Experts say a mission statement is important for successful businesses because it is a way to direct a business in the right direction and make sound decisions. Deacon John Harned, a certified public accountant, said a personal mission statement can change focus to help create a positive and productive direction.

In a column for CPA Focus magazine titled, “Charting a course for success: How to seek and sustain the best version of you,” Deacon Harned explained how his personal mission statement opened new doors for him, and led him to advocate for senior living centers, eventually becoming a licensed nursing home administrator and deacon. “I was a partner in a large public accounting firm guided by my personal mission statement. While in that role, I began pursuing a master’s degree in theological studies,” Harned said.

Eventually, Harned realized he wanted to serve seniors directly. This led to a career change that ultimately included serving in roles in retirement communities and an 80 percent reduction in pay. All the while, his family life grew stronger, and what mattered became much clearer.

He applied to become a deacon and began formation in the permanent diaconate program. He was ordained a deacon in November 2017.

“My personal mission statement has guided my faith, family and career decisions. Regular reflection on my mission has really helped guide my life,” he said.

Harned said it is important to craft a personal mission statement to give direction, to know what to stand for and how to invest time and resources. This type of guiding principle can help you accomplish goals and chart a course for success, he said. A personal mission statement can assist in measuring progress toward what matters most, while also uncovering areas that may need more focused attention. He continued, it can be a grounding force, helping people avoid distractions that pull their valuable time away from priorities, like God and family.

Harned added that it is important for a personal mission statement to be easy to remember and guide daily decisions, leading to a to-do list from the mission statement. Focusing on a mission statement can bring peace. Focusing on what matters most, and avoiding things that cause distractions, can lead to harmony in a family.

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Unless someone has a legitimate reason not to attend Sunday Mass (personal health or the health of someone they care for), they should not excuse themselves from Mass simply by going to a restaurant. In the meantime, we have continued to learn more about the virus and how it spreads. When we finally resumed the public celebration of Masses in late May, we did so with added precautions to keep people safe. Social distancing, sanitizing of hands, pews and surfaces have become routine for us. Limiting physical contact and even dimming masses are part of our new normal for now. These steps are being taken to allow those who are well and not medically compromised to return to Mass safely and confidently.

People have responded differently to the risks posed by the pandemic. Some, denying that there is any real danger at all, cast caution to the wind and expose themselves and others to the risk of infection. Many others, while eager to regain some sense of normalcy in their lives, remain very cautious. This might be due to their own vulnerability or the vulnerability of someone they care for or live with. Others are prudently reasserting many of the rhythms of life while taking reasonable precautions to protect public and personal health.

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Students welcomed back

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School welcomed back 393 students in person and virtually on Aug. 19. MISM is following CDC COVID-19 protocols and is looking forward to a great full year of learning, athletics and fun. Cameras and microphones in every classroom allow students who are attending virtually to hear the lessons. All virtual students are expected to be in uniform and adhere to all school policies as if they are in the classroom.

“In order to assist all MISM families and enhance our strong academic standards during this time, we felt it was necessary to include a virtual learning program in the 2020-2021 school year. The program provides families the flexibility to continue being taught by strong Mount teachers as well as gain the support and confidence to eventually return into the MISM classrooms,” Principal Talita DeNegri said.

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From the Archives...
A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist

When examining the history of the Church in Oklahoma, it cannot be overstated in saying that the Benedictines from Parcequier, France, were critical to its founding and growth. Coming to Oklahoma in 1875, Father Isidore Robert and Brother Dominic Lambert settled in the Potawatomi Tribe’s territory near Konawa to build Sacred Heart Abbey. It would become the hub for all things Catholic in Oklahoma.

The fertile soil of this community would be tested often as life on the prairie was difficult and the challenges complex. The beat word to describe their existence would be “sustains.” Prayer began at 3 a.m. and work ensued. Seven times a day they gathered to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. In the year 1877 their meals consisted of: bread and coffee for breakfast; soup and vegetables for dinner; and rice and prunes for supper … every day.

Father David Monahan wrote: “The spirit of daring and hardiness of the Sacred Heart Benedictines is illustrated by Father Isidore Beulé who arrived alone in Indian Territory at Atoka in March 1883. Realizing that no one had come to meet him, Father Beulé, then 63 years old, walked the 70 miles from Atoka to Sacred Heart carrying his suitcase and crossing Muddy Boggy Creek and the South Canadian River along the way.”

Despite hardships and seemingly endless roadblocks, these monks tamed the hard prairie and brought the Gospel in the far-flung mining communities of Mckinzie, Krebs and Lehigh where Catholic immigrants resided. They ministered to the Osage Tribe in Northeastern Oklahoma with zeal in the person of Father Felix DeGraze. They educated, administered the sacraments, and were the backbone of Catholic life for many Oklahoma missions. In total, more than 40 parishes and missions were founded by these dedicated monks. They would, of course, move to Shawnee in 1929 and become Saint Gregory’s Abbey, and the buildings at Sacred Heart would be demolished in the 1950s. There are a few buildings on the site as well as the cemeteries where the monks and Merry Sisters (who ran a school for girls) were laid to rest.

In the above picture, the Sacred Heart Abbey Band is pictured circa 1905. On the left is Father Gregory Gurrer who would become an internationally known painter and artist for his official portrait of Pope Pius X.

Sr. Marita Rother, A.S.C., celebrates 65 years as a vowed member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ

Sr. Marita Rother, A.S.C., celebrates 65 years as a vowed member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ on July 1. Sister Marita made her first profession on July 1, 1955, and her final vows on July 1, 1960. Sister Marita was born in Okarche to Francis and Gertrude Rother, whose oldest son and Sister Marita’s brother is Blessed Stanley Rother, a martyred priest from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Sacred Heart College, now Newman University, in 1962, and a master’s degree in education administration from the University of Wichita in 1968. She has taught at Corpus Christi Catholic School in Oklahoma City, Holy Trinity Catholic School in Okarche, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School in Kingfisher, Saint John Nepomuk Catholic School in Yukon and Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in Oklahoma City.

In addition to teaching math, she often was the principal of the school. Following her 10 years as an administrator and more than 45 years as a classroom teacher, she continued her education ministry as a a tutor and aide at Saint Anne and Saint Joseph schools in Okarche. She currently resides at the Wycliffe Center.

Sr. Marita Rother, A.S.C.

Dcn. William Gorden

Dcn. William Gorden died unexpectedly and peacefully Aug. 23 at his home in Oklahoma City. Ordained a permanent deacon on Nov. 15, 2002, by Archbishop Enrico Bertlman, he was assigned to Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Oklahoma City.

Born Dec. 8, 1948, in Tulsa to William W. Gorden and Margaret Rager, Deacon Gorden earned a bachelor’s degree in political science in 1971 from the University of Oklahoma, a Juris Doctorate in 1975 from Oklahoma City University and a master’s degree in liberal arts in 1987 from Oklahoma City University.

He worked as a professor at Redlands Community College, practiced as an attorney and judge, was an avid baseball coach and fan, a bicyclist and enjoyed reading, writing, painting and serving at the Dorothy Day Center food ministry. He also served as the coordinator of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Gorden, and sons, William David Gorden and Sean Thomas Gorden.

Dcn. William Gorden
The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma awards 2020 college scholarships

Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma has awarded 2020 scholarships to 77 students. The Foundation will award more than $100,000 in college scholarships to 77 students. The scholarships are awarded from endowed funds that were specifically established for college scholarships:

- Quasbarth Family Scholarship
- J. E. Greenan Scholarship
- Mary White Clarke Scholarship
- McNaughton Family Scholarship
- Evelyn and Kathyn Haas Scholarship
- Amelia P. Davis and Elizabeth J. Davis Lawrence Memorial Scholarship
- C. W. and Frances Aneshansley Scholarship
- Helen R. Hall Nursing Scholarship
- F. B. Connelly Medical Scholarship
- Dean & Louise Fisher Scholarship
- St. Theresia of Avila Scholarship
- Bob Little Pastoral Musician’s Scholarship

The Catholic Foundation is proud to announce its 2020 recipients. Selection was based on scholastic achievement, service to the Church, and community and financial need.

Duncan Ille
Chast the King, Oklahoma City
Mary White Clarke Scholarship
Oklahoma State University

Karin Morales
St. James the Greater, Oklahoma City
Quasbarth Family Scholarship
University of Dallas

Caroline Weir
St. John, Edmond
Mary White Clarke Scholarship
Oklahoma State University

Gabriel Ngo
St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Oklahoma City
Mary White Clarke Scholarship
University of Oklahoma

Wesley Bucham
St. Gregory the Great, Enid
Amelia P. Davis and Elizabeth J. Davis Lawrence Scholarship
Oklahoma State University

Trevor Nimmo
Our Lady of Victory, Purcell
Mary White Clarke Scholarship
Southern Illinois University – Carbondale

Sebastian Diodado
St. Mary, Clinton
C.W. and Frances S. Aneshansley Scholarship
Redlands Community College

Macy Pickle
St. Peter and Paul, Kingfisher
Mary White Clarke Scholarship
Rose State College

Landon Dovers
St. Monica, Edmond
Quasbarth Family Scholarship
Oklahoma State University

Jackson Blessington
St. Robert Bellarmine, Jones
Mary White Clarke Scholarship
Oklahoma State University

Kathia Solis
St. Mary, Clinton
C.W. and Frances S. Aneshansley Scholarship
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Maria Hernandez
St. James the Greater, Oklahoma City
Mary White Clarke Scholarship
University of Dallas

Mary Karpilo
Holy Name, Owasso
Bob Little Pastoral Musician Scholarship
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Mike Wallenberg
St. Mary, Guthrie
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By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

LEVELAND — The U.S. bishops’ quadrennial document on political responsibility is rooted in the Catholic Church’s long-standing tradition that society is the common good and the common good of all. Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City said that the bishops were given an opportunity to reflect upon how their faith intersects with their political and civic responsibilities, he said, archbishop who chairs the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

Titled “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility From the Catholic Bishops of the United States,” the document has been offered as a guide to Catholic voters every presidential election year since 1976.

It has been updated and revised at four-year intervals to reflect changes in the issues confronting the country since it first appeared.

One thing “Faithful Citizenship” is not is a mandate on which candidate for public office to vote for, Archbishop Coakley said.

Voting, he added, is a responsibility to be taken seriously and that requires prudent judgment in determining who can best serve the common good.

“No candidate will likely reflect all of our values,” he told Catholic News Service Aug. 18. “But I think we need to begin in prayer. We need to know our faith. We need to study our faith. We need to have recourse to the catechism and what it might teach us in certain questions.”

“This document is intended to be that, an official guide for the formation of conscience that Catholics can utilize as they weigh these questions,” the archbishop said.

The bishops said they wanted to “call attention to current public policy issues that should be carefully considered in each campaign and as policy decisions are made in the years to come.”

Part three lists goals for Catholics’ participation in political life, whether they are citizens, candidates or public officials. Notably, it invites Catholics to assess moral and ethical questions emanating from public policy issues. It also offers nine goals for Catholic life and faithfulness. “Faithful Citizenship” also draws from the teaching of Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, St. John Paul II, St. John Xxii, the Second Vatican Council, and the teaching of the Social Doctrine of the Church.

The introductory letter reminds Catholics that “we bring the richness of our faith to the public square” and that “faith and reason informed by moral tradition that upholds human dignity and the common good of all.”

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“People really want their faith to influence their decision making when it comes to going to the polls. But they don’t know how to do that,” Archbishop Coakley said.

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OKARCHE – Residents at The Center of Family Love were excited to see friends and family during a "Share the Love" drive-by parade Aug. 20 at the center, which is home to individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. Due to the increased risk of serious complications from COVID-19 for individuals with disabilities, CFL has been closed to the public, including family, volunteers and supporters since March.

"The primary concern always has been the health and well-being of the incredible individuals we serve, and that includes their emotional well-being," said Debbie Espinosa, president and CEO.

"For five months, our residents have not been able to see their loved ones and that can be detrimental. Since our residents aren't able to go out into the community, the community came to us and showed just how much they love and care for CFL!"

On the morning of the parade, 200 vehicles lined up along 6th Street in Okarche, decorating their cars, motorcycles and corvettes with signs, balloons and streamers. Residents also joined the fun by making their own signs for the parade. "We love and miss our family!" "This lovebug can't wait to hug you again!" and "God is in control" were just a few of the signs made by CFL residents.

Along with family and friends, the parade included supporters from the Okarche Police Department, Okarche Fire Department, Nortek Air Solutions Oklahoma Team, State Representative Mike Sanders, and Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny riding in a red corvette convertible.

To learn more about The Center of Family Love, ways to volunteer or to donate, visit centeroffamilylove.org.

SHAWNEE – The global pandemic engendered youth at Saint Benedict Catholic Church in Shawnee to modify their summer plans. Since the original plan of going to Steubenville, Ohio, did not materialize, the young parishioners decided to carry out their ministry locally.

Amy Carlile, director of youth and evangelization at Saint Benedict, said they were looking for service projects to do when they found out two parishioners’ houses needed repair and painting. They enlisted the help of several adult members from the ACTS organization for the project.

Together, they replaced several boards, repaired siding, a screen door, a fence and guttering. They scraped off old paint and repainted both houses. They also trimmed bushes and trees, cleaned under the carport and hauled off debris.

To learn more about Saint Benedict youth, ways to volunteer or to donate, visit stbenedictcatholic.org.
Tragedies in human medical experimentation

Between 1932 and 1972, a series of highly unethical experiments were conducted on a group of 400 African-Americans by doctors from the University of Alabama, Tuskegee. The study, known as the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, was conducted without the knowledge or consent of the participants.

The study began in 1932 with the intention of studying the progression of untreated syphilis in African-American men. However, the study devolved into a series of unethical experiments, as doctors refused to provide treatment to the participants, even when penicillin became available in the 1940s. The study was finally shut down in 1972, after public outcry and a review by the National Institutes of Health.

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Láncate a lo más Profundo

"Es hora de regresar a la misa dominical?"

**Briefs**

Archbishop issues temporary mask requirement

Until further notice, Archbishop Cordy has issued a mandatory requirement for face coverings for all public Masses in the archdiocese. For more information or to read the “Letter to the Faithful,” go online to archokc.org/mask.

New safe environment training launched

The archdiocese announced a new training program for volunteers and members of the clergy that will be required before working with minors in the diocese’s Catholic churches or schools. Learn more at archokc.org/safe-environments.

Online Mass Tuesdays

Join Archbishop Cordy and priests of the archdiocese for semi online daily Mass at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday from the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Mass will be live streamed at archokc.org/live, YouTube Live and on Facebook Live.

Mass information

Find procedures and a timeline for registering public Mass in Oklahoma in English and Spanish, a list of frequently asked questions and a video message from Archbishop Cordy at archokc.org/mass.

Knights of Columbus retreat rescheduled

The Knights of Columbus Retreat originally scheduled for August has been rescheduled for Dec. 5. Sister Diane Koezer, R.S.M., is the host speaker. Contact Michael Zint at (405) 314-4120, michael.zint@jnet.org.

Enrollment open for The Catechetical School

The Catechetical School is a two-year journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church offered by the 82 Stanly Catholic Institute. Daytime and evening sessions as well as live online sessions will be available throughout the archdiocese starting in September. Visit www.archokc.org/institute or e-mail retherminstitute@archokc.org.

Gospel of Life Sunday

The Gospel of Life Disciples present “Devote Yourself to Discipleship: Encountering Christ through prayer, study, community and service.” The full weekend is September-December. Contact Jim Ammon at (405) 278-6559, jim.ammon@gospeloflifesdisciples.org.

A Day of Reflection

A Day of Reflection “Encountering Mother Teresa” with Linda Schader is 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sept. 5 at St. John Paul II. Gospel of Life Dwelling, 4113 S. Eastern Ave. in Moore. There is a suggested $20 offering for the day’s activities. Participants take their own lunch. Physical distancing and masks are encouraged. RSVP to St. Maria of the Trinity at (405) 778-1107 or srmaria@gospeloflifedisciples.org.

Poker run

The Knights on Bikes will have a poker run beginning at 9 a.m. on Sept. 12 at The Center of Family Love in Okarche. The “Love Run” will benefit the Center of Family Love and is open to both motorcyclists and cars. Cost: $20 for the first band and $15 for each additional band member. The main prizes are $200 for the high hand and $50 for the low hand. The last stop is at Friends Pub and Patio in Cas- suate. Raffle prizes start at 3 p.m.; main prizes announced at 5 p.m. Contact Tim Burns at (580) 660-0013, timburns@yahoo.com.

Day of Reflection

A Day of Reflection: “A Deeper Encounter with Christ from the Gospel of John” with Fr. Sean Foyle, pondered the state of our country, burdened by an isolating current environment. Change takes time, but change must begin. Our lives are inordained to the dynamic and express your purpose, with fasting and praying on your behalf. Let these words bring purpose to us. By denying our own well-being, denying what we are entitled to, we embody the depth of our prayers. Fasting frees us to concentrate on what God can do with us rather than what we do to us. There is no shortage of uncertainty and anxiety in our current environment. Change the dynamic and express your part in the Body of Christ with fasting and praying on Sept. 24. Many parishes and communities have organized communal prayer and fasting services for the day. Learn more at ActsXXIX.org. Reach out to others and invite them to participate. Regular prayer and fasting on the 24th are a powerful act of prayer and understanding. Let these words from Abraham Lincoln’s 1863 proclamation inspire you: “... in becoming in all people... to acknowledge and reverse the Supreme Government of God, to bow in humble submission... in the full conviction that the four years of our separation is the beginning of wisdom.”

**Calendar**

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

**August**

30 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

30 Pray the Rosary for Life, 6:30 p.m., 2453 Wilcox Dr., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 358-3610, cornypray@gmail.com.

30 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1 Daily Mass live-streamed from St. Francis de Sales Chapel, 11:30 a.m. archokc.org/live, Facebook Live, YouTube Live.

1 Feast of St. Gregory the Great.

3 Charismatic prayer church meeting, 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, Contact Elaine at (405) 358-3610, cornypray@gmail.com.

4 Domicent Church Evangelization Retreat, Sept. 4-7, at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City.

12 Day of Reflection: “A Deeper Encounter with Christ from the Gospel of John” with Fr. Sean Foyle, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sept. 12, St. Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee.

12 Knights on Bikes “Love Run” poker run, 9 a.m. The Center of Family Love in Okarche. Contact Tim Burns at (580) 660-0013, timburns@yahoo.com.

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Creating a personal mission statement for life

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I can take it with me wherever I go. So, when faced with a challenging decision, I bounce it up against my mission statement to see if it matches. When it matches, I can move forward. If it doesn’t, I have a polite way of saying ‘No, thank you.’

According to Deacon Harned, there are important things to consider when creating a personal mission statement:

- What are your strengths?
- What do you enjoy the most?
- With unlimited time what would you choose to do?
- What are the most important things to you?
- What things can you do that are of the greatest worth to others?
- What are your important roles in life?
- What are your lifetime goals?
- What would you like to do with your life?
- What are the most important values you use to guide your actions?

After people spend time asking these questions, they can summarize answers into a four-sentence paragraph. Then summarize that paragraph into a six-word mission statement.

Once a person has formulated a personal mission statement, Deacon Harned offers this advice, “I include mine on a four-by-four inch ‘tile’ and keep it on my desk to give direction each day. Look at your to-do list each day and make sure you are focusing on some of the elements in your mission statement. At a minimum you should be able to point to every area in your mission statement during every week. That is how you achieve your goals over time.”

Read Deacon Harned’s full article by going to soonercatholic.org.

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from the Oklahoma City area.

Participants heard from Stephanie Simpson from BraveLove, who spoke about the need to de-stigmatize a woman’s decision to place a child for adoption. Simpson shared the importance of changing the language surrounding how pro-lifers discuss adoption – they should honor this choice as a brave and selfless decision on the part of the woman. She said no one should say the woman is “giving up her child” but instead say that she is “making an adoption plan” or “placing” her child with an adoptive family.

Simpson shared her story of discovering she was pregnant at a young age, knowing this was the decision she needed to make for her child.

The next Luncheon 4 Life will feature Luis Soto, assistant executive director of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, who will speak on “The Challenges to Life Faced in the Hispanic Community.” This free event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 3 will be catered. Space limited. RSVP to respectlife@archokc.org.

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