



## **Community Organizing at St. Charles**

### **What It's All About:**

The Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee is a group of 27 other Oklahoma City churches (7 Catholic) and institutions, which have joined together to provide a voice, informed by faith, to speak the needs of our congregations to our elected public servants.

### **From our own Sister Margarita . . .**

Sr. Margarita Vasquez, H.C.G., served St. Charles during the past four years, and recently retired to San Antonio. Part of her story:

"I was the Mother Superior of my order and the Archbishop asked for our support to ask the Texas legislature to honor a previously promised allocation of funds for the elderly, rather than divert the funds to a manufacturers incentive program. I agreed and became involved with COPS, a community organizing group in San Antonio. The Archbishop and many religious and others met with the governor and lawmakers and accomplished this and other good things for the people. I continued to work with COPS over a 6-year period.

"The positive things I saw in COPS are the positive things I see in the OKC project, and I have joined this project in OKC because I see the needs of the poor in this community and know they need to have a voice in this city."