OLOG — Close to 1,000 people gathered under a massive tent at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp for the May 15 celebration of the Eucharist. The Mass was the centerpiece of an eventful day in which Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran celebrated his 50th anniversary of love and service as a Roman Catholic priest. And though the Oklahoma skies had released torrential rains and deadly, damaging winds earlier in the week, on this day the heavens held back.

“We are one in Christ” was the message spelled out by the colorful Vietnamese liturgical dancers during their beautiful presentation of the offertory gifts. With family and friends taking part, Archbishop Beltran celebrated Mass as fellow bishops, along with several seminary classmates, co-celebrated. Dozens of priests from throughout the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa took part in the Eucharistic celebration that opened with the reading of a letter of congratulations and celebration from Pope Benedict XVI.

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The Good News

Homily for 50th Anniversary

OLOG Catholic Youth Camp
May 15, 2010

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is very humbling to hear the words of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, greeting me through his kind and thoughtful letter. He has written, as you just heard, on the occasion of my 50th jubilee of ordination to the priesthood which we are celebrating today. Whether by plan or by chance, the Holy Father actually signed the letter on April 20, exactly 32 years to the day I was ordained a Bishop in Tulsa!

A priest, as the Holy Father just told us, is appointed a minister of divine grace, love and mercy. A priest is the servant of God who ministers to God’s people. Thus for me some 50 years ago and for young men today, the call of God to priesthood was and is both humbling and mysterious.

God alone is eternal. He alone has no beginning because He is life itself. He has created everything else that exists. The crowning glory of His creation is the human person because He created human beings in His own Image and Likeness. He created us out of love and made us capable to receive His love and to love Him in return. God gave each of us the gift of life when, according to His plan, He created us through the cooperation of our mother and our father. We did not purchase our life nor did we earn it or in any way bring it about. Human life is an absolute gift from God created by Him for a purpose. The Divine Plan for us is to know, love and serve God on this earth so that someday we could live with Him forever in heaven.

Through this simple but profound plan of God and His creative action, human beings possess an intrinsic value and an inherent dignity.

When sin entered our world, God further revealed His plan for us. He said: “I will send My Son and He will save you.” This promise of salvation was fulfilled when Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, the High Priest of the Universe, after living, suffering and dying on this earth, rose from the dead. Then, the Church which He had constituted and which He had sanctified with His Holy Spirit was born as the priestly people of God. From this new creation of God’s priestly people, the mission and ministry of Jesus is proclaimed to the whole world. Through baptism, people of all backgrounds, cultures and nations share in this priesthood and life of Jesus.

And by the institution of Jesus, some of His people are also called to the ministerial priest-

Then Monsignor Beltran being installed as Bishop of Tulsa.

How absolutely grateful I am to God Who called me to the priesthood. I thank Him for the wonderful 50 years of priesthood He has already given me and recommit myself to continuing priestly service for whatever days and years He grants me for I am a priest forever.

Archbishop Beltran

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A Look Back Over 50 Years of Priestly Service

Editor’s Note: This tribute was given by Bishop Anthony Taylor at the end of Archbishop Beltran’s Jubilee Mass.

When Jesus called his first disciples to leave everything and follow him, telling them that he would now make them “fishers of men,” they had no idea what they were getting into. At first they were part of an exciting new movement that was gathering steam, and then the crowds that had been so enamored of Jesus began to fade away as his message became more challenging and controversial — for instance, when in the Bread of Life discourse Jesus began to talk about eating his body and blood, many of those who had been following Jesus said, “This talk is hard to accept, who can endure it?” and abandoned him at that point. But when he asked the 12 whether they were going to abandon him too, Peter answered for all when he said: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!” And so they continued to follow Jesus when it was no longer easy to do so. And once they encountered the risen Lord after Easter and were filled with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, they too embraced the cross and gave themselves fully to proclaiming the Good News in season and out of season, still not really knowing what they had gotten themselves into, still not knowing what future twists and turns their life would take, but willing to do what faithfulness to God required, even at the cost of persecution and martyrdom.

When young Eusebius Beltran first responded to Jesus’ call to enter the seminary and follow him, he had no idea what he was getting into. The 1950s were a very optimistic time in the Church — the seminaries were full to overflowing with idealistic young men eager to serve the Lord and convents were bursting at the seams with novices and young sisters. In 1960 when young Mr. Beltran became Father Beltran, three-fourths of the teachers in Catholic schools were nuns and 54 percent of Catholic students were in Catholic schools. Vatican II had not yet occurred, Mass was still in Latin and the South was still segregated, including the Georgia of the Atlanta Diocese for which he was ordained, and miracle of miracles: there was a Catholic in the White House!

There was no way he could ever have anticipated the dramatic changes that lie in store for him in the following 18 years of his priestly service in Georgia and indeed for the entire Catholic Church and the American nation. At first there was the feeling of being part of exciting new movements that were gathering steam: the first years after Vatican II were an exciting time in the Church, as was the Civil Rights movement that was finally beginning to enjoy some hard-won successes following the March from Selma to Montgomery, in which Father Beltran participated. But then the excitement began to fade away as things became more difficult and controversial. Our country became discouraged and fearful following the assassinations of President Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, and the quagmire of the war in Vietnam. Then many of those young priests and nuns who had brought so much encouragement in the 1950s and so much creative excitement following Vatican II began to leave in droves, scandalizing the faithful and demoralizing the priests and sisters who remained — especially when the Church refused to change its teaching regarding artificial contraception to bring it in line with the spirit of the times, refusing to tell people what they wanted to hear. Many said: “This talk about not using the pill is hard to accept, who can endure it?” or “This talk about no divorce is hard to accept, who can endure it?” and strayed from the Church at that point. There were many other issues too. Many erstwhile priests and nuns said: “This talk about celibacy is hard to accept, who can endure it?” and abandoned their ministry. Others said: “This talk about civil rights is hard to accept, who can endure it?” — later the issues would be abortion, the death penalty, immigration and even community organizing. But when Jesus asked Father Beltran whether he was going to abandon him too, we all know how he responded: “Lord, to whom shall I go? You have the words of eternal life!” So he continued to follow Jesus faithfully even when it was no longer easy to do so — embracing the cross and giving himself fully to proclaiming the Good News in season and out of season, still not knowing what he had gotten himself into, still not knowing what future twists and turns his life would take, but willing to do whatever faithfulness to the Lord required, even when the cost of discipleship was having to come to Oklahoma as bishop ... something that caught him completely by surprise! This faithfulness has marked Archbishop’s priestly ministry these last 50 years and his episcopal ministry in Oklahoma these last 32 years.

By the time young Bishop Beltran took up his ministry in Tulsa in 1978, the life of the Church was in some ways much diminished — by then Oklahoma had lost one-third of its priests and nuns, often leaving behind communities that were scandalized and dispirited. There were far fewer entering the seminary than there were priests leaving the ministry. And yet at this very same time, Bishop Beltran was able to take inspiration from his dealings with Father Stanley Rother, Oklahoma’s most improbable
Thanks Be To God and To You His People!

Fifty years ago, I knelt before my bishop in Atlanta, Ga., and was ordained a priest forever! These past two weeks I have celebrated this Golden Jubilee.

With great joy, I thank Almighty God Who created me, redeemed me and called me to priesthood. This call, or vocation, is a great gift and I am most grateful to God for my life and my priesthood.

The call to priesthood is not a private affair. It is a call made by God in and through the Church. Men are ordained not for glory or status or recognition but for service. Priestly service for God's people is the reason Jesus and the Church called me (and all other priests) to ordination.

In celebrating my Golden Jubilee as a priest, I am filled with joy and gratitude. I give thanks to God first, then to my family, friends, associates and to the Catholic people, especially here in Oklahoma.

I am most grateful to the jubilee committee which planned and directed the various celebrations. With great organization and skill, they arranged and accomplished wonders. It could not have been better!

A special thanks also to the more than 100 volunteers at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp (OLOG) who supported and fulfilled the program planned by the committee.

I thank the various choirs and parish and school groups who presented lively entertainment. I am grateful to all who donated food or materials for the event. I thank the many “behind the scenes” people who did whatever was necessary. Many of you sent cards or greetings and promised to remember me in prayer. I thank you. Some of you gave donations to the Catholic Schools Endowment or to the Youth Camp Endowment. I am most grateful.

The priests of Oklahoma planned a very special celebration. At evening prayer, they presented me with the Father Stanley Rother Faithful Servant Award, which made me very proud and humble. Afterwards the celebration continued with socializing and dinner. I thank the priests of Oklahoma for this memorable event.

Indeed, words alone cannot express the tremendous gratitude I have for every one of you for your kindness and collaboration and efforts, prayers and good wishes. Only God Himself can grant you the blessings and graces which I desire for all of you. Therefore, I pray to God, especially in my Masses, that you will receive every good blessing of God. Yes, thanks be to God and to you, His people.

Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

A vivid memory for me was when my mother was dying from cancer. I was pastor at Holy Trinity in Okarche. She was quite ill at the time and I knew death wasn't far off but I planned on celebrating my weekend Masses and then, on Sunday afternoon, heading to Lawton to be with her and my family. Archbishop Beltran called somewhat unexpectedly on Friday and told me his weekend had opened up and that he would be celebrating the Masses at Okarche, that I was to head home to be with my mother and family. To make a long story short, my mother died more quickly than we anticipated, early that Sunday morning. Had the Archbishop not insisted upon covering Holy Trinity that weekend, and insisted upon me going home to be with my family, I would have missed being with her in her final moments. In retrospect, I find this a cameo of the Archbishop’s approach toward ministry in general, and support of his priests in particular. He is a man who knows no limits in giving of his energies, talents and time. And likewise, when it involves a priest, he goes the extra mile to help us in any way that he can. I will always be grateful for the many acts of kindness he has shown me.

Msgr. Edward J. Weisenburger

Dear Archbishop Beltran:

With gratitude to God for the gift of your ministry to His people, please accept my prayerful support, as you celebrate your 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on May 15, 2010.

How marvelous is God’s grace, as it finds expression in how a man’s life is guided when we are open to the Holy Spirit. Led from Pennsylvania to Georgia to Oklahoma, God's wonderful and mysterious plan for you has found expression. As Bishop of Tulsa and Archbishop of Oklahoma City, the state of Oklahoma and its people have been blessed by your service. You have been a faithful defender of the life and the dignity of every human person.

May the Lord continue to bless you and the people of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and may your anniversary celebration be an occasion for great joy, as your ministry is celebrated by all who honor the gift that your life has been to the Church.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Thomas J. Olmsted
Bishop of Phoenix

Congratulatory Letter

Archbishop of Oklahoma City
Dear Archbishop Beltran,

On the occasion of your 50th anniversary of priesthood, I offer my prayers and congratulations for your long and faithful service as God minister of Word and Sacrament. For 33 of those years you have been a great shepherd of the Church in Oklahoma, first in Tulsa and now in the capital city.

During the years of your priestly and episcopal ministry, thousands have been spiritually blessed and energized in faith by your dedicated service, and have come to a greater love for God and commitment to the gospel. Your kindness and compassion have led others to see and know in you the goodness of Christ.

With sincere admiration and fraternal love, I am
Sincerely in Christ,
Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza
Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston

“Archbishop Beltran is a friend of the poor. He sees the work of Catholic Charities as essential to living our faith. His leadership has greatly influenced the development of Catholic Charities in both the Diocese of Tulsa and Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Here, he has challenged Catholic Charities to provide more direct services which will give hope to those who are in need. Both the numbers of people served and the types of programs provided by Catholic Charities have steadily increased in our Archdiocese since he became our archbishop in 1993. He also believes the work of Catholic Charities goes beyond the professional staff and needs to include volunteers who actively participate in these works. I remember him telling me when he first came that Catholic Charities must be the work of all our people, and his vision has helped build both volunteer and financial support in Catholic Charities in our Archdiocese, as we know it today. He has also challenged Catholic Charities to go to those needs where no one else will go, and indeed, our strategic planning and development of services incorporates this question into our decision. Catholic Charities has truly been blessed to have Archbishop Beltran as our shepherd and servant-leader.”

Tim O’Connor
Executive Director Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

The building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Youth Camp speaks volumes for the tremendous support Archbishop Beltran has been for the youth of this Archdiocese. His motivation for building the camp was the children of this Archdiocese. He has made every young person he meets in this Archdiocese feel special. He also does that with his employees as he has consistently thanked us for our service to the Church both privately and publicly. I have also been touched by his concern for our families. Archbishop Beltran has stressed at the Pastoral Center the importance of our being community for each other and how important it is to make others feel welcome and he has always set that example for us. I have appreciated so much the example he is to us as our spiritual guide, allowing time at work for prayer, liturgy and retreats.

Nancy Housh
Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adults

Dear Archbishop Beltran,

As you prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of your Priesthood Ordination on May 15 of this year, I write to offer my congratulations and best wishes. On this occasion I join you in offering thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon you and the many ways in which He has touched the lives of others through your ministry during these past 50 years. As you move onward, may the good work God has begun in you be brought to completion.

Be assured of my prayerful support and joyful solidarity.

Sincerely in Christ,
Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia
FOR THE RECORD:

- Archbishop Beltran was born on Aug. 31, 1934, in Ashley, Pa.
- He is the fifth of eight children.
- He was ordained to the priesthood on May 14, 1960, for the Diocese of Atlanta.
- Pope Paul VI appointed him as Bishop of Tulsa on Feb. 28, 1978.
- He was ordained by Most Reverend Charles A. Salatka in Holy Family Cathedral on April 20, 1978.
- Pope John Paul II on Nov. 24, 1992, appointed him Archbishop of Oklahoma City, making him the third archbishop of Oklahoma City.
- He was installed on Jan. 22, 1993, as Archbishop of Oklahoma City.
- On May 14, 2010, he celebrated his 50th Jubilee to the Priesthood.
- Three of the eight Beltran children took religious vows — Archbishop Beltran and his older brother, Father Joseph Beltran, both were ordained for the Diocese of Atlanta, and his sister, Sponsa Eisenbart, entered the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters (O.S.F.).
- Archbishop Beltran has served under five popes.
- He was in Rome for the entire papacy of Pope John Paul I (33 days).
- There have been 10 U.S. presidents during his 50 years as a priest.
- In 1960 the cost of a gallon of gas was 25 cents.

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missionary and first martyr, who may one day be the first American-born cradle Catholic priest to be canonized a saint. Father Rother reminded all of us that the shepherd cannot abandon the flock when the wolf threatens the sheep, and that same courageous faithfulness has characterized Archbishop Beltran’s 32 years of episcopal ministry in Oklahoma. And indeed the wolf has come prowling: the clergy sexual abuse scandals, wolves that prey on their own flock and the lawsuits that these have generated; the depredations of abortionists who destroy life for sordid profit and the Church’s effort to protect all life, especially when most defenseless; advocacy for immigrants when persecuted by wolves attacking them with hateful laws in direct violation of their basic human rights; advocacy for those on death row and for an end to the death penalty in Oklahoma, and so on. And you can be sure that he has faced opposition — as well as support — every time he has spoken out to proclaim the Good News.

Then there are also all of the works of charity that have marked Archbishop Beltran’s ministry — the weekday food program and child care services at St. Anthony Parish which he served in the impoverished inner city of Atlanta, then all his work strengthening and developing the ministries of Catholic Charities in the still young Diocese of Tulsa, including initiatives to help all kinds of people, including unwed mothers, homeless families, women who had just been released from prison, and the St. Joseph Residence for persons with AIDS, and then in Oklahoma City we remember his efforts to provide suitable care for the elderly at St. Ann’s Home, Trinity Gardens and Villa Eisenbart. Plus all the help he has provided to the people of Santiago Atitlán in Guatemala — his visit there following the mudslides caused by tropical storm Stan, his support for the parish, its school and the hospital, as well as his efforts to promote the cause of canonization of Father Rother. And of course, there is also his well-known solicitude for the youth, including the building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Camp, where we are gathered today.

If I were to cite all of Archbishop Beltran’s efforts and accomplishments these last 50 years of priestly ministry, the list would be long indeed — but what is important is not the length of the list, but rather the faithfulness with which he has undertaken each of the tasks which God has entrusted to his care. When Jesus first called young Eusebius Beltran to leave everything and follow him because he was going to make of him a “fisher of men,” he had no idea what he was getting into. And when many of his contemporaries who initially had been so enamored of Jesus began to fade away as his message became more challenging and controversial, saying in effect: “This talk is hard to accept, who can endure it?” — Father and later Archbishop Beltran said: “Lord, to whom shall I go? You have the words of eternal life!” And so he continued to follow Jesus even when it was no longer easy to do so — embracing the cross and giving himself fully to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in season and out of season, still not really knowing what he had gotten himself into, even now not knowing what future twists and turns his life may still yet take, but willing to do whatever faithfulness to God requires — now and always!
My wife, Phyllis, our children and I were in Holy Family Cathedral on that day in April of 1978 for the ordination of our new Bishop of Tulsa.

Four-year-old Michael, when he saw Bishop Beltran coming down the aisle in his miter, said to us, “Here comes the Pope.” Upon hearing that story later, Bishop Beltran, a twinkle in his eye, replied, “Smart boy!”

Phyllis and I called on our new bishop a few weeks later to tell him about a major controversy brewing in Tulsa between our local pro-life group, Tulsans For Life, and the United Way, over that organization’s inclusion of Planned Parenthood in the community-wide charitable fund drive. We believed that an organization which actively supported abortion did not deserve the respectability with which United Way agencies are imbued. Bishop Beltran strongly agreed, and with his active help and support, the pro-life effort succeeded in ousting Planned Parenthood from the United Way. That was but the first of countless instances I’ve witnessed where this faithful servant of God has publicly defended the most vulnerable little member of our human family, the innocent, helpless child waiting to be born.

Tony Lauinger
State Chairman,
Oklahomans For Life, Tulsa

Dear Archbishop Beltran:

I want to write to you as you celebrate the 50th anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 15, 2010.

In the years which have passed since your ordination, you have brought the presence of Christ into countless lives through the people you have touched along your way. You have given energetic and joyous service and leadership.

In your ministry of service, you have truly allowed God to complete the good work He began in you. My prayer is that He will continue to complete this good work in you so that many more will come to know Christ because of your gentle touch.

Your vocation has been faithful, not only because of your work, but also through the example and support you have given to so many of us who have been privileged to share in ministry with you.

May the Good Shepherd give you a special awareness of the love He has for you, a love in which those who honor you rejoice.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,
Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly
Bishop of Wilmington

Dear Archbishop Beltran:

I am overwhelmed with joy to know that you will be celebrating your 50th anniversary to the priesthood. I extend my heartfelt congratulations and sincere best wishes! You have given our Lord your life in service to His people. What a wonderful and pleasing gesture of love!

May the Lord continually bless and guide you as you bring the love of God to those whom He places along your path.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Most Reverend James A. Tamayo, D.D.
First Bishop of Laredo

“I have worked with Archbishop Beltran for 14 years. His support for me, the principals and our Catholic schools is second to none! There are few archbishops in the country who visit every school, every year — celebrate Mass for the students and visit every classroom. The children love his visit and they remember it for many years. He is also unbelievably accessible. Given his very busy schedule, he always makes time for someone who needs to see him.

As an archbishop, I am sure there are many problems that come to his desk. Realizing this, it amazes me that he is always upbeat, welcoming and pleasant. I attribute this to the fact that he is a man of deep prayer.”

Sister Catherine Powers, CND
Superintendent of Schools
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

“When I think of Archbishop Beltran, two words come to mind: supportive and present. He has been exceptionally kind and has left a legacy of growth that will benefit the Archdiocese for decades to come.”

George Rigazzi
Office of Family Life
Golden Jubilee

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divine grace, love and mercy," said Bishop Edward Slattery of the Diocese of Tulsa, in reading from the pontiff's letter. "...With diligence and wisdom you have made every effort that the faithful entrusted to your care might follow Christ, the Lord and Giver of Life, and that they might grow daily in human and divine virtue and at the same time that they might know and seek the things that are above (cf. Col 3, 2-3), thus concurring in no small measure on the well-being of the entire Mystical Body."

Thunderous applause erupted immediately following the reading of Pope Benedict’s letter. Archbishop Beltran had to raise his hands and ask the audience, now standing in ovation, to take their seats so the Mass could continue.

“We’ll be able to do it,” the Archbishop exclaimed when the applause had finally ended.

That was the way Angie Cebulski said she felt in 1978 when her brother, then Monsignor Beltran, called her to tell her the news, that he had been appointed Bishop of Tulsa. At the time, Msgr. Beltran was serving as a priest in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

“He called me at two minutes of six, just before the morning news came on,” Cebulski said at Saturday's event. She was seated at a picnic table with her husband, Henry, two sisters, Helen Marie Beltran and Dolores Carrier, and a niece, Rosie Morris of Texas.

“He had known for quite some time, but he had to keep it a secret,” she said, remembering her brother's phone call so many years ago. “At 5:58 a.m. he called to tell me the news. He said he wanted me to know before I heard it on the television.”

Bishop Anthony Taylor of the Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., offered a tribute to Archbishop Beltran. It was Archbishop Beltran who served as Principal Consecrator at the Episcopal ordination of Bishop Taylor, formerly a priest in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

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(Bishop Taylor's entire tribute is printed on Pages 3 and 6)

Following Mass, Archbishop Beltran was surrounded by well-wishers, many seeking to have their photo taken with him. In his true servant manner, the Archbishop graciously agreed to each request, smiling and joking with the Catholic faithful who made their way to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the camp he envisioned years ago and one that has provided spiritual guidance and wonderful summer fun for thousands of youngsters.

The day included musical entertainment provided by Our Lady’s Cathedral Vietnamese Choir, Little Flower Church Choir, Mount St. Mary High School, Corpus Christi Church Choir, St. Eugene Catholic School, Bishop McGuinness High School and All Saints Catholic School.

A video of Archbishop Beltran’s life played continuously inside the camp dining hall. The video was created by Sister Catherine Powers, CND, the Director of Education for the Archdiocese.

Outside, volunteers from the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Pastoral Center staff served pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks to the throngs of people.

Youngsters played basketball and volleyball, while adults strolled around the camp visiting and laughing.

Larry Wells, property manager at Our Lady of Guadalupe, said throughout the day the crowd probably grew to as many as 1,500 as people arrived during the afternoon, many coming to join in the entertainment.

In a surprise, Archbishop Beltran on Monday night was presented with the Father Stanley Rother Faithful Servant Award. The award, normally presented prior to the Chrism Mass, was created by the Archdiocesan Priests Council as a way to pay tribute to a fellow priest who has demonstrated qualities similar to those of the Oklahoma priest martyred in Guatemala. The cause of Father Rother is being promoted for sainthood. It was Archbishop Beltran who first started the effort.

At the conclusion of his homily on Saturday, Archbishop Beltran gave praise and thanks to God. He then exclaimed he was a “Priest Forever.”

And for this, the Catholic faithful also gave great thanks.

Past Recipients of the Father Stanley Rother Faithful Shepherd Award

2003
Reverend James Kastner
2004
Reverend John Petuskey
2005
Reverend Thomas McSherry
Reverend Ernest Flusche
2006
Reverend David Monahan
2008
Reverend Charles Schettler
Reverend John Michalicka
2009
Reverend Joseph Kolb
2010
Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran
Archbishop Beltran’s Golden Jubilee

"I thank God for the wonderful gift of the priesthood and for the happiness that I have found in ministering to my brothers and sisters in Christ through the Holy Catholic Church"

Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran
Golden Anniversary of Priesthood
May 14, 2010

Archbishop Beltran as he leaves evening prayer with priests from three different dioceses at St. Joseph’s Old Cathedral May 17.
Three days of Celebration and Thanksgiving

Archbishop Beltran on the actual date of his anniversary said Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center for the staff and his visiting family and friends. Above, he gives communion to his sister, Helen Marie Beltran, and next to the Archbishop is his classmate, Father Frank Lachowicz.

The liturgical dancers from St. Andrew Dung-Lac brought up the gifts at Mass with a processional dance.

Bishop Anthony Taylor gave a reflection and Bishop Slattery read Pope Benedict’s letter to Archbishop Beltran during his anniversary Mass.
Approximately 100 priests from three dioceses as well as Bishop Taylor came to celebrate evening prayer and dinner at the Skirvin Hotel on May 17 with

Thank You Archbishop Beltran

Four special guests (two couples) came all the way from Atlanta to celebrate with Archbishop Beltran. They had been parishioners of his in Atlanta. Above, Don and Fran Waller receive communion.

People from both the Oklahoma City Archdiocese and the Tulsa Diocese braved the weather to attend the Archbishop’s Mass at OLOG. Above, the Archbishop talks with Sisters Jacinta Dorado, OSB, and Christine Ereiser, OSB, of Tulsa.
Four generations of Beltrans were in Oklahoma to celebrate Archbishop Beltran’s Golden Jubilee.

Seven classmates of Archbishop Beltran came to celebrate his Golden Jubilee. Six con-celebrated as well as five bishops.

The double tent put up for the Mass was filled by Catholics.

Knights of Columbus from across the state brought their spatulas and grills and manned the food station with Catholic Pastoral Center staff to feed the large crowd.

Archbishop Beltran greeted all of his guests and posed for countless photos throughout the day.

Photos by Cara Koenig and Ray Dyer
Foundation Seeks Teacher of Year Nominees

The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma Inc. will again honor the catechists and educators of our Archdiocese of Oklahoma City who represent the best within our Parish Religious Education/Formation departments and Catholic Schools with Educator of the Year awards. This is not meant to be a popularity contest, but rather the criteria is to honor educators who exhibit qualities, skills and leadership in honor of the award winner. Each award winner will receive a $5,000 personal award and finalists will receive a $250 personal award. No paid staff is eligible for an award. Funds will be available for a reception for the award winner at their school (for Catholic Schools Educator of the Year) and parish (for Religious Educator of the Year).

The deadline for nominations is June 15. Anyone may nominate a teacher or catechist for these awards. Instructions and nomination forms can be obtained by calling the Catholic Foundation Office at 405-721-4115 or you can download the information at www.cfook.org.

Pastoral Ministry Program Sets Schedule

- PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM - ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY
- FALL 2010 SEMESTER SCHEDULE

Offered in affiliation with Newman University, Wichita, Kan. The Pastoral Ministry Program offers theological education and formation for ministry. All members of the Archdiocese are increasingly responsible for the life and ministry of the Church. The Pastoral Ministry Program responds to the call of Vatican II calling all the baptized to ready themselves for the apostolate.

Theology and ministry courses are offered during spring, summer and fall semesters for the education and formation of persons for ministry in the Church. Courses may be taken for college credit (with the possibility of a BA in Pastoral Ministry from Newman University or an Archdiocesan diploma), or may be audited for personal enrichment or for continuing education and ongoing formation.

Classes ordinarily meet for 15 weeks, evenings or Saturday mornings, for three hours per session, 10 students, minimum ordinarily required, for a course to be offered.

Tuition and costs: For credit, three-hour course, $160 plus textbooks.
Personal enrichment: $90 plus textbooks.
Graduates of our programs, continuing education (no credit given): $75 plus textbooks.

Beginning in fall 2010, some courses will be offered at five sites via video-conferencing.

Catholic Pastoral Center
7501 NW Expressway
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73132

St. Francis Xavier
110 N. Madison
Enid, Okla. 73702-3527

Students may attend at any site.
St. Peter
2020 Oklahoma Ave.
Woodward, Okla. 73801-4256

St. Mary
1218 Knox Ave.
Clinton, Okla. 73601-1295

Holy Family
1010 NW 82nd St.
Lawton, Okla. 73505-4103

FALL 2010 CALENDAR:
Tuesday classes begin August 24; end December 7
Wednesday classes begin August 25; end December 8
Thursday classes begin August 26; end December 9
Saturday classes begin August 28; end December 11

FALL 2010 SCHEDULE
- CORE COURSES

THEO 1013 INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT
Tuesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., available at all locations - Sheila Mueller
This course focuses on the literature, theology and history of the New Testament. Students will explore questions of authorship and critical methods of biblical interpretation from within the perspective of faith. Jesus’ question, addressed to his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” provides the theological center of New Testament studies and the grounding for Christology, Ecclesiology and Morality.

THEO 3003 CHRISTIAN MORALITY & SOCIAL ISSUES
Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., available at all locations - Mike Chavez
A study of basic Christian beliefs about the origin, destiny and meaning of the person, the nature of Christian life as the fundamental commitment to follow Christ, and the moral principles that flow from this. Students will explore the importance of moral “self-determination” through free choices and will explore how appropriate moral choices are made within the Christian faith commitment. Contemporary moral issues will be studied and analyzed from a Christian perspective.

THEO 4883 CHURCH HISTORY II
Thursday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., available at Oklahoma City, Woodward, Clinton, Lawton - Bill Gorden
This course is an introduction to the movements, life and thought of the Church covering the period from the Reformation through the present time. Particular emphasis is placed on the interaction of the social and cultural context of world

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Contest Winners Named

Winners have been announced for the Multi-media Youth Arts Contest sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, said CCHD Archdiocesan Director Becky VanPool.

Madison Buckley, a student at St. John Nepomuk Catholic School in Yukon, won the competition for grades 7-9. The winning entry for grades 10-12 was a video by a student team from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School — Matt Ritz, Brennah Murphy, Ashley Hess and Dylan Bellmard.

“Youth expressed their support and awareness of the poor in our communities through videos and art,” VanPool said. “I was impressed by the thoughtfulness and sincerity that came across in their entries.”

Buckley’s black and white poster titled “Poverty Street” was a striking reflection of the contest theme, “Empowering Communities, Uprooting Poverty,” VanPool said.

Buckley said her art “represents how old poverty is ... Jesus calls us as Christians to help the poor and vulnerable.”

VanPool said the winning senior high school entry — a video titled “Reality” — highlighted the importance of community service and featured local poverty outreach programs.

“The youth invested time and energy to show the application of Catholic social teaching and that the support of the poor is a responsibility and obligation of our faith,” VanPool said. “These youth are the future of our faith and call all of us to engage in working with the poor.”

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops sponsors the CCHD to focus on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the United States, VanPool said. CCHD programs are funded through an annual collection in Catholic parishes each year.

Local finalists will go on to compete with youth from across the United States, VanPool said.

Some background/study in Scripture and theology would be helpful to those enrolling.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION COURSES

Information on courses in Spiritual Direction is available from Benedictine Ministries, 405-373-4739. When offered, these courses may be taken for college credit through the Pastoral Ministry program.

THE CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH MINISTRY STUDIES PROGRAM

Information on this series of courses that promote leadership development for ministry with adolescents is available from the Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Office, 405-721-9220. These courses may be taken for college credit through the Pastoral Ministry program.

REGISTRATION

For information or registration, please call or e-mail the Pastoral Ministry Office, 405-721-4208, 800-721-5651 Ext. 131, or cgrimes@catharchdioceseokc.org, or dkoorie@catharchdioceseokc.org. Program information and schedule is also available on the Archdiocesan website, www.catharchdioceseokc.org. Click on Chancery Offices, then Education, then Pastoral Ministry.

Students currently taking courses for credit may register for courses on-line at www.newmanu.edu, via JetStream. Please also check that your general information on JetStream is current and up to date. For information on how to access your record on JetStream, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office.

Graduation: If you expect to complete the Pastoral Ministry Program and/or the BA degree in December 2010, please notify the Pastoral Ministry Office.

Baccalaureate and Graduation at Newman University: Dec. 10-11, 2010

Archdiocesan Graduation Celebration: May 22, 2011, 3 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center

Dexter and Dustin Dell received their Light of Christ Emblems, and their brother, Clay Dell, received his Parvuli Dei emblem at St. Mary’s Church in Medford. The Scouts are pictured with their pastor, Father Mike Wheelahan.
Student Cited for Excellence

Leslie O’Connor, of St. Eugene Parish and a senior at Classen School of Advanced Studies, has been recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar. Leslie is the daughter of Mike and Catherine O’Connor.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program, established in 1983, is a College Board program that provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for postsecondary institutions. Students enter the program by taking the Preliminary SAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as high school juniors and by identifying themselves as Hispanic. From more than 200,000 students nationwide, nearly 5,000 have been recognized this year as National Hispanic Scholars or honorable mention finalists based upon their PSAT INMSQT scores and their academic achievements.

Leslie has also been recognized as a 2010 Oklahoma Academic Scholar. The purpose of the Oklahoma Academic Scholar program is to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of graduating seniors in compliance with state law which became effective in 1986. Leslie is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Leslie will attend Oklahoma State University where she has been awarded a four-year academic scholarship. She has also been accepted to the Honors College.

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Buenas Noticias...

...50 años de vida sacerdotal

Humbia ofrecida en el Campamento Católico Juvenil de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en ocasión a los 50 años de vida sacerdotal.

Mis queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Es muy conveniente escuchar las palabras de nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Benedicto XVI, agradeciéndome a través de su considerada y amable carta. Él la escribió, como ustedes acabamos de escuchar, en ocasión de la celebración de mi quincuagenésimo aniversario de ordenación como sacerdote, el cual estamos celebrando hoy. Bien sea por casualidad o planeado, el Santo Padre firmó el carta el 20 de abril, exactamente a treinta y dos años del día en que fui ordenado Obispo de Tulsa.

Un sacerdote, como el Santo Padre nos acaba de decir, es designado a un ministerio de gracia divina, amor y compasión. Es un servicio de Dios quien cuida del pueblo de Dios. Por lo tanto, hace cincuenta años atrás que yo era un hombre joven y contesté la llamada al sacerdocio y lo hice de una forma humilde y profunda.

Sólo Dios es eterno. Sólo Él no tiene comienzo porque Él es la vida misma sin fin. Dios ha creado todo lo que existe. La coronación gloriosa de Su creación son los seres humanos porque Él creó a los seres humanos a Su Imagen y Semejanza. Él nos creó con amor y nos hizo capaces de recibir Su amor; para amarlo en reciprocidad. Dios nos dio a cada uno de nosotros el regalo de la vida. De acuerdo con Su plan, Él nos creó a través de la cooperación de nuestra madre y nuestro padre. Nosotros no compramos nuestra vida, ni la ganamos y mucho menos la recibimos de la nada. La vida humana es un regalo absoluto de Dios, creado por Él con un propósito. El Plan Divino para nosotros es conocer, amar y servir a Dios en esta tierra, de tal manera que un día podamos vivir con Él por siempre en el cielo. A través de este simple pero profundo plan de Dios y Su acción creativa, los seres humanos poseemos un valor intrínseco y una dignidad inherente.

Cuando el pecado entró a nuestro mundo, Dios reveló Su plan para nosotros. Él dijo: "Enviármé a mi hijo para salvarlos". Esta promesa de salvación fue concretada cuando Cristo Jesús, el Hijo eterno de Dios, el Sumo Sacerdote del universo, después de vivir, sufrir y morir en esta tierra, resucitó de la muerte.

Después, la Iglesia, la cual Él constituyó y santificó con su Espíritu Santo nació como el pueblo sacerdotal de Dios. Con esta nueva creación de Dios, la misión y el ministerio de Jesús es proclamado al mundo entero. A través del bautismo, personas de cualquier origen, cultura y nación, comparten en este sacerdocio la vida de Jesús. Y por la institución de Jesús, algunos de los miembros de Su pueblo también son llamados al sacerdocio ministerial. Por lo que son ordenados para que puedan servirle, a través de su servicio y liderazgo al pueblo hacia la vida eterna en el cielo, proclamando el Evangelio y celebrando los sacramentos.

Como uno de esos que son llamados a ser ordenados para el sacerdocio. Yo me levanto humilde y agradecidamente ante Dios y ante todos ustedes, quienes me están acompañando hoy por mi celebración dorada en el sacerdocio. Les agradezco su presencia hoy y toda la generosidad y ayuda que me han brindado por este largo tiempo. Ha sido un tiempo de grandes bendiciones y muchas alabanzas. Como una breve reflexión del pasado, recuerdo aquel sábado en la mañana del 14 de mayo de 1960, en la Catedral de Cristo Rey en Atlanta, Georgia.

Después de ocho años de formación como seminarista, arrodillado ante mi obispo, quien a través de la imposición de las manos me ordenó sacerdote de Jesucristo. Esa ceremonia de ordenación ratificó el llamado que recibí de Dios. Me levanté y me ordené sacerdote de Dios por la gracia y el poder del Espíritu Santo. Yo continuaba siendo el mismo hombre joven dolgzano y energético, pero ya era un sacerdote de Dios para siempre. Poco sabía entonces que dieciocho años después, otra vez, a través del mismo gesto bíblico, recibiría la plenitud del sacerdocio de Jesucristo.

Que absolutamente agradecido estoy con Dios, Quien me llamó al sacerdocio.

Le agradezco a Él por todos los maravillosos cincuenta años de sacerdocio. Dios ya me ha reasignado a continuar mi servicio sacerdotal por los días o años que Él me otorgue para ser sacerdote de por siempre.

Otras Buenas Noticias...

...Gracias a Dios y a ustedes que son Su pueblo

Cincuenta años atrás, me arrodillé ante mi Obispo de Atlanta, Georgia y fui ordenado sacerdote para siempre. Estas dos semanas he estado celebrando mi aniversario de oro.

Con gran alegría, le doy las gracias a Dios Todopoderoso, Quien me creó, redimió y me llamó al sacerdocio. Esta llamada o vocación es un gran regalo y estoy muy agradecido con Dios por mi vida y mi sacerdocio.

La llamada al sacerdocio no es un asunto privado. Es un llamado realizado por Dios, en y a través de la Iglesia. Los hombres son ordenados por la gracia, estatus o reconocimiento, sino por servicio. El servicio sacerdotal para el pueblo de Dios, es la razón por la que Jesús y la Iglesia me llamó a ordenarme como a otros sacerdotes.

En la celebración de mi jubileo de oro como sacerdote estás lleno de goce y gratitud. Le doy las gracias a Dios primero, a mi familia, amigos, asociados y al pueblo Católico, especialmente aquí en Oklahoma.

¡Estoy muy agradecido al Comité de Jubileo, el cual planeó y dirigió las varias celebraciones con gran habilidad y organización, tramitaron y lograron maravillas! ¡No puedo ser mejor! Un agradecimiento muy especial a los más de cien voluntarios en el Campamento Juvenil Católico, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (OLOG), los cuales realizaron y apoyaron el programa planeado por el comité. Les agradezco a los varios curas, parroquias y grupos escolares, quienes presentaron el deleite en vivo. Le doy las gracias a todos los que donaron comida o materiales para el evento. Le agradezco a los muchos "detalles de escena", quienes hicieron lo que fuese necesario. Muchos de ustedes me enviaron tarjetas, mensajes y promesas de recordarme en sus plegarias. Les agradezco. Algunos de ustedes hicieron donaciones al fondo para las escuelas Católicas o al fondo para el Campamento Juvenil. Estoy muy agradecido.

Los sacerdotes de Oklahoma planearon una celebración muy especial en una Oração de Vigilia donde me presentaron el premio Fielt Servidor Padre Stanley Rother, el cual me dio mucho orgullo y lo recibí con humildad. Después de toda la celebración continúan socializando y cenando. Le agradezco mucho a los sacerdotes de Oklahoma por este evento memorable. De hecho, las palabras solas no pueden expresar la tremenda gratitud y agradecimiento que tengo por cada uno de ustedes, por su generosidad, colaboración y esfuerzo, por sus plegarias y buenos deseos. Sólo Dios puede otorgarles las bendiciones y gracias que yo deseo para todos ustedes. Por lo tanto, le pido a Dios, especialmente en mis Misas que reciban todas las bendiciones de Dios. Sí, gracias a Dios y a ustedes que son Su pueblo.
Defiende la vulnerabilidad de los inmigrantes como nadie lo ha hecho en Oklahoma
Arzobispo Beltrán siempre ha defendido la dignidad del ser humano

Por Mauro Yanez
Sooner Catholic

OKLAHOMA CITY — El pasado 14 de mayo, el Arzobispo Eusebio J. Beltrán celebró sus 50 años de servicio eclesiástico. El Arzobispo Beltrán es de origen hispano ya que su padre era español de nombre José. Nadie más que el Arzobispo Beltrán sabe lo que es ser hijo de inmigrantes, su madre era polaca de nombre Helen. Como hijo de migrantes, su simpatía por la migración es inherente a su humanidad y servicio vocacional. Se ordenó como sacerdote el 14 de mayo y ejerció su sacerdocio en la Diócesis de Atalanta hasta 1978.

Participó en las marchas de Selma en contra de la discriminación racial, que fueron parte del movimiento de derechos civiles de la década de los sesenta.

En su vida Episcopal, el 28 de febrero de 1978 fue nombrado por el Papa Pablo VI, Obispo de Tulsa, luego el 24 de noviembre de 1992 fue elevado Arzobispo de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City por el Papa Juan Pablo II. El Arzobispo Beltrán se ha convertido en un gran defensor del derecho a la vida y la protección de los más vulnerables, especialmente ha estado muy activo en la defensa de la dignidad humana de los inmigrantes de Oklahoma.

Los Estados soberanos poseen el derecho de controlar sus fronteras sin discriminación
Deben respetarse la dignidad y los derechos humanos de los migrantes

WASHINGTON — Representantes de las conferencias episcopales de Estados Unidos, Canadá, México y otros países de América Latina y el Caribe se reunirán del 2 al 4 de junio en Washington para la Consulta Regional de Conferencias Episcopales sobre Emigración. El Arzobispo Antonio María Vegliò, presidente del Pontificio Consejo para la Pastoral de los Emigrantes e Itinerantes, así como el Arzobispo Pietro Sambi, nuncio apostólico en Estados Unidos, también asistirán a la consulta.

Los obispos dialogarán sobre las realidades actuales de los emigrantes en sus respectivos países. El proceso incluirá presentaciones en torno a diversas cuestiones como: condiciones actuales que afectan a la emigración tanto en países emisores como receptores; el trato que se da a los migrantes que residen o se encuentran en tránsito en sus países; el impacto en las comunidades que quedan atrás; las implicaciones de estas realidades tienen en el trabajo pastoral, de promoción y de políticas públicas, y en otros servicios por parte de la Iglesia. También hablarán de la coordinación de esfuerzos al nivel regional y de la búsqueda de modelos exitosos.

En la agenda para el 4 de junio también se encuentra un diálogo con oficiales públicos estadounidenses. Asimismo, el 3 de junio, los obispos y el personal de agencias Católicas que trabajan con las realidades de las migraciones humanas en la región visitarán dos centros diferentes de cuidado pastoral y servicios para los inmigrantes en la Diócesis de Arlington, Virginia. El mismo día, los obispos tendrán un almuerzo con un grupo de niños del programa services a immigrants menores de edad que viajan sin acompañamiento de la Diócesis de Richmond, Virginia.


Por parte de Estados Unidos está previsto que los siguientes obispos participen en la consulta en Washington: Mons. John C. Wester, presidente del Comité sobre Migración de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB); Mons. José H. Gómez, Arzobispo Coadjutor de Los Ángeles, presidente electo del Comité sobre Migración; Mons. Rutilio del Riego, obispo auxiliar de San Bernardino, California, y presidente del Subcomité para el Cuidado Pastoral de Emigrantes, Refugiados e Itinerantes bajo el Comité para la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia; y Mons. Anthony Taylor de Little Rock, Arkansas, en representación de CLINIC’s (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.). Asimismo, también participarán Mons. Dennis Madden, obispo auxiliar de Baltimore y Mons. John Manz, obispo auxiliar de Chicago.

Los representantes de otras conferencias episcopales incluyen a Mons. Álvaro Ramazzzini (Guatemala), Mons. Arturo González (Cuba), Mons. Francois Gayot (Haití), y Mons. Berhard Hombach (Nicaragua); Mons. Rafael Romo, arzobispo de Tijuana, así como Mons. Raúl Vera y Mons. Pedro Pablo Elizondo (México); Mons. Francois Lapierre (Canadá), Mons. Pedro Hernandez (Panamá), Mons. Francisco Ozoria Acosta (República Dominicana) y Mons. Angel San Casimiro (Costa Rica); así como Mons. Maurus Muldoon y Mons. Juan José Pineda (Honduras). El Arzobispo José Domingo Ulloa (Panamá) representará a CELAM (Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano) en esta consulta.
DRE Opening

St. Gregory’s in Enid is seeking a Director of Religious Education. The position is part time, approximately 20 to 25 hours per week. Hours and times will vary depending on the activities of the week or month. This is an 11-month position. The position calendar runs from August through June. Anyone interested in applying for this position should notify St. Gregory’s office. Interviews will be conducted during the middle of June. Please contact St. Gregory’s Parish at 580-233-4589. Send resumes to St. Gregory’s, 1924 W. Willow, Enid, Okla. 73703.

DRE Opening

Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Oklahoma City, is accepting applications for the full-time position of Director of Religious Education. The parish is searching for a candidate deeply rooted in the Catholic faith with experience and vision to serve its 1,600 families. The director will coordinate all education programs for pre-K through 12th grade, including sacramental preparation for children and parents. The director will be responsible for catechist recruitment, formation and certification, and must also collaborate with the parish leaders of youth ministry, music, and adult education.

Applicants should have a degree in theology, religious education or related area and a minimum of five years experience working with youth (master’s degree preferred). Interested candidates should contact Patricia Koenig in the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education to initiate the application process (405-721-5651 Ext. 126).

Associate Director for Development and Mission Integration

Catholic Charities in Oklahoma City is looking for an associate director for Development and Mission Integration. This position will work with the executive director and other staff to develop and implement a comprehensive development and fundraising strategy; research and identify potential donors and sponsors (e.g., prospect, explore, identify and track fundraising opportunities, focusing on those that have the highest priority); write proposals, letters of inquiry and grant reports to donors; identify and follow up on potential funders suggested by other people; explore a wide variety of funding opportunities (e.g. foundations, corporate donors, individual memberships, plan giving, capital campaigns, events, etc.), identify which would work best for Catholic Charities and proceed accordingly; develop and implement a planned giving program; meet with current and potential donors. The successful candidate will possess a relevant degree and have a minimum of five years experience in fundraising. Candidates should e-mail their resumes to HR@catholic-,charitiesok.org or mail it to 1501 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73106.

Secretary

The Office of Religious Education of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time secretary. The position requires a self-starter for a multi-task position supporting the director and associate director. Candidate should have proven proficient experience with Microsoft Office, with extensive experience in Access as well as good organizational and communication skills.

Experience in catechetics and Spanish language skills are a plus. The Office of Religious Education is part of the Catholic Education Department for the Archdiocese located in the Catholic Pastoral Center. The position is open immediately. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Send resume to Religious Education Office, Attn: Patricia Koenig, P.O. Box 32180, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73132. For further information, call 405-721-1415.

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

St. Eugene Parish is accepting applications for the full-time position of coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Applicant must be in full communion with the Catholic Church, have previous experience in youth ministry, have flexible working hours, and be fluent in Spanish. Principle responsibilities are ministry to youth and young adults and overseeing the preparation of youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please submit resumes in writing to: Reverend Joseph A. Jacobi, St. Eugene Catholic Church, P.O. Box 20930, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73156-0930.

General Ledger Accountant

The Center of Family Love in Okarche has immediate opening for a general ledger accountant to perform a variety of accounting tasks, such as examining financial statements, reconcile reports and prepare general ledger/profit and loss statements for management. Also, accounts payable and receivable and payroll. Must be a team player and able to multi-task. To apply, call 263-4658, fax 263-4718, e-mail alemke@cflic.org or in person at 635 W. Texas, Okarche, Okla. 73762. EOE

Cook Needed

Villa Teresa School is looking for a full-time cook to work with kitchen manager. This position is a year-round position. If interested, please contact Sister Veronica at 232-4286.

Music Teacher

St. John Nepomuk Catholic School in Yukon has a part-time teaching position available for the 2010-2011 school year. The position is to provide vocal music education to students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Applicants may possess either an Oklahoma State Teacher Certification or a college degree/experience in a music-related field. This position may have the opportunity for more hours as it has been a shared position with another Catholic school in previous years. Applicants should contact Principal Diane Floyd at (405) 354-2509 to submit a resume and application.

Music Teacher

Bishop John Carroll is currently accepting applications for music. Bishop John Carroll is a pre-K through eighth-grade school. Please submit resume to Connie Diotte at cdiotte@bjcs.org, or you may fax at 523-3053. For more information, please call 525-0956.

High School Coaches Needed

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School (Oklahoma City) is currently seeking qualified candidates in the following coaching fields for the 2010-2011 school year: cross country, track, football assistant with wide receivers experience, and soccer assistant. Teaching field is social studies. Applicants can fax letter of interest, resume and copy of teaching certificate to Talita DeNegri at 405-631-9209 or by e-mail to tdenegri@mountstmary.org. EOE

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**MAY**

31 Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery with Archbishop Beltran. Due to the amount of Mass participants in the past few years, Archbishop Beltran will say two Masses at Resurrection Cemetery for Memorial Day, the first at 8 a.m. and the second at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

31 Memorial Day Mass, Luncheon at St. Patrick Cemetery, Lockridge, 10 a.m., located one-half mile west of Council Road on Sorghum Mill Road. A potluck luncheon will follow Mass. Bring a lawn chair along with a covered dish. In case of stormy weather, Mass and lunch will be moved to St. Monica Church at 2001 N. Western, Edmond.

**JUNE**

2 Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, NW 32nd and Western, every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. All are welcome.

3 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Epiphany Parish in the chapel, every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and daily (M,T,W,F) from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Epiphany is located at 7336 W. Britton Road, Oklahoma City 73132.

4 1st Friday Adoration at St. Francis of Assisi in Oklahoma City. After the 7:30 a.m. Mass, and concludes at 5:30 p.m. with closing prayer and Benediction. This is open to all. St. Francis is located at 1910 NW 19th, Oklahoma City.

4 Holy Family Home Mass, 11:30 a.m., Holy Family Home, 6821 Eddie Drive, Midwest City. To confirm that Mass will be held that day and for directions, contact the HFMH at 741-7419.

4 First Friday Sacred Heart Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available prior to Mass. Mass is at 7 p.m. For more information, call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944 or Diane Grim at (405) 528-6252.

8 Catholic War Veterans of any war/conflict will meet the second Tuesday of each month in the community room of St. Ann Retirement Center at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Father M. Price Oswalt at 405-567-3404.

9 Catholic War Veterans USA Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Sunnyslane Family Reception Center located at 3900 SE 29th St. in Del City, every second Wednesday. For more information, contact Bob at (405) 672-7728 or by e-mail at OkPost168@cox.net.

10 TAP into FAITH! Pentecost and the Holy Spirit with speaker, Father Marvin Leven. Single or married, ages 21 to 121, 8 p.m. happy hour, 8:30 p.m. talk, 9 p.m. Q & A. Stay afterwards for fellowship. Tap into Faith is held at Pepe’s Mexican Restaurant, 1701 S. Broadway in Edmond. For more information, call Mary Lacher at 401-4105.

10-11 Large garage sale at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Del City, June 10-11. The times are June 10, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and June 11, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Paul’s is located at 3901 S. Sunnyslane Road, Del City.

11 Bingo at St. Joseph’s, Norman, in the gym. A light dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., first session begins at 7 p.m., second session at 8:30. Each session is $5, blackouts are $1 each, no limit.

12 The Benedictine Oblates of Red Plains Monastery will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. They join the Community for Vespers, followed by a potluck dinner. For more information, contact Sister Eunice at 373-4565 or osbokie@ionet.net.

12-13 Sacred Heart Oklahoma City Annual Parish Festival will be June 12-13. It will start at 6 p.m. June 12 with a Mexican dinner and Loteria. The festival the next day will start at 8 a.m. on the grounds of Mount St. Mary High School.

13 Charismatic Healing Mass, 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 3901 S.W. 29th, St., Oklahoma City. For more information, call the church office at (405) 685-4806.

13 The Divine Liturgy (the Eucharist or Mass) of the Byzantine Catholic Church will be celebrated at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Norman at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited. St. Mark is located at 3939 W. Tecumseh Road. Norman. Refreshments with questions and answers will follow the Liturgy. For more information, call Father Phil Seeton at (405) 789-2595.

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**St. Greg’s Announces New Academic Programs**

SHAWNEE — St. Gregory’s University announced today the addition of five new academic programs. The decision, approved by the faculty at its recent spring meeting, results in academic offerings in the fields of Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing and Information System Management.

The new programs are available beginning in the upcoming fall 2010 semester.

“This expansion of the business department will better meet the needs of our students as they prepare for successful careers and successful lives,” said SGU Provost Richard Ludwick, J.D., D.Ed. “We look forward to partnering in this effort with businesses in Oklahoma and beyond, while leveraging the support of our international network of alumni.”

Ludwick said the university is constantly looking for ways to improve and expand its academic offerings. Just four years ago, SGU successfully implemented a master of science in Management/Health Care degree through its College for Working Adults.

SGU has a strong tradition of promoting responsible citizenship and concern for the challenges of society, said business faculty member, Brother Damian Whalen, O.S.B., Ph.D.

“As a liberal arts institution in the Catholic and Benedictine tradition, St. Gregory’s recognizes the need to prepare students for leadership positions by integrating ethics and Catholic social teaching into each of the business programs,” he said.

The new programs join an already solid foundation in the liberal arts, the heart of which is a four-semester common core curriculum program. “Tradition and Conversation” offers students the opportunity to engage some of the greatest minds and discuss some of the most influential texts of the Western and Catholic intellectual traditions in a seminar format.

St. Gregory’s University is an authentically Roman Catholic university. Founded in 1875, it is Oklahoma’s oldest institution of higher learning.

Further information regarding St. Gregory’s University can be found at www.stgregorys.edu or by calling 1-888-STGREGS.
OKLAHOMA CITY — The annual Archdiocesan Spelling Bee was held at the Catholic Pastoral Center recently with students from 10 different Catholic schools winning awards. One of the more thrilling aspects of the competition came from the third- and fourth-grade division where a five-way tie for first place occurred. After close to half an hour of overtime spelling competition, it became clear the five competitors were evenly matched. It was agreed all should take home the first-place ribbon. Congratulations to all the spellers!

**Spelling Bee winners**

**1st and 2nd grade**
1st - Sam Kolar - All Saints
2nd - Caitlin Le - Rosary
3rd - Zoe Straughn - All Saints
4th - Deborah Agorua - Christ the King
5th - Jonathan Robinson - Rosary

**3rd and 4th grade**
Five-way tie for 1st
Diana Nguyen - Bishop John Carroll
Mary Sanders - Holy Trinity
Michelle Pham - St. Charles
Brooke Whitley - St. Mary Guthrie
Yadin Joseph - St. Philip Neri

**5th and 6th grade**
1st - Erin Yen - Bishop John Carroll
2nd - Michelle Pham - St. Charles
3rd - Megan Thele - St. Charles
4th - Jacqueline Oh - St. Philip Neri
5th - Kasey McConville - Bishop John Carroll

**7th and 8th grade**
Tie for 1st
Emily Pham - Bishop John Carroll
Anna Egas - St. Philip Neri
3rd - Helen Dunn - All Saints
4th - Ford Brooks - St. Elisabeth Ann Seton
5th - Kaleb Kroener - Sts. Peter and Paul

Sister Catherine Powers, CND, Superintendent of Catholic Education, is pictured with the various spelling bee winners.