

Ten years of notable moments for Bishop Taylor



2008
June 5
 Ordained as the seventh bishop for the Diocese of Little Rock with 3,400 Catholics in attendance.

June
 Creates Facebook account (In May 2018 he has 6,600 followers)



Nov. 5
 Releases "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: A Pastoral Letter on the Human Rights of Immigrants." The 32-page letter encourages the faithful to understand the plight of immigrants.

2009
Jan. 17
 Celebrates his first diocesan Mass in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of Bishop Taylor's heroes.

2011
March 17
 Begins 10 days as spiritual director of a Holy Land pilgrimage marking the 100th anniversary of *Arkansas Catholic*.

Aug. 2
 Celebrates 30 years as a priest



2010
June 11
 Dedicates The McDonald Center to house Catholic Charities offices, named for Bishop Emeritus Andrew J. McDonald.

March
 After reducing deaneries from 12 to seven, launches three-year pastoral planning process.



September
 Announces the "Open Your Hearts in Welcome" priorities: implementing changes to the Roman Missal; Natural Family Planning courses for engaged couples; active parish welcome for youth, immigrants and fallen-away Catholics; vocations.



2012
March 14-21
 Makes first "ad limina" visit to Pope Benedict XVI.

Sept. 20
 Blesses and dedicates the new diocesan House of Formation in Little Rock



Oct. 12
 Marches with immigration activists to speak at the Southerners Unified for Dignity & Reform rally on the steps of the State Capitol.

2013
Jan. 30
 Testifies against the death penalty to an Arkansas Senate committee. In March, he backs a bill to end capital punishment.



Nov. 17, 24
 Ordains the diocese's largest-ever class of 40 new permanent deacons, the first class to offer formation in both English and Spanish.

Oct. 7-20
 As a member of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration, leads a fact-finding mission in Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey to learn about worsening conditions for Syrian refugees.



2014
April 8
 Presides over Bishop Emeritus Andrew J. McDonald's funeral Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

Oct. 2
 Files an "amicus curiae" with the Arkansas Supreme Court in defense of marriage in appeal of a lower court's ruling for same-sex marriage.



2015
May 7
 Blesses Abbot Leonard Wangler in the first abbatial blessing in 25 years at Subiaco Abbey.

Sept. 27
 Attends a bishop's meeting with Pope Francis in Philadelphia during the pope's first visit to the United States.

2017
April 14
 Speaks at Good Friday rally against state's planned executions of eight men in 10 days.

Sept. 17
 Attends Islam in the Year of Mercy program, with Catholic-Muslim dialogue.

July 25-29
 Goes to Guatemala on pilgrimage for 35th anniversary of Father Rother's death.



2016
April 26
 Rachel J. Roth Taylor, Bishop Taylor's mother, dies

Dec. 13
 Blesses official diocesan Door of Mercy at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church to start the Year of Mercy.

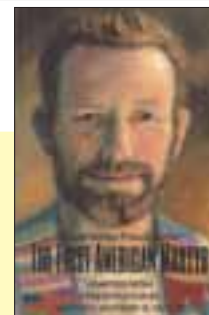


June 24
 Erects St. John the Baptist Church in Cabot, which celebrates Mass in Latin, as an official parish of the diocese.

Sept. 23
 Concelebrates beatification Mass of Blessed Stanley Rother in Oklahoma City.



Sept. 24
 Dedicates first church in world named for Blessed Stanley Rother, in Decatur.



2018
January
 Publishes bilingual book titled "Blessed Stanley Francis Rother: The First American Martyr."