DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Saint Peter the Apostle parish is participating in One Church, Many Disciples, along with every church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. This first ever major campaign will build a Shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, support faith formation ministries and strengthen local parishes, including St. Peter the Apostle. We join with faithful from across the archdiocese who are also helping to ensure our local church is strong and vibrant for generations to come.

As an archdiocese, we form a faith community of 200,000 Catholics in central and western Oklahoma; we truly are One Church, Many Disciples! With the Beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother, each of us has the opportunity to share in his legacy. What an occasion to live Jesus’ call to missionary discipleship.

Please take a moment to review the impact One Church, Many Disciples will have on St. Peter the Apostle. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Peter the Apostle.

Rev. Mike Wheelahan

OUR PARISH ROOTS

From 1916 until 1922, the pastor of Dalhart, Texas, cared for Guymon and its missions at Hooker and at the Kollman farm in Beaver County. Father Harold Pierce was pastor from 1935 to 1939; during his tenure a remarkable grotto was built to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Constructed for the most part from volcanic cinders from New Mexico, it contained stones from 32, Canada, Mexico and the Holy Land. The Franciscan priests and brother from Cincinnati, Ohio, were invited by Bishop Kelley to care for the missions of the Panhandle. They began arriving in 1943 and continued to serve the area until 1964. Besides the towns with churches, the Franciscans offered Mass at isolated homes throughout the Panhandle area. As Guymon developed in the 1970s, plans were laid out for a new church. The 500-seat structure was dedicated on April 22, 1985. It was followed by a new rectory and a paved parking lot. Social outreach programs were instituted at Guymon, as well as a religious education program with a full-time director and a youth organization.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Saint Peter the Apostle carries on this proud history by continuing to be an active parish community. Saint Peter the Apostle has three mission churches, and has many different programs to offer. There is daily Mass offered every day, with two Masses celebrated on Tuesday-Friday. There is a youth group, a very active Knights of Columbus chapter, the parish Fellowship Circle, the Oktoberfest committee, Cursillistas, RCIA, and a Hispanic Charismatic Renewal group. Parish life at St. Peter the Apostle is diverse and vibrant, offering something for everyone to have a chance to be engaged in some sort of parish activity. The number of Hispanic parishioners has also seen an increase over the years, such that there are two Spanish Masses offered on Sundays.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Saint Peter the Apostle welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City’s campaign, One Church, Many Disciples. This campaign will enable the building of a shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, and will fund shared ministerial needs. Through participating in this campaign, St. Peter the Apostle will raise significant funds toward needs of beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of $445,000. Saint Peter the Apostle will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $89,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Peter the Apostle.

OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

Through the One Church, Many Disciples campaign, we will not only play a significant role in this historic moment in the Church’s history, but we will also be able to support exciting new projects at St. Peter the Apostle.

With St. Peter the Apostle’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will pave the dirt parking lot to make it more usable and durable, as well are purchase a new catechesis program to more effectively teach the faith.

Paving the Dirt Parking Lot
Paving the parking lot will make it more durable, safer, and usable year round

New Catechesis Program
A new program will help will help teach the faith in a more engaging way