

## **June New Evangelization activity suggestions for Parish Evangelization Commissions and/or Family Life Commissions**

EVANGELIZATION IN AND THROUGH THE FAMILY: During 2015, the evangelization efforts in the Diocese of Salina are focused around evangelization in and through the family. The month of June's theme is New Life through Fatherhood. **Activity suggestions for parish Evangelization and/or Family Life commissions to consider:**

1) Publicizing devotion to St. Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus and/or St. Joseph the Dreamer, (a devotion of special significance to Pope Francis.)

Note the explanation that when Pope Francis is facing particular problems, he sometimes writes the problem on a piece of paper and places it under a statue of Joseph on his desk, asking Joseph to dream over the problem. If a statue is unavailable, it is suggested to use the image of Joseph the Dreamer on the prayer card in a similar way.)

See the "Documents" section which include ready-to-print templates for prayer cards related to each of these devotion.

2) Baby Bottle campaign for the support of Respect Life organizations. (This campaign ideally began on Mother's Day with the distribution of baby formula bottles, and ideally concludes on Father's Day with the return of the bottles with financial contributions.)



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**Prayer to St. Joseph, the Dreamer**

**Dear Saint Joseph, you accepted the will of God revealed to you in a dream by the visit of an angel. I ask that you dream over this offering I make to you. You know my aspirations, my hardships, my hopes. You know, too, my trials, labors, and weariness. From your place in heaven, most powerful deliverer, graciously come to my aid in this conflict with the powers of darkness. Obtain for me a heart like yours, courageous and trusting; a heart that believes it can successfully carry out the tasks entrusted to it. Let me face the difficulties that confront me with confidence and courage like you did. Amen.**

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You served the Child Jesus with great unselfishness, without any regard to self-interest, but not without sacrifices. You did not toil for yourself, but were an instrument intended for the benefit of others, to be put aside as soon as it had done its word, for you disappeared from the scene once the childhood of Jesus had passed.

Pray for me. May I continue to serve my Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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