Hello! You have never met me. You do not know me personally, and you don’t know my name. But because of your thoughtful gift to Catholic Charities, you have helped my family and me.

My story begins in California where I was raised by loving parents with my eight brothers and sister. I married in my early 20s and my husband and I had five children together. I am not proud and my husband and I had five children desperately needed. The mother they deserved. For 10 years I fought to get my next drug fix. I knew I had it in me to fight for my children. Years I fought to get my next drug fix. I knew I had it in me to fight for my children. I knew I had it in me to fight for my children.

For a year, I lived on the streets. The Recovery Center gave me a place to sleep. I completed a sobriety program at Jordan’s Cross and was referred to Holy Family Home in Midwest City. I got a job and lived alone at Holy Family Home for a year. After getting a car, I applied for a better job with paid time off and insurance. Holy Family Home staff took me through the process of transferring my case to a different Catholic Charities program called Family HOPE. This program approved me to reside in a three-bedroom unit at Casa Maria Apartments. With everything in place, I was ready to be the mother my children needed and then he granted me a second chance at being a mom.

Today, I hold a full-time job and all my children live with me at Casa Maria. I never knew I had it in me to change. I never knew I was strong. The staff at Holy Family Home and Family HOPE gave me the courage I needed to see things clearly.

It took months for my Family HOPE case manager and me to gather all of the papers for my court date. I would have given up if I’d had to do it alone. On the day of my court appearance, I was really nervous. When the judge called my name, I tearfully walked up to hear his decision. The judge looked through all the paperwork and paused before telling me he wished he could use my story as an example for others to see, then he granted me a second chance at being a mom.

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The inspirational stories shared by those who have been helped by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City provide a glimpse of the wonderful work being done in your name through your support of our brothers and sisters in need. As Archbishop Coakley mentioned in his recent pastoral letter, we must work to build a culture of discipleship and conversion by living as missionary disciples who are called to make a difference in the lives of others. Each September, every parish is given a goal for the Catholic Charities Appeal that your pastor will share with you. To complete this goal, we must come together in love and mercy to ensure Catholic Charities has the resources to assist men, women and children who arrive at the door with nothing more than the clothes on their back. It is our responsibility, and part of our mission, to help them with basic needs and not turn them away. Please consider a gift to the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal.

“*When we practice seeing through the eyes of Jesus, we will always be able to recognize those who need our help.*” ~ Pope Francis

**Archdiocese selects Cristo Rey OKC students at “Draft Day”**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Representatives from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Catholic Charities joined more than 50 businesses, non-profits and government agencies at the Meinders School of Business on Oct. 23 to participate in Cristo Rey Oklahoma City Catholic High School’s “Draft Day.” The event was styled after an NBA or NFL Draft Day. Photo provided.

Catholic Schools Superintendent Diane Floyd and staff members from the Catholic Pastoral Center met eight new interns from Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School during Draft Day.
The violence we are experiencing with such increased frequency speaks to a loss of respect for the dignity of human life in our throw-away culture. It speaks of the existence and power of evil in our society that attacks and destroys with such indiscriminate and cold-blooded indifference.

I often have found that when I hear, read or pronounce a mantra of the liturgy or the Scriptures that a word or phrase may come alive with unexpected power. It may bring insight or understanding. It might bring consolation or healing. Sometimes it pierces my heart and convicts me leading to repentance. Even though it may be a familiar text, it seems as if I am hearing it for the first time. I suspect that this is not an uncommon experience for many people of faith.

Today, when pronouncing the words of consecration at Mass, these words struck me powerfully: “This is my blood. This is the chalice of my blood which will be poured out for you and for many.” The Lord’s blood is still being poured out for us. It is poured out and offered sacramentally for Mass for our salvation and redemption.

But, it also is being poured out in and through the members of this body in the violent and senseless mass shootings that we become all too frequent in our country. This is what struck me as I raised the chalice of Precious Blood at Holy Mass.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, we heard of yet another terrifying act of brutal gun violence when a driver passing through Odessa and Midland, Texas, randomly killed at least seven children and numerous others. In August, 22 people were shot and killed in an El Paso Walmart and nine more in a Dayton, Ohio, housing district. Our voices were separated in these attacks. Mass killings involving firearms have become tragically commonplace as they occur with increasing frequency across our country. I don’t claim to have the solutions to this complex issue. Many solutions have been proposed and warrant consideration. These include more strenuous background checks for gun purchases, limiting the types of weapons available for purchase, increased attention to mental health services and other common-sense proposals.

It will be up to all of us to address the root causes of the violence that is tragically symptomatic of something deeply wrong in our society. It will take more than new policies and laws to root out this problem. It will require a new heart. The violence we are experiencing with such increased frequency speaks to a loss of respect for the dignity of human life in our throw-away culture. It speaks of the existence and power of evil in our society that attacks and destroys with such indiscriminate and cold-blooded indifference.

Instead of clinging to the false-in- terested defense of our status quo, let us pray that our minds and hearts might be open to the Holy Spirit’s guidance to seek and find fresh solutions to this devilling problem. Let us pray for all those whose lives have been affected by the violence this year.

May God give us wisdom and the courage to act and stem the flow of blood being poured out through gun violence.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes that we may see you in all our sisters and brothers. Open our minds that we may understand their hopes and dreams, their sorrows and pain, their longing for you. Open our hearts to give generously of ourselves. Give us wisdom to respond effectively to the needs of your people with grace and compassion. Give us the courage to speak your words of life, peace, love, mercy and human solidarity. Bless the people you serve, and strengthen us to reach out to them every day in your name through the charity of your Church.

Amen.

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

Sept. 8 – Our Lady of LaVang Mass and celebration, 11:45 a.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC.

Sept. 9 – USCBC Pro-Life Committee meeting via teleconference, 2 p.m., CPC

Sept. 10 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center

Sept. 10 – Archdiocesan Board of Review meeting, 2 p.m., CPC

Sept. 10 – Archdiocese Catholic Relief Services Operations Committee meeting, 2 p.m., CRS headquarters, Oklahoma City

Sept. 11 – Archdiocese Catholic Relief Services Board meeting, 8 a.m., CRS headquarters, Baltimore

Sept. 14 – Mass for National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, 9 a.m., St. Gregory’s Abbey, Shawnee

Sept. 15 – Young adult Mass and croquette, 4 p.m., CPC

Sept. 17 – Pastoral Council meeting, 7 p.m., CPC

Sept. 17 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC

Sept. 22 – All staff meeting, 12:30 p.m., CPC

Sept. 24 – Bishops Conference on Evangelizing Dioceses, Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio

Sept. 22 – Mass for Our Lady Patrouter, 12:30 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp

Put Out Into the Deep Luke 5:4

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St. Thomas More in Norman opens organ restoration campaign

Relics of Padre Pio in OKC Sept. 27

Catechetical Congress 2019

Thrive

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Cathedral Parish Center

720 N. Broadway

Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Patronage: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Padre Pio, who was canonized as Padre Pio, is now the Patron saint of Italy, civil defense volunteers, and adolescents and stress-relief.
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New England pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France.

Shrine of Italy pilgrimage

The Shrine of Italy pilgrimage will be sponsoring a trip to the shrines of Italy during the month of April.

The trip includes the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, tomb of Padre Pio, Abbey of Santissimo Trinita, Madonna di San Rosario, Vatican City, papal audience, St. Peter’s Basilica, Christian Rome city tour, St. Peter’s Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. The trip is 11 days and includes 15 meals. Cost $3,757 per person (double occupancy). Contact Bill Amato at (405) 721-0747.

Pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Ireland

Fr. Carl Janocha and Fr. Danny Grover will lead a pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Ireland. The trip includes airfare from OKC, four-star lodging, and all meals. The trip will span the week of Lent and includes visits to London, Edinburgh, Dublin, and Cork. Includes admission to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Westminster Abbey, the National Gallery, the Oxford University Museum, the Blarney Stone, the Edinburgh Castle, the Blarney Stone, and the Stone of Destiny. Cost $3,495 per person. Contact Fr. Janocha at (918) 395-2148, cwjanocha@kanokla.net.

Pilgrimage to France

Join Fr. Aaron Foshee on a pilgrimage to France, featuring Santiago de Compostela, the shrine of St. James. The pilgrimage includes airfare from OKC, four-star lodging, and all meals. The trip will include visits to Paris, Chartres, Avignon, and more. Cost $2,945 per person. Contact Fr. Janocha at (918) 395-2148, cwjanocha@kanokla.net.

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Contradictory suicide messaging

In July 2014, police found the body of 18-year-old Conrad Roy inside his truck in Fairhaven, Mass., having died from carbon monoxide poisoning. As the case unfolded, it became apparent that a friend of his, 17-year-old Michelle Carter, had encouraged him toward suicide. In a series of texts, she repeatedly pressured him to go through with it by sending messages like, “You keep pushing it off and say you’ll do it but you never do. It’s always gonna be the same if you don’t take action.”

As he sat in a remote spot in the K-mart parking lot, the truck’s cab filling up with fumes, he got cold feet and stepped out of his makeshift death chamber, seemingly conflicted about what he was doing. Then, he spoke with Michelle by phone, who coaxed him to continue the suicide. The call was not recorded, but months after his death, she texted another friend and recounted how Conrad had grown scared at the last moment, threatening to call the police if she did not come to get him. She listened over the phone as he succumbed to the fumes 47 minutes later.

Following a high-profile trial that received extensive media coverage, Michelle was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to serve a minimum of 15 months. Prosecutors claimed that her motive may have been to gain attention and sympathy as the “grieving girl.”

Michelle was convinced she was acting compassionately, that a friend of his, 17-year-old Michelle Carter to facilitate Conrad Roy’s suicide, and that Michelle was wrong if the white lab coats permit those in the medical field, those who care for their ailing patients who are at least as fragile and vulnerable as Conrad was.

The irony involves the moral outrage that surfaced regarding Michelle’s text messages. Similar indignation about encouraging someone to commit suicide is paradoxical, almost entirely absent when it comes to “physician-assisted” suicide. Michelle’s text messages embraced the same key ideas that lawmakers in nine states have now enacted through legislation, namely, that it’s sometimes allowable to encourage and participate in suicide. Most legislation, however, only permits those in the medical field, those dressed in white lab coats, as it were, to be involved.

This requirement seems quite arbitrary, of course, if the real goal is to alleviate suffering by eliminating the sufferer. After all, Michelle was convicted she was acting compassionately by assisting Conrad to escape from what she claimed was his misery, depression and intense emotional and psychological suffering. Who is to say that Michelle was wrong if the white lab coats are right? If it were deplorable for Michelle Carter to facilitate Conrad Roy’s suicide, how can it be good for physicians and other health care workers to facilitate the suicides of their ailing patients who are at least as fragile and vulnerable as Conrad was?

This remarkable moral schizophrenia soon may be endorsed in a new piece of legislation that claims to encourage participation in a person’s suicide. Massachusetts state lawmakers and Conrad’s family gathered in July 2019 at the statehouse to introduce Conrad’s Law bill making it a crime to encourage or assist a person in taking his or her life.

On the face of it, the law obviously seems like a sensible piece of legislation, but even as lawmakers were trying to stop people from assisting suicides like Conrad Roy’s, they were simultaneously seeking to protect medical personnel who might assist at the suicides of their patients.

The double standard was impossible to miss, with Conrad’s Law including an explicit subsection exempting those involved in physician-assisted suicide from prosecution. Even though physician-assisted suicide is not yet legal in the Massachusetts Commonwealth, another bill promoting it is under active consideration by the legislature.

Society really can’t have it both ways, glamorizing the act of suicide in some cases and demonizing it in others. By yielding to the proposition that suicide is not an evil to be repressed, but a form of “relief” to be conferred upon those who suffer, we effectively abandon our neighbors, the Conrads and countless others, in their moment of greatest need.

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and is a past and post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

Bingos at St. James
Bingos at St. James, 41st and S. McKinley in Oklahoma City, is Sept. 19. Cost $10 all games, door prizes, food and entry for 50” TV that will be given away in October. Food at 5:45 p.m., Bingos 6:30 p.m. Proceeds for charitable services.

Garden Party Luncheon
Willow Pregnancy Support invites everyone to the 5th annual Garden Party Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 26 at Coltes Garden, 1415 N.E. 63 in Oklahoma City. The luncheon benefits Rose Home, a shelter for pregnant women and their young children. Hats and fascinators are highly encouraged. Visit willowpregnancy.org or call Carrie at (405) 606-8426.

Coffee with Principal DeNegri
The annual Coffee with the Principal event for prospective families at Mount St. Mary Catholic High School will be Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m., Light breakfast and coffee. Principal DeNegri will share her vision for the high school. Questions and Answer session following. Contact MSM Admissions Director Diane Wilson at dwilson@mountstmary.org (405) 631-8867.
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- **337 individuals** were trained in mental health first aid and suicide prevention (QPR) through Saint Joseph’s Counseling

Debbie was a passionate senior nurse’s aide when her own health took a turn. She relocated to Oklahoma, and depression began to weigh heavy. She was without a permanent home for five years before joining the Family HOPE program. In just seven months, Debbie went through counseling to identify and tackle her depression and repair lost social connections. She has a part time job, reliable housing and is engaged.

- **955 clients** served through Immigration Legal Services: 18 percent in English, 77 percent in Spanish, 8 percent in other languages

A Muslim family fleeing war-torn Myanmar resettled with refugee services and was paired with a differing faith community. The host community soon became much more than volunteers. They drove Mohamad and Rokiya, and their two daughters, Hodaa, 4, and Iman, 7, to and from appointments and guided them through the process of living in the United States. Their new friend celebrated with them and worked through challenges of language barriers and cultural differences. This family now attends birthday parties and cookouts with their volunteer family and friends.

- **164 refugees from 11 different countries** resettled in Oklahoma

- **500 families and 356 volunteers** participated in A Very Giving Christmas

Dee came to Sanctuary Women’s Center after her father died. She was the sole caregiver for him as well as her 12-year-old son who is severely disabled. Dee was living with her father. When he died, she felt lost and didn’t know what to do. Sanctuary case managers were able to get Dee in touch with legal services, which allowed Dee to remain in her father’s home. The case managers worked with Dee to get her son enrolled in special care. Because of the support of her case managers, Dee was able to focus on her own needs and recognize that social support and counseling were necessities.

- **614 refugees and waitlisted applicants** were served through the Rapid Response Program

- **202 homeless women** visiting Sanctuary Women’s Development Centers were placed in housing

Dee came to Sanctuary at a stressful time and still comes weekly for support. She also receives food from the Sanctuary pantry twice a month, which allows her food stamps to last her the whole month.

On April 25, 1989, Peruvian citizen Ricardo entered the United States on a tourist visa. He applied for asylum in 1990. The claim was denied 11 years later, and he departed voluntarily in 2001. He left behind two daughters who are U.S. citizens. They could not petition on behalf of their father until they were age 21. In 2016, Ricardo’s daughter, Amber, contacted Immigration Legal Services at Catholic Charities for assistance in her father’s case. The ILS team came alongside the family for two years filing a family petition and assisting Ricardo through the entire consular interview stage. In September 2018, Ricardo’s immigrant visa was approved. He was reunited with his daughters after 17 years. The work done in Immigration Legal Services provides hope.

Banda’s mobile home was damaged in a tornado. She needed her roof patched, so the disaster recovery team connected her to Samaritan’s Purse, and then process began for a new home on her land. The three-bedroom, two bath house featured a storm shelter, and, at the request of the Catholic Charities team, the builders incorporated the framing of her former home. The essence of the home she shared with her mother and sister continues to serve her well.

- **1,126 clients** took a budget and financial literacy class

The adoption program has connected thousands of children with loving families, creating a lasting bond between adoptive parents and birth mothers who hope to provide a better life for their children. Searches have been done for those adopted through Catholic Charities dating back to 1912. The program ensures that throughout the search all parties’ privacy and sensitivity are carefully considered. Due to DNA testing through Ancestry.com, Babs and Maxine discovered they were related. Our records were able to confirm that they are sisters! This service provides help and hope by reuniting families and sparking new beginnings.

- **39,395 phone calls** and walk-ins fielded by staff, statewide

- **323 participants** across 64 counties received disaster preparedness training

- **9,369 individuals**, regardless of race, religion or national origin, accessed Catholic Charities services

- **37%** of clients were under age 18

- **2,502 hours** of infant care were provided by our foster parents and three adoptions were completed

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- **5,000 clients** served through Saint Joseph’s Counseling

- **7,000 clients** served through Catholic Charities Legal Services

- **300 clients** served through Saint Joseph’s Department of Women’s Services

- **1,000 clients** served through Catholic Charities Prevention Services

- **356 clients** served through Immigration Legal Services: 18 percent in English, 77 percent in Spanish, 8 percent in other languages
Lake, the author of the third God-inspired Gospel that is a prerequisite to your peace, continues to be open to the inspiration of God and prepares for us the first Church through a unique way: through the physician beloved by Paul (see Col. 4:14 and 2Tim. 4:10) continues a biblical history, which started in his Gospel, and describes for us how the process of God’s eternal salvation promised to the Hebrews is now being extended to the rest of the gentile world through the power and direction of the Holy Spirit. This is why Acts of the Apostles at times referred to as the Gospel of the Holy Spirit. This first volume on Church history of Christianity, written before 70 AD, can be summed up in one verse: “...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

In the midst of our own crisis and the future of the Church, the Church needs to breathe in the life of the Spirit to be able to be the life of the community, and joy and that is why we are called to be. Through the Holy Spirit we see the development of a Church hierarchy. The Church is the continua- tion of the mission of the Church. The Church is the risen Christ still present and acting in the world in a special way through the Paschal Mystery of his passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

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El cardenal-designado Curti, a quien el papa Francisco había nombrado anteriormente como secretario especial para el Vicario General para la amazonía, está en Guayaquil, Ecuador, siendo el 22 de octubre una de las sedes que resumen el espíritu de las palabras de la Escritura, una palabra o frase de su cuerpo en los tiroteos masivos violentos... para muchas personas de fe. Sospecho que esta es una experiencia común que lo estoy escuchando por primera vez.

"Oremos por los nuevos cardenales para que, como nuncios del Vaticano en Egipto, en Angola, Guatemala, y el arzobispo de 53 años Tolentino Medron, archibispos y obispos del Vaticano..."
Bri efs

Rother shrine groundbreaking The groundbreaking for the St. R oley Rother Shrine will be 3 p.m. Sept. 15 at St. Francis of Assisi, 1901 N.W. 18, OKC. The site is the future shr ine, S.E. 89 between Bisonte de and 21st. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City t o provide a Mass at 7 p.m. Sept. 15, followed by a reception in the parish hall. For more information, contact mlcark@willowpregnancy.org. To learn more, go online to archokc.org/shrine.

Silver Tea Potluck Luncheon The St. Benedict Parish Guild in Sh we nee will be hosting their ann ual Silver Tea Potluck Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 10 in the community room.

Opening night The St. Rose R oth Hispanic Cultural Institute invites everyon e to attend the opening of the fall 2019 semester at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in the St. Joseph Parish Community Room, 424 N. Acres, Norman. Contact (405) 321-8880, maricel@rayjat.net or rothculturalinstitute@gmail.com. Visit the Hispanic institute page on Facebook.

Passion, Purpose for Marriage Dynamic Catholic will present Passion, Purpose for Marriage from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, at the Chest, 8003 Douglas Dr. in Oklahoma City. The event will feature author and speaker, Allen Hunt and musical guest George Lower. Tickets $25 pp. Early bird discount available. Visit dynamiccatholic.com or call (405) 983-7900.

Cook The Catholic Pastoral Center is seeking an experienced cook for a full-time position. This position will work a flexible schedule that requires evening and weekend work. Duties include the preparation of a minimum of five years’ experience in food service. Catering experience preferred. Send resume to nlarger@archokc.org. Applications available during regular business hours at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City.

Development, administrative assistant The Catholic Women’s Association of Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time development and administrative assistant to help manage the administrative office and handle diocesan upper management. The ability to multi task is essential in this position. The ideal candidate for this position is a good problem solver and organized. The role also includes large scale fundraising initiatives, working with board members and building relationships with donors, staff and volunteers. The candidate should be familiar with CRM, nonprofit software, donor databases and other fundraising technology. Experience in fund raising and a bachelor’s degree required. Send resume to nlarge@archokc.org.

Catapult teachers needed Catapult Learning works in partnership with the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to provide instructional intervention services to students, coordinating efforts with school personnel and conferring with parents and teachers. We have various positions available such as teachers, counselors, and instructional coaches. Visit catapultlearning.com/careers to learn more or search for Catapult Learning jobs.

Parish and resources coordinator Catholic Charities is seeking a full-time parish and resources coordinator to serve as consultant, educator and support for parishes and communities to develop and sustain social ministries and ecumenical outreach to address the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Coordinator will provide support to the director of grants and donor administration to ensure good donor/ donor care and stewardship through various database functions. Must have degree in a related field, be a practicing Catholic, knowledge of Catholic social teaching and spirituality; at least two years’ experience in social ministry with education and communication skills. E-mail cover letter and resume to rhummel@ccokc.org.

Cemetery maintenance worker Resurrection Cemetery in Oklahoma City is seeking an individual to fill a part-time cemetery maintenance position. The person would maintain the overall appearance of cemetery, mausoleum and columbarium, including maintenance and grounds keeping, locating grave sites, digging graves, installing markers, maintaining custo m orders and simple repairs and maintenance tasks. Send a strong and previous experience in a general labor or grounds keeping position. Contact Branden Stadl at (405) 721-4191, 1815 NW 2nd Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73107. E-mail bstadl@resurrectioncemetery.org.

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Surviving Divorce The next Surviving Divorce class starts Sept. 17 in Norman. The program equips couples and community to those who have experienced the pain and humili ation of a broken marriage. This 14-week course is designed to help separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. Classes will meet 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. each Tuesday at St. Mark’s Mark in Norman. Register at saxtonmarriage@gmail.com/ divorse-ministry.

Day of Reflection A Day of Reflection “From Monologue to Dialogue in Prayer” with Br. Benedictus C.O.S.B., O.S.B., will be 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sept. 21 at St. Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee. Early bird discount is $30 (pre-pay seven days prior) or $35 at the door, includes lunch. Contact (405) 878-5656, retreat@ archokc.org.

9 Feast of St. Peter Claver Guild, in Shawnee, will be hosting their annual Silver Tea Potluck Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 10.

10 Mass of Remembrance in memory of people to succumb, 7 p.m. Sept. 13, St. Francis Parish, 1901 N.W. 18, OKC.

15 St. Benedict Carnival St. Benedict Catholic Church invites everyone to attend their 2019 Fall Festival with a St. Pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. Game booths, vendor booths, inflatables, bake sale, face paint and entertainment 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Contact (405) 275-0001.

16 Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary.

17 The Catholic Women’s Activity Club meets the second Thursday of each month September-May in the patio room of the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. Contact Connie Lang, ccrprayers@archokc.org. Meeting 10 a.m. - Noon.

21 St. Ann Retirement Center 40 Days for Life baby shower campaign kick off 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Sept. 21 at St. James, 4201 S. McKinley Ave. in Oklahoma City. The baby shower benefits Willow Puppy Support. Bring a home made gift for a baby in need. There will be speakers, a walk to the center and Puppy Support, information available. The theme is “baby shower bath.”

22 Catechetical Congress The 2019 Catechetical Congress will be 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. This event is for all catechetical leaders, youth ministers, directors of religious education, catechists and parents.

22 St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Midwest City. Families are welcome. Fr. Aaron Foshee, pastor at St. Joseph in Ada, will be the speaker. Text “cookout” to 84576 to RSVP.

Monthy Novena for the Infant Jesus. Nine days of novenas

September

8 Pray the Rosary for Life: 6:30 p.m., 2453 Wilson Dr., Norman. Contact Connie Ling, (405) 249-1041, potellang@gmail.com

12 Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Catholic Pasto ral Center. Contact Elaine at (405) 258-3610, ccpayerxx@gmail.com.

19 Mass of Remembrance in memory of people to succumb, 7 p.m. Sept. 13, St. Francis Parish, 1901 N.W. 18, OKC.

27 St. Mary’s Hispanic Ministry will host a prayer breakfast, 6 a.m. Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30, St. Benedict Parish, 2315 W. Britton Rd., OKC. Contact Romeo Iscag at (405) 721-4191, 1815 NW 2nd Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73107. E-mail bstadl@resurrectioncemetery.org.

30 St. John the Evangelist Parish, 700 W. 17th Ave., Moore, will have a men’s breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Contact Jerry Jones, (405) 721-4191, 1815 NW 2nd Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73107. E-mail bstadl@resurrectioncemetery.org.

October

4 The Columbus Ohio City of Mary will have a kick-off rally at 9 a.m. Sept. 21 at St. Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee. Lunch 11:30 a.m. followed by short program and business meeting. Contact Sharon Fernbaugh at (405) 620-2182.

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20 St. Benedict annual carnival 6 - 6 p.m. Sept. 21 at 632 N. Kickapoo, Shawnee.

21 The Lay Marians of Char lottesville, Va., will celebrate the feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta, meeting at St. Ann Independent Living, 10330 N.W. 530 in the St. Joseph Chap el; meeting 10 a.m. - Noon. Contact Toni Herrickson, (405) 341-2109, (405) 694-1297. To see a full calendar, go to www.soonercatholic.org. 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.

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September 8, 2019
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Sunday, September 8, 2019
Clients at the Sanctuary Women’s Development Center near Stockyards City enjoyed Christmas dinner.

Queen for a Day at the Sanctuary Women’s Development Center in Norman treated clients to a relaxing manicure.

The Vici Family stands in front of their new home following a tornado loss.

Executive Director Patrick Raglow spoke at the 2019 Reds, Whites and Brews event hosted by Cattlemen’s Steak House and Southern Glazer’s.

Catholic high school students helped collect needed items for Family Support Services during Hoops for Hope.

A Very Giving Christmas allows families to shop for gifts when they’re facing challenging financial situations.

Pat’s Tire and Auto was awarded the Mosaic Award at the 2019 Green Tie Gala.

Clients and volunteers march in the Oklahoma City St. Patrick’s Day parade.

Holy Family Home residents enjoyed dinner together for Thanksgiving.

Refugee families were paired with caring volunteers to help transition to their new home.

Queen for a Day offered haircuts, makeovers, new clothes and life skills to assist in job interviews.

Photos provided.