



Catholic Charities hopes to move into a 77,000-square-foot, mission-style headquarters by early 2008. (Olson-Coffey Architects)

## Catholic Charities will build new, centralized campus

With hopes to move to its future campus by January 2008, Catholic Charities dedicated land at Harvard Avenue and Apache Street March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, for what will be a \$16 million project to meet current and future

needs of its clients.

“Mission of Hope: Changing Lives with Love” is the theme for the project, said Deacon Tim Sullivan, executive director of Catholic Charities. He said the slogan “captures the fact that, at Catholic

Charities, the emphasis is not just on what is done but also on the way it is done.”

Bishop Edward J. Slattery, chairman of the board of directors, blessed the land and read from Chapter 5 of the Pastoral Letter he

issued in 1995 that states Catholics must “re-commit ourselves to the art of listening to the cries of the poor.”

Catholic Charities currently operates out of nine buildings in varying stages of disrepair at sites scattered around north and east Tulsa. “Clients desiring multiple services are required in some cases to travel to as many as four sites several miles apart to receive the help they need,” Deacon Sullivan said.

None of the facilities was designed to deliver human services. Catholic Charities, which served 75,000 people last year, has one small conference room at the main building at 739 N. Denver Ave., and no classroom space.

Only St. Joseph Residence, a home for people with HIV-AIDS, will stay in its current location. That building, a little farther north on Denver Avenue, has been extensively remodeled.

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The new campus will allow Catholic Charities to expand its services, reduce barriers to clients who utilize the help available, increase efficiency and coordination of services, accommodate more volunteers and consolidate security, supervision and maintenance of facilities.

The project also comes at a time that Catholic Charities is unable to meet current needs even as it knows demand for assistance will continue to grow.

Since 2003, Catholic Charities has

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### News extras available online

As of March 17, the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic can post on the Internet stories and photos of news events that occur prior to the next publication date. The first package provided coverage of Bishop Edward J. Slattery’s trip to Rome.

The ability to email photographs – despite occasional transmission problems – will allow the EOC to provide more timely news coverage, said Editor Marilyn Duck.

“The EOC first went ‘online’ Jan. 8 when PDF (Portable Document Format) files were posted. We now will be able to post additional stories and photos so readers won’t have to wait to know what is going on in the Diocese and in the Church around the world,” Ms. Duck said.

How much news will be available is not yet known, but she said the newspaper is indebted to Charles Crolley, the Diocese’s computer consultant, for his continued technical support, and to reporter Jeanne Krawczyk, who designed the online pages.



### Hybrid tea rose honors late pope

Jackson & Perkins, a U.S. gardening and outdoor company based in Medford, Ore., has unveiled this hybrid tea rose in honor of the late Pope John Paul II, who died a year ago April 2. The Vatican chose the pure white rose, which creators are calling “luminus.” The 2006 papal rose is available through the company’s March catalog or via its Web site, www.jacksonandperkins.com. The \$150 package includes the bare root of the rose bush, an engraved garden marker, and a silk-lined portfolio with a numbered certificate of authenticity and one of the late pope’s popular homilies. There are 2,500 packages available at a cost of \$150 each, plus shipping and handling. Just the bare root alone for 2007 will cost \$24.95. (CNS photo/courtesy Jackson & Perkins) For more on the anniversary of Pope John Paul’s death, see Page 6.

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# Calendar

## APRIL

### Adoption support group

**4** Dr. Mark Sadler, a licensed psychologist who specializes in individual and family counseling and has expertise in adoption-related issues, will speak from 6:30-8 p.m. April 4 at Christ the King's Fletcher Hall on adult attachment styles. Sponsored by Catholic Charities' adoption office. For information, call 585-8167. No babysitting available; lap babies only.

### Rome lecture series

**6** Dr. Henry Harder will teach a class on the Sistine Chapel from 7-8:30 p.m. April 6 at St. Clement's Marian Center in Bixby. The entire work of the chapel will be examined, from the basic architectural design to Michelangelo's masterpieces. Special attention will be given to understanding the theological significance of the frescoes. Contact Mary Malcom, 294-1904, ext. 141.

### Pre-Cana class

**8** The next Pre-Cana marriage preparation class will be from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 8 at Church of the Madalene, 3188 E. 22nd St. Cost is \$35 per couple, paid at the door. A box lunch will be served. Register with the Family Life Office at 585-8167 or online at [www.familylifetulsa.org](http://www.familylifetulsa.org).

### Mass, Liturgy of the Hours

**12** Deacon John Donnelly will teach a free four-week course on the parts of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning April 12 in Aquinas Hall at the Church of the Madalene. Course topics will include the composition of the Lectionary, how the Sunday and daily readings are selected and how the Liturgical Year operates. Participants also will learn about the Liturgy of the Hours ("The Divine Office"). The course will continue April 19, April 26 and May 3. Contact Mary Malcom, 294-1904, ext. 141.

### Basket blessing

**15** Father Michael Dodd, pastor of St. Anne Church in Broken Arrow, will continue a parish tradition by blessing Polish Easter baskets at 2 p.m. April 15 in the parish hall. Following the blessing will be food, fellowship and an exchange of Polish reading

material. Call Urszula Swain, 694-2064, or the church, 251-4000.

### St. Philip Neri dinner

**19** The annual St. Philip Neri Society Dinner will be at 7 p.m. April 19 at the Allen Chapman Activity Center on the University of Tulsa campus. Guest speaker will be Father Joseph Fessio, S.J., provost of Ave Maria University, editor and founder of Ignatius Press who studied under the direction of then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI. Tickets are \$100 per person, and table sponsorship is available. For information, contact Susan Gaway at 599-0204.

### New Life seminar

**19** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team will lead a New Life in the Spirit seminar from 7-9 p.m. beginning April 19 and continuing every Wednesday between Easter and Pentecost at Church of the Madalene. Topics will include God's love, salvation, new life, receiving God's gifts, life in the Spirit and transformation in Christ. The April 19 and April 26 classes will meet in the church library; subsequent classes will meet in Aquinas Hall.

### Benedictine life experience

**21** The Benedictine sisters of Red Plains Monastery in Piedmont will host a Benedictine Life Experience weekend for single Catholic women from 7 p.m. April 21 until 2:30 p.m. April 23 at the monastery, 728 Richland Road. The theme is "Listening for the Voice of God," and the weekend will focus on an immersion into the Mystery of Christ. There is no cost. For information or reservations, call 405-373-4565 or email [benedictinevocation@ionet.net](mailto:benedictinevocation@ionet.net).

### Azalea festival, garden walk

**22** St. Therese Church and Diocesan Shrine in Collinsville will celebrate its "Azalea Festival and Garden Walk" from April 22-24 with events and activities all day Saturday and tours of the garden and church set for Sunday and Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. After garden touring, visitors can get help making their own gardens bloom from local vendors and nursery growers who will have booths on the grounds

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Bedding plants, trees, garden statuary, bonsais, decorative stepping stones and framed photos of the garden and church will be available. Tickets also are now available for the parish's annual Easter in Italy seven-course banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$15, and seating is limited to 150 guests, advance sales only. Please call Dee Schneider, 371-2704.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

**23** Bishop Slattery will celebrate Mass at 3 p.m. April 23, Divine Mercy Sunday, at Holy Family Cathedral. Prayers begin at 2:30 p.m., followed by a procession and Mass. For more information, contact Joseph at 724-5283.

### Praying family lecture

**27** The Office of Family Life and the Pastoral Studies Institute will present a lecture on "The Praying Family - at the Heart of the Church" from 7-8:30 p.m. April 27 in the parish hall at the Church of the Madalene. Speaker Bill Beckman has a master's degree in marriage and family from the Pope John Paul II Institute. Child care will be provided. To register, contact Erick Bell, 585-8167. This lecture will be broadcast to ITV remote sites in the Diocese.

### Rome lecture series

**27** Dr. Henry Harder will teach a class on art and faith in the churches of Rome from 7-8:30 p.m. April 27 at St. Clement's Marian Center in Bixby. This class will examine how art and architecture in select churches in Rome demonstrate the development of Catholic teachings. Contact Mary Malcom, 294-1904, ext. 141.

### St. Catherine trivia night

**29** St. Catherine School will hold a trivia night at 5:30 p.m. April 29 in the school activity center, 2515 W. 46th St. Tables for six are available for \$60, or individual tickets can be purchased for \$10. Guests must be 21 or older. For information, contact Catherine Nichols, 808-9587.

### Religious awards Mass

**30** The Catholic committee on Scouting and Camp Fire will host its annual religious awards Mass at 2 p.m. April 30 at St. Pius X Church. Bishop Edward J. Slattery

will celebrate Mass with the awards recipients and their families, followed by the awards presentation.

## MAY

### May and Mary course

**1** Monica Skrzypczak will lead a class on Catholic Marian traditions from 7-8:30 p.m. May 1 in Benedictine Hall at Church of the Madalene. This class will study the many titles given to the Blessed Mother and Marian devotions practiced in the Church. Contact Mary Malcom, 294-1904, ext. 141.

### Healing Mass

**5** A Charismatic Mass for healing will be celebrated by Father Tim Davison at 7:30 p.m. May 5 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Prayer team ministry for individual needs will be available following Mass. All ages and denominations are welcome. Call Carole Scott, 243-5418.

## VOLUNTEERS

### Emergency assistance needed

Holy Child Emergency Assistance is in urgent need of volunteers to help with sorting donations and assisting clients. Please call 585-5186 or apply at Madonna House, 749 N. Denver Ave., Tulsa.

## TRAVEL

### Pilgrimage tour to Ireland

Father Tim Davison will lead a pilgrimage tour to Ireland July 10-21. Cost is \$2,995 from Tulsa, plus approximately \$150 for airport tax and fuel surcharges. After arrival in Dublin, pilgrims will set out on a journey in the path of St. Patrick via an air-conditioned luxury coach to County Wicklow, County Tipperary, County Cork, County Kerry and other stops before touring Northern Ireland and returning to Dublin. Daily Mass will be offered. To reserve a space, obtain an application form by calling 1-800-334-5425.

## Bishop Slattery's public schedule

**Sunday, April 2 – 10 a.m.**

Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass, Holy Family Cathedral

**Saturday, April 8 – 9 a.m.**

Lenten talk, Knights of Columbus, Mohawk Park

**Sunday, April 9 – 10 a.m.**

Sixth Sunday of Lent Mass (Palm Sunday), Holy Family Cathedral

**HOLY WEEK**

**Tuesday, April 11 – 2 p.m.**

Lenten Day of Prayer, Holy Family Cathedral

**Tuesday, April 11 – 5:30 p.m.**

Chrism Mass, Holy Family Cathedral

**Thursday, April 13 – 8:45 a.m.**

Mass and homily at Conner Correctional Center, Hominy

**Thursday, April 13 – 5:30 p.m.**

Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Family Cathedral

**Friday, April 14 – 3 p.m.**

Stations of the Cross, Holy Family Cathedral

**Friday, April 14 – 5:30 p.m.**

Liturgy and homily, Holy Family Cathedral

**Saturday, April 15 – 8:30 p.m.**

Easter Vigil Mass and homily, Holy Family Cathedral

**Sunday, April 16 – 10 a.m.**

Easter Mass, Holy Family Cathedral

**Wednesday, April 19 – 7 p.m.**

Blessing for St. Philip Society dinner, Alan Chapman Activity Center, TU campus

**Friday, April 21 – 6:30 p.m.**

Catholic Charities volunteer appreciation dinner

**Saturday, April 22 – 6:30 p.m.**

Bishop Kelley auction and dinner, Fairgrounds Pavilion

**Sunday, April 23 – 2:30 p.m.**

Prayers for Divine Mercy Sunday, 3 p.m. Mass and homily, Holy Family Cathedral

**Thursday, April 27 – 6:30 p.m.**

San Miguel School reception, F&M Bank

**Saturday, April 29 – 5 p.m.**

Knights of Columbus Mass, St. Thomas More Church  
Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran, principal celebrant;  
Bishop Slattery, homilist

**Saturday, April 29 – 7 p.m.**

Banquet for Knights, Raddison Hotel, 41st and Garnett

**Sunday, April 30 – 2 p.m.**

Scout Awards Mass, St. Pius X Church

**Edward J. Slattery** Bishop of Tulsa

## Analyzing cultural forces that work against deeper communion

**Editor's note:** This is the seventh in a series of articles outlining Bishop Slattery's response to the pastoral recommendations issued by the members of the Diocesan Synod.

The previous six articles all concerned the first pastoral priority, which the members of the Synod Task Force identified as our need to foster a deeper communion with God.

Since this need is felt on three levels simultaneously (that is, on the diocesan level, on the level of the local parish community and as individuals in a community formed by our families) the Bishop gave specific recommendations for all three levels, offering a unified vision of how we can best live out the Gospel in the context of contemporary life, conscious first of all that modern life offers us a series of temptations to compromise the Gospel's life-changing demands and secondly that the secular world constantly challenges the Church's right to speak in the public forum.

In his seventh and eighth articles, Bishop Slattery will offer a summary of the salient points he has made previously as a guide for pastors, parish councils, pastoral musicians and liturgy planners, whose ministry is focused on the spiritual well-being of their parishioners, as well as those faithful who have sensed the importance of their relation to God and who are committed to making that relationship deeper and more fruitful through their Sunday worship.

What we are publishing in this edition of the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic is the Bishop's analysis of the cultural forces which shape the problem and his first and primary desire for the Synod, that it result in holy priests and deacons.

### The terms of our conversation

(From the Jan. 8, 2006 edition of the EOC)

As your bishop, my primary responsibility is to teach the Gospel in its fullness, neither adding nor subtracting to what we have received from the Apostles and what the Church hands on to every succeeding generation. I take this responsibility very seriously and pray that everyone in the diocese will open their hearts and mind to benefit from this exercise of my apostolic responsibility.

I do not doubt your faith, nor the hope and charity with which you live your lives. I have spent 12 years as your Bishop and hope to live out the rest of my life among you and can say without hesitancy that the faith life of God's people here in the Diocese of Tulsa is strong and continues to grow stronger with the leadership of our dedicated priests, who seem never to grow tired in shepherding the flock of Jesus Christ.

But still I want to encourage you to exercise wisdom and docility here. I want you to listen well, to listen with a loving heart. I want you to believe and not doubt, listen and not argue, receive and hold fast, without struggling to put up objections and looking for ways to challenge and critique what I offer, for if I have been given a serious obligation to teach, so too, have you been given a serious obligation to learn. We must both fulfill these mutual obligations in faith and with charity!

### Rest and prayer

(From the Jan. 8, 2006 edition of the EOC)

Rest for us has become non-work time, valued only because it allows us to get back to our task-filled lives. Rest is not the reason for our work, but the means to working better.

Culturally, real rest is not part of our shared American



landscape. Either we have forgotten how to rest or we have lost the ability to find comfort in leisure. We have even lost the proper balance between work and leisure, making rest secondary and subservient to our ceaseless activities. In a word, we no longer know what real rest is; it is beyond our experience. And since we do not know what it is, we cannot desire it for its own sake.

The tragedy in this is that we find it difficult or even impossible to "keep holy the Lord's Day" since keeping his day holy requires that we rest in the Lord, that we see this rest as an introduction into the joyful bliss of heaven, the attainment of our full humanity and the perfection of our humanity. Without rest, we cannot pray, and without prayer we cannot know God's will. Without prayer we cannot be wise or virtuous, since wisdom is more than gaining expertise through activity and virtue is more than practicing the good.

### What we have lost

(From the Jan. 22, 2006 edition of the EOC)

There are a number of significant things which we Catholics have lost in the transition from the middle 20th-century to the first decade of the 21st. First of all, many of us have lost the opportunity to attend Mass on Sunday. Perhaps it is better to say that we have lost the unrestricted opportunity to attend Mass, but the result is largely the same. As Sundays become more and more characterized by frenzied activities, more and more people must go to work on Sundays to attend to the rush of our busy-ness.

And while the effect of this shift of Sunday as a day of rest to a day of constant motion at first affected only teens and young adults, the obvious truth is that as those workers have moved from serving burgers and fries to stocking at Kohls or clerking at Belks or waiting on tables at Carrabas, we have simply accommodated ourselves to the idea that Sunday is going to be a day of work for many of us. If we no longer feel any compunction about shopping on Sunday, then neither will we feel any guilt about forcing someone else to ring up our purchases.

But all this means that it is harder and harder for working people to get to Sunday Mass. Even the Saturday night Mass, which was instituted to offer the Sunday worker a chance to participate in the worship of the parish, is often devoid of any Sunday workers because they have been scheduled to work on Saturday night, too, leaving the anticipated Saturday evening Mass for people who want to "get Mass over with so that they can have Sunday free" for other pursuits.

Thus the confusion we find ourselves in. The Church says that attendance at Mass is so intrinsic to the spiritual life of the believer that to repeatedly miss Mass is to put one's soul into danger and to weaken the community of faith by his or her absence.

But some people cannot attend Mass, though they desire to do so; others are unaware of the obligation or unwilling to see themselves as being obliged; while still others are so busy with fulfilling the requirements of an active lifestyle, a culture of leisure or their frenetic schedule of sports and shopping that Mass is no longer perceived as a real possibility.

### When our desire for prayer and the Mass must suffice

(From the Jan. 22, 2006 edition of the EOC)

St. Augustine wrote that if we sincerely desire to pray but are incapable of finding the time or the energy to pray, then the desire itself becomes our prayer, and we receive the

spiritual benefit of prayer, though still inundated in a flood of activities.

In the same way, if we sincerely desire to go to Mass, to sanctify our lives and keep holy the Lord's Day, but are legitimately prevented from doing so, then, I believe, God accepts this desire and makes it fruitful toward our holiness.

But two things must be certain. First, there must be a legitimate impediment from attending Mass, and when this legitimate impediment is constant and unwavering, then we should probably look to see if perhaps our values, goals and lifestyles might not need to be realigned and our spiritual self rediscovered.

Secondly, the desire must be real. A passing wish or a dream, loosely based on guilt, isn't enough, and the only way that a person can judge the authenticity of his or her desire to keep holy the Lord's Day is whether or not that person is willing to take the steps to get to Mass, even, as I have said, should that eventually demand a re-thinking of our values and goals.

(But) this desire for Mass is also a critical part of the spiritual lives of those Catholics who struggle through the hectic pace of modern life, but still manage to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist. They understand the balance of work and rest and are willing see in Sunday that day of the week on which they rest in the arms of the Lord and reaffirm their faith in his lordship, in his protective embrace of us and of our families.

These are the people who leaving Mass begin almost immediately to desire it again. They look forward to the next opportunity to rest in the Lord even as they recall the new strength and energy which they have received from their last Eucharistic celebration.

This desire for the Mass deepens its spiritual experience, prolongs its effects and prepares us to be more receptive to God's Word when next we attend Mass. This is the surest way in which the desire for Mass becomes itself a kind of prayer and leads to a sacrificial charity and a willingness to see others as God sees them, accepting them in love even as they themselves have been loved.

### Not by programs

(From the Feb. 5, 2006 edition of the EOC)

(In our) search for greater openness to the "work" of God, His present activity and saving grace, there is the very real danger that we will lose sight of our real goal. We strive for intimacy with Jesus, but we make this our "work" when what we ought to do is simply open ourselves more and more to receiving the gift of true intimacy with Him in the Eucharist. Instead we devise myriad programs and work out various strategies and set ourselves to this as if it were our task.

Indeed, I see in the papers of the Synod an attempt to set up programs which we can implement, monitor, and control and while these programs and ministries may have worthwhile goals, expressed perhaps as "making the mystery of the Mass more accessible" or "educating the faithful to better understand the Mass" or something like "coordinating opportunities for the faithful to deepen their communion with God," we end up behaving as if the spiritual life could be identified with the 'success' of our parish or diocesan programs.

This is a danger for the Church - especially in a culture which so highly values activity and a measurable output.

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Marilyn Duck EOC Editor

## Diverse number of causes seeking financial support

Catholic Charities has gone public with something that has been in the works for years. The new campus planned for the southwest corner of Harvard Avenue and East Apache Street is long overdue.



Unless you have visited them, it's hard to imagine how dilapidated the current Catholic Charities buildings are. As a diocesan employee recently remarked, staff members practically sit on one another's laps.

More importantly, the existing offices are inconvenient for the 75,000 people Catholic Charities assists each year.

Imagine that you've recently become homeless or just arrived in town. Somebody tells you Catholic Charities can help. You're given directions to its administrative office at 739 N. Denver Ave.

If you don't have transportation, you will have to rely on a friend or Tulsa's inadequate bus service to get there.

Once you do, if you need clothing, you would be directed to the clothing distribution office, located on 46th Street North.

If you need medical services – and if you happen to arrive on a Wednesday – you'll be sent to the Xavier Clinic near Admiral and Lewis, where the line for the one-day-a-week general clinic often begins forming before dawn.

With its \$16 million campaign, Catholic Charities becomes the latest in a long line of Catholic groups seeking to raise large amounts of money for worthwhile projects. Everybody involved is aware that so many requests for so many good works – especially among the “deep pockets” crowd that frequently is hit

up for generous donations – might be too much.

Among the current diocesan projects are Bishop Kelley High School's \$10 million capital and financial aid drive and Holy Family Cathedral's renovation, which will cost at least \$2 million.

Parishes everywhere are renovating or building or making plans to do so.

At the same time, other Catholic institutions also have ambitious projects. St. John Medical Center is building a hospital in Owasso; Saint Francis Health Systems is working on a new children's hospital just south of Yale Avenue.

Cascia Hall is well under way with a \$10 million performing arts center. St. Joseph's Monastery, home of the Benedictine sisters, is being renovated at an estimated cost of \$3.4 million. The monks at Clear Creek are moving ahead with their \$22 million monastery.

Cascia, of course, is an Augustinian school with many Catholic and non-Catholic supporters. The Congregation of the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Hearts, who operate Monte Cassino School, also have a strong support base.

And the monks, based in France, attracted donors from 17 states when it was their turn last fall to host one of the \$100-per-plate formal dinner events that suddenly are cropping up every few months.

The St. Francis of Assisi Trust Fund was the first to go the high-dollar dinner route and will host its third fundraiser in October. Catholic Charities held the overwhelmingly successful Cooking Up Compassion in February. Proceeds from that event – more than \$500,000 – will go not to the

campaign to build the new campus but for operational expenses of existing ministries.

Coming up April 19 is the annual Newman Center St. Philip Neri Society dinner at the University of Tulsa, also costing \$100 per person.

If the requests for money seem endless, it's because the need for worthy projects and ministries is, too.

For many readers, the parade of big-money solicitations must seem like they're taking place on another planet. Paying a couple of hundred dollars for dinner truly is an alien concept to most Catholics, many of whom are of modest means or whose financial priority is scraping up enough money for Catholic school tuition.

And yet all these causes are righteous. Having too many Catholic organizations vying to help others perhaps may become a problem in the Diocese of Tulsa. But it's a good problem to have when the alternative would be that people are not willing to help.

Big donations are a must if the Catholic Charities project is to succeed. But Catholic Charities wants, needs and deserves the support of everyone in the Diocese as well as the many non-Catholics who support its vital work.

So spread the word. Catholic Charities is on the front lines of our Diocese's efforts to live up to the Gospel challenge to love one another. It accepts next to no government money because that can mean accepting strings that can conflict with Catholic teaching.

This is a grassroots, homegrown effort. Catholic Charities does amazing work but depends on us to do our part.

George Weigel

## '60 Minutes' goes soft on stem cell questions

The CBS news magazine “60 Minutes” prides itself on asking the hard questions that other television news vehicles are too polite, or perhaps too afraid, to ask. That tough-minded approach to an important issue wasn't much in evidence, however, when “60 Minutes” recently took on the question of whether “spare” embryos “left over” from in vitro fertilization procedures should be used for stem-cell research that would result in the embryos' death.



During the segment, Princeton's Robert P. George, a member of the President's Council on Bioethics, tried to explain certain basic moral facts to Leslie Stahl. Cryogenically preserved embryos, Professor George said, “have the dignity of a human being, the way a full-grown man or woman has the dignity of a human being.” Ms. Stahl wasn't persuaded.

Referring to the embryos as “these little bunches of cells” she asked, in some evident bewilderment, “Are you equating them [with grown men and women]?” Yes, he was, Professor George replied, because “those bunches of cells are very unique bunches of cells. Those are human beings in the earliest stages of their natural development. You were one once; I was one once.”

The editing of the segment strongly suggested that “60 Minutes” preferred the approach of the University of

Pennsylvania's Dr. Arthur Caplan, an enthusiast for research that, as he put it, would destroy “embryos...that no one will ever use for any purpose whatsoever.”

That, of course, is the conventional wisdom in the bioethics guild, which frequently serves as a permission-slip factory for scientists and the biotech industry. Had Ms. Stahl wanted to put Art Caplan through the typical “60 Minutes” grinder, she could have asked some really tough questions:

“Dr. Caplan, isn't it true that there isn't a single embryonic stem-cell therapy at even the earliest stage of FDA clinical trials?”

“Dr. Caplan, what are we to make of the fact that, to date, embryonic stem cells can't be used therapeutically because they cause tumors in the animals into which they've been injected? And what are we to make of the fact that, because of the biological complexities involved, no one understands, or is even close to understanding, why this happens?”

“Dr. Caplan, why do leading stem-cell scientists tell us that, even if cures using embryonic stem cells are forthcoming (and some reputable scientists are dubious about the prospect), those cures are decades away? And if that's true, why has embryonic stem-cell research been so grotesquely hyped by its advocates? Doesn't that risk a public backlash when the cures aren't forthcoming next month, next year, or 10 years from now? Hasn't Lord Winston, Great Britain's leading scientist in this field, warned about precisely that? Come to think of it, Dr. Caplan, didn't you and a colleague

write an op-ed piece raising similar cautions after Proposition 71 passed in California last year?”

“Dr. Caplan, why is there so little public discussion of the fact that adult stem-cell therapies are being used today in treating some 65 diseases? Why do you think that private sector biotech firms are pouring their research dollars into adult stem-cell research and therapies? Why does it seem so important to you and your allies among scientists to direct government funds toward embryonic stem-cell research?”

“Dr. Caplan, in recent months, two of the world's most prestigious scientific journals, *Science* and *Nature*, have published articles by researchers at Harvard and MIT, detailing major advances in obtaining ‘pluripotent’ stem cells without killing human embryos; what do you, as an ethicist, make of that?”

“Dr. Caplan, what lessons for the debate over embryonic stem-cell research might we draw from the 20th-century's grisly experience of medical research conducted on what the researchers regarded as ‘disposable’ human beings?”

Those are some of the really hard questions in the current stem-cell debate. When a “60 Minutes” reporter asks them, and compels Art Caplan to answer them, and invites Robby George to comment on the answers, we'll know that the program's reputation for forcing the issues is warranted.

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# Forum

## Bishop applauded for protecting liturgies

Editor, EOC:

I would like to comment on Bishop Slattery's recent columns of the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic, and in particular, his column in the March 5 edition.

In addition to studying in the seminary for six years and later studying and receiving a master's degree in theological studies, I have served on numerous parish liturgy committees over the years. With both my theological education and experience from various liturgy committees, I have become increasingly saddened and anxious about the liturgical abuses, most notably those pertaining to the mis-use of music, that have been creeping into our parish celebrations of Mass in recent years.

Bishop Slattery's column, "Parishes must recover sense of the sacredness of the Sanctuary," was both well written and very needed. Our bishop has asked those involved with the liturgy at every parish to examine their liturgies in light of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and authentic liturgical documents such as Sacrosanctum Concilium.

I think this is a wonderful idea, and every parish should, as soon as possible, hold a special meeting of their full liturgy committee to go over how the Mass is celebrated in their parish to ensure that it is in conformity with the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

Yes, there will be people who will argue that we shouldn't change our current practices at Mass because they "like things just the way they are." However, if we are to safeguard our liturgies and hand them on to our children and grandchildren whole and entire, then we must follow liturgical norms because they are right, not because they are popular.

As Bishop Slattery so eloquently pointed out, "I

do not consider fidelity to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal as a legalistic imposition, nor as simply 'following the rubrics'."

We are very fortunate to have a Sacred Pastor who isn't afraid to speak out for what is right and to safeguard the liturgical norms of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Thank you, Bishop Slattery, for speaking out to protect our liturgies in the Diocese of Tulsa.

Chris King  
Tulsa

### Music and silence

Editor, EOC: The "sacredness of the sanctuary" eloquently addressed by Bishop Edward Slattery in his column in the March 5 EOC was "ex cathedra" in all respects, interestingly appearing at the same time as RoseMarie Gerlach's gentle and terse letter, "Mass etiquette lacking," in the Forum.

A sincere call to parishioners, musicians, cantors, some of whom are musicians, deacons, priests, ushers and liturgical planners to remain faithful to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal as an essential way of fostering communion with God is succinct by both Bishop and the parishioner.

Bishop Slattery writes that this is not a "legalistic imposition" and that obedience is an open profession that the Eucharist is "not something we ourselves make."

Bishop Slattery's view of silence during Mass is similar, though far more important, to the greatest composers' compositional techniques of silence in the Church's splendid history, e.g., Vittoria, Palestrina, Tallis, Byrd and di Lasso, notwithstanding the subtle silence of Gregorian chant. It is indeed a "deep silence" of the heart.

With regard to sound and silence, Bishop Slattery asks all to maintain a proper balance in liturgical celebrations for music and silence. Here the authority is the Vatican Council's document on the liturgy, "Sacrosanctum Concilium."

In my judgment, there are two kinds of music: One kind makes the listener a slave of what he or she hears; the other makes the listener free. The first kind casts a curious spell over a person's sensual nature, and the second is the work of the spirit.

Gregorian chant, for example, is the basis of all Western music. The mood it invokes is a calm state of excitement, and its purifying nature is a kind of moral preparation for spiritual values.

If music at Mass is lacking in these attributes, it is soon consumed by weakness, man's sensual nature and material things.

Lastly, regarding appropriate music at Mass, it is not the beauty and power of a professionally trained voice or mighty choir trained to fill the opera houses and concert halls of the world and thus assaulting the ear of the parishioner, thereby destroying the "proper liturgical music" as Bishop Slattery writes, or in the alternative, the crooning voice influenced by "pop" music and amplified by

the modern microphone in sugar-coated gumdrops of a decidedly sensuous nature.

Both fall short and cry out for a balance. Pope Benedict XVI has written superbly on this matter in "The Spirit of the Liturgy," (SE, CA: Ignatius, 2000, page 248).

Dr. Raeder Anderson  
Tulsa

### A special feast day

We feel quite certain that all the special rituals for Easter are in place here in the Diocese of Tulsa, yet another great feast, that of Divine Mercy Sunday (the first Sunday after Easter) seems to be forgotten by many parishes. On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II announced that the Second Sunday of Easter would now be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Universal Church. It is fitting on this special day to celebrate the feast, repent our sins, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Holy Eucharist, and venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy. Veneration of the Image can consist of some act or gesture of deep religious respect because it represents our Most Merciful Savior.

When so many parishes throughout the country and, in fact, throughout the world celebrate this very special feast day, we hope our Diocese of Tulsa will be among them.

Diane A. O'Brien  
Patricia M. O'Melia  
Tulsa

### 'Shocked off my chair'

As I read your Feb. 19th column, "Baffling behavior of some young people drives middle-aged crazy," I wholeheartedly agreed with every word. So when I opened the center spread pages of the same issue, I was shocked off my chair as my view was drawn straight to the center of the page of a woman in bright red dress, bosoms exhibited Hollywood-style, and at a function with the Bishop! How is this any different from, as you put it in your column, "low-scooped blouses"? I thought the job of the editor is to edit out what does not measure up to certain standards.

In 1928's "Hail Holy Queen, A Book of Prayer and Counsel for Catholic Girls and Women," I quote, "It is perfectly lawful to strive to be attractive in your appearance, but in so doing take care that you do not lose your sense of decency and the respect of worthy admirers."

And again, "If the standard of morals in a country or age is low, you may be sure that it is because the women of that country or age are lax in their morals; for women, being naturally more virtuous than men, are looked up to by men as models in matters pertaining to modesty and purity. This is why the Church is so insistent that women be modest in their dress.

Oh Mary, most pure, pray for us.

Joy Testa  
Sanger, Texas

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# A year after pope's death, people continue to show devotion



A young man in St. Peter's Square holds a photo of Pope John Paul II on the night the pope died, April 2, 2005. The news of the pope's death was announced to more than 100,000 people gathered in the square and was met with long applause, an Italian sign of respect. Bells tolled, and many people wept openly. (CNS photo/Reuters)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - From starting prayer groups to cheering at the mention of his name, people around the world continue to show their devotion to Pope John Paul II.

A year after Pope John Paul's death, the Vatican still maintains a separate entrance to the grotto under St. Peter's Basilica where he is buried, and Pope Benedict XVI still cites his writings and example in his public speeches.

While the cause for Pope John Paul's canonization continues with interviews of people in Rome and Poland who were close to him, Pope John Paul prayer groups are springing up around the world.

Msgr. Slawomir Oder, the official promoter of the pope's sainthood cause, said the groups - one in Argentina calls itself "Juan Pablo Magno" (John Paul the Great) - not only support the cause with their prayers, but they study Pope John Paul's writings.

Pope Benedict does not appear jealous of the attention; in fact, from the beginning of his pontificate he has urged the Church to continue to study the teachings of his predecessor.

Speaking to the Roman Curia in December, he said: "No pope has left us a quantity of texts equal to what he left us; no pope before him could visit the entire world like he did and speak directly to men and women of

"... no pope before him could visit the entire world like he did and speak directly to men and women of every continent."

every continent.

"The Holy Father, with his words and his works, has given us great things; but no less important is the lesson he gave us from the chair of suffering and silence," Pope Benedict said.

In addition to the television movies, documentaries and books on the life of Pope John Paul, an Italian work focused specifically on the suffering.

"Let Me Go: The Strength in Weakness of John Paul II" was released March 15 in Italy and featured reflections by the pope's

longtime secretary, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland, and by Dr. Renato Buzzonetti, the pope's personal physician (see accompanying story).

The way Pope John Paul lived and the way he died have led millions of people to his tomb.

Archbishop Angelo Comastri, the papal vicar for Vatican City State, said that until Pope John Paul died, an average of 300 people a day went down to the grotto below St. Peter's to visit the tombs of the popes.

Now, he said in early March, the daily number is 10 times greater and often reaches 20,000 on Sundays and holidays.

Pope Benedict, one of Pope John Paul's closest aides as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, obviously tries to connect with those devoted to his predecessor.

At the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Benedict seemed surprised when people would interrupt him - especially during a Mass homily - with applause and cheers.

When he would mention Pope John Paul, the reaction was immediate and predictable, and it did not take long for Pope Benedict to adjust his timing and, especially with young people, to emphasize his predecessor's name and let the crowds roar.

## Impatient patient: John Paul II often wanted to delay treatments

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY - As a medical patient, Pope John Paul II was cooperative, insisted on being fully informed, but very often put off treatment if there was a chance it would take him away from his pastoral commitments.

In fact, according to his personal physician, Dr. Renato Buzzonetti, even when Pope John Paul was having major breathing crises the month before he died and was told he needed a tracheotomy, he asked if it could wait.

"The patient gave his consent, but not without having asked with moving simplicity if it would be possible to wait until the summer holidays," the doctor said.

Dr. Buzzonetti's account of Pope John Paul's health problems and the pope's April 2, 2005, death is included in the Italian book, "Let Me Go: The Strength in Weakness of John Paul II"

The title of the book comes from the last words, murmured in Polish, by the pope, "Let me go to the house of the Father."

Released March 15, the book also featured reflections by the pope's

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longtime secretary, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, and by Archbishop Angelo Comastri, papal vicar for Vatican City State.

Dr. Buzzonetti, who was Pope John Paul's physician for almost 27 years, wrote that when the pope was not feeling well, he would describe his symptoms concisely "with the aim of simply enlightening his doctor and accelerating his treatment so he could get back to work."

"He always demonstrated an attitude of profound interior serenity which - despite some moments of visible human disappointment and impatience - led him to accept sickness, physical pain and forced inactivity from the hands of God," the doctor said.

Dr. Buzzonetti's contribution to the book opened with an account of the medical care Pope John Paul received immediately after being shot May 13, 1981, in St. Peter's Square.

The pope underwent emergency surgery, which lasted five hours and 35 minutes, the doctor said.

Seventeen days after being

released from the hospital, the pope, suffering from a high fever, had to return to Gemelli hospital for treatment of an infection contracted from blood he received during the operation.

Dr. Buzzonetti, conveying a sense of surprise, said the pope sat in on a meeting of his doctors and specialists called in for consultation, including a discussion about when to operate to close the colostomy, or intestinal bypass, performed immediately after the shooting.

"He was in great form and, while recognizing he was not competent in medical questions, he affirmed the right of a patient - his right - to be the subject and not a passive object in managing the illness," the doctor wrote.

The pope asked the doctors not to delay the second operation "so as not to further postpone his many planned commitments, including 'ad limina' visits" with bishops from around the world, Dr. Buzzonetti wrote.

The doctor's brief account of his years as Pope John Paul's personal physician is filled with references to the pope's determining the timing of treatment based on his pastoral



Pope John Paul II's battle with Parkinson's disease took a turn for the worse in early February 2005. In this March 13 photo, he returns to the Vatican from Gemelli hospital in Rome. This would be his final trip, as he chose to remain at the Vatican where he was treated with respiratory equipment until his death April 2. (CNS photo from Reuters)

commitments.

Dr. Buzzonetti did not say when Pope John Paul told him about symptoms later determined to be related to a colon tumor, but, the doctor said, "the definitive tests could be performed only at the beginning of the month of July, according to a calendar fixed personally by the Holy Father."

The tumor removed July 15, 1992, was not malignant, although

a biopsy showed that some cells were becoming cancerous, he said.

Dr. Buzzonetti also wrote that in 1993 when the pope tripped during an audience, dislocating his shoulder and fracturing the shoulder socket, he was convinced that the pope was experiencing a problem with his balance due to a neurological disorder, "the first signs of which were observed in the last months of 1991."

# For new cardinals, a ceremony full of symbols

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY - The main elements in the ceremonies surrounding the creation of new cardinals are red, hat, church and ring.

When Pope Benedict XVI elevated 15 new members into the College of Cardinals March 24, they already were dressed in their new red cassocks.

As French Cardinal Albert Vanhoye, one of the 15, told Vatican Radio: "Red is the color of love, of fire, and it is also the color of the Passion. It is said that the cardinals must be ready even to shed their blood" for Christ and his church.

One by one, the new cardinals approached Pope Benedict and knelt before him so he could place the four-cornered red hat, called a biretta, on their heads.

Next, each cardinal was given a scroll testifying to his new office

and containing the name of his titular church in Rome.

By receiving the "title" to a Rome church, each cardinal formally became part of the clergy of Rome. The status connects the modern tradition of the College of Cardinals electing a new pope to the early Church practice by which the bishop of Rome was elected by the clergy of Rome.

Over the coming months, the new cardinals will "take possession" of their titular churches in a brief ceremony, although their official responsibilities to the churches do not go beyond affection and prayerful concern.

U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, took possession of the Church of St. Mary in Domnica March 26; the 16th-century building is a restoration of a ninth-century

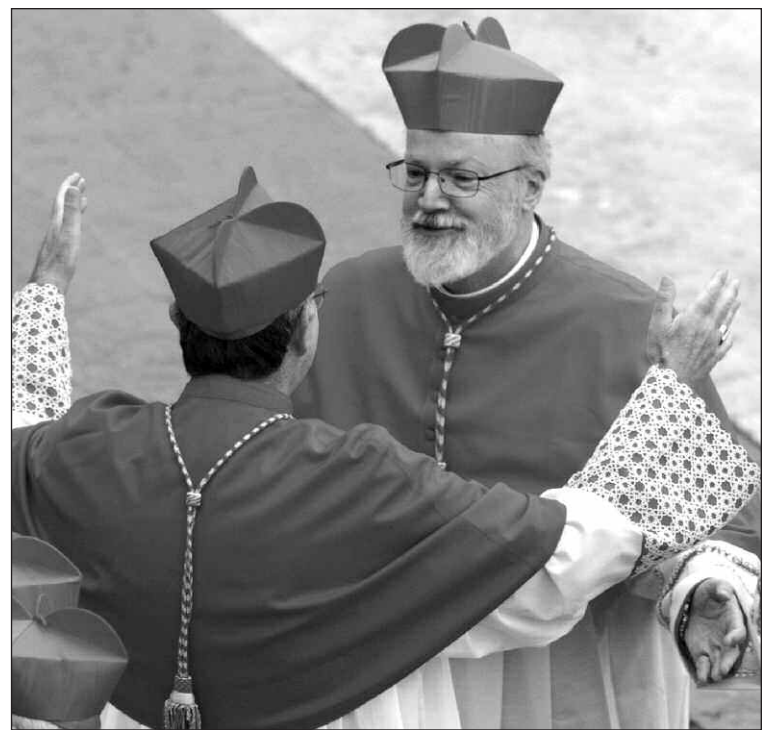
church built on the foundations of one of the earliest churches in Rome.

Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston was given the title to Santa Maria della Vittoria, a 17th-century church particularly famous as the home of Gianlorenzo Bernini's statue of "St. Teresa in Ecstasy."

The cardinals' new status and new relationship with the pope were sealed with a ring at a March 25 Mass.

The Vatican press office explained the rite is a "sign of dignity, of pastoral concern and of the most solid communion with the see of Peter."

When handing out the rings, Pope Benedict said to each cardinal: "Receive the ring from the hand of Peter and know that with the love of the prince of the apostles your love for the Church will be reinforced."



Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley is congratulated by a new colleague after being elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope Benedict XVI during a ceremony at the Vatican March 24. (CNS photo/Reuters)

## Free electronic cards for pope's 79th birthday

NEW YORK (CNS) - A New York-based publisher of educational and catechetical materials is offering free electronic birthday cards to celebrate Pope Benedict XVI's 79th birthday April 16.

Through its Web site at [www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com), William H. Sadlier Inc. allows people to choose from four electronic cards with slogans such as "All God's children love you, Holy Father" and "The whole world is happy on the birthday of our pope." Each card may be personalized and sent in English or Spanish.

William Sadlier Dinger, president of William H. Sadlier, said he and his brother, board chairman Frank Sadlier Dinger, "see this as an opportunity for millions of people from all over the world to tell the pope how much they love him."

"We hope children and their families will send e-mail greetings to the pope," he added.

The company said the project received encouragement from the National Catholic Educational Association and the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.

## Women discuss 'Da Vinci' depiction of Mary Magdalene

By John Thavis  
Catholic News Service

ROME - "The Da Vinci Code" came in for resounding criticism at a recent round-table discussion at the Marianum Pontifical Theological Faculty in Rome.

It was not a pick-it-apart session by Church historians. Instead, four women spoke about Mary Magdalene and her distorted depiction in Dan Brown's book.

The moderator of the discussion, Marinella Perroni, a New Testament theologian, said "The Da Vinci Code" joins a list of books and other media treatments that exploit the figure of Mary Magdalene. Ms. Perroni said caution is always needed when dealing with scriptural figures, but for some reason people feel free to take great liberties with Mary Magdalene.

Maria Luisa Rigato, a retired professor of exegesis at the Pontifical Gregorian University, said she found Mr. Brown's book entertaining fiction - but that it was clear to real scholars that Mary Magdalene was neither the wife nor the lover of Jesus.

The Catholic participants drew a sharp distinction between what is known about Mary Magdalene from the approved Gospels and what has been circulated for centuries in the so-called Gnostic gospels, rejected by the Church long ago.

But a Waldensian pastor, the Rev. Letizia Tomassone, said she thought the noncanonical gospels, although they are clearly later manuscripts, can be valid secondary sources of information. In some of these later gospels, she said, Mary Magdalene appears as the "mediator of the resurrected

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Christ," which aligns with what the Gospel of St. John says about her being the first witness of the resurrection.

Mary Magdalene, Rev. Tomassone said, comes across as "one who knows how to heal the heart of a wounded community."

The experts generally agreed, however, that there is no scriptural evidence that Jesus and Mary were lovers, which is a key element in the plot of "The Da Vinci Code." Even the incomplete references in the Gnostic gospels about Jesus' special relationship with Mary

Magdalene depict a "spiritual intimacy," not a sexual relationship, Rev. Tomassone said.

The panelists differed about whether it should matter to Christians whether Christ was married or not. Some said they would have no problem with such a marriage, but the Gospels make no mention of it.

That prompted an objection from a young priest in the audience, who said he would not have made a promise of priestly celibacy unless he believed he was imitating Christ.

Ms. Rigato downplayed the impact of "The Da Vinci Code," saying it was "third-rate literature" compared to earlier treatments of similar subjects, like "The Last Temptation of Christ" by Nikos Kazantzakis.

"Dan Brown with his 40 million copies is nothing compared to the billions of copies of the Bible. It's something you consume and forget and will not affect the faith in the least," she said.

But Miriam Diez i Bosch, a Catholic journalist who lectures on communications, said it was disturbing that a book like "The Da Vinci Code" was succeeding so well. Similar books may follow, she said.

The good thing is that "The Da Vinci Code" has given Catholics a chance to explain themselves, she said. The bad part is that Catholics clearly need to be better instructed in their faith, she added.

She said the Church in particular needs better catechesis and more widely published scholarship on the figure of Mary Magdalene - something more profound than presenting her as "the icon of the fallen woman."

# In immigration law, distinctions of 'legal,' 'illegal' fairly recent

By PATRICIA ZAPOR  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON - Here's a little-understood fact about immigration law: Until well into the 20th century, pretty much anyone who showed up at a port of entry or walked across a border got to stay in the United States.

In other words, one reason so many people today can say "my ancestors followed the law when they came here" is because until fairly recently there was no distinction made about whether someone arrived legally or not. With few exceptions, anyone who got here was admitted.

Doris Meissner, former commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and now a senior fellow at the Migration Policy Institute, said that during the mass migrations of the late 19th and early 20th centuries - the years of those photos of boatloads of European immigrants being processed at Ellis Island - only a small fraction of newcomers were rejected.

"The number who got sent back at Ellis Island was less than 2 percent," Ms. Meissner told Catholic News Service in an interview, "possibly less than 1 percent."

And those rejections were almost always because the people suffered from an illness that might make them financially dependent upon the community, she said. For instance, a then-common eye infection left victims blind and presumably unable to support themselves. People who had it were turned away.

There were some exceptions to the open-door policy, explains an immigration law



Protesters gather around a statue of Mary in front of City Hall in Los Angeles during a March 25 pro-immigrant march and rally, where thousands expressed opposition to pending immigration legislation. (CNS photo/Reuters)

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history article provided by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau, as the agency Ms. Meissner headed in the 1990s is now called. An 1882 Chinese exclusion law that remained on the books until 1943 was originally aimed at limiting cheap labor.

Other laws of the era excluded polygamists, those with criminal records for "moral turpitude," people with contagious diseases or epilepsy, professional beggars,

anarchists and those who were insane.

Outside such categories, everyone else was presumed to be admissible. It wasn't until 1924 that the U.S. government began requiring immigrants to obtain visas in their home countries in advance.

At that time, quotas also were created for how many people could be admitted from each country, with the exceptions of Mexico and Canada. Within a few years, the Border Patrol was reformed and its focus changed to keeping out and deporting those who didn't have permission to enter the country.

The 1924 law followed the country's most dramatic influx of immigrants in history, with more than 14.5 million new arrivals in 20 years, with 60 percent from Italy, Russia and Austria-Hungary, the history article explained.

Ms. Meissner said in the 1920s the public was especially wary of immigrants from countries such as Germany and other European nations against whom Americans had fought during World War I. During the Depression, immigration was largely self-limiting. In fact many people left the country during the 1930s.

But by the 1940s, with hundreds of thousands of U.S. men in the military overseas, worker shortages were becoming a problem. Beginning in 1942, the government began importing temporary workers. Most came from Mexico to work in agricultural jobs.

Gradually since then restrictions on immigration have increased, in response to concerns ranging from terrorism to lowering wages.

Currently, the wait for a visa to legally enter the United States is as long as a decade for some categories of people. National quotas, fingerprinting and background checks, income and sponsorship requirements, even the cost of applying for visas all act as filters in limiting who comes in legally. The number of visas available for unskilled workers each year is just a fraction of the number of jobs for which unskilled, immigrant labor is sought, leading many to sneak into the country to take those jobs.

## Catholic approach to media must also include praise

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The Catholic Church's approach to the media must include praise for positive programming and stories as well as criticism of what is harmful or dishonest, said U.S. Archbishop John P. Foley.

The archbishop, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, said his office always has tried "to recognize the good and affirm it, to see needs and fill them, to deepen our knowledge of the good news of Jesus Christ and to share it."

Celebrating Mass March 13 to open the weeklong plenary session of the council, Archbishop Foley said that, unfortunately, the media have come to expect "more condemnation than commendation, more negative criticism than positive affirmation" from the Church.

The archbishop said he was convinced that the Church must point out the negative that exists, but that it must be overcome with positive support and suggestions.

"Let us continue not so much to curse the darkness as to offer the light of Christ through the communications media to those who search for purpose in life and love," he said.

Among the agenda items for the council's meeting was a discussion of ways to implement the last apostolic letter issued by Pope John Paul II before his death.

The letter, "The Rapid Development," was addressed to "those responsible for communications" and was released Feb. 21, 2005; Pope John Paul died that April 2.

## Same-sex debate prompts review of adoption policy in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) - The Archdiocese of San Francisco is reviewing its Catholic Charities adoption programs to ensure that they are "fully in sync" with Church teaching against adoptions by same-sex couples, a spokesman for Archbishop George H. Niederauer said March 21.

"Our teaching on marriage and family life precludes these kinds of adoptions," said spokesman Maurice Healy. "We need to find another way to help this vulnerable population. How, remains to be worked out."

Earlier March 21, the archdiocese said in a statement that the review is aimed at determining "how we can continue to best serve children who are so much in need of a home."

"We realize there are people in our community, some working side by side with us to serve the needy in society, who do not share our beliefs, and we recognize and respect that fact," the statement added.

The issue of gay adoptions has been heating up in San Francisco since the Boston Archdiocese announced earlier this year that it would no longer facilitate any adoptions because of regulations in Massachusetts that would prohibit discrimination against same-sex couples wishing to adopt.

Archbishop Niederauer's predecessor, Cardinal William J. Levada, in a March 9 statement affirmed a 2003 document from the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which he now heads. That document said it

would be "gravely immoral" to let same-sex couples adopt children.

"Allowing children to be adopted by persons living in such unions would actually mean doing violence to these children, in the sense that their condition of dependency would be used to place them in an environment that is not conducive to their full development," the document said.

Cardinal Levada said March 9 that since 2003 "it has been, and remains, my position that Catholic agencies should not place children for adoption in homosexual households."

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously March 21 in favor of a nonbinding resolution condemning then Cardinal-designate Levada and urging Archbishop Niederauer to repudiate his views.

# State bishops condemn 'harsh' immigration bills

By RAY DYER  
The Sooner Catholic

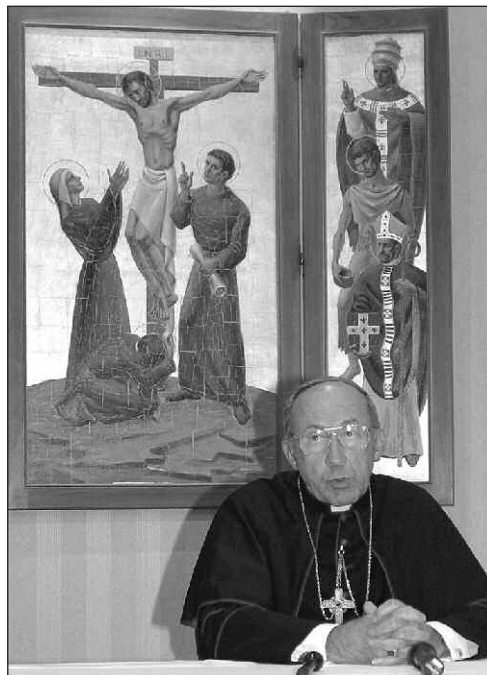
OKLAHOMA CITY- Legislation proposed by some state lawmakers was described by Archbishop Eusebius Beltran as "harsh" and would only further complicate an already unfair immigration system in desperate need of comprehensive reform. The archbishop made the comments during a March 21 news conference at the Catholic Pastoral Center. English and Spanish speaking media representatives attended the conference.

Archbishop Beltran's comments came a day after he and three other Oklahoma bishops issued a joint statement opposing anti-immigration measures pending at the Oklahoma Capitol. Joining with Archbishop Beltran was fellow Catholic, Bishop Edward J. Slattery, Bishop of Tulsa; the Rt. Rev. Robert M. Moody, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma and Floyd M. Schoenhals, Bishop, Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In particular, the bishops oppose SB 1769, which calls for the establishment of an immigration division within the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. The bill, by Sen. Kenneth Corn, would have the OSBI investigate illegal immigration in the state.

Archbishop Beltran said immigration is a federal issue and making it a "state or local matter" would be a mistake. He said the Catholic Church fully recognizes "the rights of every sovereign state to protect its borders," but added the Church views equally important the rights of an individual to migrate.

How the United States protects its borders is important, the archbishop said, but equally important is how the U.S. greets those who come to its borders.



Archbishop Beltran meets the press March 21 to criticize proposed anti-immigration legislation. (Photo by Cara Koenig, Sooner Catholic)

"Basically we're holding to the belief that every human person is important and must be respected and must be helped," Archbishop Beltran said.

Making local police an immigration "watchdog," Archbishop Beltran said, would undermine the good work and relationships that have been built between police departments and the various immigrant communities, especially the Hispanic community. Father Edward J. Weisenburger, pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and vicar general of the Archdiocese, said the proposed legislation is based on "fear, racism and misinformation."

For several years, Archbishop Beltran said, U.S. Catholic bishops have called on Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reforms based on "truth, justice and compassion."

He told a reporter the McCain/Kennedy amendment Congress is expected to consider is good federal legislation. The proposal would put undocumented workers and their families on the path to lawful permanent residence and citizenship.

Also opposed at the state level is HB 3119 by Rep. Randy Terrill. The legislation would require all government workers to report any person seeking benefits or services who failed to provide proof of lawful presence in the United States.

Shirley Cox, legislative advocate for Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City, said the proposed legislation would discourage non-citizens from seeking any public help, including medical assistance for family members who are legal citizens of the U.S., namely children.

"This proposed legislation would deprive undocumented people the benefits of living in the U.S.," Ms. Cox said. "At the same time, we're more than willing to accept their labor and their taxes."

*(Editor's note: A co-author of HB3119 said March 29 he would not seek a hearing on the bill.)*

Archbishop Beltran, in response to a reporter who asked if he feared immigration reforms could lead to a loss of federal funds for "Catholic organizations" said, "From my own perspective as a bishop for 28 years, I've never relied on federal dollars, and I've never obtained them, except a very minimal amount for some works of Catholic Charities less than 1 percent of our budget, ever."

Bishop Slattery signed the joint statement, but he was seminarians visiting at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana the day of the news conference was held.

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### I want my priests and deacons to be holy

(From the Feb. 5, 2006 edition of the EOC)

I believe that what we really need if we are "to foster communion with God" is not another program or a new ministry, but a deeper, greater, truer experience of the Christ in the Eucharist, for we have nothing but Christ, and He is our everything.

This will demand many things from us, principally a greater awareness of our hunger for holiness, and these suggestions which I am making for the Diocese as my response to this first pastoral priority all flow from my conviction that our intimacy with Christ, our holiness, is the only thing that matters in this life. It is, in fact, the essence of our life hereafter.

Therefore, let me begin by saying that my first and greatest desire is that my priests and deacons be holy. This above all.

If we are to follow through on the work of the Synod, to really hear the voice of God speaking through the assemblies of the faithful and their work, then above everything else we must call on our priests and deacons to be renewed in the Gospel.

I want them to look over their lives and their ministry and recognize with gratitude that they have received the gift of Holy Orders for the sake of God's people. If there is anything in their lives which compromises their commitment to live in persona Christi, anything which they love more than the cross, let them forsake it.

I expect, the people of God expect, and Christ Himself expects that our priests and deacons will live simple, chaste lives of constant prayer, of generous charity and humble service.

I am also convinced that the People of God must demand holiness from our priests and deacons. You have a right to this, but you also have an obligation to pray for this, to regard them privately and publicly as men of God and to challenge your priests and deacons when you see them move away from the cross or preach anything other than "Christ Crucified."

## Confirmation schedule for 2006 includes 20 parishes

Bishop Edward J. Slattery will visit 20 parishes in just over six weeks beginning later this month to confirm Catholics from surrounding areas. Although he will be on the road - a lot - he says rather than tiring him confirmation season has the opposite effect.

"It really energizes me because I get a chance to see the Diocese and its tremendous variety," Bishop Slattery said.

"And I especially love being with so many young people. They have a way of praying that touches me. There's a joy in their faces and an innocence."

### Here is the schedule:

7 p.m. April 20 - St. Anthony Church, Okmulgee

10 a.m. April 22 - St. Bernard Church, Tulsa, hosting confirmandi from St. Clement, Bixby

11:30 a.m. April 23 - St. Anne Church, Broken Arrow

7 p.m. April 26 - St. Stephen Church, Holdenville, joined by St. Michael, Henryetta, and St. Teresa, Okemah

7 p.m. April 28 - St. Francis Church, Stillwater, with candidates from St. John, Stillwater

11 a.m. April 30 - St. Cecilia Church, Claremore, hosting Holy Ghost, Vinita, St. Elizabeth, Grove, St. Ann, Welch, and Sacred Heart, Miami

7 p.m. May 3 - St. John Church, Bartlesville, joined by St. Catherine Church, Nowata, St. James, Bartlesville, and Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Dewey

7 p.m. May 5 - St. Benedict Church, Broken Arrow

5 p.m. May 6 - St. Henry Church, Owasso

noon May 7 - Holy Family Cathedral, Tulsa, hosting St. Augustine, Tulsa, St. Monica, Tulsa, and Christ the King, Tulsa

6 p.m. May 7 - St. Mary Church, Tulsa

7 p.m. May 10 - St. Pius X Church, Tulsa

7 p.m. May 12 - Sacred Heart Church, Skiatook, hosting St. Therese, Collinsville

10 a.m. May 13 - St. Francis Xavier Church, Tulsa

7 p.m. May 18 - St. Catherine Church, Tulsa, joined by Church of the Madalene, Tulsa, and Resurrection Church, Tulsa

5:30 p.m. May 20 - St. Joseph Church, Tulsa

9 a.m. May 21 - St. Francis Xavier, Sallisaw, joined by St. Brigid, Tahlequah, St. John the Evangelist, Cookson, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Roland, and St. Joseph, Webbers Falls

5:30 p.m. May 27 - St. William Church, Durant

10 a.m. May 28 - St. Patrick Church, Sand Springs, hosting St. Joseph, Cleveland, Sacred Heart, Fairfax, St. Joseph, Hominy, and Our Lady of the Lake, Mannford

4:30 p.m. June 3 - St. Mark Church, Pryor, joined by Holy Cross, Wagoner

# Trip to Rome was an eye-opener, Bishop Slattery says

By MARILYN DUCK

During his trip to Rome last month, Bishop Edward J. Slattery said he learned more about his duties with the Pontifical Missions Society Supreme Committee and evangelization in the age of globalization.

He attended a conference on the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's document on mission activity of the Church, enjoyed spending time with Diocese of Tulsa priests who are serving in Rome and spent a "gracious" evening with U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican Francis Rooney and his wife, Kathleen. The ambassador, who has a home in Tulsa, told Bishop Slattery his work is the most fulfilling of his life.

As to the missions assignment, the Bishop said he learned the Catholic Church does not consider the Americas to be mission territory.

"The reason is that the Church is firmly planted here and has been for 500 years. It may be poor in some places, but it has dioceses, bishops and native clergy, and that's what determines mission status."

He said he was intrigued by discussions of evangelization and globalization.

"What is interesting is that with globalization we have a whole new historic society in which communication is no longer an ordeal – it's instantaneous."

As he told Catholic News Service on March 10, Bishop Slattery said the Church has failed in its mission to bring faith in Jesus to all people, since only 17 percent of the world's population is Catholic.

But before the discovery of "the New

World" in 1492, Christians were unaware the world went beyond Europe and the Middle East, he said. "We thought it was possible, with great effort, to get to everyone on the face of the earth the good news of Jesus Christ."

With the discovery of the Americas – and later, Asia – the task of evangelization grew exponentially. The emergence of globalization, however, gives the Church new opportunities to share the Christian faith.

Bishop Slattery represents both North and South America on the Supreme Committee, which has 17 members, five of whom represent continents. He said he has met his new colleagues, "but I can't say I know them. I'm the only one who is not a cardinal."

In one of his encyclicals, Pope John Paul II said the Americas are one, noting that Christianity came to both at about the same time.

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in 1531, not even half a century after Columbus discovered America, Bishop Slattery said. "It's really almost a miracle that conversions happened (in the Americas) so quickly."

On the second day of his meetings at the Vatican, on March 11, Bishop Slattery met briefly with Pope Benedict XVI. He was fairly close to the pope at World Youth Day last summer and had been present when then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was the principal celebrant of the April 8, 2005 funeral Mass for John Paul II.

This time, he was introduced to the pontiff, and "I told him where Tulsa is – just north of



Bishop Slattery celebrates Mass in the Church of the Twelve Apostles March 10. Concelebrating were four priests from the Diocese of Tulsa. (Photo by Seamus Griesbach)

Texas – and he gave me a rosary."

Another highlight was celebrating Mass at the Church of the Twelve Apostles, one of Rome's "Station Churches." During Lent, the seminarians from the North American College walk every morning to a different church for Mass. Relics of the Apostles Philip and James are buried under the altar, Bishop Slattery said.

The Rooneys hosted Bishop Slattery, Msgrs. Daniel Mueggenborg and Patrick Brankin, Father Samuel Perez and Father Peter B. Wells for dinner March 11. Msgr. Mueggenborg is serving as director of admissions for the North American College. Msgr. Brankin, pastor of St. Therese Church in Collinsville, accompanied Bishop Slattery on the trip. Father Perez is studying Canon law at Angelicum University, and Father Wells is assigned to the Secretariat of State.

"Francis and Kathleen received us with great warmth," Bishop Slattery said. "They were so happy to be with us because we're all from the same place."

Ambassador Rooney "loves his new job. He has never been happier. He said he deals with very, very intelligent people who are committed to good causes, whether they are cardinals and bishops or people from other nations."

Bishop Slattery said Father Perez is "working very hard, but he's enjoying it." When he completes his three-year studies, Father Perez will be the first bilingual canon lawyer in the Diocese.

"It's for the future, really. The need is not immediate, but as the Diocese becomes more and more Hispanic, his services will be needed."

Finally, Bishop Slattery said he was pleased he was able to keep his pre-trip vow to eat spaghetti at every opportunity.

"At every meal but breakfast, I had pasta, and I never got tired of it, and it was always different."

## Charities *Continued from page 1*

seen an increase of more than 20 percent in the number of people who need emergency assistance, a 25 percent growth in requests for immigration services and a 34 percent spike in the number of patients seen at Xavier Medical Clinic.

The clinic, operated in partnership with Saint Francis Health System, is open only one day a week for the general population and on another for women with health needs.

Typically, people begin lining up at the door to the clinic, which is located in an old house across from St. Francis Xavier Church, as early as 4 a.m. The "waiting room" is tiny, as are the small examination areas and the limited X-ray and laboratory services.

Once it is relocated, Xavier Medical Clinic's number of exam rooms will double, and the waiting room will be "significantly larger," Deacon Sullivan said.

Also to be moved to the new site, which is located near Highway 75 and Highway 11, are these ministries:

- Madonna House, a home for pregnant women and new mothers and their babies.

- The Holy Child Shop, which supplies infant and children clothing and shoes.

- St. Elizabeth Lodge, an apartment building for families with children who are in transition from problems including joblessness and domestic violence.

- Immigration services, which assists more than 6,000 people a year gain proper legal status and help

with a variety of problems.

- Refugee assistance to people relocated to Tulsa because of religious or political persecution in their native countries.

- Emergency assistance services. Four programs will be housed under one roof, with offices for eight case workers and a clothing center manager, plus a telephone room from which clients can follow up on referrals.

- The clothing center, located on North 46th Street.

- Adoption and counseling services.

For the first time, Catholic Charities will have a centralized, multi-purpose warehouse for food storage and distribution, receiving, cleaning and storing donated clothing, as well as operating supplies, file storage, archive file storage and space for seasonal programs.

Catholic Charities also will build classrooms so it can offer English as a second language courses, GED classes, citizenship courses and diabetic education.

"Changing Lives with Love' is an opportunity for us to share the gifts which God has entrusted to us," Deacon Sullivan said. "The campaign calls for a true, active spirit of charity focused on people in our midst who are in need."

On hand for the ground blessing were several city, state and federal political leaders, nuns from the Sisters of Mercy at Saint Francis Hospital, many Catholic Charities workers who will be housed in the new campus, several priests, and many volunteers.

## What can you do?

Catholic Charities is asking three things of individuals who want to contribute to its \$16 million capital campaign.

- First, people are invited to pray for the success of the campaign.

- Second, many people are needed to volunteer to work on the campaign.

- Finally, most Catholics can make a financial contribution.

"Mission of Hope: Changing Lives with Love' seeks gifts of equal sacrifice, not equal giving," said Deacon Tim Sullivan, executive director. "To some, much is given, and in return our Lord asks much."

He said only each individual can decide what gift is right for him or her. "We only ask that you pray about our request for support and give as much as you are able."

Gifts are being sought by pledging over a three- to five-year period. "Pledging allows you to make a more substantial gift and have a greater impact on the campaign," he said.



Bishop Slattery speaks prior to dedicating the land. With him are Deacon Tim Sullivan and Father Matthew LaChance.

**Tim Sullivan** Family Life Director

## Children must know their parents will never quit or give up

Looking for some good tips on parenting? Here are some issues raised by parents and the responses given by a panel of experienced parents, headed by Tulsa psychologist Dr. Mark Sadler, at a recent workshop hosted by the diocesan Family Life Office and the Pastoral Studies Institute.



Many parents submitted questions about the effective discipline of children. While most of the panel believed that physical discipline was normally not helpful or necessary, Donna Felzke of Sapulpa, who has raised two musicians, emphasized that parents must communicate to their children that they will do "whatever it takes" to get a particular problem or behavior under control.

This doesn't mean that parents are totally unrestrained, but that the child must know that the parents will never quit, will never give up, until their task is accomplished. Parents can't let children wear them down.

Dr. Sadler said that children need to understand that they are expected to be respectful, responsible and pleasant. That's their assignment in the household. Parents can employ time-out techniques to help children accomplish this objective. Allow one minute of time-out for each year of the child's age.

A couple of parents mentioned that the children behave better for the father than the mother. Dr. Sadler emphasized that the parents need to work together as a team, and where children more quickly respond to the father, the father and mother need to join forces to get the children to obey the mother as well. Honoring the other parent is critical to teamwork.

Several parents worried about the honesty of their children. As one mother said, "I can't help but think my teen-

age boy is lying every time he opens his mouth!" Dr. Sadler stated that fear is often the underlying problem for children who lie. It's important to get the child to open up about what that underlying fear might be.

A couple on the panel, Terry and Laurie Boyne, said that parents can do a lot to help their children understand the harmful consequences of lying. Where a household has a lack of trust, everything starts falling apart. Parents need to consistently model honesty to their children. If parents exceed the speed limit when driving, for example, they need to acknowledge their mistake if asked by one of the children whether they are going too fast.

For a child who has lost the trust of the parents, this trust needs to be rebuilt by the child's performance, one step at a time. Through discussion between the parents and child, there should be a clear understanding of what specific actions the child will take to re-establish the parents' confidence. Ideally, the child will propose the corrective actions to be taken.

At a time when many children spend countless hours watching television, surfing the Internet and playing video games, the parenting panel stressed that one way to keep these activities within acceptable limits is to put the TVs and computers that the children use in an open, central location. That way parents know what their child is doing and how often they are doing it. Along similar lines, access to the phone should be restricted on school nights.

Dr. Sadler believes that an allowance should be given to children at an early age to help young ones develop a sense of responsibility and an ability to manage money. Through a properly managed allowance system, the children will not be constantly bothering the parents for money.

The panel emphasized that, in this age of rampant

materialism, it is important for parents to communicate to their children that the family will not engage in the consumerism that is so prevalent in our society. In this regard, parents need to help children understand that their family is different, that their values are different and that the children will not have everything their peers have or do everything their peers do. The Gospel calls us to be accountable for the material things we have.

One of the biggest problems parents confront today is the pace of life and the many activities in which children are engaged. Dr. Sadler said that many children today are so busy and their time so structured that they don't have the opportunity to simply play. As a result, they have low levels of creativity and imagination. This trend is described in a recent book, "The Unhurried Child."

Dr. Sadler felt that it would be helpful if parents curtailed their children's outside activities. For example, his two young sons are not playing spring sports this year. This allows the family the opportunity to spend spring evenings at home, enjoying one another and relaxing. Kids need to be kids, not performing all the time.

It's especially important for Sundays to be set aside as a time to slow things down, to focus on God and one another. No shopping. No sports. No organized activity. Just simply being together.

The parenting workshop proved to be very helpful for those who were present either in person or through interactive video. Videos of the workshop are available through the Family Life Office.

Our closing verse is from the Book of Sirach: "He who honors his father atones for sins; he stores up riches who reveres his mother."

## Job opportunities

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**BILINGUAL ASSISTANT** - Catholic Charities needs a bilingual immigration assistant. Duties include translation of letters and documents, business correspondence and specific clerical duties related to immigration cases. Qualifications include high school graduate with at least two years of experience in office work, proficiency in English and Spanish and

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**CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL** - St. John Catholic School in Bartlesville, serving approximately 125 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, is seeking a principal for the 2006-2007 school year. We are interested in a highly motivated, well-qualified administrator with excellent people skills and experience in Catholic education. Requirements: practicing Catholic, master's degree

(prefer education administration) and classroom teaching experience. Must demonstrate a working knowledge of and practice strong educational, administrative and communications ability and a commitment to partnership with pastoral staff, parents and faculty. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience and qualifications. Interested applicants should contact: Principal Search Committee, Catholic Schools Office, 820 S. Boulder Ave., Tulsa, 74119-1624; (918) 582-9177; [catholicchools.office@dioceseoftulsa.org](mailto:catholicchools.office@dioceseoftulsa.org).

**CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL** - Rosary Catholic School in Oklahoma City, serving approximately 218 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, is seeking a principal to start in July. Rosary School is interested in candidates with a strong vision of Catholic identity and academic excellence, as well as experience in developing long-range goals. This leadership role works in close cooperation with the parish pastor and the school advisory and parish councils. The successful applicant must be a practicing Catholic with a master's degree in educational administration or related field and a minimum of five years teaching and/or administrative experience. Excellent communication skills and enthusiasm for developing and maintaining a top academic and religious-oriented school are essential. For an application, contact: Office of the Superintendent, P.O. Box 32180,

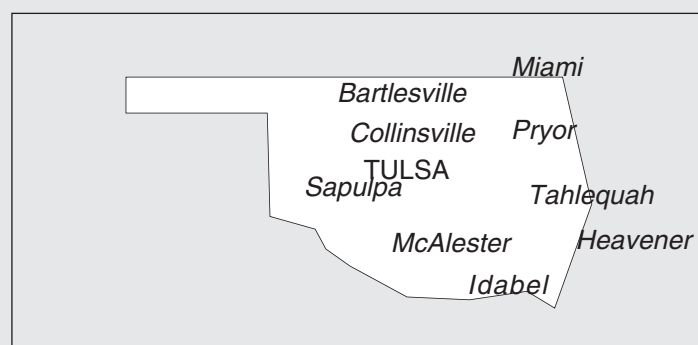
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## MISAS EN LA DIÓCESIS EN ESPAÑOL



### TULSA

**Iglesia de Pedro y Pablo**  
1436 N. 67th East Ave.  
P. Tim Davison, Párroco  
Misa los Dom. 11:30 a.m. y 6:00 p.m.

**Iglesia de la Resurrección**  
4804 S. Fulton  
P. Steve Austin, Párroco  
Misa los Dom. 1:00 p.m.

**Xavier/ N.S. De Guadalupe**  
2434 E. Admiral Blvd.  
P. Jose Maria Briones, Párroco  
Misas Dominicales a las 7 a.m., 10:30 am, 12:00 p.m., 1:30, 5:00, 7:00 y 8:30 pm.

**Iglesia de San Pio X**  
1727 S. 75th E. Ave.  
P. Michael J. Knipe, Párroco  
Misa los Domingos a las 5:00 p.m.

**Iglesia de Santo Tomás Moro**  
2720 S. 129 E. Ave.  
P. Carl Kerkemeyer, Párroco  
Misa los Domingos a las 12:30 p.m.

**BARTLESVILLE**  
**Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista**  
715 S. Johnstone Av.  
P. Festus Maliwa, Párroco  
Confesiones a las 4:00 p.m.  
Misa Domingos a las 4:30 p.m.

**BOSWELL**  
**Iglesia de San Judas**  
Rt. 70 E. 11 St.  
Misa Bilingue los Domingos a las 11:30 a.m.

**COLLINSVILLE**  
**Parroquia de Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús.**  
1009 N. 19th. St.  
P. Patricio Bránquin, Párroco  
Misa los Dom. a las 1:00 p.m.

**DURANT**  
**San Guillermo**  
802 University Boulevard  
P. Valerian Gonsalves  
Oficia P. Juan Manuel Guerrero  
Misa los Sábados 1ro y 3ro del mes a las 7 p.m.

**IDABEL**  
**San Francisco de Sales**  
13 S. E. Jefferson  
P. Don Tramel, Párroco  
Misa los Dom. 12:00 p.m.

### McALESTER

**Iglesia de San Juan**  
300 E. Washington  
P. Leonard Higgins, Párroco  
Misa los Domingos a las 12:00

**MIAMI**  
**Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús**  
2515 N. Main  
P. W. Gregg Elliott, Párroco  
Misa los Domingos a las 1 p.m.

**MUSKOGEE**  
**Iglesia de San José**  
321 N. Virginia St.  
P. Bryan Brooks, Párroco  
Misa los Sábados a las 7:00

**OWASSO**  
**Iglesia de San Enrico**  
8500 N. Owasso Expressway  
P. Richard Bradley, Parroco  
Misas Domingos del mes a las 1:00 p.m.

**PRYOR**  
**Iglesia de San Marcos**  
1507 S. Vann St.  
Misa todos los Sábados las 7:30 p.m.

**SAPULPA**  
**Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús**  
1777 E. Grayson Ave.  
P. Stuart Crevcoure, Párroco  
Misa los Domingos a las 8 a.m.

**STILLWATER**  
**Iglesia de San Francis Xavier**  
623 S. West St.  
P. Ken Harder, Párroco  
Misa los Domingos a las 1:00 p.m.

**TAHLEQUAH**  
**Iglesia de Santa Brigida**  
807 Crafton St.  
Misa los Domingos; 1ro., 2do. y 3ro del mes a las 5:00 p.m.

**HEAVENER MISIÓN DE POTEAU**  
515 Main St.  
P. Neil Pezzulo  
Misas los Domingos 2do. y 4o. del mesa las 7:00 p.m.

## Los obispos del Estado condenan propuestas 'rigurosas' de inmigración

Por: RAY DYER  
The Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY- La Legislación propuesta por algunos legisladores del Estado fue descrita por el Arzobispo Eusebio Beltrán como "áspera" y sólo complicará aún más un sistema ya injusto de inmigración en la que desesperadamente se necesita una completa reforma. El arzobispo hizo los comentarios durante una rueda de prensa el 21 de Marzo en el Centro Pastoral Católico. Representantes de habla inglesa e hispana de los medios de comunicación asistieron a la conferencia.

Los comentarios del arzobispo Beltrán se hicieron un día después que él y otros tres obispos de Oklahoma publicaron una declaración en conjunto oponiéndose a las leyes de anti-inmigración que están pendientes en la capital de Oklahoma. Al arzobispo Beltrán se unieron su hermano en el episcopado católico Msgr. Eduardo J. Slattery, Obispo de Tulsa; el Rt. Rev. Robert M. Moody, Obispo Episcopal de la diócesis de Oklahoma y Floyd M. Schoenhals, Obispo del S'nodeo de Arkansas-Oklahoma de la Iglesia Luterana Evangélica en América.

En particular, los obispos se oponen a la propuesta SB 1769 la cual intenta establecer una relación con la Oficina del Departamento de Investigación de Oklahoma. La propuesta, hecha por el Senador Kenneth Corn, pedir'a al OSBI (siglas en inglés, Oficina del Departamento de Investigación de Oklahoma) investigar la inmigración ilegal en el Estado.

El arzobispo Beltrán comentó que la inmigración es un asunto federal y hacerlo local o estatal ser'a un error. El expresó que la Iglesia Católica claramente reconoce los derechos de cada Estado de proteger sus fronteras, pero agregó que la Iglesia ve igualmente importante los derechos de cada individuo de emigrar.

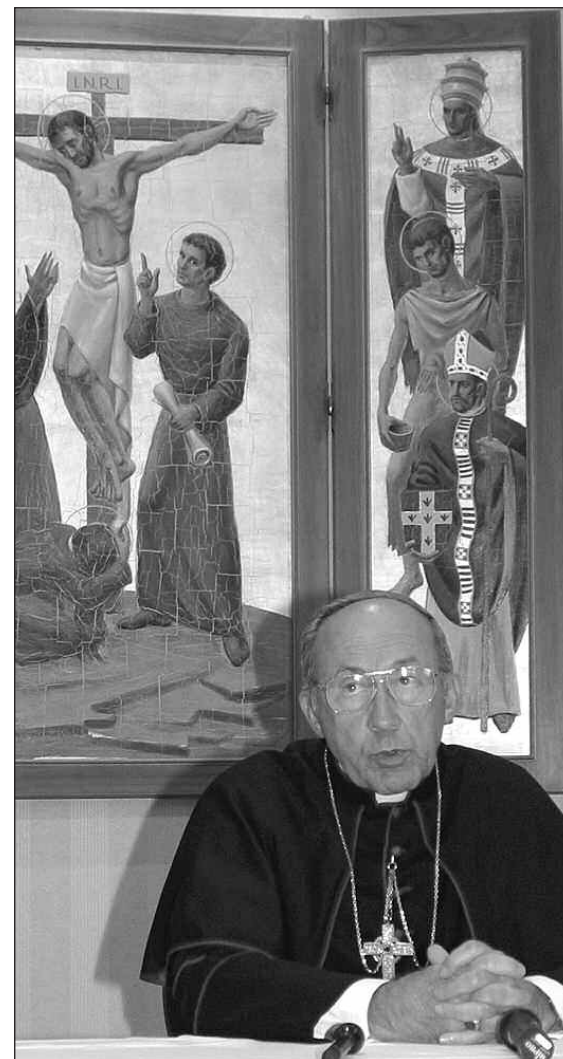
Es importante cómo los Estados Unidos protegé sus fronteras pero igualmente lo es cómo recibe a los que vienen a sus fronteras, dijo el arzobispo.

Básicamente tenemos la creencia de que cada persona es importante y debe ser respetada y ayudada, comentó el arzobispo Beltrán.

Haciendo que la policía local sea "vigilante" de la inmigración, prosiguió el arzobispo Beltrán, minar'a el buen trabajo y las buenas relaciones que se han construido entre los departamentos de policía y las varias comunidades de inmigrantes, especialmente la comunidad hispana. El padre Eduardo J. Weisenburger, párroco de la Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro y vicario de la arquidiócesis, dijo que la legislación propuesta se basa en el miedo, el racismo y la mala información.

Durante varios años, expresó el Arzobispo Beltrán, los Obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos han invitado al Congreso a decretar reformas sensatas de inmigración basadas en la verdad, la justicia y la compasión. El expresó a un reportero que la enmienda en el Congreso de McCain/Kennedy se espera considerar como una buena legislación federal. La propuesta pondr'a a los trabajadores indocumentados y a sus familias en la v'a legal a una residencia permanente y a lograr la ciudadanía.

También opuesto al nivel del estado está la HB 3119 del Representante Randy Terill. La legislación



El arzobispo Beltrán cita a la prensa el 21 de Marzo para criticar la propuesta de anti-inmigración. (Foto por Cara Koenig, Sooner Catholic)

requerir'a que todos los trabajadores del gobierno reportaran a las personas que buscan beneficios y servicios y que no proveen una prueba segura de presencia legal en los Estados Unidos.

Shirley Cox, abogada legislativa de Caridades Católicas en Oklahoma City, dijo que la legislación propuesta desalentar'a a los que no son ciudadanos a buscar ayuda pública, inclusive asistencia médica para miembros de la familia que son ciudadanos legales de los Estados Unidos, sobre todo los niños. Esta propuesta de legislación privar'a a los indocumentados de los beneficios de vivir en los Estados Unidos, comentó la Sra. Cox. "Al mismo tiempo, que estamos más dispuestos a aceptar su trabajo e impuestos."

El Arzobispo Beltrán, en respuesta a un reportero quien preguntó si él tem'a que las reformas de inmigración pudieran disminuir los fondos federales para las organizaciones católicas dijo: "desde mi propia perspectiva como Obispo durante 28 años, nunca he dependido de los fondos federales, y nunca los he obtenido, excepto una mínima cantidad para algunas obras de Caridades Católicas, siempre menos del uno por ciento de nuestro presupuesto."

El Obispo Slattery firmó la declaración conjunta, aunque se encontraba en St. Meinrad, en Indiana para el día en que la rueda de prensa se llevó a cabo.

# Bishop Kelley restructures Christian service program

By JEANNE KRAWCZYK

Bishop Kelley High School has revised its Christian service program, and the changes will be effective beginning with the 2006-07 school year.

Marianne Stich, vice president for missions, and Connie Sullivan, director of Christian service, have been working on the changes for more than a year. "We wanted our service program to be rooted in Catholic social teaching," Mrs. Stich said. "Our kids are very generous with their time and talent, but we wanted to add another dimension to their service. By enhancing the reflection or 'processing' component of the service program they can see a direct connection between what they have done and how it relates to their own faith development."

The changes will provide students with more focus on their Christian obligation to social justice through better education about selected service sites, greater immersion at the sites and deeper reflection about the service experiences. Mrs. Sullivan summarized the goal of the program - education, action and reflection.

All students will participate in the new program, and previous service hours accrued through the old program will be credited toward the graduation requirement.

A combination of 100 service hours and points is required for graduation. This number has not changed. The service formula for freshmen and sophomores is 25 yearly service hours and points. Each year, these students will visit five agencies to



Jessica Doll, a junior at Bishop Kelley and member of Church of St. Mary, sorts clothes hangers last fall at the Holy Child Shop at Madonna House.

learn more about their work and missions. They must complete a service portfolio, which will serve as a directory of information and will be worth 10 points. They also will work 15 hours at any of the approved Catholic social teaching sites.

Juniors and seniors also have a service formula of 25 yearly service hours and points. But they must choose one site and complete 15 hours there; this allows an opportunity for immersion into the project and personal reflection.

One project, junior or senior year, must include "service to the poor and

marginalized." "This requirement is in keeping with our Lasallian tradition of helping the poor and seeking justice for all," Mrs. Stich said.

The processing component of their project can be a paper, a video or power point presentation, an interview with someone at the agency or an artistic rendering such as a painting or sculpture. "We're trying to provide different outlets for processing their experiences, but the most important thing we want them to do is to think about what they have done and why," Mrs. Stich said.

The foundation of Catholic social teaching is the protection and promotion of the dignity of all people, which includes the right to a decent living, a healthy environment and the establishment of the common good, especially for those most vulnerable. The list of approved sites includes more than 100 agencies, including Habitat for Humanity, Tulsa Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, Special Olympics, Franciscan Villa and Read Now!

The students can select sites and projects that interest them. "If a student finds a project that they want to participate in that is not on the list, they can submit it for approval. If it meets the criteria for Catholic social teaching, it will be approved," Mrs. Sullivan said.

Students can earn "extra mile" service hours by helping with projects that are not directly related to Catholic social teaching, such as volunteering at school, helping with Vacation Bible School and being altar servers at Mass. "We always celebrate their service at the end of their senior year," Mrs. Sullivan said. "Most of our students exceed the Christian service graduation requirement by going the extra mile for their school, church or community in ways that reflect their interests and talents, as well as satisfy their curiosity about the needs of the world they will inherit as adults."

Information about the new program is available on the school website, [www.bkelleyhs.org](http://www.bkelleyhs.org), under "Students - Christian Service."

## Parents discuss raising toddlers to teens

"Catholic Parenting - the Crowning Glory or Just a Thorny Crown" was the topic of the latest lecture from a series presented by the Office of Family Life and the Pastoral Studies Institute. A group of about 60 people were at Church of the Madalene March 16 to hear a panel of experienced parents led by Mark Sadler, Ph.D., field questions previously sent in to the Family Life Office.

Topics varied from questions dealing with toddler sleeping issues to teen curfews, and many other issues that challenge today's parents.

On the topic of chores and allowance, Deacon Tim Sullivan said, "It is important for children to make a contribution to the household. If you don't let them make a contribution, in essence you are stealing from them."

Keeping open the lines of communication with children, knowing who their friends are and knowing the parents of their friends

were key points stressed in raising teen-agers. This is true whether the topic was dealing with curfews, Internet usage or talking with kids about drugs and alcohol. The teenage years are a "tough time of life, and during that period kids need parents all the more," said Dr. Sadler.

Deacon Sullivan agreed, saying teens are secretly glad about the limits parents set because it gives them a "ready excuse with their friends."

The family life director served as moderator. Also on the panel were Terry and Laurie Boyne, members of St. Peter Church, and Donna Felzke, a parishioner of Holy Family Cathedral. Parishioners of St. Clement Church in Bixby and Holy Ghost Church in Vinita viewed the discussion via the PSI's interactive video system.

On the question of taking young children to Mass, Mr. Boyne said, "Take them to church, so they can learn." Even if they are not able to

participate fully, they are absorbing what is going on and learning. Mr. Boyne added if children "can spend an hour watching a video and can be quiet, they can be quiet for one hour during Mass."

Deacon Sullivan told the group the Sullivan's rule is to make Sunday an at-home quiet day for family. He has explained to his children that it is important that he knew where everyone was. "I don't think they buy it, but my guess is that they'll lay the same line on their children."

Not all of the questions had simple answers, and with all of the experience and degrees backing the panelists there were some questions on which they each had their own opinions.

The panelists did agree on the importance of keeping God in the relationship when raising children. "If you pray and listen, God will let you know what you need for your children," Mrs. Felzke said.



### Building community

From left, Jon Mills, Holly O'Neil, Stephanie Walker, Christina Gutierrez and Daniel Czarnocki joined about 40 other young adults who gathered to hear Father Mike Knipe, pastor of St. Pius X Church, speak at the fourth and final Holy Grounds for this winter March 14 at Saffron Restaurant. Father Knipe talked about St. Patrick and the many ways his feast day is celebrated, especially by young adults. Following Father Knipe's talk, Kathleen Dowdell taught the young adults "7s and 3s," an Irish jig. Young adult Catholics have been gathering once a month this winter for coffee and camaraderie. Preparations are under way for Theology on Tap, a summer program which will be held the second Tuesday of each month from June through September.

**Education news briefs**



Michelle Nguyen, parishioner at St. Henry Church in Owasso, and Scott Andrews, parishioner at St. Bernard Church, were named "Mr. and Miss Catholic 2006" by their peers at a Diocesan Lock-Out Feb. 4.

**Youth advisory board hosts lock-out**

About 152 high school youth from around the Diocese attended a lock-out Feb. 4 at St. Pius X Church. The 18-member Diocesan youth advisory board planned and organized the event, which featured Mass, games, a trip to Celebration Station and Laser Quest, and a "Mr. and Miss Catholic" competition. Contestants were quizzed about their knowledge of the Catholic faith, and performed a talent for their peers. The winners received handmade crowns crafted by the youth advisory board.

**St. Mary golf tournament planned**

The Church of St. Mary will host a golf tournament May 5 at Stone Creek Golf Course with proceeds benefiting the St. Mary Education Trust Fund. Participants are invited to lunch at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Entry fees for the four-person scramble are \$80 for single players or \$300 per team. Sponsorship is available, and there will be awards for first, second and third place. For information, contact Paula Beaver, 749-9361 or paula.beaver@schoolofsaintmary.com.

**Door-to door evangelization reinvigorates parish**

BRYAN, Texas (CNS) - Walking through neighborhoods, knocking on doors and passing out parish bulletins are not activities typically associated with Catholic evangelization in the United States.

Yet, for the past few months, lay Catholic missionaries have been going door-to-door in Santa Teresa Parish in Bryan. The outreach has invigorated the parish and helped bring so many people to church that another Mass was added to the weekend schedule.

Margarita Gonzalez, 22, and Veronica Alcazar, 20, are members of the Missionaries Servants of the Word, a community of young laywomen and men, priests and nuns who are involved in direct evangelization to bring others to Christ.

Father Raymundo Vasquez, pastor, and Father Cesar Diaz, associate pastor of Santa Teresa, had worked with the community in previous assignments and invited the missionaries to Bryan.

Although the two young women sometimes have gotten doors slammed in their faces, overall they said they are pleased by how people have welcomed them. Many of those visited have been approached by members of other religious denominations.



Veronica Alcazar, left, and Margarita Gonzalez are members of the Missionaries Servants of the Word. (CNS photo)

"They're surprised we are Catholic but are happy to see us," Miss Gonzalez told The Catholic Spirit, newspaper of the Austin Diocese.

Santa Teresa serves a population that is predominantly Hispanic; much of the outreach is in Spanish.

When evangelizing, the missionaries emphasize community, evangelization, reconciliation and service. They say those four components are vital for the conversion of hearts and the building up of the local Church.

They also distribute a magazine produced by the community, *Inquietud Nueva* (New Concerns), which contains educational and inspirational articles.

When the young women get a response to their knock, they introduce themselves, provide a parish bulletin and describe the activities available at Santa Teresa. If the people in the household are receptive, they make an appointment to come back and pray the rosary. They also ask if they may invite neighbors to join them in prayer.

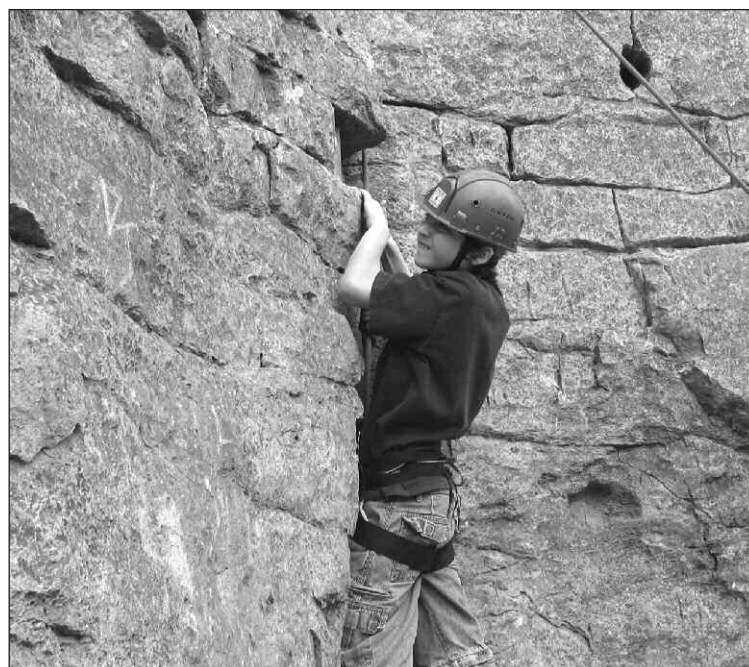
Miss Gonzalez and Miss Alcazar also are approached by passers-by as they pray the rosary while walking down the street.

The missionaries encourage those they meet to participate in a series of Bible studies, whose curriculum has been approved by the bishops of Mexico. The courses take five to six months to complete and seek to foster a total commitment to God and a willingness to personally spread the Gospel.

"We want the people we evangelize to become evangelizers," said Miss Gonzalez.

Currently, Miss Gonzalez and Miss Alcazar lead six study groups in Bryan, either in homes or in the parish facilities. In addition, for those who cannot attend the studies, the missionaries conduct a two-day retreat at Santa Teresa on the first weekend of each month. Between 30 and 40 people attend each retreat.

More people at Sunday Mass is not the only result of the missionary activity. Bennie Ostiguin and Mary Maldonado, lifelong parishioners who attended a weekend retreat in January, report that the missionaries have also renewed the faith of longtime practicing Catholics.



**Families reinforce connection**

Jacob Coppick scales up a rock with encouragement from his parents, Tommy and Karen, and his younger brother, Joshua. The Coppick family attended a "Family Mountaineering: Cohesion Retreat" March 11 at Chandler Park. The course, sponsored by the Pastoral Studies Institute and led by Charles Michie, youth and young adult ministry coordinator, was designed to be a faith- and relationship-building opportunity through the process of climbing and belaying.

**All Saints students relive days of Paul Revere**

Fifth-grade students from All Saints Catholic School recently participated in a hands-on project that allowed them to relive the days of Paul Revere.

As a culmination of their unit on the Revolutionary War and the novel "Johnny Tremain," Deb Vonnahme's students were asked by the Broken Arrow Public Library to help with a grant it received from the We the People Bookshelf Project.

The class had to present something at the library on the topic of Paul Revere. Librarians Marie Weldon and Anne Gaebe worked together with Mrs. Vonnahme and selected the children's book "And Then What Happened Paul Revere," written by Jean Fritz.

Mrs. Weldon turned the book into a reader's theater, then the students "tweaked it" and added their own lines and ideas. They also presented a reading of "The Midnight Ride of

Paul Revere" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

"My class was very excited about performing the play; they had learned quite a bit about the American Revolution and its key players. This was a wonderful way to culminate our unit," Mrs. Vonnahme said.

"I didn't know his first wife died and then he married again, and he had 11 kids," Stephanie Douglas said. Gage Sicka was impressed by the fact that Mr. Revere also was a dentist.

More than 50 people attended the two performances March 15 and March 16.

The library also provided music from the Revolutionary War and demonstrations of colonial crafts at both performances. The project was presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities, in cooperation with the American Library Association.

## TU's 'Amigos de Oklahoma' return to Guatemalan town

By JEANNE KRAWCZYK

Sixteen students from the University of Tulsa spent their spring break March 11-18 in an exotic location surrounded by beautiful coastlines and mountains. But there was a big difference between their spring break trip and those of so many other college students around the country.

While staying together in a three-story house with only two bathrooms, the students often had no electricity or running water at night. All of their showers were cold ones, and each morning they got up with the sun to spend the day hauling bricks, digging trenches and distributing supplies to families living at a temporary housing site.

For the seventh year, the Newman Center has sent students to Santiago Atitlan in Guatemala to participate in its nationally recognized social justice immersion program, building houses for local residents. The students attended a six-week course on the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church prior to the trip.

This year, the trip was even more important due to the mudslides that devastated the region last October following Hurricane Stan. About 1,500 people were killed, and 8,000 Guatemalans lost their homes.

Paul St. Romain, a sophomore from Wichita, went on last year's trip before the mudslides. "It was hard to see the areas that were devastated. Last year those same places were filled with children. Now it almost looked like a ghost town," he said.

Steve Nelson, campus minister and one of two adult chaperones, was eager to track down one young man in particular – Diego Sosof – whom they have seen on every mission trip for the past seven years. They found 15-year-old Diego at the temporary housing site, alive and well.

Kerry Nelson, a junior from Fort Smith, also went to Guatemala last year. She was relieved to see lots of familiar faces. "Despite what they have lost, they continued to express

their gratitude to all the people of both dioceses in Oklahoma," she said.

Although the work could be physically challenging, the students worked assembly-line style, passing bricks and other supplies down the line. They worked at several sites on homes that were in various stages of completion. They took turns cooking meals, and local residents purchased their food for them at the market.

Father Stuart Crevcoure, chaplain of the Newman Center, celebrated Mass on the rooftop of the house where the group was staying. After Mass, the students reflected on their experiences. Brian Kane, a sophomore from St. Louis, said he also kept a journal.

Julie Carlson, a sophomore from Bartlesville, was amazed by the positive attitude of the people they met. "They lost everything, yet they were still praying for us. That really changed my perspective on how to view hardships in my own life."

Laura Studensky, a sophomore from Waco, said many locals were angry with God after the mudslides, but they continued to pray. "I felt special because they said we were the answer to their prayers," she said. "They are making so much progress that with continued support they can improve by leaps and bounds."

Although Ms. Studensky would like to return on next year's mission trip, she wants others to have the opportunity to experience what she experienced. "If I can't go back, I will find other ways to help with the mission."

Her positive attitude is more important than ever. "It would be easy to be discouraged because there is so much more to do now. But the 'Amigos de Oklahoma' will continue helping the mudslide victims. Their long-term goal is to build a school. There are more kids now than they have space for in the existing schools," Mr. Nelson said.



University of Tulsa students stand on top of the mudslide that devastated the village of Panabaj, just outside the town of Santiago Atitlan in Guatemala. (Photo by Steve Nelson)



Kristin Alphin, from Azle, Texas, and Jenny Stahl, from Apple Valley, Minn., put together rebar forms used to reinforce the concrete foundations of the homes under construction. (Photo by Beth Wensel)

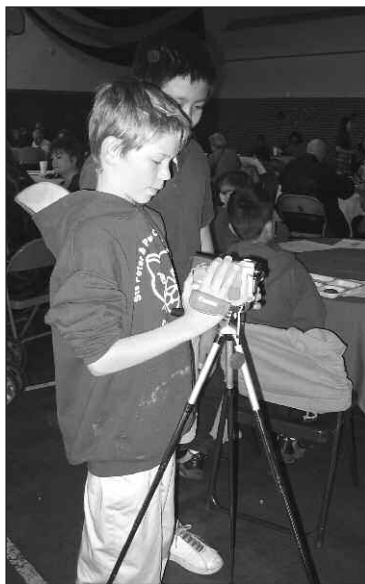
## 'Minimester' reintroduced at Sts. Peter and Paul

All middle school students at Sts. Peter and Paul School participated in a "minimester" March 13-17. Students selected from five electives being offered – digital movie making, pool shooting, arts and crafts, dancing and cooking. They attended these special courses each afternoon in place of regular classes.

Principal Patrick Martin reinstated the program, which had not been offered at the school for several years, for the enrichment of the students. Sometimes in spring students struggle to stay focused, he said. "Taking a break from regular classes motivates the teachers as well as the students."

Each class has between 10-12 students. "We wanted to keep the class size small because there is so much hands-on work to do."

Meghann Finerghy, who teaches middle-school social studies and is homeroom teacher for eighth-graders, taught a course in Irish dancing. Ms. Finerghy and her students demonstrated their skills at the school's annual St. Patrick's



Sts. Peter and Paul sixth-grader Hank Griggs operates the camera while seventh-grader Luan Pham looks on. The boys were filming the Irish dancers at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon for their "minimester" course in making digital movies.

Day luncheon on March 16.

The students in David Yeager's digital movie making course

filmed activities around the campus. They will edit their footage, along with some Mr. Yeager has been taking all year, to create a DVD about the school. "We'll use the DVD as a recruiting tool for new students, and as an orientation tool for new teachers," Mr. Yeager said.

One of the courses took place off campus. Liz Guilfoyle, middle school math and science teacher, taught a course in geometry and billiards. The students rode a bus to Billiards Palace, owned by Jim and Lauren McDermot. Mr. McDermot let the students play pool for free and offered them billiards lessons. He also loaned the class a book and video about the mathematics of billiards.

"Mathematics is behind most games, but pool is one of the most highly mathematical of them all," Mrs. Guilfoyle said. "The students practiced adding and subtracting fractions, and learned the geometry of the three-bumper shot."

## Young entrepreneur develops Catholic comic books

ST. LOUIS (CNS) - There's a new line of comic books out, but the "superheroes" featured in each issue don't have X-ray vision, super strength or the ability to fly.

Instead, they have a power most parents would much rather their children read about - faith.

"Stories of the Saints," published monthly by Arcadius Press, is a four-book packet of comics, each featuring the life of a different saint.

"For example, a recent packet had St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joan of Arc and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton," said Tony Sansone III, chief operating officer of Arcadius Press.

A subscription for the packets can be ordered online at [www.arcadiuspress.com](http://www.arcadiuspress.com); packets are \$11.99 a month plus shipping.

Mr. Sansone, a member of a large St. Louis Catholic family, is 22 years old, a member of Our Lady of the Pillar Parish and a student at Fontbonne University, where he is working on a bachelor's degree.

"I've attended Catholic school my whole life," Mr. Sansone told the St. Louis Review, newspaper of the St. Louis Archdiocese. "I have a passion for Catholic education."

Arcadius Press, named after a saint of the early Church, is funded by a group of investors who Mr. Sansone said share that passion.



Copies of 'Stories of the Saints'

# 'She's the Man' movie mixes cleats and couplets

By DAVID DiCERTO  
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) - Shakespeare and soccer make for strange but agreeable bedfellows in "She's the Man" (DreamWorks), a breezy if uneven updating of the Bard's comedy of mistaken identities, "Twelfth Night," set in American suburbia. It's not all that odd a pairing when one considers that, after Shakespeare, perhaps England's latest bequest to the world is soccer star David Beckham's right foot.

Former Nickelodeon darling Amanda Bynes stars as Viola, here not a shipwrecked aristocrat but a soccer-obsessed tomboy whose hopes of an athletic scholarship are dashed when her high school, Cornwall Prep, drops its girls' soccer program.

Behind her divorced mom's (Julie Hagerty) back, Viola hatches a scheme to pose as twin brother Sebastian (James Kirk) - who has sneaked off to England to perform with his band - and enroll at his coed boarding school, Illyria Academy (one of many nods, along with the characters' names, to the play).

Viola plans to make the boys' soccer team (coached by ex-British footballer Vinnie Jones) and stick it to Cornwall — Illyria's league rival — whose own coach disparaged girls joining the male squad.

When weaving her tangled web, however, she didn't plan on falling for Sebastian's roommate Duke (Channing Tatum), who - thinking she's a he - is obviously not interested. Duke only has eyes for Olivia (Laura Ramsey), who, in turn, is smitten with "sensitive" Viola/Sebastian, leading to predictable romantic complications.

Director Andy Fickman cleverly incorporates Shakespeare's plot devices - mixed-up lovers, triangular attractions and gender-bending deception - to mostly good effect.

The comedy is occasionally crude; Viola/Sebastian indulges in locker-room banter to maintain her tenuous cover and prove she is one of the "guys." But this is relatively tame compared to most teen movies, not to mention Shakespeare's ribaldry.

"To see, or not to see?" That is the question for parents. Although there is a welcome absence of obscenities, sexual encounters, underage drinking and violence - apart from a catfight scored to "Carmen" - the film is best suited for older



Amanda Bynes, left, and Jonathan Sadowski star in a scene from "She's the Man." (CNS photo/DreamWorks)

teens and up.

In contrast to "Clueless," which lightheartedly gave a pass to sexual irresponsibility even as it satirized superficiality and callow adolescence, "She's the Man" includes a scene where Duke confides to Viola/Sebastian that he is looking for a relationship built on more than just hormonal gratification.

As a film "She's the Man" does not, to quote the play, "have greatness thrust upon it." The fluffy script at times labors under forced humor, and plausibility is at a premium, to say the least. Still, the conceit works, for the most part, thanks in large measure to Miss Bynes' effervescence, making for diverting entertainment whether you're into cleats or

couplets.

The film contains some sexual humor and innuendo, a bathroom brawl between three girls, brief implied nudity, sports roughness, a few crass expressions, as well as an instance of profanity. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II - adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 - parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

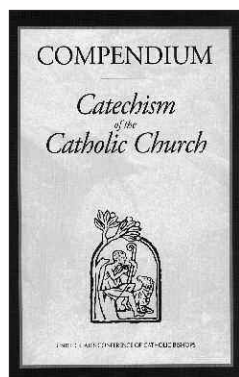
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## Pre-publication sales booming for compendium of catechism

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Pre-publication sales of more than 40,000 put the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a 200-page synthesis of the 1992 catechism, well on its way to major success, according to USCCB Publishing, the publishing office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The figure includes both the paperback version of the compendium, available March 31, and a hardcover edition to be published later this spring. Each version is to be published in English and Spanish.

Patrick Markey, associate director of marketing, sales and inventory at USCCB Publishing, said a publishing rule of thumb is that pre-publication sales amount to one-third of the first-year sales. At that pace, the compendium is expected



to sell between 120,000 and 200,000 copies in its first year, he said.

The USCCB trade paper and cloth version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, by comparison, sold 180,000 in its first year and has consistently sold more than 75,000 each year since then. A mass-market edition published by Doubleday has had even greater sales.

The compendium, made up of 598 questions and answers, echoes to some degree the format of the Baltimore Catechism, which was standard in many U.S. Catholic parishes and schools from 1885 to the 1960s.

It also includes two appendices - a list of Catholic prayers in English or Spanish, side by side with the Latin versions, and a list of "formulas of Catholic doctrine," including the Ten Commandments, the beatitudes, the theological and cardinal virtues, and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Msgr. Daniel Kutys, USCCB deputy secretary for catechesis, said members of the U.S. bishops' Committee on

Catechesis have recommended that the compendium "be used as a standard reference companion to which teachers and catechists refer their students in much the same way they use Bibles for instruction."

"It is not meant to replace religion textbooks, but to augment and complement them," he added.

Pope Benedict XVI has said the compendium "contains, in concise form, all the essential and fundamental elements of the church's faith."

The paperback version of the compendium, in English or Spanish, costs \$14.95; the price for the hardcover book will be \$24.95.

**Editor's note:** *The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church may be ordered online at: [www.usccbpublishing.org](http://www.usccbpublishing.org), or by phone at: (800) 235-8722. The publication numbers are 5-720 for English, paperback; 5-920 for Spanish, paperback; 5-725 for English, hardcover; and 5-921 for Spanish, hardcover.*

By BARB HILGER

Generosity is a way of life for Marge Coggins. Not that she would tell you that herself; the soft-spoken receptionist doesn't talk about herself. Ask her a question about her, and she will re-direct it to tell you about the things that make her eyes light up: her husband, her children and grandchildren, and her work at Catholic Charities.

A hint of her generosity hangs in the entrance to Catholic Charities. She has donated many pictures to the building over the years of her employment, and she said she has another she really would like to bring, but there is no more room.

"Marge isn't just a receptionist," said Saunya Moore, business operations and financial administrator for Catholic Charities. "I have never met anyone like her. She has a heart that sees beyond the person, and she sees Jesus in everyone."

Mrs. Coggins is the first person people encounter when coming into the doors at 739 N. Denver Ave. In that encounter, Mrs. Coggins takes the time to listen and pray with these people, which she said is important to their self-esteem. It is during this time, she said, that they become friends.

"People really need to be listened to, they are lonely." Often, people return to tell her how their situation has worked out, and she said she looks forward to their return.

"She has given the coat off her back and given her lunch to people who were hungry. It is never about her, always about someone else. Always."

September 2006 would mark 19 years of counseling the people she meets, but Mrs. Coggins laughed and said, "I won't be here in September." The 74-year-old will retire this month. Though her original plan had been to work until she was 90, now she says it is time to retire because when she goes home she is too tired. "I miss that energy," she said.

Her main reason for retiring is her husband, Bob. "He used to play golf, so his time was filled." But at 84, he no longer plays, and they want to spend time together.

Born and raised in Coffeyville, Kansas, Mrs. Coggins came to Tulsa to attend St. John's nursing school. At that time, Mr. Coggins – then her fiancé – was traveling with his job and asked her to marry him so they could travel together. The two were married at Holy Family Cathedral, and in June they will celebrate 54 years together.

After spending three years traveling, the Coggins settled in Tulsa, where Mrs. Coggins stayed at home to raise their three sons and a daughter. She proudly says that her daughter owns her own business, one son is a neurosurgeon, one designs sound systems and is a musician, and her third son is a project manager for NASA in California.

Other than the son in California, her children live in the Tulsa area. She likes having her children close because she enjoys spending time with her seven grandchildren.



Marge Coggins with one of the favorite pictures she has donated for Catholic Charities reception area, where she is the first face to greet clients seeking help.

## Charities' in-house 'spiritual guide' to retire

Before coming to Catholic Charities, Mrs. Coggins did some traveling to Rome, the Holy Lands and Medjugorje. On the trip to the Holy Land she met a young mother with five children. The young mother had sold her own mother's jewelry in order to take her children to the Holy Land.

The group with which they were traveling got stuck in New York coming home, due to weather conditions, and the woman didn't have any money left. Mrs. Coggins was glad she hadn't spent all her money because this young mother needed help, and she was able to help her.

Deacon Tim Sullivan, executive director of Catholic Charities, said Mrs. Coggins is one of the most valuable people on the staff. "The way she treats people, she has complete respect and compassion."

Another unique quality the staff recognizes in their receptionist is the power of her prayers. Deacon Sullivan said that Mrs. Coggins has a direct line to God. "Unlike anyone I have seen, every prayer Marge says has brought immediate response. She is a spiritual guide for everyone here."

Mrs. Moore said, "Marge's prayers are always answered, almost immediately." There have been times people have called or come in with a particular need that Catholic Charities is not able to meet at the time, but Mrs. Coggins will pray about it, and someone else will call or bring the item needed, the business manager said.

"She has given the coat off her back and given her lunch to people who were hungry," said Mrs. Moore. "It is never about her, always about someone else. Always."

In looking back over her years at Catholic Charities, Mrs. Coggins recalls the auctions and the staff attending

Tulsa Driller games and even remembers when Bishop Edward J. Slattery threw out the first pitch at one of the games.

"It has really been a blessing," she said. "It is the greatest place on Earth to work, because of the opportunities it presents to pray with others."

Since Deacon Sullivan took over as executive director in 2000, the staff meets in the chapel to begin each work day with prayer. During this morning prayer time it has become habit for Mrs. Coggins to bring her prayer list to the chapel. Though she scoffs at the staff's idea that she has a direct line to God, there was a time she lost her prayer list. She began to make a new one, then after a couple of weeks she found the old list and began to transfer the names.

Mrs. Moore explains, "It was then she had a hint of how powerful her prayers are. For 90 percent of the names on the old list, their prayers had been answered."

While she says she is tired, and sleep sounds good for retirement, it doesn't sound as if Mrs. Coggins plans to slow down. Her agenda includes a trip to California to see her grandkids.

Other retirement plans include attending some retreats by the Daughters of Annunciation, attending daily Mass and Bible study with her husband and writing a book. Her 6-year-old grandson is autistic, and she would like to write a book for him.

Her retirement date of April 12 is looming, and she has told the staff she does not want a retirement party; she would rather see the money be put to use elsewhere. Even as the date draws nearer, she is already making plans to return to Catholic Charities as a volunteer.

# Connections

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## Work day with monks draws 115

By **BARB HILGER**

**CLEAR CREEK** - The threat of rain did not deter the 115 volunteers who turned out for Clear Creek Monastery's fourth annual work day March 11. Under the organization of Dan Doyle, volunteers came from Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, giving of their time, some of them for the first time, to assist the monks.

Clearing brush and putting up and repairing fence for sheep pastures always are a large part of the work days. This year constructing a barn adjacent to the sawmill was on the agenda. In addition to helping the monks, the work day also is beneficial to the volunteers.

"The contemplative life they live causes me to contemplate in ways I cannot when surrounded by the noise and clamor of the world," said George Trudeau. Mr. Trudeau said he attends the work days "to come closer to God through service to others and through the prayer and meditation these humble and holy men inspire in me."

Seventeen students from Bishop Kelley High School were at Clear Creek this year to offer their assistance. Connie Sullivan, director of Christian service at the school, sees the opportunity as "eye-opening for the students. They take away many good lessons beyond the gift of service."

Max Cameron, a Kelley senior, said he fulfilled many responsibilities that day when he and another student went with Brother Joseph-Marie Owen in a truck to the top of a bluff, where the truck tire blew. Having no jack, Max and the



Bishop Kelley students, from left, Travis Bird, Max Cameron, Daniel Dunlap, John Liotto and Zach Weyland clear brush.



Father Francois de Faydeau and a volunteer, Charles McNeel, cut metal for the new barn.

other student hiked down only to return to find the spare was flat also, and "this was all in a thunderstorm," he said.

The purpose of the work day for Ben Callicoat, who spent the day reinforcing a barbed wire fence, was "at least as much for our benefit as it was for the monastery. What a great, great gift God has given us in the form of the monastery at Clear Creek."

The Benedictine monks came to the Diocese of Tulsa from France in 1999 at the invitation of Bishop Edward J. Slattery. They are building a \$22 million monastery and

already have completed the project's basement, a church and the residence building.

The volunteers were able to accomplish many jobs, and though some workers were disappointed that the traditional roasted pig was not cooked because of a statewide burn ban, they enjoyed a hearty beef stew prepared by Ray Schindler of St. Peter Church in Tulsa, and Sam Snow and Toney Parker from St. Brigid Church, Tahlequah.

Also attending were Father Carl Kerkemeyer and a crew from St. Thomas More Church in Tulsa, who helped with the barn raising. "Even with lots of onlookers (and possibly some unwanted advice), the barn had risen from the ground by mid-afternoon," Mr. Doyle said.

Brother Luke Fisher was excited to see the progress made during the day. "We are very thankful for all generosity and everyone coming out to help," he said.



Ed Sanders from Sacred Heart Church in Miami and Brother Luke Fisher consult on the level of a new shed.

## Save This Date

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Stewardship Day  
May 6, 2006

**Keynote Speaker:**

Fr. Dan Mahan, ordained 1988; graduate studies in Rome; parish priest since 1989; current pastor of St. Louis Catholic Church in Batesville, Indiana.

Has made presentations on Stewardship across the nation since 1996; serves as the Director of Formation for the ICSC Institutes.

Bishop Kelley High School  
Tulsa  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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