

Evangelization in and through the Family
Evangelization and/or Family Life Commission Activities
From the Office of New Evangelization, Diocese of Salina
May, 2015

In relation to Mother's Day:

1) Publicize devotion to Mary as the Undoer of Knots

<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/spirituality-center/ss-family/mary-undoer-knots/>



Background:

Mary, Undoer of Knots, has drawn global adoration and devotion, especially in the time of Pope Francis's election. The Mother of God miraculously conceived Jesus after being visited by the angel Gabriel who told her she would have a child. As the Mother of God, Mary is loved and honored more than any other Saint, known as the ultimate mother and leader of family. Mary Undoer of Knots is revered for her love and devotion to her son Jesus. She is known for her ability to intercede on our behalf to "undo" the knots, the challenges, in our lives. Her love and compassion for us as the children of God show us just how much she is the mother of the Holy Family and our Mother.

The Novena to Mary, Undoer of Knots was inspired by this Icon in which the Blessed Virgin Mary is shown undoing knots. The icon and the devotion can be sourced to the writing of Saint Irenaeus of Lyons, "The knot of Eve's disobedience was loosened by the obedience of Mary."

Prayer:

Dearest Holy Mother, Most Holy Mary, you undo the knots that suffocate your children. Extend your merciful hands to me. I entrust to you today this knot and all the negative consequences that it provokes in my life. I give you this knot that torments me and makes me unhappy and so impedes me from uniting myself to you and your Son Jesus, my Savior.

I run to You, Mary, Undoer of Knots because I trust you and I know that you never despise a sinning child who comes to ask you for help. I believe that you can undo this knot because you are near to God and always intercede for us. I believe that you want to undo this knot because you are my Mother. I believe that you will do this because you love me with eternal love.

Thank you, Dear Mother.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. **Amen.**

2) Baby Bottle Campaign

- Baby bottles distributed on Mother's Day for the support of Respect Life of unborn children and infants
- Provides for financial support but also prayerful support
- to be collected on Father's Day
- Knights of Columbus may assist in distribution
- Benefits to

Salina Diocese Catholic Charities,

provides diapers, formula, baby clothes, car seats, travel expense assistance for those who must travel to an agency location, utility assistance for at-risk pregnant families and families with newborns, caseworkers who offer support for mothers to reach a healthy delivery (assistance available in both English and Spanish)

Mrs. Michelle Martin, director

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Birthright of Salina

Completely confidential help; Friendship and emotional support; Free pregnancy tests; Medical referrals; Legal referrals; Educational assistance and referrals; Maternity and baby clothes; Housing referrals; Referrals to social agencies; Referrals for professional counseling (Prenatal development, Job search/career development, Adoption, Pregnancy & childbirth, Child care options, Child safety issues)

1125 E. Iron

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for financial contribution information contact Linda Campbell, director, (785) 823-6138 or for emergency assistance national hotline 800-550-4900; Salina office (limited hours) 785 823 3113

Kansans for Life,

Primarily legislative advocacy regarding respect for life; also provides some educational materials (including Baby Bottles that can be used for the benefit of Kansans for Life or for other respect life causes)

3301 W. 13th St.,

Wichita, KS 67203

Office: 316.687.LIFE (5433) or 800.928.LIFE (5433)

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or other local pro-life organization of your choice.

- Baby Bottles available from Kansans for Life or a vendor of your choice.

3) A Note to Mother

This activity, publicized in the parish bulletin, on the parish website, or in other ways involves asking children or grandchildren to write a note to their mother (or grandmother, or mother-figure) that completes the sentence, "You have helped me grow in faith by"

Examples might include: going to Mass, being a catechist, reading at Mass, going to confession, working in the Altar Society, praying the rosary, Stations of the Cross, and/or other devotions, volunteering at Birthright/Food Bank/Thrift Shop, praying in time of suffering, leading meal prayers, etc.

Results could be shared in a homily, the parish bulletin or website, or in other ways.