

ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH: OUR UNIQUE MISSION

The young people who gather here for Mass, Bible studies, sacramental preparation, service projects and fellowship represent the future of the Church in Oklahoma, Texas and beyond. Our mission is unlike that of any other parish within the Archdiocese: find the next generation, call them to Christ and prepare them for leadership roles. As the University of Oklahoma grows, our mission grows in scope and urgency.

To accomplish our mission, we must also serve the larger university community. Professors and staff, along with their families, provide an invaluable resource by which we are able to provide and model for students a diverse community of faith. At this writing, St. Thomas More University Parish is blessed with well over six hundred families. Together, we are *the Catholic presence* on the OU campus.

We also need faithful partners from all across Norman, central Oklahoma and the country. Serious Catholics who understand the need to evangelize the nation's university students are our greatest allies. The rising tide of secularism; the militant atheistic movement; the materialistic culture: all of these forces contend with us for the hearts and minds of today's students. Without a vigorous outreach effort, many Catholic students may simply leave the Church, unaware of our rich intellectual and spiritual treasury.

If you would like to know more about us, please visit us. I and my staff are always happy to give tours of our facilities and detail our current ministries. This is a very exciting time to be involved in Campus Ministry and we are filled with hope for the future.

Thanks for visiting our website. God bless you.

In Christ,

Father Jim Goins
Pastor