



Our Lady of Sorrows Convent opened in 1964.

## Our Lady of Sorrows sold to St. John

BROKEN ARROW – St. John Health System has purchased Our Lady of Sorrows convent in Broken Arrow and plans to provide medical services - the specifics have yet to be determined - to the fast-growing eastern part of the Tulsa suburb.

Some Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother will transfer to the adjacent St. Clare assisted living center, others will remain in Tulsa in active ministry and some eventually may return to the order's mother house in Wisconsin.

"It is with mixed emotions that I received the news," Bishop Edward J. Slattery said June 12. "On the one hand, I'm saddened that the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, Third Order of St. Francis, will be moving. We will all miss them and ask that they continue to remember us, especially in prayer.

"On the other hand, I'm very happy for the entire community of

Tulsa and especially the Catholic Church in Tulsa because the purchaser of the convent is still part of the family – St. John Health System - and the good work of the hospital will extend its loving embrace even farther."

The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother have operated St. John Hospital since 1926. Sister M. Sylvia Egan, provincial of the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, U.S./Caribbean Province, and Jeanine Retzer, assistant provincial, came to the Chancery June 12 to talk with Bishop Slattery about the transition.

Sister M. Therese Gottschalk, president and CEO of St. John Health System, has said she wants "to consummate the deal by Sept. 30," Sister Sylvia said.

Thirteen sisters currently live at the convent, which was dedicated in 1964. Another 10 are in residence at St. Clare and will remain there.

Several sisters who now live in the convent may move into the assisted living center.

Franciscan Villa, a retirement home that also is on the grounds of the property at 51st Street and Lynn Lane, is already owned by St. John Health System.

Sister Therese said the sisters who work for St. John Health System will remain here. These sisters never have lived at the convent and reside near St. John Hospital in Tulsa.

"We already have a presence in Broken Arrow at the Franciscan Villa and have a few office buildings there. With this purchase we hope to strengthen our presence in Broken Arrow, which is an important market for us," Sister Therese said June 15.

Our Lady of Sorrows Convent has been the center for activities in the

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## Crowning of 'Queen of Tulsa' set Aug. 13

### An invitation from Bishop Slattery

In the name of our priests and people, I will crown the Blessed Mother as the Queen of the Diocese of Tulsa on Aug. 13. I am grateful to Father Jose Maria Briones for requesting that I dedicate the Diocese of Tulsa to our Blessed Mother; Mary is our Mother and at the same time she is our Queen. We love her, and we honor her.

Please mark your calendar for Aug. 13 and join your brothers and sisters in Christ to be with me at Holy Family Cathedral for Mass at 6:30 p.m. and then process with me

at 8 p.m. for several miles to Our Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Francis Parish. We will carry a statue of Our Mother who is also our Queen from the Cathedral to the Shrine.

There will be prayers and much celebration, including food, music and dance. Join us for all or any part of this celebration. Father Briones has a special statue and has made a special crown.

Bishop Marcelino Hernandez Rodriguez, representing Cardinal

Rivera from Mexico City, and other bishops will attend.

I invite all Catholics of our Diocese who can be present for this special day to join us.

- Most Rev. Edward J. Slattery  
Bishop of Tulsa

### EOC on break but will post online

With this issue of the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic, publication will be suspended until July 23 for staff vacations and planning for future issues. However, in case of major breaking news events, stories and photos will be posted on the news link of [www.dioceseoftulsa.org](http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org).

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### NEW WORDING

Notable changes in Mass prayers and responses approved by the U.S. bishops

PRESENT FORM	CHANGE	OCCURRENCE
"And also with you"	"And with your spirit"	Response whenever the priest says, "The Lord be with you."
"I have sinned through my own fault."	"I have sinned greatly ... through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault."	First form of the penitential rite
"We believe ..."	"I believe ..."	Beginning of the Nicene Creed
"Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might."	"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts."	Start of the Sanctus
"It is right to give him thanks and praise."	"It is right and just."	Response when the priest says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

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A full story on the proposed new Mass translation is on Page 6.

# Calendar

## JUNE

### Benedictine life experience

**30** Women who are at least 19 years old and would like to discern a call to religious life are invited to a week-long Benedictine Life Experience beginning at 7 p.m. June 30 and concluding at 2 p.m. July 6 at Red Plains Monastery, 728 Richland Road SW, Piedmont. There is no cost, but reservations are requested. For information, contact Sister Joanne Yankauskis, 405-373-4565 or email benedictinevocation@ionet.net.

## JULY

### Float trip

**7** The Single Catholics of Tulsa will host a float trip down the Illinois River July 7-9. The cost is \$80 and includes lodging for two nights at the Thunderbird Resort in Tahlequah, five meals and the float trip. A \$40 non-refundable deposit is required. Participants will attend Mass on July 9 at St. Bridgid in Tahlequah. For information, contact Vicky Moline at 272-5373. Deposits should be mailed to Vicky at 17505 E. 77th St. North, Owasso, OK, 74055.

### Theology on Tap

**11** All young adult Catholics (ages 18-39) are invited to Theology on Tap from 7-9 p.m. July 11 at McNellie's, 409 E. 1st St. Father Jack Gleason will speak on "Spiritual Warfare." For information, contact Michele Clancy, michele.clancy@yahoo.com.

### Alumni reunion

**16** St. Catherine School will host its first-ever alumni reunion from 2-4 p.m. July 16 at Tulsa's Harwelden Mansion. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call 446-8124.

### Carricks in concert

**16** Kurt and Julie Carrick will give a free concert at 6:30 p.m. July 16 in the main hall of St. Thomas More Church. The Arizona-based couple have toured nationally and internationally and performed at 2005 World Youth Day. For information, call the parish office at 437-0168.

### Concert reprise

**17** Msgr. Patrick Gaalaas will host Kurt and Julie Carrick in another free concert at 7 p.m. July

17 at St. Benedict Church in Broken Arrow.

### Memorial Mass

**19** A special Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. July 19 at Holy Trinity Church in Okarche, hometown of Father Stanley Rother, who was assassinated in his rectory in Guatemala 25 years ago. Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran has invited all Catholics in Oklahoma to attend the Mass and to pray for the canonization of the priest.

### Marriage encounter

**21** The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Tulsa encourages Catholics and their spouses to attend a July 21-23 retreat sponsored by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City "devoted to enriching your marriage and continued life together." For information, call Dave and Pat Cunningham, 405-728-3259, John and Tina Franklin, 405-209-3512, or, in Spanish, Clay and Rosa Zapata, 405-330-5760, or email partspeople@cox.net.

### Life awareness retreat

**21** A Life Awareness retreat will be July 21-23 at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent in Broken Arrow. The Serra Club invites all single men and women ages 17-45 to attend the free retreat, which will feature priests, sisters and brothers who discuss their vocations and discerning God's call. The weekend is strictly for questions, no commitment required. Contact Wayne Rziha, 744-0023 ext. 18.

### Introduction to NFP

**24** The Family Life Office is sponsoring an introduction to Natural Family Planning at 7 p.m. July 24 at Church of the Madalene. This discussion will not include instructions on using NFP, but will provide answers to basic questions about Natural Family Planning. Contact the Family Life Office at 585-8167 for information.

### PSI open house

**26** Bishop Edward J. Slattery invites everyone in the Diocese of Tulsa to the Pastoral Studies Institute's wine-and-cheese social from 7-8:30 p.m. July 26 at Church of the Madalene. Bishop Slattery will speak about the Diocese's adult education program, and participants will be able to meet the faculty and see the PSI

facilities. There will be presentations about the theology degree programs and some of the non-credit courses. Contact PSI, 294-1904.

### Ice cream social

**30** The Single Catholics of Tulsa will have a planning session and ice cream social at 6 p.m. July 30 at Braums, 51st Street west of Yale Avenue.

## AUGUST

### 'Heart of a Man'

**5** Knights of Columbus Council # 9668 and council Chaplain Father Carl Kerkemeyer are hosting a retreat for men from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 5 at Our Lady of Sorrow Convent in Broken Arrow. Deacon Tim Sullivan will lead "The Heart of a Man," based upon the first encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI, "Deus Caritas Est," or "God is Love." The program will conclude with Mass at 5 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church followed by dinner. Cost is \$25. To register, contact Tim Lang at (918) 543-1000.

## CORRECTIONS

St. Maximilian Kolbe died in the Auschwitz concentration camp after volunteering to stand in for a condemned sergeant in the Polish army who had a wife and small children – not a Jewish prisoner – as EOC Editor Marilyn Duck wrote in her June 11 column.

Due to email failures, a story and photos prepared by Father David Medina for placement on Page 14 in the June 11 issue never were received. Similar failures prevented the publication of a Spanish-language version of a story in the same issue about a Quinceaneros ceremony in Collinsville.

Joe McCormick is the Church of St. Mary parishioner who presented a workshop on estate planning May 16 at his home parish. In a May 28 story about the presentation, his first name was wrong.

Finally, because of an error by the printer in arranging the June 11 EOC on the presses, several pages were out of sequence.

### Retreat for young adults

**5** A Together Encounter Christ retreat will be held Aug. 5-7 at St. John Church in McAlester. Participants in the three-day retreat, designed for young adults ages 17-25, will have a unique encounter with Jesus in the Paschal Mystery and learn how this mystery is experienced in daily life. A registration fee of \$55 is due by July 21. Contact Chad Taber, 299-9406, for more information.

### Theology on Tap

**8** All young adult Catholics (ages 18-39) are invited to Theology on Tap from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 8 at McNellie's, 409 E. 1st St. Father David Medina will speak on "Embracing Latino Traditions." For information, contact Michele Clancy, michele.clancy@yahoo.com.

### Natural family planning

**11** A series of four Natural Family Planning classes will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 11 at Church of the Madalene. The three remaining classes will be from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 9, Oct. 13 and Nov. 10. For more information or to register, contact Roger and Becky Holder at 270-4147.

### Pre-Cana class

**12** A Pre-Cana marriage preparation class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at Church of the Madalene. Cost is \$35 per couple, paid at the door. A box lunch will be served. Register with the Family Life Office, 585-8167, or online at www.familylifetulsa.org.

## 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

### Holy Land pilgrimage

Father Mike Knipe and Father Joe Townsend will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Nov. 6-15 with an optional, four-day trip to Cairo. The pastor of St. Pius X Church and associate pastor of St. Mary Church will lead a journey in the land of Jesus, including the streets of Cana,

## Bishop Slattery's public schedule

### Sunday, June 25 – 9 a.m.

Mass, homily at Sacred Heart Church, Skiatook, 85th anniversary

### Monday, June 26

Leaves for June 27 installation of Bishop J. Peter Sartain as bishop of Joliet, Ill.

### Thursday, June 29 – 5 p.m.

Dinner with English-speaking parishioners followed by talk, Sts. Peter and Paul Church

### Thursday, June 29 – 7 p.m.

Mass in Spanish followed by dinner with Hispanic parishioners, Sts. Peter and Paul Church

### Thursday, July 6 – 5 p.m.

Ordination of Leonardo Medina as deacon, St. Pius X Church

### July 7-18

Silent retreat in Maine

### Sunday, July 23 – 10:30 a.m.

Closing Mass and homily for Life Awareness Retreat for vocations, Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Broken Arrow

### Monday, July 24 – 5 p.m.

Mass and homily for seminarians at his home

### Wednesday, July 26 – 7 p.m.

Pastoral Studies Institute open house, Church of the Madalene

### Thursday, July 27 – 6:30 p.m.

St. John Vianney Seminary meeting with CCD teachers, religious education directors and Seminary Board, Church of the Madalene

### Sunday, July 30 – 10 a.m.

Mass for seminarians' retreat, Order of Candidacy for Kerry Wakulich and Joe Thummel, Church of the Madalene

### Aug. 1-2

Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, Orlando, Fla.

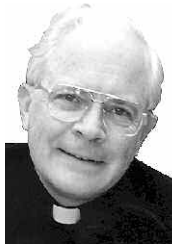
the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper and the Mount of the Beatitudes. Other stops will be the site of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, His agony in the Garden, the crucifixion, His tomb and the place of His resurrection.

Tour includes daily Mass, airfare from Tulsa, accommodations in first-class hotels, breakfast, dinner, English-speaking guides and all service charges and local taxes. Cost is \$2,349 per person, \$699 per person addition for the Egypt extension. Contact St. Pius X Church, 622-4488.

**Edward J. Slattery** Bishop of Tulsa

## Treating symptoms, not problem, of so-called vocation crisis

**Editor's note:** Because Bishop Slattery was away most of last week attending the spring session of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Los Angeles, he asked that we reprint this article on the "vocation crisis." This article is reprinted and edited from the April 19, 2002 edition of the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic, with new information about an upcoming ordination at its conclusion.



For the past 30 years, there has been endless discussion throughout the United States regarding the so-called vocation crisis.

How wearisome it has been the past 30 years in our country to have suffered a real decline in the number of priestly vocations (as well as vocations to the religious life), knowing that the Church is not in any way facing a crisis as a result of this decline, but still hearing so many erroneous solutions pushed forward, our urgent acquiescence demanded by "the crisis that isn't."

If Christ's Church were in crisis because of a lack of priests, then our families would be deprived of the Mass, our churches would be reduced to warehouses or storerooms, our people would be slipping into other religions because their great need for religious worship would not be met by the celebration of the Eucharist.

Indeed there was a time in Oklahoma when that very thing happened. Just before our territory became a state, and for the first few decades after statehood, there were so few priests in Oklahoma that in many parts of the state, the Church vanished but for the memory of "my grandfather who used to be Catholic" or "my great-grandparents who were Catholics till they moved to the Panhandle and found there were no priests, no churches and no Mass."

### Fewer priests mean more sacrifices

Today we have fewer priests than we had 30 years ago, but still the ratio of priests to lay faithful is better now than it was in 1900. And while the numbers constantly change, what remains the same is that our priests give a solid, vibrant testimony of their love for Christ and their willingness to live a life of sacrificial love so that no Catholic in our Diocese is deprived of Sunday Mass or goes without the Sacraments.

It's true that in some areas of the Diocese there are communities which have lost their resident pastors, but priests from nearby parishes gladly make an extra sacrifice, traveling those extra miles and expanding the embrace of one parish community until it is wide enough to accept another. They learn to love as a celibate father those who come from different missions as well as love those who come from their home parish. In other places it's been the lay faithful who must travel to another parish for Sunday Mass.

I am conscious that this can place an extra burden on families, but we who drive from Claremore to Woodland Hills for a bargain or from Bixby to Tulsa for a ball game should be cautious before we argue the irrationality of asking our people to drive 10 or 15 miles on a Sunday to attend Mass.

Certainly if there is a crisis in the Church, it is not a crisis of vocations, but a crisis of faith, of which the decline in vocations is merely a symptom, in the same way that less

than 30 percent of American Catholics regularly attend Mass is a symptom, or the fact that, when surveyed, only 23 percent of our people can actually articulate the Church's teaching regarding Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament is a symptom of this crisis of faith.

### What is the problem? What is the symptom?

I think that in many ways the failure of every solution proposed in the past 20 years can be traced to the failure to recognize what is the problem and what is merely the symptom. We have treated, for example, the decline in Mass attendance as if it were the problem. We attempted to solve it with more singing, or less singing; greater liberties with the rubrics or greater fidelity to the rubrics, with liturgies that stressed the transcendence of God and with liturgies that played with the immanence of mankind.

Each solution "solved the problem" for some of the disaffected people, if only for a short time. But the dissatisfaction returned because we never dealt seriously with the root issue, the malaise which sickens the Body of Christ and provokes these fevered symptoms.

In the same way now, some sincere Catholics and others, whose sincerity is perhaps colored by a slight bit of self-interest - argue that if only the discipline of the priesthood could be changed, then there would be a flood of applicants to the seminary. "If priests were not expected to make the sacrifice required of celibacy," they argue with coy logic, "then there would be many more candidates willing to make the sacrifice of poverty and obedience."

But if all it took to solve the "vocation crisis" were a married clergy, then what will be used to solve the problem of our failed marriages? Or do we try to extend the paradigm and say that "if only men were not expected to make the sacrifices required to be faithful in their marriages, then there would be many more husbands willing to make the sacrifice of being fathers"?

We live in a society which says something very similar regarding women. Our society says, "if only wives were not expected to bear children, if only they could have them aborted easily and safely, then we would find many more women who were fulfilled and happy, productive and free."

### The fallacy of this logic

The truth of our experience, of course, outlines the fallacy of the argument. There is no woman less free, less fulfilled or less integral than that mother who has consented to abort the life of her unborn child. And in the same way, our experience tells us that in marriage the sacrifice of fidelity is integral to the union. The intensity of the relationship of a husband and a wife demands the absolute trust in the exclusivity of that union. It's a union that cannot be broken without suffering life-long consequences.

Knowing this, are we still willing to be deceived by such a fallacious argument regarding celibacy? Somehow we must begin to see that the life-giving reign of Christ begins only on the cross and that the uniqueness of His priesthood is His willingness to be the victim, to offer in his person sacrifice which wins eternal love for those who refuse to love.

Christ calls men to Himself and to his priesthood precisely because the world cannot be redeemed without the sacrifice entailed in loving as a victim. And if this sounds harsh, this idea that some men are called by Christ to love as

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victims, that is, to love within the context of a non-fulfilled or unrequited love, loving without a preference for those who can return the love, or even understand this manner of loving, remember at least that celibate love makes sense only in the intimacy of the cross and then only to those people who themselves carry a cross.

### Upcoming ordination

Having said all this, I would like now to offer you two opportunities to reflect on what it means for a young man today to surrender his life to Christ, and commit himself to loving as a victim and seeking always the intimacy of the cross.

The first opportunity will be when Leonardo Medina - on his final step toward the priesthood - is ordained to the diaconate at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 6 at St. Pius X Church. I should very much like to invite you to set aside for the space of a couple of hours all the pressing concerns of your late afternoon and join us at this Ordination Mass.

I would like you to witness first hand the joy that comes from surrendering and the peace that flows from this young man's willingness to love as Christ, the Servant, loved. If you have any doubts about the power and the permanency of Christ's invitation that young men share with Him His eternal priesthood, come to this Mass, and watch and pray in silent wonder at the miracle of ordination unfolds to embrace the totality of Leonardo's life.

And then I would like you to look at the intensity of the young men who are serving this Mass, seminarians home for the summer from their seminary studies. Look at the fervor and the rapt attention on their faces and after Mass, take a moment to talk to these young men about their vocation and what they are willing to do so that one day soon they will be able to serve you as your parish priest.

Marilyn Duck EOC Editor

## Young St. Pius parishioner on waiting list for a lifeline

If I were dictator for a day, high on my list of decrees would be ordering a change in the way society handles organ donations. The way it works now, when people get their driver's licenses, they are asked if they want to be organ donors.

I wish everybody were considered donors unless they specifically stated they don't want to be.

The Fourth Amendment will ensure that won't happen (talk about an unreasonable search and seizure!) And the Catechism of the Catholic Church says transplants "are not morally acceptable if the donor or those who legitimately speak for him have not given their informed consent."

So much for that fantasy, and maybe it wouldn't make much difference, anyway. Some people are repulsed by the prospect of relinquishing their organs or those of their loved ones and simply will not consider it.

"The way I figure it, when you're dead, you're dead," says Brian Malcom. The Tulsan was an organ donor long before he ever dreamed he might need a transplant himself.

As he turns 30 on June 25, Brian is waiting for someone – somewhere – to throw him a lifeline so he can get the kidney transplant he needs.

"I had been having trouble sleeping and was nauseous, but it was pretty minor – I didn't suspect anything like this was going on," Brian said in recounting the beginning of his ordeal.

He made a doctor's appointment for Dec. 31, 2002. When the nurse took his blood pressure, it was 210/120, and Brian was bound for the hospital.



At first, the doctors thought he had some kind of bug or infection. The best guess was that he got a strep infection, "and my immune system killed off my kidneys. They tested me for everything else under the sun."

After three weeks at Saint Francis Hospital, Brian Malcom came home to begin a new way of life. Over the past three and a half years, Brian has adapted to a regimen that has him tethered to a kidney dialysis machine every day for 10 hours.

"They've got me on what they call peritoneal dialysis." He has a catheter in his stomach that allows for the dialysis – a treatment for kidney failure that helps filter waste products from the blood when the kidneys can't do their job. The treatment takes place at home, and Brian said he can do "almost anything" while attached to the 22-foot cord – read, watch television, sleep. "It's a much better way than whatever they call regular dialysis."

Brian's a stoic guy, but this isn't what anyone would wish on a previously healthy and active young man. He must take a bunch of pills, and he can't eat many of the things he previously loved – he claims to have adjusted to life without pizza. He has had to do things like leave his daughter's Scouts cookout before it ended when it was time to start dialysis.

There are 92,000 people awaiting organ donations, reports the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Every day, 74 people receive organ transplants, and their recovery rate is excellent. Eighteen people on the waiting list die every day.

In 2000, the late Pope John Paul II addressed a conference of organ transplant specialists and wholeheartedly endorsed

transplants as long as certain criteria are met, said Father Alex Kennedy, pastor of Holy Ghost Church in Vinita. The priest serves on the St. John Hospital Institutional Review Board and Ethics Committee. He also is nearing certification through the National Catholic Bio-Ethics Center.

Brian has family members who were willing to be "living donors" – giving one of their own kidneys to Brian – but they were not a match.

The Church accepts using organs from people who have been pronounced brain dead – which Brian said is his best shot at eventually getting a successful transplant. "There's all the difference in the world," Father Kennedy said, between a person who is medically and scientifically brain dead and someone who is in what is called a "persistent vegetative state."

Few acts are more generous and have more lasting impact than agreeing to be an organ donor. Increasing awareness is one step toward helping people like Brian.

### About that 'caustic' letter ...

Everybody makes mistakes, and I've made a doozy. Several people have called to express their unhappiness with what they took to be a "caustic" and "offensive" letter seeking subscriptions that I mailed to readers in mid-June.

To those who are offended, please accept my apology. That was not my intent, but in some instances that clearly was the result.

We've been going fast and furious around here (see the corrections on Page 2), and the upcoming break will give us a chance to re-charge batteries and explore ways to improve the newspaper.

Not offending our readers is probably a good place to start.

George Weigel

## Christian 'swine' and the Holy Land

During John Paul II's jubilee pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I spent a week in Jerusalem with NBC News. After one morning staff meeting to plan the day's coverage, a producer from WNBC in New York asked me if I thought the Holy Father would apologize for the Crusades.

I replied that, while I hadn't a clue about John Paul's intentions, if I were the pope, I'd apologize for losing the Crusades. She was a bit taken aback.

I then explained that the Holy Land had been a Christian territory for centuries, until it was conquered by the armies of Islam – and that the Crusades began in part as a response to Muslim marauders who were raping, robbing, and murdering Christian pilgrims.

As for what winning the Crusades might have meant, did my WNBC friend really think the Middle East was better off today because Islamic regimes of various sorts had been in charge throughout the second millennium?

Those conversations came to mind recently as concerns over the dwindling Christian population in the Holy Land have led to criticism of Israel, and particularly the security fence being built to separate the State of Israel from the Palestinian Authority [P.A.].

And there are surely things to criticize on that front, including the way Israel handles visas for Christians from the P.A. who want to come to Christian holy places in Israel



for Holy Week and Easter. But is that all there is to the story?

That the Christian holy places in the Middle East might, for the first time in history, become religious museums – places without living Christian communities – is a very real and very unhappy possibility. Christian populations are plummeting throughout the region; but the Christian population of Israel is increasing. That alone suggests that the situation is more complicated than sometimes suggested.

Why are Christians leaving Arab Islamic lands? Economic pressures are perhaps the most important reason. While there is no legal discrimination against Christians in the Palestinian Authority, there is discrimination nonetheless – discrimination aimed at creating an Islamic Palestine free of any notable Christian presence.

As I was told in 2000, Christians can't buy land or other forms of property in the P.A., not because of the law, but because it just isn't done, and everyone knows that doing so means retribution. So the economic pressure on Christian families increases to the point where, in order to survive, they emigrate.

There are other reasons for Christian emigration from the Middle East, however, and they were brought to light by a courageous Washington Post article by Nina Shea, who directs the religious freedom program at Freedom House, America's oldest human rights organization.

Freedom House obtained and translated copies of the

textbooks used in Saudi Arabian schools – and exported elsewhere. In those textbooks, first-graders are taught that "every religion other than Islam is false." Fifth-graders are informed that "it is forbidden for a Muslim to be a loyal friend to someone who does not believe in God and His Prophet, or someone who fights the religion of Islam."

Eighth-graders learn that "the apes are Jews, the people of the Sabbath; while the swine are the Christians, the infidels of the communion of Jesus."

Eleventh-graders are warned that "the greeting, 'Peace be upon you,' is specifically for believers; it cannot be said to others." And, as they complete high school, twelfth-graders are taught that "jihad in the path of God ... is the summit of Islam," because "this religion arose through jihad and through jihad was its banner raised high." (As I had tried to explain to the WNBC producer...)

And all of this, mind you, is in textbooks that Saudi authorities insist have been scoured of expressions of religious intolerance, which a Saudi royal commission had acknowledged to be a problem.

Is that a neighborhood you'd like to live in? Or try to practice your Christian faith in? Christian emigration from the Holy Land is a serious problem. Let's keep the primary source of the problem in focus.

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# Forum

## Remarks about hierarchy prompt reader rebuttals

Editor, EOC:

In response to the letter in the June 11 EOC expressing concern about our Bishop's teaching authority, please consider the following. The word "hierarchy" comes from two Greek words meaning "Sacred Order." The word "anarchy" comes from two Greek words meaning "without order."

Satan is the original "Anarchist." His motto is "I will not serve (obey)."

As I see it, we certainly don't need more of the prideful rebellious "anarchy" that has plagued the Church and society, especially since the 1960s. We desperately need a return to "Sacred Order." Our Bishop is the Vicar of Christ in this Diocese. He is due the love, respect, honor and obedience that is due to Christ Himself. Our just response to his voice should be, "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth."

**Mark Boutross  
Tahlequah**

### Hierarchy has every right

Editor, EOC: The June 11 letter, "Church requires collaborative effort," was a total shock to me. The writer said Gregorian chant has no place in the Mass. Tell that to hundreds and hundreds of years of tradition. Tell that to thousands of monks and brothers who "sing" their Masses every day of their lives just like their predecessors did. Tell that to the saints who helped write the melodies and words.

Just because a person doesn't particularly like chant at Mass doesn't mean the whole world has to do without it. That's the true beauty of the way the Church is set up nowadays. If you prefer the Novus Ordo, attend the Novus Ordo. If you prefer the Latin Tridentine Mass, with its Gregorian chant, attend the Tridentine Mass. And in Tulsa, thanks be to God, we have that option available to us.

Isn't one of the main things these days is to "do your own thing" and leave everyone else to "do their own thing"?

One other comment about that letter – the hierarchy has no place telling the faithful how to worship? What kind of theological training did this person have? The hierarchy has every right to dictate the rubrics and ceremonies of the Church. They are the protectors, if you will, of the faith.

They are the ones who have every right and moreso, every obligation, to keep the faithful in line. Otherwise what sets our beautiful Catholic faith apart from any fly-by-night, so-called religion?

**Kellie Marquez  
Owasso**

### A priest's perspective

Editor, EOC: Kathryn Brink in her letter dated June 11 raised an important issue: that there should be a collaborative effort between the ordained clergy and lay people. However, she failed to point out that there are characteristics which differentiate the ministerial priesthood of bishops and priests from the common priesthood of the faithful. These characteristics make the ordained priesthood irreplaceable because the ordained priesthood is necessary for a community to exist as "Church."

For example, if a community lacks a priest, the community will be deprived of the exercise and sacramental action of Christ, the Head and Pastor. These characteristics do not make the ordained priests better than lay people but they distinguish the ordained from the lay. These characteristics are essential for the very life of every ecclesial community because they describe in words the extent to which other members of the faithful cooperate with the ministerial priesthood of bishops and priests.

Again, I presume that when the letter writer mentioned that ordained priests are not better or have higher calling than lay people, she is aware that equality does not derive from being same. "In God's eyes, we are all equal, although clearly we are not the same and God does not shed same graces on all."

Ordained priests are called to a unique relationship with God not because they are better than others but simply because God chose them. Here is the truth: "Priesthood has its own identity that shapes the priest and offers a unique and necessary gift to the Church." So when the pope, bishops or priests give us pastoral direction on how to worship, they not only want to enhance worship but they also want to prevent situations of abuse and disciplinary irregularities in worship.

Most times those who do not depend so much on the hierarchy to tell them what to do

(guidance) or how to do things operate from the theory that limits knowledge to subjective experiences and feelings. These people value their independence so much that obedience to the teaching of the Church repels them and offends their pride.

If we think about it, Christ gave us the Church and its leaders to protect and guide us. However, when we disagree with the teaching or guidance of the Church from subjective feelings and experiences, then we are planting and nourishing the seed of disobedience in the hearts of others.

**Father Valentine Ndebilie  
Associate Pastor, Church of Saint Benedict**

### In total agreement

Editor, EOC: First of all I am so glad that I took time to glance through the June 11 issue of the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic. Mostly I check the letters which hold an interest for me due to the fact that I, on one other occasion, voiced my opinion on assignment of priests and was accused of being "mean-spirited."

In this issue I so enjoyed and agree wholeheartedly with views expressed by Carl Consalvi of Tulsa (on immigration) and Kathryn Brink of Bartlesville. Hopefully no one will accuse you of being "mean-spirited." Also of interest was the report given by Father Bob Cain on being recalled to active duty and sharing with us his activities in Djibouti, Africa. Last, but not least, was the story of the recovery of the original baptismal font for St. Catherine Church by Father Mike Cashen in Nowata.

When Pope John XXIII "opened the windows, to let in fresh air" unwittingly I feel he opened a can of worms. His bishops and other members of the hierarchy "betrayed" him by allowing all kinds of experimentation into the liturgy, beauty and solemnity of the Mass. For centuries the Catholic Church was known for its reverence and marked as One, Holy, Universal and Apostolic. Today no two Masses are celebrated the same. Our bishops need to return to the basics and primarily be holy and approachable, following the example of their ordinary, Jesus Christ.

I would encourage our Bishop to call his priests together and instruct them on how the Sacrifice of the Mass is to be celebrated, uniformly, so that no matter where one attends Mass one is not subjected to a "strange" liturgy.

**Jerry Nelson  
Tulsa**

### False formation

Editor, EOC: Some of the comments by Kathryn Brink in her June 11 letter reflect misunderstandings of the Church and its

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# Introduction of new Mass translation at least a year away

By JERRY FILTEAU  
Catholic News Service

LOS ANGELES - In what Bishop Donald W. Trautman called "a truly important moment in liturgy in the United States," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new English translation of the Order of Mass and adopted several U.S. adaptations during a national meeting June 15 in Los Angeles.

The new translation of the main constant parts of the Mass - penitential rite, Gloria, creed, eucharistic prayers, eucharistic acclamations, Our Father and other prayers and responses used daily - likely will be introduced in about a year or two if it is approved by the Vatican, said Bishop Trautman, a Scripture scholar who heads the Diocese of Erie, Pa., and is chairman of the USCCB Committee on the Liturgy.

He said he thought the bishops would wait until they have approved - and received Vatican confirmation of - an entire new Roman Missal in English before implementing the new Order of Mass.

The text that the bishops approved included only the main parts of the Order of Mass, the daily prayers with which people are most familiar.

The bishops still have to receive and approve other parts of the Order of Mass, such as the prefaces, and the major portion of the Roman Missal comprising the proper prayers for each Sunday or feast throughout the year. These are still in the early stages of translation and consultation among English-speaking bishops around the world.

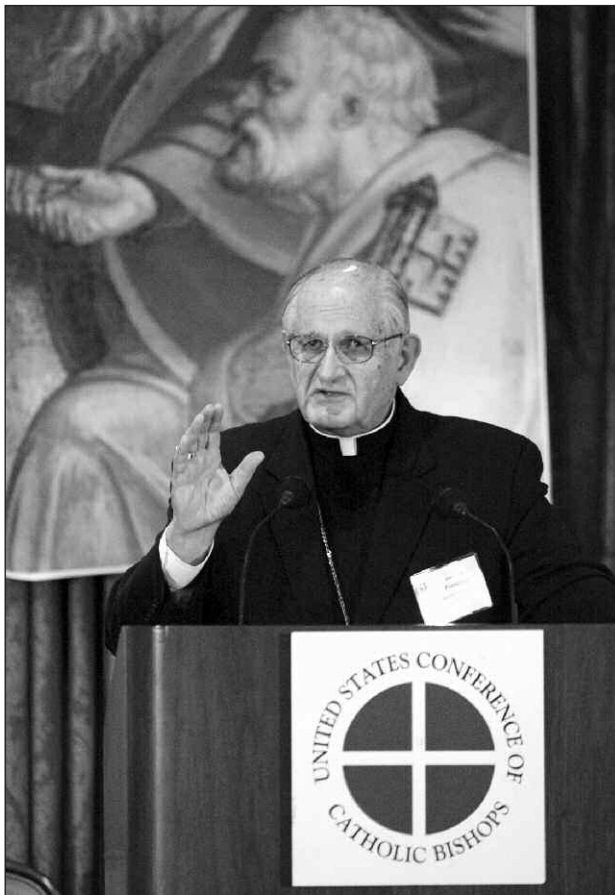
When the new translation of the texts the bishops adopted in Los Angeles takes effect, with possible Vatican modifications, U.S. Catholics will find that many of the familiar prayers and responses they have been using at Mass for the past 35 years or so will be changed.

After approving more than 60 amendments to the universal English translation of the Latin Order of Mass proposed by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, the bishops approved the revised version by a vote of 173-29. They then approved a set of American adaptations - alternate prayers or ritual instructions not contained in the original Latin version - by a vote of 184-8.

Although only about 80 percent of the 254 Latin-rite bishops in the country were at the Los Angeles meeting, the votes of members in attendance were more than enough to meet the two-thirds majority (170) of all the nation's Latin bishops that was required to pass liturgical decisions.

Some of the changes people will see when the new version eventually takes effect will be:

- Whenever the priest says "The Lord be with you," the



At the meeting where the new translation of the Mass was approved, the U.S. bishops also heard from retired Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, who gave a report on the Task Force on Hurricane Recovery. (CNS photo)

people will respond "And with your spirit." The current response is "And also with you."

- In the first form of the penitential rite, the people will confess that "I have sinned greatly ... through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." In the current version, that part of the prayer is much shorter: "I have sinned through my own fault."

- The Nicene Creed will begin "I believe" instead of "We believe" — a translation of the Latin text instead of the original Greek text.

During the offertory prayers, the priest will pray that "the sacrifice which is mine and yours will be acceptable" instead of the current prayer that "our sacrifice will be acceptable."

Before the preface, when the priest says "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," instead of saying "It is right to give him thanks and praise," the people will respond "It is right and just."

- The Sanctus will start "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts." The current version says "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might."

The bishops' actions June 15, the first day of their three-day spring meeting at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, capped years of debate within the U.S. Church and other parts of the English-speaking world over two significantly different approaches to modern-language translations of the "Missale Romanum," the standard Latin-language version of the Roman Missal used throughout almost all of the Western or Latin-rite church.

The translation version that U.S., Canadian and other English-speaking Catholics around the world have been using since the early 1970s was based on Vatican rules issued shortly after the Second Vatican Council that encouraged relatively free translations emphasizing adaptation to forms of expression in the receiving language when the grammar or syntax of the original language is different - what linguists call dynamic equivalence translations.

In 2001 the Vatican issued new rules requiring liturgical translations to follow the original Latin more strictly and completely - a more literal translation approach called formal equivalence - and the resulting new translation adheres far more closely to the normative Latin text issued by the Vatican.

In an address to the bishops before they debated and voted on the new text and American adaptations, Bishop Arthur Roche of Leeds, England, president of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, argued that the dynamic equivalence approach has come under increasing criticism from linguists in recent years and said that the more literal translations in many places will restore scriptural references that disappeared or were less evident in the earlier liturgy translations into English done in the dynamic equivalence style.

ICEL, a commission composed of representatives of 11 of the main English-speaking bishops' conferences in the world, oversees common English translations of Latin liturgical texts to be presented to the bishops' conferences for their approval. The bishops' conferences are free to accept or amend the ICEL texts or to create their own translations, but whatever text a bishops' conference adopts, it must ultimately meet Vatican approval before it can be issued for liturgical use in that country.

## Pope JP II High now has his ski jacket on display

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) - Pope John Paul II High School in Hendersonville carries the name of the late pope, and now it also houses the black ski jacket he wore during visits to the mountains.

Bishop Edward U. Kmiec of Buffalo, N.Y., who headed the Nashville Diocese when the school opened in 2002, returned to the school earlier this year to deliver the jacket.

"I hope it gives a little human connection to the pope," the bishop said.

Since the school was built, Bishop Kmiec had made several attempts to acquire a personal item of Pope John Paul that could be housed at the school, but was unsuccessful.

Even after he left Nashville to become bishop of Buffalo in October 2004, Bishop

Kmiec kept trying. He approached a priest in the Buffalo Diocese who knows Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland, who was the late pope's personal secretary and a constant presence at his side throughout his papacy.

Cardinal Dziwisz provided the ski jacket, along with documentation that the pope had worn it.

Pope John Paul was an avid skier and outdoorsman as a young man and often visited the mountains on vacation while he was pope.

The jacket will be displayed at the school, said its principal, Hans Broekman. "Having some material item that was his and we can take care of is special," Broekman said. It also

is special, he said, that Bishop Kmiec pursued securing a personal item of the pope's even after leaving the diocese.

With "a little bit of Pope John Paul II here, you're going to have a little connection here," Bishop Kmiec told students who gathered in the school's auditorium for the presentation.

If the late pope is ever canonized, the jacket would be considered a second-class relic, Bishop Kmiec said. Second-class relics are anything used by a saint during his or her life.

The jacket is "a little touch of a great man," he said. "I hope he continues to be an inspiration to you."

And, with a chuckle, Bishop Kmiec told the students: "Yeah, if you're wondering, I tried it on. It fit"



Principal Hans Broekman applauds Bishop Edward U. Kmiec, formerly of the Nashville Diocese, who arranged for the late pontiff's ski jacket to be given to the high school. (CNS photo)

## Former U.N. weapons inspector presents pope with report

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The former U.N. weapons inspector monitoring Iraq, Hans Blix, met with Pope Benedict XVI June 14 and presented him with a report on the world's arsenal of weapons of mass destruction.

At the end of his general audience in St. Peter's Square, the pope greeted and spoke with the 77-year-old Swedish diplomat for a few minutes on the steps of the basilica before greeting other pilgrims.

Mr. Blix was in Rome as part of a world tour presenting a report titled "Weapons of Terror," which outlines ways the world can reduce the dangers of weapons of mass destruction.

The 227-page report was the result of an independent, two-year study conducted by the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission, headed by Mr. Blix.

The report concludes that as long as nations stockpile chemical, biological and nuclear arms "there is a high risk that they will one day be used by design or by accident," he told reporters in Rome June 13.

The report was first presented June 1 to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in New York. Mr. Blix was to present the report at the



Pope Benedict XVI greets former U.N. chief weapons inspector Hans Blix at the end of his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican June 14. (CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano)

World Council of Churches in Geneva June 15.

The weapons inspector came under the media spotlight before the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, when his statements about Iraq's weapons' program contradicted the claims of the U.S. administration.

Mr. Blix, who at the time was chief of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission in charge of monitoring Iraq, accused the U.S. and British governments of exaggerating the weapons' threat in Iraq in order to bolster support for

the 2003 war against former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Mr. Blix told reporters June 13 that he remembered Pope Benedict spoke of "peace through truth" in his January World Day of Peace message.

While there was no explicit

mention of Iraq in the pope's peace day message, titled "In Truth, Peace," the pope did write about the lies of history that have fueled wars.

The pope wrote, "How can we fail to be seriously concerned about lies in our own time, lies which are the framework for menacing scenarios of death in many parts of the world?"

The pope's message also said the "truth of peace" requires governments that possess or seek nuclear weapons to "change their course" and firmly commit to a progressive nuclear disarmament.

In an interview with Vatican Radio June 14 after meeting the pope, Mr. Blix said international weapons inspections aim to seek the truth.

"We know that the inspectors I led (in Iraq) ended up documenting the truth much better than the CIA or the British secret services," he said.

He told Vatican Radio's Scandinavian program that the pope told him the Vatican is working to see the same kind of disarmament that the independent commission is lobbying for, so "in that sense one can say that we are allies."

## Torture 'morally intolerable,' says ad signed by cardinal

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick joined with 26 other faith leaders June 13 in calling for a clear U.S. policy against torture and cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment of detainees.

The cardinal, the retired archbishop of Washington, was among the signers of an ad in The New York Times sponsored by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture.

"Torture violates the basic dignity of the human person that all religions, in their highest ideals, hold dear," the advertisement said. "Any policies that permit torture and inhumane treatment are shocking and morally intolerable."

In a news release, Cardinal McCarrick said every human being has "a special dignity ... that comes from the fact that we

are brothers and sisters in God's one human family"

He added that "it is because of this that we all feel that torture is a dehumanizing and terrible attack against human nature and the respect we owe for each other."

The release said that although torture has "long been banned by U.S. treaty obligations," a statement issued by President George W. Bush at the signing of the McCain Amendment banning the use of torture "implies that the president is not bound by the amendment in his role as commander in chief."

It was referring to President Bush's signing statement, released Dec. 30, 2005, when he signed the amendment, which was attached to the Department of Defense Authorization bill.

Such a statement is an official document in which the president outlines his interpretation of a new law. Regarding McCain, the president said he would view its limitations on interrogation in the context of protecting national security.

"As such, continued inhumane methods of interrogation remain a real possibility," the news release added.

Specifically, the National Religious Campaign Against Torture asked Congress and President Bush to prohibit: "exemptions from the human rights standards of international law" for any arm of the government; the transfer of suspects to countries that allow torture; the existence of secret U.S. prisons around the world; and any denial of Red Cross access to U.S. detainees.

## Pope prays for Holy Land victims, others 'held captive' by violence

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI extended his prayers to the victims of recent violence plaguing the Holy Land as well as people "held captive" by those who believe problems can be resolved through force.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a written statement June 14 that the Vatican was "following with great concern and anguish the episodes of

escalating, mindless violence bloodying the Holy Land these days."

He reported that the pope said his prayers were going out to "the innocent victims, their family members, and to the people of that land, held captive by those who delude themselves, thinking they can resolve the ever more dramatic problems of the region with force or unilaterally."

The Vatican statement came the

day after an Israeli air raid in Gaza left nine Palestinians, including two children, dead and at least 30 others injured.

Two of those killed were members of the Islamic Jihad militant group. The Israeli army said the militants were heading out to launch rocket raids against Israel.

The militant group Hamas, which heads the Palestinian government, had ended an informal cease-fire

after it blamed Israel for a June 9 explosion that killed eight civilians, including three children, who were picnicking on a Gaza beach.

The Israeli military, which had been firing shells in the area, denied it caused the blast.

The Vatican said it was calling on the international community to find ways quickly to provide "due humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people."

Direct aid to the Palestinian Authority has been cut since Hamas won the January election.

The Vatican also urged Israeli and Palestinian leaders to show "due respect" for human life, "especially that of defenseless civilians and children," and urged the two sides to "courageously resume the path of negotiation - the only way that can lead to just and lasting peace for which everyone yearns."

## Rosary recording by Father Peyton goes digital

NORTH EASTON, Mass. (CNS) - Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton, often referred to as “the rosary priest,” was always on the cutting edge of technology when it came to spreading the Gospel message. And so it continues nearly 14 years after his death.

Family Theater Productions, founded by Father Peyton and part of Holy Cross Family Ministries in North Easton, has announced the production of a self-playing digital audio book that contains information on how to pray the mysteries of the rosary, including the luminous mysteries, which Pope John Paul II added to the traditional rosary prayers in 2002.

In the audio book, titled “Pray the Rosary With Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC,” the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries are recited by the priest himself. Holy Cross Father William Melody, a cousin of Father Peyton, recites the luminous mysteries, also called the mysteries of light.

Susan Wallace, director of external relations at Holy Cross Family Ministries, is largely responsible for the idea of putting the recording on this new type of media device.

“I try to stay on top of the new

technologies,” Ms. Wallace told The Anchor, newspaper of the Diocese of Fall River, “and I read about the Findaway World Co. in The Wall Street Journal late last year. The company was just releasing some books on the Playaway system, and I thought right away about one of our best-selling features, Father Peyton’s recitation of the rosary.”

The Playaway device, which measures about three and a half inches by two inches, weighs less than 3 ounces, and comes with everything the listener needs to simply turn it on and pray.

The four sets of mysteries recited by Fathers Peyton and Melody are pre-loaded, meaning there’s no tape or CD to load, and no files to download. It runs on one AAA battery and comes with earphones, but can also be connected to most headphones and car adapters or hooked up to speakers.

“Father Peyton was all about technology and how he could spread the Gospel message, and in that spirit, I saw this as an opportunity to take a great-selling product, give it new life and hopefully introduce it to new consumers,” Ms. Wallace added.

“People will be able to pray anywhere,”

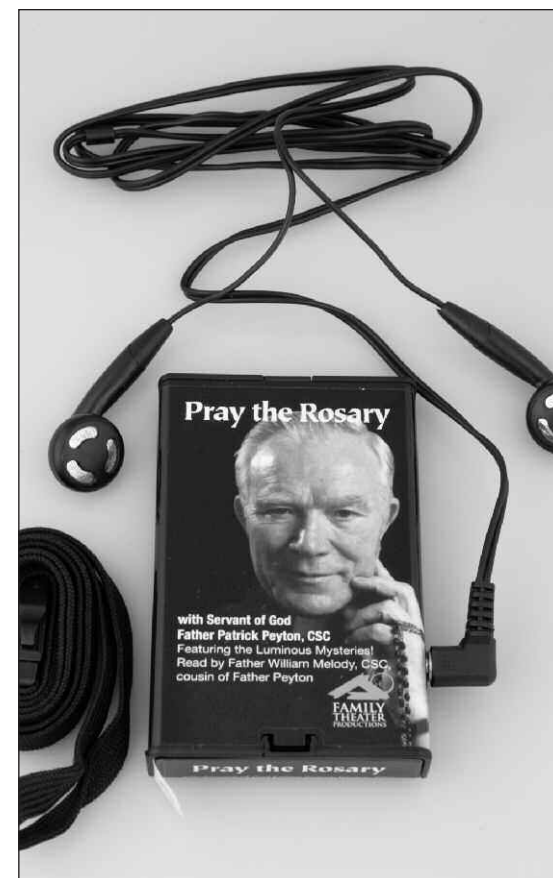
she said.

In a telephone interview from his office in Hollywood, Calif., Holy Cross Father Willy Raymond, director of Family Theater Productions, said: “I’m so excited about this new technology. It’s so user-friendly and self-contained for traditional people who pray the rosary. They can take a walk in the park or in the mall or on their treadmill and pray the rosary with Father Peyton.”

The recording includes an introduction by Holy Cross Father John Phalen, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries.

“We’re always searching for meaningful ways to bring people to prayer,” Father Phalen told The Anchor. “Father Peyton was called a ‘media pioneer.’ In keeping with that spirit, we’ve moved our rosary CD into this new audio technology. I’m telling people I hope they will ‘pray away with Playaway!’”

**Editor’s note:** To purchase the “Pray the Rosary” Playaway system or get more information about Holy Cross Family Ministries, call (800) 299-7729, or visit [www.hcfmstore.org](http://www.hcfmstore.org).



Displayed are headphones and “Pray the Rosary,” a digital audio book, with recitation of the rosary by Holy Cross Fathers Patrick Peyton and William Melody, a cousin of the late Father Peyton. (CNS photo)

## Sex, marriage: Pope discusses love, Vatican official discusses sin

By JOHN THAVIS  
Catholic News Service

### AN ANALYSIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In early June, Pope Benedict XVI drew favorable attention when he said the Church does not want to “suffocate” the joy of love by its teaching on sexuality and marriage.

What many noticed was the pope’s positive approach — his recognition that young people, in particular, feel an “urgent call to love” and his insistence that the Church’s goal was not to place barriers in their path.

He said the Church’s teaching should not be seen as one “no” after another, and urged church leaders to implement a pastoral “strategy of intelligence” that takes seriously people’s questions and doubts.

The following day, the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Family published — without warning — a 60-page catalog of modern sins against the family and responsible sexuality.

Signed by the council’s president, Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, it said that “never before has the natural institution of matrimony and family been victim of such violent attacks.” It

condemned a long list of practices, including cohabitation, birth control, divorce, gay unions, and the “abusive interference by the state” in some sex education programs.

The document shocked many readers when it said couples who limit their family size to one or two children are, in effect, living in a “marriage willingly made sterile.” As for abortion, it said the act itself was an “abominable crime” that should not remain unpunished by civil authorities.

The difference in tone between the pope and one of his top aides did not go unnoticed. The pope was solidifying his reputation as a gentle teacher; Cardinal Lopez Trujillo came off as an ecclesial “Terminator.”

“What this document is missing is love,” said the Rev. Maria Bonafede of Cardinal Lopez Trujillo’s text. The Italian Waldensian’s remark deliberately alluded to the theme of Pope Benedict’s very popular first encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est” (“God Is Love”).

The contrast illustrated an age-old problem for journalists in Rome: How much weight to give various Vatican pronouncements?

In this case, should the two interventions be taken as complementary sides of a strategy — the pope extending an open hand to potential allies and the cardinal delivering a knockout punch to opponents?

The pope, at Cardinal Lopez Trujillo’s request, will preside over the Fifth World Meeting of Families in July in Spain, a country where Church and state are engaged in pitched battles on family issues. While most of the attention will focus on what the pope says at the events, some saw the pontifical council’s document as the Vatican’s bottom line on the issues.

But the situation is slightly more complicated than that.

Cardinal Lopez Trujillo has a history of issuing documents that are deliberately downplayed by the Vatican press office. And while the Colombian cardinal inevitably makes headlines, there are many inside the Vatican who would not want him to be seen as a spokesman for this pontificate.

Interestingly, the cardinal’s latest document was handed out unannounced to reporters, without a press conference. And then the text simply disappeared from view. Ten days later, it still hadn’t been released on any of the Vatican’s Web pages, including the council’s, and it wasn’t printed or even referred to in the Vatican newspaper.

The document was dedicated to Pope Benedict. But there was no indication that the text had been approved or even seen by the pope prior to publication.

The pope would probably have found little to disagree with in the text; occasionally in his first 14 months as pontiff he has spoken about these same issues. But he has presented his teachings about marriage, sexuality and the family in the context of a wider discussion about key relationships — between God and humans, the body and the spirit, and freedom and fidelity.

This approach has won him praise across the spectrum, in Italy and beyond.

The Italian newspaper Libero recently commented, “Up to now, Pope Benedict’s magisterium has

been aimed precisely at freeing Christianity from the prejudices which have painted it as an oppressive moralism.”

The pope has emphasized that Christ came to lighten people’s burdens, not add to them, and that the sense of being loved by God is the first thing Christians should communicate to others.

Upon these lovely concepts, Libero commented, Cardinal Lopez Trujillo’s document has fallen “like a load of cement.”

The cardinal had no regrets about the tone of the document, however. He told the Rome newspaper La Repubblica that unless the Church is willing to remind people of uncomfortable truths, its teachings risk being devalued.

“The uproar provoked by the text is a positive thing,” he said.

All of which has piqued interest in what Pope Benedict will say in Valencia, Spain, where on July 8-9 he will enjoy his first global platform for expressing the Church’s teachings on the family.

## A total of 620 years in service to God

Taken together the 12 consecrated women celebrating jubilees in the Diocese of Tulsa this year have devoted more than half a millennium's service to God. Six of them came to Mass June 10 in the small chapel at the Chancery.

In his homily, Bishop Slattery encouraged the jubilarians and other sisters present to recommit themselves to lives of prayer "and to contemplation, especially."

Contemplation, he said, is a particular form of prayer whose purpose is to help a person become more aware of the "constant presence of God in all things. The experience of your contemplation becomes the center point of your life."

He reminded them that Jesus was a man of contemplation, who over the course of His life grew in His understanding that He also was Divine and Who must have wondered what it means to be God in the flesh. "That's a great mystery – what was Jesus' self-awareness?"

Just as Jesus came to His full understanding gradually, all people need time and reflection to become



Bishop Slattery greets some of the sisters who are celebrating their jubilee years in 2006. From left are Benedictine Sisters Stella Davis and Agatha Burke (both 60); Sister M. Severina Kaestel, Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother (70); Benedictine Sisters Assumpta Betzen (50) and Eugenia Brown (60); and Sister Phyllis Vaske of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family (50). Not present but also marking jubilee years are Benedictine Sisters Anna Addamus (60), Veronica Sokolosky (50) and Julia Marie Roy (25) and Sisinawa Dominican Sisters Marie Gerard Donovan (60) and Ann Bourke (50) and Franciscan Sister Philippa Poulos (25).

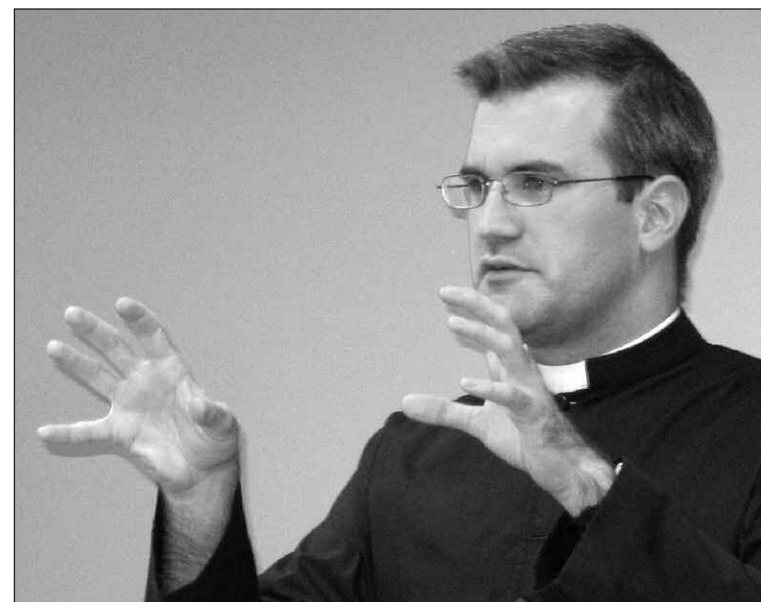
aware of the divinity that lives in them through the gift of baptism, he said.

"This can only come from contemplation; it is not something that is intellectual. It comes from the heart." In studying the life of Jesus and the lives of the saints, it is clear

that they gave everything for God and suffered greatly "but they also experienced a profound joy (which seems contradictory."

But if people wait and let God fill them with His love, they will be filled with charity, forgiveness, patience, mildness, peace and joy.

After Mass the Bishop hosted a cookout lunch of hamburgers and grilled chicken that was – mercifully, most everyone agreed – served inside on the 96-degree day.



### Theology of the Body

Father Bryce Sibley emphasizes a point while explaining "An Introduction to Theology of the Body" June 14 to about 60 people who signed up for a two-night seminar on the late Pope John Paul II's examination of "human love in the divine plan." Father Sibley, of the Diocese of Lafayette, La., said that the document is "very complex and confusing," and "even in seven hours I just hit the main ideas." The current English translation is "problematic," said the priest, who received his Licentiate degree from the John Paul Institute in Rome, but a new one is in the works. The late pontiff gave nearly 200 individual catechetical talks explaining his "Theology of the Body." "What I try to do is to break it down in a number of easy-to-remember points," the priest said. Father Sibley's visit was sponsored by the Pastoral Studies Institute, and while in Tulsa he stayed at the rectory of St. Anne Church in Broken Arrow with Father Michael Dodd, his former classmate at the North American College in Rome.



Sister Mary Frances Lennartz, at left, has a fine time as Bishop Slattery teases her sister, seated across the table, Sister Connie Lennartz. To Sister Connie's right is Sister Mary Alice Neylon, and standing is Sister Eugenia Brown of the Congregation of the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Hearts. The other nuns in the photo all are Sinsinawa Dominicans.

Thirty-one nuns attended the Mass and luncheon. They chatted with Bishop Slattery about ongoing projects and shared memories. He told the nuns at his table that he never was taught by a lay person – in grade school his teachers were Dominican sisters, and in high school he was taught by priests. To the jubilarians, he presented rosaries that have rosebuds inside them.

When the Bishop asked the

jubilee sisters to say which anniversary they were celebrating, he replied, "Ah, you're a youngster!" to a nun who is celebrating her 50th jubilee.

He also told them that on April 26 he celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination.

"We enjoyed the get-together very much," said Sister Connie Lennartz, a Sinsinawa Dominican nun who is involved in evangelization at Christ the King Church.

## Sisters *Continued from page 1*

Diocese of Tulsa since its founding. Located on an 80-acre tract, the convent has approximately 120,000 square feet and includes living space for sisters, a kitchen and dining room, meeting and class rooms, retreat facilities and a large and beautiful chapel.

The convent has been used as a day high school for young women and novitiate for the province. During the 1970s, St. Benedict Church in Broken Arrow met in the convent's chapel until their own building was completed.

Currently, meeting and classrooms have been used by many groups, including the Broken Arrow School System and many programs of the Diocese of Tulsa, including retreats for catechetical leaders and the study center for the permanent diaconate.

"It has been a privilege for the sisters to be an integral part of the Catholic community in the Tulsa area, serving many needs, especially in the health care arena, since 1925,"



Sister M. Sylvia Egan, provincial of Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother since June 2005.

Sister Sylvia said. As a Franciscan congregation, hospitality always has been regarded as one its "hallmark values," she said.

The provincial office will be relocated in 2007. Sister Therese said St. John Health System will begin to implement its strategic plan for the building when the sale is finalized at

the end of September 2006.

After he expressed his and the people of Tulsa's gratitude for the sisters' years of service, Bishop Slattery said that during the Synod there was considerable discussion about establishing a diocesan retreat house, a need the sale of the convent underscores.

## Father Rother activities stepping up

Prayer cards for the canonization of Father Stanley Rother, assassinated 25 years ago last month in Guatemala, have been distributed to parishes in the Diocese of Tulsa, and other activities commemorating the anniversary are coming up next month.

A special Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. July 19 at Holy Trinity Church in Okarche, which was Father Rother's hometown. Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran has declared 2006 as "The Year of Father Rother," and he will lead a pilgrimage to Santiago Atitlan from July 22 to July 29 to see the place where Father Rother ministered, meet the people he knew and served and visit the rectory where he was shot and killed in the middle of the night on July 28, 1981 by Guatemalan government forces.

Bishop Edward J. Slattery sent the prayer cards to the parishes with a memorandum asking priests to distribute them. Though

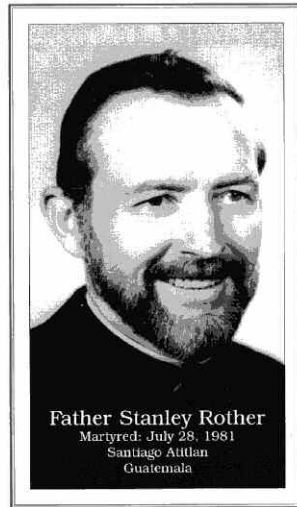
Let us pray for  
the Canonization of  
Father Stanley Rother  
Oklahoma Martyr

Heavenly Father,  
source of all holiness,  
in every generation You raise up  
men and women heroic in love and service.

You have blessed Your Church  
with the life of Stanley Rother,  
priest, missionary, and martyr.  
Through his prayer, his preaching,  
his presence, and his pastoral love,  
You revealed Your love and Your presence  
with us as Shepherd.

If it be Your will,  
may he be proclaimed  
by the universal Church  
as martyr and saint,  
living now in Your presence  
and interceding for us all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen



he will not be able to attend the Father Rother events, he encouraged Catholics in the Diocese to pray for the late priest's cause.

Oklahoma Catholics have maintained close ties with Santiago Atitlan, making mission trips and responding with an outpouring of assistance when thousands were buried last year in mudslides that struck the area.

"When Archbishop Beltran visited Santiago Atitlan after the disastrous mudslides, the native people invited their Oklahoma friends to come in July 2006," Bishop Slattery said. "They look forward to thanking us in person for our support during their great need."

If you would like a Father Rother prayer card but have not received one, call the Chancery, 294-1904.



### 'I'm into it full time!'

Is he a fan of World Cup soccer? "Oh, I'm into it full time. I like soccer a lot," said Father Leo Ahanotu, a native of Nigeria and pastor of St. Joseph Church in Krebs. Here, he watches the June 17 match between Ghana and the Czech Republic with Bill Ramsey, a Totus Tuus team member from Nebraska who helps present the youth faith formation program. "My secretary teases me" for being so totally absorbed in the world's most popular sport, and members of the Totus Tuus group "want to stay at my house today" so they could watch the match. Asked who he's rooting for, Father Ahanotu replied, "Actually the Italians are very good, very solid, so I'm thinking the Italians. Or Argentina. Or Brazil." The World Cup, being held this year in Germany, began June 9 and will conclude with the championship match July 9. (Photo by Glen Eller)

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teaching authority.

Bowing before the Eucharist as a sign of reverence is in keeping with many biblical references to bowing down before the Lord. The Old Testament reading from Trinity Sunday can be used in relation to the Eucharist: "Did anything so great ever happen before?" The Mass is the public worship of the Catholic Church, and instructions on how the congregation is to show proper respect for the Eucharist are not out of line.

Giving outward homage to God is a reminder that worship is about Him and not our self-satisfaction. Seeing some communicants make their bows to the back of the person in front of them might indicate that clearer instructions are needed, but a standard needs to exist. Communion is not denied because of a lack of a bow, so no coercion is intended.

Vatican II changed no teachings of the Church. Its purpose and the documents that it produced were meant to clarify the "old ways" so that Catholics would better understand, and truly embrace, on a personal level, the teachings of Jesus Christ.

That the council coincided with a major upheaval of mores and morals in the secular society caused hasty and erroneous interpretations of its conclusions, inaccuracies that still confuse.

The vast writings of John Paul II, who participated in framing Vatican II documents, are a gift to the Church so that we can know the truth that will set us free, the truth that actually allows us to think for ourselves. To quote John Paul II: "The truth is not the fruit of each individual's imagination."

The pope is the successor of Peter; the bishops the successors of the apostles. Apostolic succession and the teaching authority of the Magisterium, the pope and bishops in unison are the firm foundations of the Catholic Church. Voicing suspicion that the hierarchy is

feeling threatened and must make up rules and regulations to regain control over the people, to make the people follow "their" interpretation of Christ's teachings speaks of false formation.

Vatican II affirmed the role of the laity, identifying holiness as the calling of all and recognizing that the laity is in the best position to be a witness of holiness to the secular world. No priest, from the pope down to the most recently ordained, would claim to be better than lay people. But the vocation of Catholic priests is unique among all callings.

John Paul II must be quoted again: "At its deepest level, every vocation to the priesthood is a great mystery; it is a gift which infinitely transcends the individual."

It is that infinite mystery that allows the hierarchy to credibly ask us to bow humbly before the mighty hand of God.

Mrs. M.A. Good  
Tulsa

### Alarming photo

Editor, EOC: I become quite alarmed when I see pictures like the one of (pre-school graduates in caps and gowns) on the top of Page 16 in the June 11 Eastern Oklahoma Catholic.

Our Blessed Lord told us, "Amen, I say to you, unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 18:3.)

Yet instead of our becoming child-like, we are trying to make our innocent little children adult-like. I pray Almighty God to deny our success in this endeavor.

Roger D. Mentink  
Tulsa

## NFN dinner raises \$61,000

Organizers of the June 11 Neighbor for Neighbor "Dinner and Diagnosis" fundraiser are ecstatic that this year's proceeds topped \$61,000, more than triple the amount raised last year.

"Everything just clicked. To God give the glory," said Joanne Ardner, one of the many volunteers who helped stage the event at the University of Tulsa's Allen Chapman Activity Center. "Last year we donated \$18,000 to NFN for the medical clinics. This year, we will be giving them over \$61,000."

There was a waiting list after the 425 available tickets were snatched up at a price of \$30 each. The

evening included a silent auction, which raised more than \$11,000, compared to \$4,820 last year.

Michael Fusco, chef/owner of Flavors Restaurant and a parishioner of Church of the Resurrection, prepared the meal and donated the food. The dinner was served and prepared by many of the health professionals who staff the medical clinics in north Tulsa.

Each month about 30 doctors, 25 dentists, 30-35 nurses, 30 prescription volunteers and others donate their time and talent to see patients who otherwise don't have access to health care.

## Memorial for sister of priest, nun

A memorial service was scheduled to be held June 21 at Church of the Resurrection for Jeanne Austin McClain, 49, sister of the parish's pastor, Father Steve Austin, and Sister Barbara Austin, O.S.B., prioress of St. Joseph Monastery.

Mrs. McClain, 49, had battled cancer for two years. Her funeral Mass was celebrated May 26 at St. John Church in Bartlesville by Bishop Edward J. Slattery and concelebrated by more than 20

priests from the Diocese of Tulsa. Also present were "most of us" among the 24 Benedictine sisters, Sub-Prioress Sister Christine Ereiser said following the funeral.

Mrs. McClain was buried in Guthrie May 26. Her obituary in the Tulsa World asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be given to St. Joseph Monastery-Cornerstone Projects to renovate the Benedictines' monastery at 2200 S. Lewis Ave.

**Tim Sullivan** Family Life Director

## The turning point came when I met Sister Jacinto Dorado

Up until then, I had felt overwhelmed by my responsibilities as the new Family Life Director of the Diocese of Tulsa. With all of the challenges facing marriage and family life, I was burdened by the thought that I had to take on every one of these challenges and successfully overcome them. Moreover, I was trying to accomplish this task all by myself.



I had gone to see Sister Jacinta mostly for old times' sake. I had known her since I was a student at Marquette School in the '50's. More than even her words, her gentle style and calm reassurance made me realize that I had tried to do too much too soon and had put way too much pressure on myself.

As an example, I had been working hard to start a Retrouvaille program in our Diocese. Retrouvaille is a highly effective international ministry for couples who are experiencing severe difficulties in their marriages. Despite my efforts, I was having absolutely no luck in getting anything going with Retrouvaille.

After visiting with Sister Jacinta, I resolved to be more patient, more trusting in God and more willing to use the talents of others. Just a couple of weeks after seeing Sister Jacinta, I received a phone call from a complete stranger.

The stranger's name was Nancy Wozencraft. She told me that she and her husband, Tom, had just moved here from Alaska. They had started a Retrouvaille program in their diocese in Alaska, and they wanted to know if I would be agreeable to their doing the same thing here in Tulsa.

Through the efforts of the Wozencrafts, Jim and Shari Rudolph and Craig and Anita Gunter, Retrouvaille was launched in our diocese. At a desperate moment when additional new leaders were needed, Jack and Marycarol Page

stepped up and kept Retrouvaille going. Through the heroic dedication of these and other couples, hundreds of marriages in Oklahoma have become stabilized and enriched. And all I did was provide encouragement and pay a few of the early bills.

Several years later, Deacon Dave Johnson and his wife, Christi, came to see me. They felt that pastors could use more support in tending to the needs of those who had lost loved ones. Pastors could preside at funerals, but the bereaved needed assistance with emotional support and practical issues that arose when someone died, all of which could be provided by the laity.

Dave and Christi, through their own efforts, established what is now called the Ministry of Consolation, which is functioning in numerous parishes. Once again, I functioned as a cheerleader and helped with some of the initial funding.

Thank God, we have many couples and individuals who are committed to improving our lives through various ministries of the Family Life Office. For example, volunteers have put on the Beginning Experience weekends and related programs for those who have lost a spouse through death or divorce.

In addition to Retrouvaille, lay couples have offered such marriage enrichment programs as Marriage Encounter and Let's Talk, which are both aimed at improving communication between spouses. Many individuals and couples have facilitated the Pre-Cana program, Engaged Encounter and parish-based marriage preparation programs.

Special mention should be made of the members of our Natural Family Planning Advisory Board, which has succeeded in increasing the number of certified NFP instructors and expanding the number of classes in NFP, which are now available in both English and Spanish.

Some recent additions to the array of offerings in the Family

Life Office are Courage, a ministry for those struggling with same-sex attraction, and Single Catholics of Tulsa, or SCOT, which fosters fellowship and spiritual growth for singles. Another group of volunteers is developing a new chastity program.

One of the most effective resources for enhancing marriage is Cursillo, which is not directed associated with the Family Life Office but which is an activity we have strongly encouraged. The spiritual renewal that occurs from participation in Cursillo has transformed many, many Catholic families in eastern Oklahoma. Cursillo, too, is now offered in Spanish.

Thanks to the efforts of people like those I have mentioned above, I have had the privilege of seeing the lives of many people change for the better. In addition, I am meeting many young people who have incredible spiritual maturity and a desire to serve the Church and make a difference in the world. These young people are going to have a tremendous impact.

Whenever I am inclined to think the forces of evil are prevailing, I am comforted by the following words from the Book of Wisdom: "For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution." May we all be counted among these holy children.

**Editor's note:** This is Deacon Tim Sullivan's final column for the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic. July 1, he will step down as director of the Family Life Office to devote more time to his duties as executive director of Catholic Charities. His successor at Family Life is Erick Bell, who has been associate director since 2005. At press time, the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic has not decided what feature or features might replace Deacon Sullivan's column.

## Job opportunities

**Jobs in a Box**, a service to readers of the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic, carries ads free of charge. Brief ads will run in two issues of the EOC. Please be specific when listing skills and/or experience offered or required for a particular job.

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interested in future employment operations and will need to apply via the normal application procedures when openings become available. The preparation course merely provides a better idea of the types of questions on the tests. The course will be offered June 26, June 28 and July 1. To register, call 594-6310. Candidates must be at least 18 and have high school diploma or equivalent.

**AFTER-SCHOOL TEACHERS** – Marquette's Early Childhood Development Center is seeking after-school teachers for 2-5 year-olds, beginning August 21. Hours are Monday through Friday from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Must be reliable and have experience working with young children. Contact director Debbi Fritz at ecdcedebbi@tulsacoxmail.com.

**RELIGION TEACHER** – San Miguel School, a free Lasallian middle school serving economically and educationally disadvantaged students, is seeking a part-time eighth-grade religion teacher. Hours are from 2:30-3:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Candidates should be active members of the Catholic Church. Contact Curt Adams, director, at 671-9637, or adamscurt@yahoo.com.

**WORLD CULTURES TEACHER** – San Miguel School seeks a part-time sixth-grade social studies teacher. Hours are from 1:15-3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Curt Adams, director, at

671-9637 or adamscurt@yahoo.com.

**READING TUTORS** – San Miguel School also seeks two independent reading coaches to monitor the independent reading time of 12 students from 8:20-9:20 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Candidates must hold a teaching license, and retired teachers are encouraged to apply. Contact Curt Adams, director, at 671-9637 or adamscurt@yahoo.com.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT** – The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Tulsa is seeking a part-time assistant who will provide various support services. Candidates should have basic computer skills, be well-organized and should understand and support Church teachings on marriage, family and related issues. Contact Erick Bell, Family Life Associate Director, P.O. Box 6429, Tulsa, OK 74148 or email familylifeassoc@tulsacoxmail.com.

**ST. JOSEPH RESIDENCE** – St. Joseph Residence, an HIV/AIDS home operated by Catholic Charities, is looking for compassionate, caring individuals. Would prefer nursing assistant, medication aide or home health experience but will train the right person. We offer very competitive wages. Call Joan for an interview, 587-6456.

**YOUTH COORDINATOR** – St. Joseph Church in Muskogee is seeking a youth coordinator. The 800-

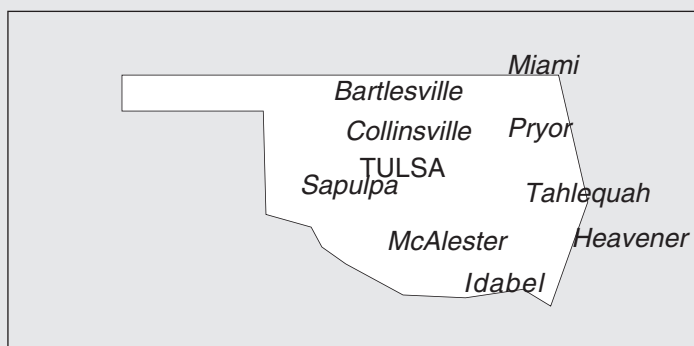
family parish has an active youth program using the Life Teen model. Candidates with a college education and experience with Life Teen are preferred. Call 918-687-1351 for more information.

**ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, seeks non-profit leader with experience in strategic planning, budgeting, policy development and supervision of social service programs. Applicants must have an advanced degree in social work or business and at least five years management experience. Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply. Send cover letter, resume and salary history by June 30 to Executive Director, 1501 N. Classen Blvd., OKC, 73106. EOE.

**ATTORNEY** – Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time bilingual (Spanish/English) attorney. Candidate will provide legal services for low-income clients regarding family-based immigration law. Fax resume to Margie Solis, 405-523-3030.

**HOUSE CLEANING** – St. Benedict parishioner with over 10 years housecleaning experience has openings available. Services provided weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or for special occasions. Insured and will provide own materials and equipment. References available. Call Jamie at 299-6603 for free estimate.

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### 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 la 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 la 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 la 8 a.m.

**STILLWATER**  
**Iglesia de San Francis Xavier**  
623 S. West St.  
P. Ken Harder, Párroco  
Misa los Domingos  
a la 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.

## Ayudar a los jóvenes a escapar de la moral ambigua de los Estados Unidos

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS)— La Iglesia Católica debe de ayudar a los jóvenes hispanos a “escapar del ambiente moralmente ambiguo” de los sociedad de los Estados Unidos, dijo Monseñor Jaime Soto, obispo auxiliary de Orange, Calif.

Ellos desean una educación religiosa sólida que les permita vivir de acuerdo a “los criterios humanos y cristianos,” agregó en español en Junio 10.

La moral ambigua de la sociedad es especialmente difícil para los jóvenes que Cruzan la frontera a los Estados Unidos, agregó.

Monseñor Soto, presidente del Subcomité de la Conferencia de Obispos para la Pastoral Juvenil y Adolescente habló durante el El Ncuentro Nacional Hispano de la Pastoral Juvenil y Adolescente en la Universidad de Notre Dame.

El encuentro fue la primera reunión nacional de este tipo. El tema fue “Entretejiendo juntos el Futuro.”

El evento bilíngüe fue organizado por el Comité Nacional Católico de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana. Este evento fue patrocinado por el Comité de Asuntos Hispanos de la Conferencia Católica de Obispos, el Subcomité de Pastoral Juvenil y Adolescente de USCCB y la Universidad de Notre Dame. Alrededor de 2,000 jóvenes hispanos y coordinadores involucrados en este ministerio participaron en el encuentro. Los jóvenes hispanos “llegan a este país



Mario Flores de la diócesis de Kalamazoo, Mich., Saluda a los sacerdotes y obispos durante la procesión en la misa de clausura del Primer Encuentro Nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil y Adolescente.

con o sin sus familias y caen en un estado de ambigüedad,” expresó el obispo. “Por necesidad, muchos se aíslan para evitar los problemas sin realizar que una vida aislada crea sus propios problemas.”

Estos jóvenes están hechos para sentirse menos poderosos y menos servibles, agregó.

La iglesia puede perpetuar estos sentimientos cuando ésta no permite una participación significativa y no desarrolla un sentido de co-responsabilidad en la vida de la iglesia, afirmó.

Los jóvenes hispanos ven una sociedad en la cual “una persona es considerada un objeto de una acción pero no como el sujeto,”

expresó. La mayoría de las escuelas públicas tienen una “mentalidad agnóstica” que “niega al joven latino una orientación ética” que le ayude a entender la información de una manera que promueva un sentido de comunidad, agregó.

Esta mentalidad es verdad especialmente en la educación sexual en muchas escuelas públicas, comentó. La sexualidad es discutida como un “asunto científico sin guías morales,” dijo.

La decisión acerca de como expresar la sexualidad es a menudo dejada a los jóvenes sin ofrecerles los conocimientos para hacer un juicio crítico y ético, añadió.

## Encuentro de Formación Catequética

Respondiendo a la petición de todos los párrocos de establecer espacios de formación para catequistas, el pasado 20 de mayo de 2006, estuvo de visita en la Diócesis de Tulsa la Hermana Christine Feagan, OP, quien desempeña un interesante apostolado entre los hispanos de Iowa y quiso venir a enriquecernos con su experiencia y conocimiento acerca del Sacramento de Bautismo a los 25 asistentes congregados en las instalaciones del Apostolado Hispano.

Los asistentes, la mayoría catequistas provenientes de San Pedro y San Pablo en Tulsa, Santo Tomás Moro en Tulsa, Sagrado

Corazón en Sapulpa, San José de Muskogee, Resurrección de Tulsa y San Francisco Javier de Stillwater, profundizaron acerca de los hechos y dichos de Jesús y la relación directa de estos con el Sacramento del Bautismo.

La Hermana Christine quien expuso su tema de modo dinámico y participativo, condujo a los presentes a analizar también el papel de Padres y Padrinos en el Sacramento del Bautismo y su repercusión en la vida cotidiana.

Finalmente, el encuentro fue calificado por todos como una bendición de Dios para iluminar el quehacer catequético de quienes pudieron asistir y se instó a seguir

promocionando este tipo de eventos a nivel diocesano.

El Apostolado Hispano, en conjunto con los sacerdotes que tienen comunidad hispana, está organizando estos talleres para que se unifique la formación religiosa de todo feligres donde quiera que éste se encuentre. Al mismo tiempo, estos encuentros son un puente de unión entre las parroquias.

Los talleres de formación están abiertos a todos los católicos que desean profundizar en la fe. Para mayor información acerca de los futuros talleres favor de llamar al teléfono (918) 584-2424.

## Students from OSU, TU join for 'faith immersion' pilgrimage

By JEANNE KRAWCZYK

Eight students from the St. Philip Neri Newman Center at the University of Tulsa were joined by seven students from St. John Newman Center at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater for a faith immersion pilgrimage to the shrines of France May 8-21.

The trip was the culmination of a year's worth of classes offered through the Catholic Faith Series at each of the Newman Centers. The focus of this year's classes at TU was the various forms of Catholic spirituality, including how to pray with Scripture, the importance of sacred and religious music, and the different charisms embraced by the Benedictine, Franciscan and other religious orders.

The OSU students' classes centered on the liturgy and sacraments. At the end of the spring semester, the "immersion trip" reinforces the year's studies.

Although the two Newman Centers have offered the classes before, this is the first time the groups have traveled together for their immersion trip. The Catholic Faith Series has been offered through the St. Philip Neri Newman Center since 2000, and it is the second year for the classes at the St. John Newman Center. In previous years, TU students have traveled to Italy, Turkey, Greece, Poland, Czech Republic, Spain and Ireland. Last year the OSU students went to Italy.

Father Stuart Crevcoure, chaplain of the TU Newman Center and administrator of Sacred Heart Church in Sapulpa, said it made sense to combine the two groups this year because the size would be manageable and they planned to travel to many of the same places. "It was also a great opportunity for our students to get to know one another and form bonds. Too often we don't see what it means to be Catholic beyond our own community, which is the antithesis of what the faith immersion pilgrimage is all about - connecting to the universal Church."

Their itinerary this year included stops in the French cities of Paris, Lisieux, Normandy, Chartres, Fontgombault, Paray-le-Monial, Ars and Lourdes. The group participated in the world's longest perpetual adoration (since 1885) in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Montmartre in Paris and prayed at the tombs of many saints, including St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise



University of Tulsa student Kristin Alphin walks among the nearly 10,000 graves at the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach. The pilgrims celebrated Mass in the cemetery's chapel, surrounded by the graves of those who gave up their lives for the cause of freedom on D-Day in 1944.

Marillac, St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Martin of Tours.

"The pilgrimage tied in to our subjects of study very well," said Father Edward (Teddy) Yew, chaplain of the St. John Newman Center at OSU. "In terms of sacraments, we were able to visit the homes of saintly pastors (Holy Orders) and religious, who lived out their baptismal promises and confirmation graces to the most radical degree. Saints such as St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Bernadette were profoundly influenced by families who lived faithfully their marriage vows and raised their children in the faith."

"St. John Vianney's emphasis on confession and penance reinforced what we discussed in class about that sacrament. Even in his extreme



The pilgrims visit the Abbey of Notre Dame de Fontgombault, the motherhouse of Clear Creek Monastery near Hulbert.

simplicity of life, his insistence on lavishing the finest on the liturgy is another testimony that in liturgy 'nothing is too beautiful for God.' Of course, the importance of the sacrament of the Eucharist is brought home through our daily celebration of Mass and Eucharistic



Students and priests alike pitch in to help push the tour bus, which broke down at the beginning of the trip.

adoration," Father Yew said. The pilgrims also participated in an authentic monastic experience at the Abby of Fontgombault, the mother house of Clear Creek Monastery near Hulbert. They visited the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, the Cathedral of Notre Dame

and the sanctuaries of Lourdes.

Despite minor setbacks, including a breakdown of the tour bus, the pilgrimage was "a profound time of prayer, education and fellowship," said Father Yew. "This was the first time most of the students met. It doesn't take too long to get to know one another since we were sharing meals and rooms and a bus."

As a gift to the parish, the students from Stillwater purchased a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes made by the religious of the Monastery of Bethlehem. Father Yew plans to display the statue in the church sanctuary each year from the Ascension until Pentecost, symbolizing Mary's presence in the upper room praying with the Church for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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**Education news briefs**

**St. Mary's graduate wins essay contest**

Phillip Dixon, who graduated from St. Mary's School in May and will attend Bishop Kelley this fall, has won an essay contest.

His 200-word essay, about Martin Luther King, Jr., was among the top 10 in the country and was the only essay selected from an eighth-grader.

The top 10 writers in each age division will receive special recognition in the essay anthology "Celebrating What is Important to Me." Phillip will receive a copy of the anthology when it is published, and he also received a \$50 savings bond.

Philip has had two other works published – a poem and a short story. "Phillip credits his language arts teacher, Deb Thalken, with his success. Her students flourish in writing and vocabulary. By the time they get to high school, they are 'way ahead' in those skills," said Gwen Dixon, Phillip's mother.

The contest was sponsored by Creative Communication to offer a creative outlet that honors the efforts of young writers.

**St. Gregory's expands master's program**

SHAWNEE – Graduate-level classes have begun at St. Gregory's University's Shawnee campus, the university announced May 26. The master of science in management program, which began at SGU's campus for adults in Tulsa in March, kicked off May 25 as part of the university's College for Working Adults in Shawnee.

The science management degree is a 36-credit, 74-week program designed to provide fundamental business skills in management, marketing and finance needed to achieve organizational imperatives in an ethical manner. Graduates are prepared for leadership roles and possess effective oral and written communication skills as well as the interpersonal skills required of an effective leader.

SGU's College for Working Adults is designed for working professionals. Because of its unique, non-traditional format, most students are considered to be full-time, making them eligible for full-time financial aid.

**Catholic schools accepting students for 2006-07**

Though there's plenty of summer left, the next school year is on the minds of many Catholic families.

Here is a listing of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Tulsa, providing tuition information, administrators, chaplains, location, telephone and websites. Tuition, registration and fees, starting dates and uniform requirements vary according to individual school and grade levels. For more detailed information, contact the schools.

Links to the school websites can be found on the "Catholic Schools" tab of the diocesan website, [www.dioceseoftulsa.org](http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org).

2006-2007 Tuition Rates			
School	Catholic - Contributing Parish	Catholic - Non-Contributing Parish	Non-Catholics
All Saints	\$2,950	\$3,500	\$3,500
Bishop Kelley	\$5,700	\$7,500	\$7,500
Cascia Hall	\$8,975	\$8,975	\$8,975
Holy Family	\$3,120	\$3,975	\$3,975
Marquette	\$3,518	\$4,450	\$4,450
Monte Cassino	\$6,840	\$6,840	\$6,840
St. Catherine	\$3,200	\$3,800	\$3,800
St. John	\$2,880	\$3,360	\$3,770
St. Joseph	\$2,950	\$3,280	\$3,848
St. Mary	\$3,342	\$4,150	\$4,150
St. Pius	\$2,980	\$4,760	\$4,760
Sts. Peter and Paul	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$3,100

\*Information provided by the Diocese of Tulsa Catholic Schools Office. Rates do not include fees for registration, books and supplies. Multiple child discounts may be available. Contact individual schools for applicable discounts.

**All Saints School**

Grades: PK4-8  
299 S. 9th St., Broken Arrow  
918-251-3000  
[www.allsaintsba.com](http://www.allsaintsba.com)  
Principal: Theresa Williamson  
Chaplain: Father Michael Dodd

**Bishop Kelley High School**

Grades: 9-12  
3905 S. Hudson Ave., Tulsa  
918-627-3390  
[www.bkelleyhs.org](http://www.bkelleyhs.org)  
President/Principal: Alan Weyland  
Chaplain: Father Joshua Litwack

**Cascia Hall School**

Grades: 6-12  
2520 S. Yorktown Ave., Tulsa  
918-746-2600  
[www.casciahall.org](http://www.casciahall.org)  
Headmaster: Father Bernard

**Scianna**

Upper School Director: Walter Peters  
Middle School Director: Maureen Clements  
Chaplain: Father John Sotak

**Holy Family Cathedral School**

Grades: PK4-8  
820 S. Boulder Ave., Tulsa  
918-582-0422  
[www.holyfamily-tulsa.org](http://www.holyfamily-tulsa.org)  
Principal: Anna Francois  
Chaplain: Msgr. Gregory Gier

**Marquette**

Grades: PK-8  
1519 S. Quincy Ave., Tulsa  
918-584-4631  
[www.marquetteschool.org](http://www.marquetteschool.org)  
Principal: Pete Theban  
Chaplain: Father Tam Nguyen

**Monte Cassino School**

Grades: PK-8  
2206 S. Lewis Ave, Tulsa  
918-746-4237  
[www.montecassino.org](http://www.montecassino.org)  
Director: Sister Mary Clare Buthod

**St. Catherine**

Grades: PK-8  
2515 W. 46th St., Tulsa  
918-446-9756  
[www.saintcatherineschool.org](http://www.saintcatherineschool.org)  
Principal: Vicky Adams  
Chaplain: Father Matthew Gerlach

**St. John School**

Grades: K-8  
121 W. 8th St., Bartlesville  
918-336-0603  
[www.stjohnschool.net](http://www.stjohnschool.net)  
Principal: Bud Sexon  
Chaplain: Father Festus Maliwa

**St. Joseph School**

Grades: PK-8  
323 N. Virginia, Muskogee  
918-683-1291  
[www.saintjosephsok.org](http://www.saintjosephsok.org)  
Principal: Donna Le  
Chaplain: Father Bryan Brooks

**St. Pius X School**

Grades: PK-8  
1717 S. 75th East Ave., Tulsa  
918-627-5367  
[www.spxschool.org](http://www.spxschool.org)  
Principal: Karen Arras  
Chaplain: Father Michael Knipe

**Sts. Peter and Paul**

Grades: PK-8  
1428 N. 67th East Ave., Tulsa  
918-836-2165  
[www.peterandpaulschool.org](http://www.peterandpaulschool.org)  
Principal: Pat Martin  
Chaplain: Father Timothy Davison

**School of Saint Mary**

Grades: PK-8  
1365 E. 49th Place, Tulsa  
918-749-9361  
[www.schoolofsaintmary.com](http://www.schoolofsaintmary.com)  
Principal: Suzanne Nelson  
Chaplain: Rev. Msgr. Dennis Dorney

**St. Catherine plans alumni reunion, brick sale**

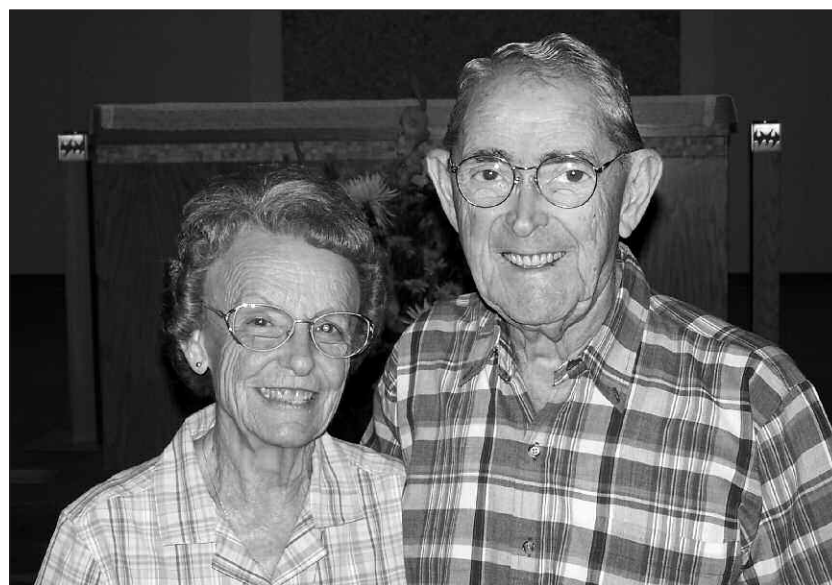
All alumni of St. Catherine School are invited to a first-ever alumni reunion from 2-4 p.m. July 16 at Tulsa's Harwelden Mansion. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Alumni can meet Principal Vicky Adams and the current staff, as well as view the architectural model of the proposed St. Catherine Education Complex. Father Matt Gerlach, school chaplain, will share with alumni the school's plan for a "Faith in Motion" brick campaign. Bricks from the current school, built in 1955, can be purchased beginning July 16.

Construction of the new complex, scheduled to begin in 2007, will take approximately three years. The new structure, to be built at the school's current 10-acre site, will include a media center, stage, rooms for music and art, full gymnasium and larger classroom spaces. When the project is complete, the total square footage of the school's facilities will more than double.

St. Catherine School opened in 1925.

Honorary chairs for the reunion are Martin and Ramona (Mills) Groden. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call 446-8124.



Former students Ramona (Mills) Groden, Class of 1942, and Martin Groden, Class of 1937, are honorary chairwoman and chairman for the St. Catherine School alumni reunion.

## Help Hispanic youths escape moral ambiguity of U.S. society

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS) - The Catholic Church must help Hispanic youths "escape from the morally ambiguous environment" of U.S. society, said Auxiliary Bishop Jaime Soto of Orange, Calif.

They want a solid religious education that allows them to live according to "human and Christian criteria," he said in Spanish June 10.

Society's moral ambiguity is especially acute for young people who cross the border into the United States, he added.

Bishop Soto, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adults, spoke during the June 8-11 National Encuentro for Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the University of Notre Dame.

The "encuentro," Spanish for "gathering," was the first national meeting of its kind. Its theme was "Weaving Together the Future."

The bilingual event was organized by the National Catholic Network de Pastoral Juvenil

Hispana (of Hispanic Youth Ministry). It was co-sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Hispanic Affairs, the USCCB Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adults and the University of Notre Dame. About 2,000 Hispanic youths and people involved in Hispanic youth ministry attended.

Hispanic youths "arrive in this country, with or without their families, and fall into a very ambiguous state," the bishop said. "By necessity, many seek anonymity to avoid problems without realizing that an anonymous life creates its own problems."

These youths are made to feel powerless and useless, he said.

The Church can perpetuate these feelings when it does not allow for significant participation and does not develop a sense of co-responsibility in Church life, he said.

Hispanic youths see a society in which "a person is considered an



Mario Flores of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Mich., extends a high-five to priests and bishops processing by following the closing liturgy of the first National Encuentro for Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry. (CNS photo)

object of an action but not as the subject," he said.

Much of the public school system has an "agnostic mentality" that "denies to the young Latino an ethical orientation" that helps him understand information in a way that fosters a sense of community, he said.

This mentality is especially true of sex education in many public schools, the bishop said. Sexuality is discussed as a "scientific issue without moral guidelines," he said.

The decision about how to express sexuality is often left to youths without offering them the tools for making critical and

ethical judgments about it, he said.

The Church has failed on this issue by keeping quiet, he said.

"Our silence has left a hole which other cultural influences have taken advantage of to distort the meaning of human sexuality, reducing it to a form of recreation in accordance with personal preferences," he said.

The bishop also told the youths that they have an important role to play in the increasingly multicultural U.S. Church.

Hispanics' mestizo culture and ethnic makeup "should make us better appreciate the possibility to live in communion" and to help shape "the new mix of cultures and people" in the U.S., he said.

"At the same time, we must recognize that there are certain barriers and walls that we have raised against other members of the Church," Bishop Soto said.

He cited arguments, suspicions and ill will that arise among different parish groups.

## Theology on Tap kicks off new year with seminarian

Theology on Tap, the summer speaker series sponsored by the Diocesan Young Adult Ministry Council, kicked off a new year June 13. Seminarian Brian O'Brien used humor to keep the crowd's attention as he spoke about Pope Benedict's encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est."

About 90 people attended the event, and 40 young adults registered with young adult ministry for the first time.

Three more sessions are planned for the summer at McNellie's, located at 409 E. 1st Street, on July 11, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12. The speakers will begin at 8 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session. Young adults, ages 18-39, are encouraged to join in the lively discussions.

St. Joseph Church in Muskogee also hosted its first session of Theology June 13 on Tap at Miss Addie's Restaurant and Pub. Additional sessions



Tate Pope visits with seminarian Brian O'Brien at the first of this summer's Theology on Tap programs.

are planned there for July 11 and Aug. 1.

The Theology on Tap season will also include a golf tournament on Aug. 11 at Mohawk Park and a wrap-up barbecue on Oct. 7 at the Chancery in

Broken Arrow hosted by Bishop Edward J. Slattery.

Theology on Tap originated 20 years ago in Chicago following a discussion between a priest and a young adult. Both agreed more meetings of this kind were needed, and more young people ought to be included. A new program was born that has now been replicated around the country, including in the Diocese of Tulsa.

The program seeks to spread Christianity by using an unconventional method - lectures are held in a relaxed and casual atmosphere, usually at a local pub. The purpose is to shed light on areas of the Catholic faith that are important to young adults.

When winter rolls around, the program continues under the name "Holy Grounds," and the young adults meet in a local coffee house.

### School employs 'media blitz' to promote enrollment

Holy Family Cathedral School recently utilized a media blitz, advertising on local television and radio stations, to promote the school in hopes of increasing enrollment. The commercials and radio spots ran for a two-week period at the end of May and beginning of June.

Principal Anna Francois worked with Bennet Productions to create the campaign. "This was a collaboration of my vision for a high-profile commercial and Jason Bennet's ability to create it and put it in play," she said.

Denise Brewer, a former television news anchor for Channel 2 (KJRH) and St. Mary's parishioner, provided the voice-over for the commercial.

Mr. Bennet also interviewed Ms. Francois and ran sound bites every hour on Tulsa Jazz station 107.9 FM for a one-week period. The school received several inquiries about enrollment following the interviews.

Most of the television commercials ran on Channel 6 (KOTV) and Channel 2 (KJRH).

## Catechists complete adult faith enrichment program

Eight catechists from St. Patrick Church in Sand Springs recently completed an 18-module youth faith formation program taught by Sister Eugenia Brown, O.S.B.

The program is designed for use by small groups in local parish communities. The study modules examine various aspects of Catholic spirituality, theology and ministry. The faith formation for youth educators and ministers focuses on total youth ministry and builds upon the foundation of the adult

faith enrichment by adding workshops which focus on religious education and youth ministry.

The St. Patrick catechists are Natalie Bennett, Cristy Sevier, Donna Carson, Lynn Phelps, Rita Hansen, Colleen Hatcher, Donna Montgomery and Betsy Lawson. They join 21 other catechists from St. Benedict in Broken Arrow, St. Cecilia in Claremore, St. Francis Xavier, St. Henry in Owasso, St. Joseph in Muskogee, St. Mary, Sacred Heart in Sapulpa, St. Therese

in Collinsville and St. Thomas More who have completed the 18 modules but not the five required workshops. Once they have attended all the workshops, they will be fully certified.

Sixteen catechists are fully certified, having completed all 18 modules and five workshops.

"I hope their accomplishments will motivate other catechists to continue working toward certification," said Carol Robinson, coordinator of catechetical services.

The program usually takes about 18 months to complete, depending on the timing of the workshops.

The study modules typically are offered by individual parishes in small faith groups, but modules also are offered twice a month, on the second and fourth Saturdays, through the Pastoral Studies Institute.

A total of 1,236 catechists have attended at least one module or certification workshop.

# Jack Black's 'Nacho Libre' lacks charm, wit, taste

By HARRY FORBES

NEW YORK (CNS) - After his major role in last year's blockbuster "King Kong," Jack Black has taken several gorilla-sized steps backward with the infantile and dull comedy "Nacho Libre" (Paramount).

He plays the titular Nacho, a friar working as a cook in a Catholic boys' orphanage in Mexico who secretly takes up "lucha libre" wrestling - with its wildly offbeat, often masked competitors - while hoping to earn the admiration of a pretty young nun, Sister Encarnacion (Ana de la Reguera).

He acquires an emaciated (and atheist) sidekick, Esqueleto (the singularly unappealing Hector Jimenez), and the two of them become a popular - if ever-losing - team.

To his credit, Nacho uses the wrestling earnings to up the food quality at the orphanage, but he seems as much motivated by ego as humanitarian reasons - until the end of the picture, anyway.

Director and co-writer Jared Hess' unfunny follow-up to "Napoleon Dynamite" is utterly lacking in charm, wit or taste. Beyond the pervasive crude humor, the puppy-love relationship of its protagonists, both in religious orders - regardless of whether they've taken "final vows" - precludes recommendation.

The "vows" reference, by the way, comes midway through the movie, but seems merely calculated to make the relationship more acceptable. Though their intimacy only goes as far as Nacho coming to Sister Encarnacion's room to eat toast, and going out on a "date" where at one point he pulls her toward him for protection from advancing tough guys, the flirtation is unseemly, going beyond Hollywood's past restraint in showing leading men chastely bonding with their clerical co-stars: "The Singing Nun," "Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison," and "The Nun's Story" come to mind.

Despite heartwarming plot elements such as Nacho and Sister Encarnacion's dedication to the orphans, Nacho's redemptive turnabout and Esqueleto's ultimate acceptance of God in the ring, the overall tone is coarse and, even worse, demonstrates a shallow grasp of even the rudiments of that



Jack Black stars in a scene from the movie "Nacho Libre." The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is O - morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children. (CNS photo/Paramount)

genuine art form, the screen comedy.

The film includes pervasive irreverence, slapstick violence in and out of the ring, including an impaling, innuendo, crude humor including flatulence, vulgar costuming, partial nudity and heedless thievery. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is O - morally offensive. The

Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG - parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

Harry Forbes is director of the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

# Historical novel tells true tale of Catholics saving Jews

## A THREAD OF GRACE

By Mary Doria Russell. Ballantine Books (New York, 2005). 426 pages, \$14.95.

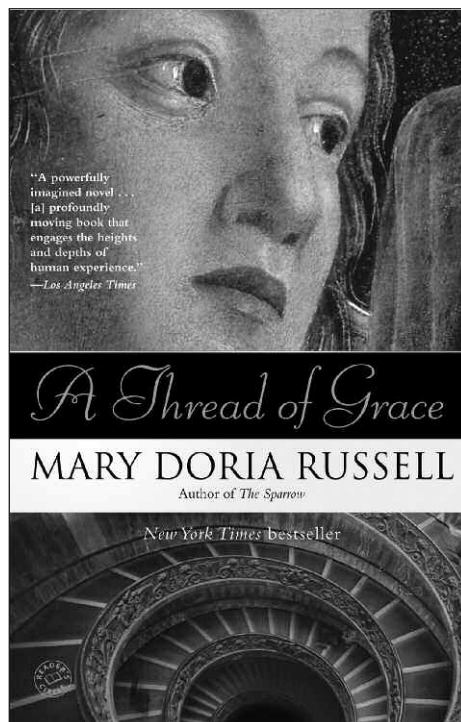
By BOB ZYSKOWSKI  
Catholic News Service

From "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "Schindler's List," the stories are well-known of people across Europe who saved Jews from the Holocaust.

With "A Thread of Grace," Mary Doria Russell shines a long-missing spotlight on the people of northwestern Italy - including Catholic priests, nuns and laity - whose actions on behalf of Jews are deserving of heroic literary treatment.

While bullets flew and bombs fell, and facing threats from a brutal Nazi occupying force, Italian peasants and townspeople risked their lives to hide and protect their Jewish neighbors and thousands of Jews from other countries who fled the Germans during the Second World War.

Ms. Russell has turned the memoirs of Jewish survivors and historical research into



a work of fiction that is a novel, to be sure. But "A Thread of Grace" bears the weight of integrity in telling the world how Italians hid,

fed and saved Jews during a period of history when many others did not act so nobly.

The story follows Jews from Holland, Austria, Poland and elsewhere over the French Alps to the Ligurian coast and up into the Italian Piedmont, where the Germans' SS attempts to smoke them out even as its own Nazi army retreats. While some Italians yield to the German pressure to give away the hiding Jews, others refuse even when threatened and even when they will pay with their own lives if found to be aiding Jews.

"A Thread of Grace" is their story.

It's the story of the Italian priests who develop networks of parishioners willing to share food and shelter with people so unlike themselves.

It's the story of the Italian nuns who take Jewish children into their schools and orphanages to save them from deportation to concentration camps.

It's the story of Italian peasants who have little themselves but share it willingly, a people whose own lives are on the line, yet who see in the Jews human beings, not something less, not something subhuman, as

the Nazi propaganda claimed.

It's the story of Italian Jews who refuse to run from the Italy that is their home.

Fiction? Well sure.

But Ms. Russell's New York Times best-seller fills a gap in our knowledge about what happened behind the lines of battle during World War II. And she rightly calls what thousands of Italians did for their Jewish brothers and sisters "a thread of grace."

The characters she has crafted include heroes and heroines clothed in costumes of all kinds - uniforms from several armies, garments of peasants and robes of priests. Her characters, like us, have their faults, their sins, their private shames.

Yet, at a time when God's chosen people needed them, the people in those clothes pulled on a thread of grace, and by their actions, grace saved 43,000 from the Holocaust.

Bob Zyskowski is associate publisher and general manager of *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

By MARILYN DUCK

He was just out of dental school, with a young family to provide for, student loans to pay off and a practice to establish. But at the dawn of his career, Dr. Bruce Horn faced a dilemma that has remained for nearly a quarter-century: What do you do when people desperately need but cannot afford dental care? Especially when they are in pain?

Dr. Horn's first patient was the daughter of the contractor who was putting up the sheet rock in his office. He removed her wisdom teeth, but her dad could not pay.

"When you first start out, you have appointment times, but you don't have patients. With that first patient, I did the anesthesia, the sedation and the extraction and thought, well, maybe he'll send someone who will be able to pay the bill. I just hoped for a referral."

The referrals came in time; Dr. Horn now has a successful practice, and in his second year as a dentist he came up with a solution to the what-if-they-can't-pay? dilemma.

"There are three kinds of dental care — preventive that private dentists provide every six months, and scheduled crowns or fillings. Generally, these don't affect your life — you don't have to miss work. Then there's chronic problems — decay or gum disease."

At least once a month, after putting in a full day in his office, Dr. Horn drives to the Neighbor for Neighbor medical/dental clinic now housed in the Northland shopping center. There he sees patients for as long as there is still a line. Sometimes, that can mean his "day" lasts until 2 a.m.

But his experiences — particularly in the years before Neighbor for Neighbor moved into its relatively posh new location three years ago — are among the most rewarding of the cradle Catholic's life.

"It's like your own mission trip, but to north Tulsa. A hallmark of Neighbor for Neighbor, from its founding, is that the people who provide services gain a true understanding of poverty. The experience truly affects the volunteers."

And volunteers, Dr. Horn said, are and always have been "the heart and soul" of Neighbor for Neighbor, an organization founded by former

priest Dan Allen and sustained for years by now-retired Father William Skeeahan. Dr. Horn's current parish, Church of the Resurrection, "has been the lifeblood of Neighbor for Neighbor for years and years," largely because of the leadership of Father Skeeahan, he said.

"You kept coming back because of the kindness of the



Dr. Bruce Horn has volunteered at the Neighbor for Neighbor clinic for 24 years.

## Dentist's mission trips are to north Tulsa

other volunteers, a passive kindness despite the chaos," said the dentist, who now serves on the Neighbor for Neighbor board of directors.

Neighbor for Neighbor had a big night June 11, when the doctors, dentists, nurses and other health professionals staged the third annual "Diagnosis and Dinner" benefit, this year at the Reynolds Center at the University of Tulsa. More than 425 people attended, and organizers raised more than \$61,000.

But Dr. Horn was not there. This year he is president of the Oklahoma Dental Board, and among his duties is traveling to other states to give exams that dentists must pass to be licensed. The week of "Diagnosis and Dinner," he was in Arizona.

He regretted the conflict, because in previous years, he has worked in the kitchen with Chef Michael Fusco, owner of Flavors Restaurant and a fellow parishioner at Church of the Resurrection.

"I've always enjoyed working in the kitchen with Michael, it is just fascinating. I've been interested in that kind of cooking since I worked in the hotels in Atlantic City — before the casinos — where my grandmother lived."

Dr. Horn was born and raised in Philadelphia, where he graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School in 1970. He also attended St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa., for a year and studied with Franciscan monks.

His father, Paul, and mother, Josi, were transferred to Tulsa, and their son ended up at the University of Tulsa, where he earned a biology degree. In his comparative anatomy class, he was paired with a lab partner who introduced him to her sister.

Bruce and Nina Horn were married in the Church during his second year at the University of Oklahoma School of Dentistry. She had a 6-year-old son, Ryan, when the couple wed, and the day before Dr. Horn graduated from dental school, in May 1981, their daughter Mona was born. Daughter Maggie came along in 1983.

By that time, Dr. Horn was practicing in Tulsa and volunteering at Neighbor for Neighbor.

Though the setting has changed now that the agency has moved from its dilapidated original "offices," Dr. Horn's work has not.

"Basically, when I go out there I'm removing teeth. I'm not fixing anything," he said. Most of the clients cannot afford the preventive care that can head off dental problems before they become severe.

"Any time you have an oral infection, that infection doesn't limit itself," Dr. Horn said. A patient's white blood cell count is affected, as is the entire blood system. Chronic oral infections can even cause heart ailments.

"There are three kinds of dental care — preventive that private dentists provide every six months, and scheduled crowns or fillings. Generally, these don't affect your life — you don't have to miss work. Then there's chronic problems — decay or gum disease."

When he arrives at the clinic, Dr. Horn is always searching the waiting patients for signs they are in pain. One reliable measurement is if they have "a huge Quik-Trip megacup" filled with ice water that helps relieve oral pain. He tells staff members, especially new ones, to be on the lookout for the people who are in pain — they often are sweaty and are holding the side of their faces — so they can be treated first.

A new challenge is treating Spanish-speaking patients. Dr. Horn recalls that in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Tulsa had an influx of Russian immigrants, and he saw a lot of chrome and stainless steel crowns typical of east European dentistry.

In the mid-1990s, he began seeing more and more Hispanic patients, and the language barrier makes it difficult to get a health history. Typically, children 7 or 8 years old are on hand, and Dr. Horn tells them, "Tell Mom or Dad, 'Your tooth needs to be removed.'"

"I can't get informed consent from them if I don't understand them," the dentist said.

Though he was an altar boy — "although I also had dentention left over when I got out of high school" — and his Catholic faith is a pillar of his life, Dr. Horn doesn't see his work with Neighbor for Neighbor as a reflection of that.

"There are a lot of real interesting places around the country and the world to donate your time, and Neighbor for Neighbor is one of them. I don't see Neighbor for Neighbor as an extension of the Catholic Church, I see it as a way to treat the poor without making them feel bad because they get a bill they can't pay."

# Connections

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## Tricycle races raise money for hospital

By **BARB HILGER**

OWASSO – It was the Indy 500 on tricycles at St. Henry Church in Owasso May 17-18, as pre-schoolers took to the road. Or, in this case, a course set up on the church parking lot by the Wee Angels Pre-school staff.

Students brought in tricycles and bicycles from home along with their helmets. Over the two-day period, 45 energetic 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds pushed their pedals in a race to raise money for the children at St. Jude's Research Hospital. Collecting pledges, the students raised \$1,862.63 for the Memphis hospital, said Marcy Bunds, Wee Angels director.

Owasso Police Department officers were on hand to enforce lessons learned in the classroom on bicycle safety and stranger danger. At the end of the event, the officers awarded the students with personalized license plates for their tricycles and bicycles.

Leading up to the event, the children heard stories about the sick kids in the hospital, Mrs. Bunds said. They learned that even by riding their tricycles and bicycles they could help others.



It's a traffic jam as pre-schoolers at St. Henry Church in Owasso race to raise money for St. Jude Hospital.



## 'New' altar at St. James chapel

A new altar with an Oklahoma granite top highlights the renovations done on the daily Mass chapel at St. James Church in Bartlesville. New pews and kneelers have replaced the existing metal chairs, thanks to a generous donation from St. Edward Church in Pittsburg, 20 miles south of McAlester. Though used for many years at St. Edward's – which was established in 1914 to serve the coal-mining community - the furnishings were still in excellent condition when the church closed in 2004, said Father Mike Cashen. The pastor of St. James and former pastor of St. Edward said the renovations provide a renewed dignity to the daily Mass chapel, and he hopes the pews will serve St. James' parishioners well for many years.

In addition to the biking course, carnival games were set up for the kids. Camille's Sidewalk Cafe in Owasso donated cookies for the racers, and parents provided popsicles.

"They were so precious," Mrs. Bunds said. "Some of them thought that the sick kids were going to be there (at the school). They were just excited to be able to help."

The fundraiser was so successful that next year's pre-schoolers can look forward to another exciting tricycle race.

## Father Caldwell will serve Dewey

DEWEY - Effective June 26, Father Jim Caldwell will be associate pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Dewey in addition to his duties as associate for St. John Church in Bartlesville.

The former associate of Christ the King Church in Tulsa also will continue to serve St. John Church in Pawnee part-time and will retain his ministry as chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and the Family Life programs Rachel's Vineyard and Retrouvaille.

## St. Patrick parishioner wins radio cash

SAND SPRINGS – The month of May was dubbed Ministry Month at the new Spirit 102.3 Christian radio station in Tulsa. The station changed from rock and roll to a Christian format at the beginning of the year. Natalie Bennett, a parishioner of St. Patrick Church in Sand Springs, discovered on May 23 that it paid to tune in.

Ms. Bennett registered on the station's website early in May naming St. Patrick's Christian service committee as her charity. "These ladies do a wonderful job," she said, providing food, clothing and help with utilities and rides to

appointments to people in the Sand Springs community.

"It was thrilling winning money for the church," Ms. Bennett said. She said the \$102 from the station will be put to good use.

The contest was held to make churches in the community aware of the format change, said Wes Warren, the station's promotion director. A total of \$10,000 was given to 98 Sand Springs-area churches during the month, Mr. Warren said.

## St. Cecilia a 'backbone' of Habitat for Humanity

CLAREMORE – Before the paint dried on the fifth house built by Habitat for Humanity, preparations are in the works for houses number six and seven, set to begin in the fall. St. Cecilia Church in Claremore is a "significant backbone to the creation of Habitat for Humanity in Claremore," said Father Paul Eichhoff.

On June 18, St. Cecilia's held its annual "Raise the Roof" campaign, a second collection for Habitat for Humanity. The campaign is held in 10 Claremore churches each year.

Parishioners at St. Cecilia's have always been "generous with donations, time and serving on the board," Father Eichhoff said. Before the campaign began he said he already had received \$1,000, and he expected the total would be around \$5,000.

Habitat for Humanity came to Claremore in 2001 through the combined efforts of four pastors on the Ministerial Alliance: Father Eichhoff; Dennis Ritchie, pastor of First Presbyterian Church; Mark Newman, pastor of First Christian Church and Glenn Schafer, pastor of Church of Claremore. Several St. Cecilia parishioners were on the steering committee from the beginning.

The completion of the fifth house in five years is a milestone for the 100 volunteers.



## Scouts retire the colors

Boy Scouts Adrian Bentz, left, and Peter Simmons help their leader, Tim Simmons, fold one of more than 1,400 flags at Floral Haven Cemetery in Broken Arrow. Adrian and Peter, members of Pack 903, were joined by scouts from around the area to participate in the annual tradition of retiring the colors May 29. (Photo by Latiefa Bentz)