registra en la historia de la iglesia y desempeña un papel crucial en nuestra fe. Es una historia que tiene raíces en la tierra y se extiende hacia el cielo, una historia que nos invita a reflexionar sobre el significado de nuestra fe y su relación con la vida humana. Es una historia que nos invita a reflexionar sobre el significado de nuestra fe y su relación con la vida humana.

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Dementia and caregiving

For Dementia patients present a program on dementia and caregiving by Kyle Henry. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 20, St. John Paul II Dwelling 4113 S. Eastern Ave., Moore. Alzheimer’s disease alarm schematic lead you a session on the practice of prayer taught by the early Church fathers. Limited number of deep sleep into one’s daily life. Contact Sr. Sara at (405) 746-4209 or lesstio@jesuparamar-

School of Disciple Pelican University Dr. Presbo, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 27, St. Eugene chapel, 2400 W. Hefner Rd., Okla-

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Financial Peace University class Financial Peace University class will be at 4 p.m. Sept. 25, St. Francis of Assisi, 1901 N.W. 18 in Oklahoma City.

Octoberfest Oktoberfest Holy Spirit, 1100 N. Sara Rd., Mustang will host its annual Oktoberfest event, 6 p.m. Sept. 28. Reservations $40. Enjoy authentic German food, beer, wine and live music by Gospel Polka Band, and live and silent auction. All proceeds support con-

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Stanley’s life and martyrdom, a representative from Boldt accompanied me to Guatemala this summer to walk where Blessed Stanley walked and to meet the people he loved and served. I am excited to include them in this celebration.”

Representing Boldt at Friday’s signing were Tony Yanda, director of operations, Chris Holmes, pre-construction manager, and Tina Fairless, marketing manager.

“Boldt is humbled and blessed to be a part of something so sacred and inspirational that will honor Blessed Stanley and those he served. We look forward to our partnership with the archdiocese to ensure the shrine is built with excellence,” Yanda said.

The shrine is being built to honor Blessed Stanley Rother, the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born priest ever beatified by the Catholic Church. It will be a place of pilgrimage where the faithful will come to honor Blessed Stanley at his final resting place.

The $40 million shrine is the signature element of the first-ever capital campaign for the archdiocese, “One Church, Many Disciples.” The site will include a 2,000-seat church, a chapel where Blessed Stanley will be buried, an education building, an event space and several areas designated for shrines and devotion. The site will be developed over time.

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 large diocesan events and will help accommodate the growing Hispanic population whose parishes are significantly overcrowded.

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 with Cooper Project Advisors serving as the owner’s representative.

The groundbreaking event will be 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the future site of the shrine. The event will include kid and family activities and is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required.

To find out more or to support the shrine, visit archokc.org/shrine. For further questions, contact Diane Clay at dclay@archokc.org.

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