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"As you did it to the least of my brothers, you did it to Me." Mt. 25:40

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Ground Breaking set for March 25th

The new Catholic Charities campus will break ground on March 25, 2008, exactly two years after Bishop Edward Slattery blessed the ground on March 25, 2006. The new facility, located at North Harvard, just south of Apache, will house all of Catholic Charities' programs in one location, allowing Catholic Charities to serve the people with greater compassion and care than ever before.

March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord to Our Lady and the second anniversary of the blessing of this ground. "For our diocese this day will be a time for us to offer our gratitude to Our Lady and our praise to her Son. It will also be a time for us to look into the future with renewed hope as we begin to realize our dream," said Bishop Slattery. "It would mean a lot to me if I could count on your attendance on the 25th."

To fund the new campus, more than 500 volunteers working in the community and parishes raised more than \$19 million in commitments from nearly 4,000 generous contributors. Not only was the capital campaign well received by the Catholic Community, there were many people of other faiths who stood shoulder-to-shoulder in this endeavor.

In addition to hiring TAP Architecture to design the facility, Catholic Charities hired The Staubach Group to assist with the technical aspects as Project Managers and FlintCo Construction Company as contractors.

The new campus is expected to open in the summer of 2009, but "will be only one part of our new vision for Catholic Charities," said Slattery. "This is because new facilities - no matter how beautiful or well designed - can do no more than facilitate. They can never be an end in themselves, but only the springboard for a larger effort where our Catholic people are more fully integrated into the work of Catholic Charities and become a more positive force for evangelizing the poor."



Catholic Charities invites you to celebrate the ground breaking for their new campus, located at North Harvard, just south of Apache, on March 25th at 11:30 a.m.

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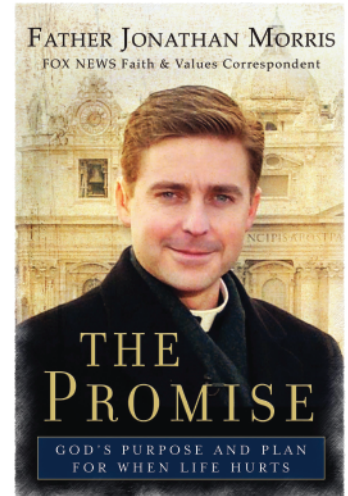
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Father Jonathan to speak on Religion and the Media

Father Jonathan Morris, Catholic Priest and Fox News Correspondent, will speak on Tuesday, April 22 at 7 o'clock p.m., on the topic of Religion and the Media. The event will benefit Catholic Charities and will be held in the new Cascia Hall Performing Arts Center at 2520 South Yorktown Avenue.

Father Jonathan serves as a regular news contributor for the Fox News Channel, where he offers ethical and moral commentary to regular news items. He previously served as a theological advisor to Mel Gibson in the making of the feature film, the Passion of the Christ, and advised the grass-roots promotion of the film in the United States and Europe. In April of 2005, with the sickness and death of Pope John Paul II, Father Jonathan began his work as a religious news analyst and commentator for several domestic and international channels including CNN, Sky News and BBC. His book, *THE PROMISE: God's Purpose and Plan for When Life Hurts*, will be released in April 2008.

Tickets are \$50 and are available at www.iccea.com or by calling Bill Paddock at 918.595.5592. Receive an autographed book with the purchase of 10 tickets. Purchase 20 tickets and receive an autographed book and an invitation for two to dinner with Father Jonathan at The Chalkboard before the event. The evening is sponsored by Primeaux Kia.



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Catholic Charities Celebrates Life at the 17th Annual Rose Day

Members of the Catholic Charities staff headed west to our State Capitol to celebrate the 17th Annual Rose Day on February 6th, 2008. Rose Day rallies thousands of pro-life people together for the purpose of focusing our state legislature's attention on the sanctity of life. Red roses which represent the unborn are presented to legislators and senators as reminders that they are praying for them and to encourage them to cast pro-life votes in the upcoming legislative session.



Mary Lee Ingram (left) and Megan Field visit with Senator Mike Mazzei, District 25, at Rose Day

Mary Lee Ingram, Catholic Charities Director of Adoption Services, made the rounds this year and believes this has a positive impact on the legislature. "Whether or not it directly changes legislative action is unknown, but it does let everyone know a lot of people are serious about pro-life issues."

"Most state legislators including pro-life legislators are unaware that one in three women over the age of 45 has had an abortion." Ingram said Rose Day provides a wonderful opportunity to educate legislators about pro-life issues as well as let them know about Catholic Charities programs including our Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. This retreat provides post-abortion healing to women and men suffering from an abortion.

Megan Field, Catholic Charities Adoption, OU Social Work graduate student intern, was heartened to see so many young people attend this year's event. "Surprisingly a lot of youth including hundreds of high school students and younger kids were present."

Rose Day participants asked their legislators to support eight pro-life bills including: House Bill 2496, 2614, 2654, and 3001 and Senate bills 1694, 1898, 1739, and 1781. For more information on these bills go to www.lsb.state.ok.us

Sartorius takes the reins as Catholic Charities' new Executive Director

After a nationwide search for a new executive director, the Catholic Charities board of directors decided the best person to fill the job already was in the house.

Kevin Sartorius, who since October 2004 has been director of mission advancement, assumed his new duties Feb. 1. He took the helm from Rich Minshall, who was named interim executive director Nov. 9 after Deacon Tim Sullivan resigned the post he had held since 2000.

Mr. Sartorius, 37, is a father of four who is in his third year of formation for the permanent diaconate. He and his wife, Jennifer, are parishioners of the Church of St. Benedict in Broken Arrow.



Bishop Edward J. Slattery, Catholic Charities' chairman of the board, said 22 people applied for the position, and he personally interviewed the final three candidates. "First of all, Kevin's interview went very well, but I know him personally, and I know what he is capable of doing. Most importantly, he understands my vision of what the mission of Catholic Charities must be. It goes far beyond simply offering humanitarian assistance. We don't just give food, we give Christ, and we do this by imitating His love for every person we encounter."

Mr. Sartorius previously was a technology consultant and corporate grant manager with expertise in strategic planning. Among countless other projects, he helped organize what now is a mainstay of Catholic Charities' operating budget – the Cooking Up Compassion fund raiser, which in this, its third year, raised \$600,000.

"We have doubled our operating budgets in three years, and previously we had no development efforts. Over the next three to five years, the Catholic Charities that we have known will be radically different, in large part because our volunteerism also is expanding."

Sartorius said his formation for the diaconate has deepened his spirituality, which already was the driving force in his decision to leave the corporate world to work for the poor. "It helps you to put on the mind of Christ, helps you think the way that Christ thinks." He said that whereas three years ago, if a woman had come to him and said she had had an abortion, he "might have been judgmental. But now I understand mercy and compassion."

Many people wonder how he will juggle the demands of the rigorous deacon formation program, his new job and his role as husband and father. Mr. Sartorius credited his wife and cited a saying to the effect that "behind every good man is a better woman. Jennifer is completely, 100 percent behind serving the poor as well." Plus, when he entered the diaconate program, his parents, Tim and Wanda, moved to Tulsa to help.

While much of his efforts at work will continue to revolve around the new campus, Mr. Sartorius also said he will be concentrating on human resources issues, preparing the staff and volunteers for the transition to the new facilities, which is expected to happen in the summer of 2009.

Article written by Marilyn Duck, Editor, Eastern Oklahoma Catholic

www.CatholicCharitiesTulsa.org gets a new look

Catholic Charities' web site has a new look. The new design is more than a style upgrade, the content is more complete and up-to-date and finding information has never been easier.

Check it out at
www.CatholicCharitiesTulsa.org



Catholic Charities of Tulsa also has a new phone number.

Effective immediately, the main number for Catholic Charities is

918.949.HOPE
(918.949.4673)

Madonna House Auxiliary expresses "An Attitude of Gratitude"

The Madonna House Auxiliary will host the 18th Annual Mother/Child Tea Party Luncheon and Fashion Show at Southern Hills Country Club on Saturday, March 29th at 11:00 am. In addition to lunch, the program includes fashions from SteinMart at 91st and Memorial, Kathleen's Kids and Lolly Garden and presentation of the Helen B. Lauinger award. DC Roberts will be the Mistress of Ceremonies.

The theme for this year's tea party, "An Attitude of Gratitude", was chosen to express the gratitude for everyone who has made the future Madonna House facility a reality.



Proceeds benefit the Madonna House Endowment Fund. Madonna House is a center that serves pregnant and women with newborn babies.

Tickets for the event start at \$40 for adults and \$20 for children and may be purchased at www.CatholicCharitiesTulsa.org or by calling Saunya Moore at 585-8167. Raffle tickets and patron tables are also available.



clockwise from bottom left: Mary Bidasio - Honorary Chair, Alison Stookey - Event Chair and Janet McDaniel - Madonna House Auxiliary President

North Tulsa Heritage Foundation honors Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Tulsa received the 2008 Community Service Award by the North Tulsa Heritage Foundation. The award was accepted by Quentin Henley, Catholic Charities Associate Director, at their 16th Annual Image Builder Award Ceremony held at the Greenwood Cultural Center February 28.

The Community Service Award honors an organization for inspiring vision and outstanding contributions that propel Tulsa and the entire state to greatness.

"Sometimes we don't know the impact we have on the community so it's nice know our presence is recognized by others particularly those in North Tulsa." said Henley.

In addition to garnering the Community Service award, Catholic Charities received certificates from Mayor Kathy Taylor on behalf of the City of Tulsa and the Oklahoma State Legislature.

The North Tulsa Heritage Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1981 by the Business and Development Corporation. The mission of the foundation is to promote, preserve, and communicate African American heritage and positive images of the Tulsa community through educational and cultural programs.