

**The Monsignor John George Weber Century Farm Award Application Form- 2018**  
**Presented by: The Salina Diocese Catholic Rural Life Commission**

The Salina Diocesan Catholic Rural Life Commission established the annual Century Farm Award in August 1992, to recognize Catholic families of the Salina Diocese who have farmed or owned the same land in the Salina Diocese for one hundred years or more. In 2002, the Salina Diocesan Rural Life Commission honored Monsignor John George Weber for his many years of service to the Salina Diocese and National Catholic Rural Life Offices by adding his name to the century farm award. Just as Monsignor Weber has worked tirelessly to promote rural life and keep abreast of farm issues, this Monsignor John George Weber Century Farm Award recognizes the farmers and ranchers of the Salina Diocese who have been entrusted with the productive land of our diocese from one generation to the next and who have exemplified the Church's value of keeping their family associated with the land. The Catholic Church of the Salina Diocese congratulates those who have been able to complete this task.

Please Print or Type the Application Information

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

(Award plaque will bear this name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name of original family member who owned this land and the date acquired: (will be on plaque)

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Children of the original family \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Chronological order of family members who have owned/farmed or lived on the land:

Present owner/operator \_\_\_\_\_

Entries due by August 1, 2018, to:

Rural Life Office  
C/O Sacred Heart Parish  
585 N. French Ave. Colby, KS 67701

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MONSIGNOR JOHN GEORGE WEBER CENTURY FARM AWARD**

1. Families eligible for this award must be the owner or operator of the land which has been in the same family for one hundred years or more and the family has not received this award previously.
2. Residents from the West Central Deanery of the Salina Diocese are encouraged to apply for which the 2018 Annual Rural Life Day will be held this year.
3. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic (at least one of the family members a practicing Catholic).
4. The entry form must be completed and returned to the Rural Life Commission Office, by August 1, 2018.
5. The award will be presented at the Annual Rural Life Day to be held on August 12, 2018 at St. Joseph Parish, 210 West 13th Street, Hays, Kansas beginning at 3:00 pm. The recipient or a delegate of the family must be present to receive the award.
6. The recipients will be asked to introduce their family members present at the Annual Rural Life Day and make a few comments (five minutes or less) about their century farm. A written copy of the comments would be appreciated for the Rural Life Office Achieves and article for The Register.
7. All recipients will receive a plaque for meeting these requirements. Questions or comments about the Monsignor John George Weber Century Farm Award or the Annual Rural Life Day may be directed to the Salina Diocese Rural Life Office, C/O Sacred Heart Parish, 585 N. French Ave., Colby, KS 67701; Telephone: (785) 462-2179.