The work of priests and hospital chaplains can be beautiful and inspiring, but— in this time of coronavirus—it also can be difficult and discouraging.

"COVID has so consumed everything. It’s possible to lose the dignity of the person because of the disease," said Father Kevin Ratterman, a chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Ardmore. "Much is being lost to social distancing and lack of access."

Precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease have limited people’s access to pastoral visits and the sacraments.

"We take all of the necessary precautions when going to the hospital, including wearing gloves, masks, using cotton balls during the Anointing of the Sick and limiting contact," said Father Brian.

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Archbishop Paul S. Coakley’s Calendar

Oct. 13 - Napa Institute Principled Entrepreneurship Virtual Conference
Oct. 15 - Mass for Medical Professionals, 6:30 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
Oct. 21 - Senior Staff meeting, Pastoral Center
Oct. 17 - Mass and blessing of new discipleship building, 5 p.m., St. John Nepomuk, Tulsa
Oct. 18 - Virtual Marriage Anniversaries Mass, for all couples celebrated in archdiocese
Oct. 19-22 - Priests Retreat No. 1, Monserrat Retreat Center, Lake Dallas, Texas
Oct. 22 - Tax Credit Scholarship reception, 6 p.m., CPC
Oct. 25 - Mass, 1:30 p.m., Our Lady of Sorrows, Chandler

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Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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Amen.

Almighty God, whose beloved Son, Jesus Christ, went about doing good, and healing all that were sick: command me to do thee service: continue, we beseech thee, thy gracious service of charity to all whom thou dost call thy own. Grant to physicians, nurses and all those who help and comfort the sick, a pattern of thy healing love; and grant to the whole human family the true and eternal good which thou dost give to thy children who believe in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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It has become common to view Confirmation as a rite of passage that signifies the end of youth and the beginning of adulthood. However, there is much more to the Sacrament of Confirmation than just obtaining a religious rite of passage. It is a theological sacrament that is designed to be the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith and service to others. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a public profession of faith, whereby the person receiving it declares their commitment to follow the teachings of the Church and to work for the betterment of society. This sacrament is essential for anyone who desires to be a member of the Church and who wishes to commit themselves fully to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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By Isabella Piro

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ment in the future. Thank you to everyone who has collab-
ored, participated, showed up and been active in the past in parishes and other community efforts. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this journey of faith and service. May we continue to work together for the betterment of our community and the world.

Ch. 3: Vision of an open world

The principle of the capacity to love according to “a universal dimension” (see Para 83) is also resumed in the third chapter, “Envisioning and engendering an open world.” In this chapter, Francis exhorts us to go “outside the self” in order to find “a fuller existence in another” (Para 88), opening ourselves up to the other according to the dynamism of charity which makes us tend toward “universal fulfilment” (Para 95). In the background – the Encyclical recalls – the spiritual nature of a person’s life is measured by love, which always “abides one’s heart” (Para 118), and leads us to seek better for the life of the other, for a “life of hope and joy” (Para 92-93). The principle of solidarity and of fraternity begins within the family, which are to be safe-

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From the Archives...

A photo series from George Biggs, archdiocesan archivist

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Ch. 5: Better politics

The theme of the fifth chapter is: "A better kind of politics, which represents one of the most valuable forms of charity because it is placed at the service of the common good (see Par 189) and recognizes the importance of people, understood as ‘the community available for discussion and dialogue (see Par 166). This is the popular indicated by Francis, which ignores the counterpoints that ‘populism’ which ignores the legitimacy of the notion of ‘people,’ by attracting consensus in order to eliminate them for its own service and forming solidarities in order to increase its own popularity (see Par 159). But a better politics is also one that protects work, an ‘essential dimension of social life.’ The best strategy against poverty, the Pontiff explains, does not simply aim to send render indigents insensible, but to promote them in the perspective of solidarity and subsidiarity (see Par 187). The task of politics, moreover, is to find a solution to all that thịens are human rights, such as mental enslavement, the marketing of organs, weapons, drugs and sexual exploitation; slave labor; terrorism and orga- nized crime. The Pope makes an emphatic appeal to definitively eliminate human trafficking, a ‘scourge of shame for humanity,’ and hunger, which is ‘criminal’ because food is ‘an inalienable right’ (Par 188-189).

The politics we need, Francis also underscores, is a politics centered on human dignity and not subjected to finance because ‘the marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem’ the ‘harvse wreaked by financial speculation has not been demonstrated this (see Par 168). Hence, popular movements have taken on particular relevance: as true “torrents of moral ener- gy,” they must be engaged in society with greater coordination. In this way – the Pope states – it will be possible to go beyond a Policy “with” and “of the poor” (see Par 169).

Another hope present in the encyclical regards the reform of the UN: in the face of the preventability of the market dimension, a task of the United Nations will be to realize the concept of a ‘family of na- tions’ working for the common good, the eradication of poverty and the protection of human rights. Also, Francis reminds us of the important task of mediation, mediation and arbi- tration in order to establish peaceful states – the UN must promote the force of law rather than force (see Par 173-175).

Ch. 6: Dialogue and friendship

From the sixth chapter, ‘Dia- logue and friendship’ society further emerges the concept of life as the ‘art of being with others’ (see Par 201). Although the Pope writes – “and God himself has pleased to communicate this” as a never-ending task (see Par 227-232). Forgiveness is linked to peace, but we must love everyone, without exception – the Eucharistic meal – losing an oppressor means helping him to change and not allowing him to continue oppressing his neigh- bor (see Par 241-242).

‘Just War’

Part of the seventh chapter, then, focuses on war: ‘a con- trary to the truth…’ and aims at forming a society that does not prevail in the contemporary era (see Par 222-224).

Ch. 7: Renewed encounter

The value and promotion of peace is reflected on in the seventh chapter, ‘Praelection to renewed encounter,’ in which the Pope underlines that peace is connected to truth, justice and mercy. Far from the desire for vengeance, he is “renewing encounter and aims at forming a society that does not prevail in the contemporary era (see Par 222-224).

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Tax Credit Scholarship recipients

The schools pictured received 2020 scholarships from the Tax Credit Scholarship program, which distributes scholarship money to all 19 schools in the archdiocese with gifts from individual and corporate donors. The program works as a bridge to help financially struggling families gain access to high-quality Catholic schools. For the 2020-2021 school year, the program distributed more than $900,000 in scholarships.

As a state-recognized Scholarship Granting Organization, donors to TCS can receive Oklahoma state income tax credits for their gifts based on their tax filing status. An individual can receive up to $1,000, a couple filing jointly can receive up to $2,000, and a qualified business entity can receive up to $100,000. To learn more, visit tcsok.org or call 405-709-2545.

Bridge to help financially struggling gifts from individual and corporate schools in the archdiocese with Credit Scholarship program, which distributed scholarships from the Tax Credit Scholarship recipients.


St. John Nepomuk Catholic School
Selfless Heart Catholic School, El Reno

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

Catholic Charities 2020 appeal raising funds, awareness in archdiocese

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is engaging parishioners across central and western Oklahoma to spread the word about the good works of Catholic Charities and to bring awareness to the 2020 appeal. Thirteen staff members spoke on behalf of the organization to 25 churches, totaling 53 Masses.

This year, the goal of the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is to raise $2.56 million for people and families in need.

Everyone has been affected by the pandemic in some way, but by giving to Catholic Charities, you have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable citizens.” Executive Director Patrick Raglow said.

This year, a special effort has been made to reach our Hispanic parishes with the addition of a Spanish speaking resource coordinator. To date, these parishes have donated more than $208,600.

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Education Institute 2020

Teachers from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City attended the annual Fall Education Institute Sept. 25 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Other Catholic school teachers in the archdiocese attended the event virtually. Educators heard from Archbishop Coakley, superintendent of Catholic Schools Diane Floyd and Syn. Keith Strahan from M3 Ministries.

Photos Diane Clay/M3 Ministries.

Schools Diane Floyd and from Archbishop Coakley, virtually. Educators heard teachers in the archdiocese talk about helping students and faculty grow academically, professionally and spiritually.

I can say without hesitation that Julia is possibly the most gifted educator I have encountered in my 47 years in education."

The other finalists were Shivaun Adam from All Saints Catholic School in Norman and Sarah Parizek from St. John Nepomuk Catholic School in Yukon. Adam has served as a fourth-grade teacher for 25 years. She connects CRS Rice Bowl collections to her math and social studies lessons, and she connects her lessons in the science lab to Catholic social teachings.

Parizek has served in a Catholic elementary school for 26 years, most recently as the theology teacher for PreK 3, PreK 4 and kindergarten. She puts much thought and planning into her lessons and her students act out stories with props, shouting out praises to God, marching through Jericho, fighting the giants, singing his praises, quietly talking to Jesus in their hearts, all while being strong enough to hear his soft voice.

The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma provides the award each year to a Catholic school teacher in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. To learn more about Catholic schools, visit archdiocese.org/schools.

New Catholic School Principal - Alice Newman

Why is Catholic education important?

Passing on the Catholic faith is paramount, but students also need opportunities and encouragement to excel morally, academically and physically. The advantages of cultivating friendships in a healthy environment also is an important aspect of Catholic education.

What are some of your goals as a new principal?

My goal as a new principal is to work toward excellence in all aspects of Catholic education.

What is your favorite part of being an educator?

I love the spontaneity and innocence of small children. Their joy is infectious.

What is your favorite way to spend time away from school?

My favorite thing away from school is grand/children! I also enjoy reading, relaxing on our farm and looking for movies worth watching.

Alice Newman, M.Ed.
Principal, Holy Trinity Catholic School, Okarche
The year 2020 is likely to go down as one of the strangest in all our lifetimes. COVID-19 has taken center stage and threatens to be the strangest in all our lifetimes. I largely stay away from all the political drama, though the other day I found a sign that I think I could post in my front yard. It said something like, ‘God has given us an off-year. Our candidate can get re-elected.’ The issue is of course a year ago I was serving on a planning committee for a national conference. We were diligently praying about the theme for this year’s conference. What we came up with was Jesus 2020. At the time, before a global pandemic, and with no cognizant realization that it was a presidential election year, our focus was getting back to the basics. One of the early explanations I read like this: ‘Simple, yet powerful. Back to the core of our faith, proclaiming the name of Jesus that is above every name.’

Yet, we recognize we can’t fully come to know and understand Jesus, and even say his name without the assistance of His Spirit, for no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3).

Now, in the midst of this global health crisis and the in-depth pitch of coverage on the future of the election, Jesus 2020 taken on a whole different meaning. In our early planning for the conference, one of the questions we asked ourselves where the word from the Lord, “For such a time as this.” Little did we know how prophetic those words would become. We eventually settled on the theme Jesus 2020 through prayer, the Lord also leading us to the same point yet powerful of the reality. Jesus is still Lord, no matter what is going on around us, no matter how dismal things may seem, Jesus is still Lord and reigns over us. In the reign over us, he reigns over our country.

We have partnered with Franciscan University for this event, which will be held Dec 11-12. The conference will be a hybrid event — a gathered and virtual event at the same time. Our hope is that small groups, prayer groups, renewal centers, parish groups, will cross the country with us in our local areas and join us as we live-stream the event from the campus at Franciscan University in Ohio.

The schedule will allow for group prayer and discussion as well as the live-stream of the general sessions from the speakers: Father Dave Pivonka, president of Franciscan University in Steubenville; Father Peter Herbeck, Rector of the Seminary of the Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops; Rev. Mary Belardi, national and Episcopal Evangelization and Catechesis, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops; Father Stan Rother Institute as well as other speakers. The Catholic School of St. Eu-

Jesus 2020 Conference

Hispanic leadership development program

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City sees a coordinator for His-

ter Frank Dolezal is a freelance writer and author. The aut-

or is a young child or an adult,

years of experience; be a practicing Catholic in good stand-

ing with the Church; have several years of parv Hispanic Ministry -

experience preferably as a catechist and basic computer knowledge, including use of Microsoft Office tools. Submit resume and contact Mr. Dolezal at fdolezal@archokc.org.

Cook – OKC

The Catholic Pastoral Center works an experienced cook for a part-time position. Flexible sched- ule (approximately 25 hours per week), some weekends and evenings. Minimum five years’ experience in food service preferred. Submit resume to mforni@archokc.org or call 740-75; stacy@sfxstillwater.org.

Children’s ministries – Stillwater

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, Stillwater, is accepting ap- plications for a full-time children’s minister. Experience with Spanglish-speaking communities preferred. Submit resume to stacy@stbenedictwater.org. Night, weekend direct care staff

The Rose Home is seeking night and weekend direct care staff to work with the children and youth in our foster care program. At least one year of experience working with young people is required. Submit resume to dperino@wdsyellowpages.com.

To see more job opportunities, go online to www.archokc.org/jobs.box.

Jobs Box

A new Pentecost

decades of the 60s and 70s as well as the religious renewal of Vatican II led to significant changes in how the Church is presented, both in terms of its structure and the language used in public speeches. It is clear that the Church is moving away from a focus on orthodoxy to a more open and inclusive approach.

However, the author of the text is also concerned about the potential for a mere form of renewal that is not rooted in the core of Christian identity. The author warns that while the Church is becoming more open and welcoming, it must not lose sight of its essential teachings and values.

In closing, the author points out that the Church must continue to be a source of hope and love for the world, and that this task will require the efforts of all who are called to be the Church.

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Luis Beteta

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Jesus 2020 Conference

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...” (Acts 2:4).

This will mark the birth of Catholic Hispanic leadership development and the Synod of Bishops for the Church. It is the di- verse context of the Church’s birth that reveals nothing more.

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The Catholic School of St. Eu-

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City seeks a coordinator for His- toric Hispanic Ministry Office.

A federal study has isolated the Catholic Hispanic Office offices into several different ethnic group only.

The book seems to be a primer for the Sooner Catholic.

The authors have provided us a

The book provides easy personal connection.

While we as Catholics have ample opportunity with him.

The book tells us that “the Eucharist is the mystery of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And, across cultural lines. Such histories have divided us into several different ethnic group only. multiculturalism, and biculturalism are on the rise. How does one negotiate the boundaries of cultural lines.

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Las directrices para su implementación en el otoño del 2021 y del 2022, estarán disponibles a más tardar el 1 de mayo

Un nuevo Pentecostés

OKLAHOMA CITY – El Arzobispo Paul Coakley anunció el viernes 29 de abril de este año una serie de medidas que tiene como objetivo volver a consolidar el modelo de la Confirmación en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City.

La preparación para el sacramento se hará en un año, en lugar de dos. Cada parroquia o centro ofrecerá dos opciones para la confirmación: directrices para la administración del sacramento de la Confirmación, y las nuevas directrices para la administración del sacramento de la Confirmación.

El Presidente del Consejo de Educación del Arzobispado de Oklahoma City, Andrew R. Tuohy, afirmó que esta decisión fue tomada después de un extenso proceso de revisión y discusión con los sacerdotes y padres de familia de la diócesis.

Tuohy explicó que la decisión de ofrecer dos opciones para la administración del sacramento de la Confirmación se tomó a raíz de la necesidad de adaptar el modelo a las nuevas circunstancias de la iglesia contemporánea.

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briefs

please contact event or meeting organizer before attending.

mask requirement in place

until further notice, Archbishop Charles J. Thompson has issued a mandatory requirement for masks to be worn for all public masses in the archdiocese of oklahoma. for more information or to read the “letter to the faithful,” go to archokc.org/safe-environment.

new safe environment training

the archdiocese announced a new safe environment training for parishioners before attending.

shrine webinar

watch construction of the bl. stansley rother shrine on a live webinar at archoke.org/shrinewebcam.

watch heritage gallery episodes on st. raymond stansley

the communications office of the archdiocese has produced a series of short videos to highlight items in the heritage gallery related to bl. stansley rother and each episode on youtube or face- book is available to watch. to subscribe to the youtube channel, visit https://youtube.be/1Q0i5DrZgMq. to support the building of a museum at the bl. stansley rother shrine, go online to stanleyrother.org.

rether documentary, broadcast available on dvd

the dvd set of the beatification mass of bl. stanley rother and the official emmy-nominated docu- mentary, “an ordinary martyr,” are online at retherstore.com or call (405) 721-5651, ext. 114.

online mass tuesday

jim archdiocese cooley and

sister clara smith, a.s.c.

“to make disciples” is the theme for the archdiocesan support your parish

with a donation to masses not at full capacity, priests and parish staffs still need royalties paid to parishioners. find online giving links and more information at archoke.org/supportyourparish.

study guides available!

archbishop cooley encourages all clergy and lay people to spend time studying the latest pastoral letter, “to make disciples: building a culture of conversion and discipleship for the archdiocese of oklahoma” with the help of new study guides available in english and spanish. the letter and pas- toral plan lay out the vision for the archdiocese through 2030.

find the pastoral letter and study guides at archoke.org/20vision2030.

40 days for life

for 40 days for life campaign is sept. 23 - nov. 1. there are locations in edmond, norman and oklahoma city. sign up at 40daysforlife.com. contact respectlife@archoke.org.

young, youth events

the youth, young adult and campus emigration and discri- mination office of the archdiocese has produced a series of short videos to highlight items in the heritage gallery related to bl. stansley rother and each episode on youtube or face- book is available to watch. to subscribe to the youtube channel, visit https://youtube.be/1Q0i5DrZgMq. to support the building of a museum at the bl. stansley rother shrine, go online to stanleyrother.org.

sister clara smith, a.s.c.,

sister clara smith, a.s.c., who taught grade school for four decades before leading her heart in privacy mission, died sept. 22 at the caritas community in wichita. she was 94.

s. clara had been a pro- fessor member of the adorers of the blood of christ for 78 years. she was born on fri. dec. 12, 1926, in spire, kana- than of 12 children born to andrew and mary elizabeth s. smith, influenced by her teachers and an aunt who had joined the congregation, clara entered the community in 1940. she received a bachelor’s degree in education in 1959 from sacred heart college, now Newman university, in wichita. as sister florence, she taught elementary school for 40 years in kansas, oklahoma, nebraska, new mexico and texas, and some- times served as principal. in 2001, s. clara was the new mexico’s correctional systems employee of the year in prison for inspiring those who are in need of hope and those in prison who want comfort in a time of despair and pain. even after retirement in 2005 when she returned to the wichita center, she kept in touch with the men through letters.

the mass of the resurrection was held sept. 23.

pliphop office has many upcoming events such as a veneration of st. gregory’s abbey in shawnee. early bird tickets for $10. get tickets online at archoke.org/youth-young-adult or www. archoke.org/savethebeat.

mass for medical professionals

archbishop’s mass for medical professionals will be at 6:30 p.m. oct. 13 at the cathedral of our lady of perpetual help in okla- homa city. registration to follow. speaker: s. mary rachel nurnberg, r.m.d., s. francis hospital, tulsa.

anniversary mass

archbishop cooley invites mar- ried couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 40, 50+) in the calendar year 2020 to participate in the annual an- niversary mass that will be streamed at 3:30 p.m. oct. 18 in the st. francis de sales chapel at the catholic pastoral center.

zen meditation

access to the archive of marriage and family life at (405) 709-2709 or kkmarras@archoke.org. couples are asked to send in a picture of themselves to be shown on the live stream.

walk for Willow

jim willow pregnancy support oct. 18 - nov. 3 for their full fund- raising walk for willow with the virtual step bet competition. partic- ipants will track their steps through a mobile app and can walk or run from anywhere at any time during the weeks of the competition. visit willowpregnancy.org or e-mail jimwillow@willowpregnancy.org.

zen and see

the adrian dominican sisters will host a virtual zoom and see meeting, 7 p.m. oct. 18, at st. francis de sales chapel, oklahoma city. contact serraokc.org.

October

11 twenty-eighth sunday in ordinary time

11 pray the rosary for life, 6:30 p.m., 2435 wilson dr., norman. contact connie lange, (405) 249-1041, potato.lange@gmail.com.

13 monthly novena to the infant jesus. nine days of novenas to the infant jesus will be live-streamed at st. francis de sales chapel, oklahoma city. contact tony harrellson, (405) 341-2199, (405) 694-1292.

15 anniversary mass

archbishop’s mass for medi- cal professionals, 6:30 p.m., the catholic pastoral center. contact serraokc.org.

15 charismatic catholic prayer meeting, 7 p.m., catholic pastoral center. contact jasmine deyonker, o.p., vocation director, adsdiscern. contact sister tara biermann, o.s.b., willow pregnancy support, jfritz@willowpregnancy.org.

15 thanksgiving dinner cancelled

parrishioners to join in private and social distancing. the archdiocese of oklahoma is hosting a come and see meeting via zoom 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. nov. 7. this workshop will enable participants to learn about the importance of prayer in the work of CRS, especially in support of its two main campaigns on hunger and on refugees and migration. for additional information or to register for the CRS Bocknote at archoke: facebook.com/archdioceseofoklahoma.

15 spokesman for Willow pregnancy Sup- port

bobby stevens, okc. anyone interested in deepening prayer life with community support, call vicky caufile at (405) 637- 4611 or willowpregnancy.org.

22 feast of st. teresa of calcutta, meet- ing at st. jollium chapel, 7 p.m. oct. 21. there will be a fashion show and social distancing required.

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