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## **OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK** is November 1-7. This annual event is a special time to actively foster and pray for a culture of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Some resources to celebrate the week are available from the USCCB at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week>.

**MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS** is scheduled for 11 A.M. November 5, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. All are welcome to attend; however, we will also be live streaming the Mass available on Facebook or the Diocesan Website. Please arrive by 10:30 A.M. if you wish to concelebrate.

**PRIESTS' COUNCIL** is scheduled for 1 P.M. November 5, via ZOOM meeting. Priests will receive an email invitation to the meeting. The meeting should conclude by 3 P.M.

**ADOPTION MASS** is scheduled for November 6 at noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. The event is hosted by Catholic Charities in honor of those who have been touched through adoption in their own lives. A soup and salad luncheon will follow. Please contact Megan Robl at Catholic Charities ([mrobl@ccnks.org](mailto:mrobl@ccnks.org) or 785.825.0208) and let them know if you plan to attend. If you wish to con-celebrate Mass, please arrive around 11:30 A.M.

**DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS COLLECTION ENVELOPES** were included in the October 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of *The Register* and will also be included in the November Issue of *Faith Magazine*. Your assistance in promoting our diocesan publications is important and appreciated.

**THANKSGIVING** is on Thursday, November 26. The Chancery will be closed Nov. 26 and 27 in observance of the holidays.

**SCHEDULING OF CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES** during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The commonly held canonical opinion is that "evening" is ordinarily defined as "4:00 PM or later." If possible, please continue to schedule your Masses following these guidelines. However, in those Parishes where there is a legitimate need determined by the pastor to add additional Masses Bishop Vincke has granted permission to celebrate Christmas Eve Masses beginning at 2:00 PM (see attached Decree).

## **OFFICER OF THE BISHOP (cont.)**

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERTS:**

**NOVEMBER** – Join us as we work to end the scourge of human trafficking.

*U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. ([www.sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org)). USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131*

**NOVIEMBRE** - Únase a nosotros mientras trabajamos para terminar el flagelo del tráfico humano.

*Hermanas católicas de los Estados Unidos contra la trata de personas. ([www.sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org)). USCSAHT es una organización 501 © 3. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131*

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** is November 29.

**#iGIVECATHOLIC GIVING TUESDAY** is December 1, thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity to show your support of our Diocese, Catholic Schools and Parishes.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is on Sunday, December 8.

**ADVENT RETREAT AND DAY OF REFLECTION** for Chancery staff is Thursday, December 10. The Chancery will be closed.

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** is December 12-13. Please refer to my attached letter for the promotion of this important collection within your parish.

**SEMINARIAN MASS AND LUNCHEON** is December 19. Mass is at 11:00 A.M. at the Cathedral with a reception to follow. Thank you for your support of our seminarians.

## **OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY:** You should have received an email from the Official Catholic Directory Company with a link to access the website where you can make updates/changes for the 2021 Official Catholic Directory. It came with instructions to follow in order to make these changes. The deadline for making changes is November 13th. Please log in to the website and make your changes as soon as possible in order for our office to accurately fill out the form to be sent back to them.

## **OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR (cont.)**

**ADDENDUM-** In part, due to the pandemic we continue to endure, we have made an addendum to the Policy for the Protection of Children and Young People-July 2020. This addendum refers to and clarifies Appendix D (Code of Conduct) Section IV-19 in your Diocesan Policy Handbook. Please print the attached and put with your Safe Environment Policy/Program to use as a reference. If you have any questions, please contact the Safe Environment Office. We will send this addendum with page number, new table of contents etc., when we update the Diocesan Handbook at a later date.

## **OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

**LABOR POSTERS:** There are several very aggressive companies who will attempt to sell your office poster sets. Please consider another option available.

All required employment and related posters are available to free of charge. Contact Kim in HR for more information. [Kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org](mailto:Kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org) or call at 785-342-0819.

## **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

**THE SEMINARIAN FAMILY CHRISTMAS GATHERING** will be December 19th. It will take place at the Cathedral. All priests are invited to join for Mass at 11:00 A.M. and lunch immediately following. Please RSVP with Fr. Andy.

**ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** is Nov. 14-16. It is a come and see weekend at Conception Seminary College. The Quo Vadis Retreat is in Wichita Jan. 8-10. It is designed for young men to discern a vocation to priesthood. Please encourage young men in your parishes, juniors in high school or older, to consider attending these events. If you get any takers, please contact Fr. Andy or Fr. Josh for sign up and travel details.

**PARISH VISITS:** Fr. Andy or Fr. Josh will be preaching on vocations at one parish a month. Priests who are planning to be gone for a weekend are welcome to contact Fr. Andy or Fr. Josh to see if a vocations weekend can be arranged.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK** is November 1-7. Please encourage your parishioners to pray for an increase in vocations to Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life in our Diocese.

**PRAYER CARDS:** There are two new diocesan prayers for vocations. They will both be on one prayer card. One specifically prays for more priests. The other prays for all vocations. These cards are currently being printed. We are considering the best way to get them to every parish.

## **THE REGISTER/FAITH**

The Oct. 23 issue of The Register and the November issue of *FAITH* magazine included a donation envelope for diocesan publications for 2021. Below are bulletin announcements leading up to that issue. Please encourage your parishioners to help us in our mission to inform them about our Church.

(Oct. 31-Nov. 1)

The Salina Diocese's award-winning newspaper, The Register, and the new *FAITH* Magazine bring you local stories and news about the Diocese of Salina, messages from diocesan leadership and commentary about the Church, locally and from around the world. Every family registered at a parish receives The Register on the fourth Fridays of the month, and *FAITH Magazine* arrives on a quarterly basis. Instead of subscriptions, we ask for a \$25 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Your Oct. 23 issue of The Register and the November issue of *FAITH* will include a donation envelope, or you may mail your donation check to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402-1038, or contribute online at [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org).

(Nov. 7-8)

The Register and *FAITH Magazine* are the only places to find this much news and stories about the Diocese of Salina, its parishes and the universal Church. Every registered family receives the award-winning Register once a month and the new *FAITH Magazine* once a quarter. Instead of subscriptions, we ask for a \$25 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Your Oct. 23 issue of The Register and the November issue of *FAITH* magazine will include a donation envelope, or you may mail your donation check to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402, or contribute online at [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org).

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:** Please see the attachment with information regarding sending Christmas greetings to seminarians and retired priests.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE:** Our new diocesan website is live! Please visit [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org) to check it out. A big thank you to everyone who assisted with this endeavor. Clergy members, if you would like a copy of your headshot please email [matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org](mailto:matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org) and she will email you a copy of the photo.

**NEW DIOCESAN PODCAST "FROM THE HEART":** We are so excited about our new Catholic podcast, "From the Heart"! We have several episodes for you to listen to about conversions to the Catholic faith, vocations stories, and more. Click the links below to start listening or subscribe.

- Anchor - <https://anchor.fm/fromtheheartcatholic>
- Spotify - <https://open.spotify.com/show/3JZVJbr9ocp9C7LJma7Mxj>
- Google Podcasts  
- <https://www.google.com/podcasts?feed=aHR0cHM6Ly9hbmNob3IuZm0vcy8zNWNhZjIxYy9wb2RjYXN0L3Jzcw==>
- Apple Podcasts - <https://podcasts.apple.com/.../from-the.../id1531522453>

**#iGIVECATHOLIC PROMO VIDEO:** We are excited for another successful year of #iGiveCatholic! As we prepare for the kickoff of advanced giving, we need your help with our Promo Video. Below are the instructions for all video/photo submissions. The video will be a little different this year, but [Here](#) is a link to last year's video as a reference for the kinds of photos and videos we need. If your parish, school or organization is participating in #iGiveCatholic this year we would love your help with our video.

**VIDEO Instructions:** Please take some videos! We would love to have more videos that show parishioners and students telling people to "Give Catholic" or why they give Catholic "I give Catholic to support..." or "I give Catholic because..." Any other message you would like to share that will encourage others to give are also appreciated. Have several people hold the sign and send them to: [matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org](mailto:matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org)

**\*\*\*Please be sure to send HORIZONTAL videos - If they are vertical, we can't use them!\*\*\***

**PHOTO Instructions:** Please utilize the enclosed #iGiveCatholic banner and sign. Gather students in your school, parishioners after Mass, or any other combinations of young and old parish community members. Have several of them hold the sign and snag some photos. Select your favorites and email them to [matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org](mailto:matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org).

**\*\*\*Please be sure to send BIG and FULL resolution horizontal photos!\*\*\***

To ensure your safety, we also ask that you keep social distancing in mind and follow your county health officials if a mask ordinance is in effect. Please email [matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org](mailto:matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org) your photos/videos and any other questions you have about this project. Thanks in advance for your participation, and God bless you!

### **Follow us on social media!**

Instagram: [salina\\_diocese](https://www.instagram.com/salina_diocese)

Facebook: [SalinaDiocese](https://www.facebook.com/SalinaDiocese)

Twitter: [@SalinaDiocese](https://twitter.com/SalinaDiocese)

YouTube: [Salina\\_Diocese](https://www.youtube.com/salinadioceseks) or [www.youtube.com/salinadioceseks](https://www.youtube.com/salinadioceseks)

## **OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

**REQUIRED FORMS-** Safety Coordinators of Parishes and Schools, if you have not returned your Certification Status sheet(s) or information sheet for the Safe Environment Office, please do so as soon as possible so these can be verified and filed.

**ADDENDUM-** In part, due to the pandemic we continue to endure, we have made an addendum to the Policy for the Protection of Children and Young People-July 2020. This addendum (*see attachment*) refers to and clarifies Appendix D (Code of Conduct) Section IV-19 in your Diocesan Policy Handbook. Please print the attached and put with your Safe Environment Policy/Program to use as a reference. If you have any questions, please contact the Safe Environment Office. We will send out the official addendum with a page number, new table of contents, etc., when we update the Diocesan Handbook at a later date.

**PARISH AND SCHOOL AUDITS-** In 2019 the Safe Environment Office concluded the first 3-year cycle of Parish and School On-Site Audits. In Spring of 2020, it was decided to do some parish/school trainings in the different deaneries instead of the on-site audits, but that came to a sudden halt as the pandemic hit. Fortunately, we were able to complete those trainings through Zoom meetings.

It is now time to start to start the 3 year- cycle over. With the pandemic still in our forefront and now hitting parish communities in the western part of our diocese, and who knows where it will hit next, I have decided at this time, it would be best to conduct the audits through Zoom. The format of the meeting will be similar in scope and nature to previous audits, except we will not be face to face. I have been contacting the Safety Coordinators in each parishes and schools in the West Deanery plus those in Manhattan, Ogden and Junction City to start scheduling these Zoom meetings. If you have not yet been contacted to schedule a meeting, please let me know. Thank you for your cooperation and your continued support as we Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal.

**WHEN IN DOUBT MAKE A REPORT-** If anyone in the Diocese has questions regarding how to report abuse, when to report abuse, or if you should report abuse, please contact Maria Cheney, our Victim Assistance Coordinator and advocate for the diocese. Maria will guide you through the reporting process and answer any questions you may have. Please use this resource (*see attachment*) which includes current contact information for Maria Cheney along with other pertinent information relating to how to report abuse in the Diocese of Salina.

## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**TOTUS TUUS:** If you would like a team of 2 seminarians and 2 college age women to come to your parish this summer to teach your young people and high school students, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

June 6-11, 2021-----FULL  
 June 13-18, 2021-----FULL  
 June 20-25, 2021-----FULL  
 June 27-July 2, 2021----3 openings  
 July 11-16, 2021-----FULL  
 July 18-23, 2021-----2 openings  
 July 25-30, 2021-----3 openings



## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (cont.)**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMS:** Thank you for sending in your forms. If you haven't sent in your forms, please do so as soon as possible. This will ensure the new people to be on our mailing list and receive the mailings from the Office.

## **OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY**

**DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION:** Our convention will be the weekend of March 20-21, 2021.

On Saturday, March 20 we will be at THOMAS MORE PREP/MARIAN HIGH in Hays and Sunday, March 21 we will be at SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL in Salina. Our speaker for both days will be Robert Feduccia. The Adult Youth Leaders will be receiving the information and the registration forms in the mail.

**JUNIOR CYO CAMP:** This camp is held at Rock Springs Ranch around Junction City. We usually have around 300 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attend this camp. Our counselors are seniors in high school and college age students. During the day the junior high youth do the activities of the camp and in the evening, we have the college age students give talks on our theme that we develop during the camp.

**PRAYER AND ACTION:** In June, Oakley will host Prayer and Action for the college week and 3 high school weeks. We need a parish in the eastern part of our diocese to host us in July. If you have any questions, please give me a call in the Office. It is always a wonderful experience for the parishes that have hosted this program in the last fifteen years. In July we will have 3 high school weeks.

**NCYC:** The dates for NCYC are November 18-20, 2021. You have received a form to fill out to give us an idea of how many people that you think will attend this conference. A few parishes have sent those forms in and we have about 150 youth and adults going from 5 parishes. This helps us in reserving buses and hotel rooms.

## **OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT**



**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** Thank you to all for your continued promotion of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have \$1,723,430.21 pledged to the appeal! As the year ends, active solicitation for the 2020 annual appeal will end around Advent. Gifts will still be processed through Dec. 31, 2020.

The planning process for the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal has begun to pick up. Recently, a survey was sent out to all pastors. Thank you to those who have completed the survey, it has been a huge help. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so by clicking [here](#). We want to make it easy for you to implement this appeal in your parish.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can do so much for the Diocese of Salina.

**#iGIVECATHOLIC:** Registration for #iGiveCatholic closed on October 30. We are excited that so many parishes and schools are taking advantage of this opportunity. Advanced giving is November 16 and Giving Day is December 1. For those that are participating, please be sure to update your page profiles. Make them as personal and engaging as you can! Share your story and reasons why people should support your parish/school/organization. If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie Greenwood.

#### **CARES ACT – Charitable tax benefits**

The following is reprinted from an earlier SDNB. With the end of the year approaching, it's good to remember this and to pass this information to your parishioners. If you have any questions, contact Beth Shearer at [beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org](mailto:beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org).

The federal legislation that created the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loans has also created several charitable tax benefits for giving. This could make a difference for many of your parishioners as they start to consider their tax consequences, usually later in the year. Note these changes seem to be just for this 2020 tax year. You can share the following and be sure to add the disclaimer similar to the one printed below.

##### **Temporary Universal Charitable Deduction for 2020 Tax Year**

This deduction allows taxpayers who do not currently itemize their deductions to claim a charitable deduction for cash donations up to \$300 through December 31. The \$300 cap applies to individuals and married couples equally, i.e., a married couple would not be able to take a \$600 deduction. Donations to donor advised funds and supporting organizations are not eligible for this deduction.

##### **AGI Charitable Deduction Caps Suspended or Increased for 2020 Tax Year**

The adjusted gross income (AGI) limits on charitable donations are suspended or increased for cash gifts made by individuals and corporations. The 60% AGI cap for individual taxpayers who itemize has been suspended. Taxpayers who itemize are eligible to take charitable deductions for donations up to 100% of their AGI for the 2020 tax year. The AGI cap for corporations has been increased from 10% to 25% for corporate tax years ending in 2020. Donations to private foundations and donor advised funds are not eligible for the increase or suspension of AGI limits.

This information is provided for educational purposes only. It does not constitute legal advice and should not be construed as legal advice or a legal opinion. Readers should seek such advice from their own professional advisers.

If you have any questions about charitable tax benefits in the CARES Act, contact Beth.

#### **Contact us:**

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## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL- TOGETHER, WE CAN!**

Thank you for assisting Catholic Charities with our Annual Appeal! We are truly blessed to have your support and appreciate your assistance to make this a successful diocesan-wide appeal.

Catholic Charities has mailed out all of the supplies you will need for the 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Together, we can! If you serve multiple parishes, your box will continue materials for each parish. Each package includes:

- Remittance envelopes with pledge cards
- An appeal poster
- Bulletin announcements
- A disc with the Bishop's audio recording

If any of these items are missing or if you need more envelopes and pledge cards for your parish(es), please contact Jeanie at 785-825-0208 or [jwarner@ccnks.org](mailto:jwarner@ccnks.org).

To help Catholic Charities have a successful appeal this year, we respectfully request you take the following steps in each parish:

- Now through November 30:
  - Display the enclosed poster in your parish
  - Use the enclosed "Bulletin Announcements" in your parish bulletins on the indicated dates.
- November 3–30: Have a designated area in your church for the enclosed pledge cards and remittance envelopes and let your parishioners know this location.
- November 7-8: Play the Bishop's recorded message during each Mass and also any video Masses you record.
- November 14-15: Appeal Weekend! Encourage parishioners to donate to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal and remind them where you have pledge cards available.

### **Handling Donations**

1. Parishioners should mail envelopes directly to Catholic Charities or they may place envelopes in the collection during Mass.
2. Collect the envelopes you receive and send them to Catholic Charities (PO Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402) without opening or processing them.
  - We prefer to handle all processing from our office so we can properly thank all individuals who donate to Catholic Charities!
  - If you do receive cash or checks made to your parish, please send Catholic Charities each person's name, contact information and donation amount.

If you have any questions, please contact, Jeanie Warner at [jwarner@ccnks.org](mailto:jwarner@ccnks.org) or 785-825-0208 x215.

**ADOPTION MASS:** Please consider putting this announcement in your parish bulletins:

**Catholic Charities will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adoption Mass at noon on Friday, November 6, 2020.** Bishop Vincke will celebrate Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina in honor of National Adoption Awareness month. The Mass is open to the public and families and individuals touched by adoption are encouraged to attend.

## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

**2021 MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.** will take place January 29th, 2021. There will be a Salina Diocese sponsored pilgrimage again in 2021 but it will look different than past years. With uncertainty caused by the pandemic it was decided to NOT charter busses for the 25+ hour trip because confining a large group of people in a bus is not advisable at this time. The alternative to riding the bus is to fly to D.C. or drive yourself there! Airline tickets are currently priced at an affordable rate, but that will change quickly as the January event date draws closer. The Diocese **WILL NOT** purchase airline tickets, that is up to each individual or group to do on their own. The Diocese **WILL** provide hotel accommodations and transportation in D.C.!

The itinerary will look very different this year as well. Many of the activities such as the evening rallies and Mass with the other dioceses of Kansas are unlikely to happen. The pilgrimage will focus on the March itself and will still include a visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, but other activities will be limited.

Plan on making travel arrangements to arrive in D.C. late afternoon/evening on Thursday, January 28th and depart from Reagan National Airport after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30th.

Expected cost per person for hotel and transportation in D.C. is \$200. The DEADLINE to register is NOVEMBER 20th, 2020 with two ways to register. Online registration is available, or you can mail in your registration. Full payment of \$200 is due with your registration. Make checks payable to Salina Diocese Respect Life Office and mailed to PO Box 980, Salina, KS 67402, attention: March for Life. Cost of travel must be paid by the individual. Registration forms, Medical/Waiver forms, are available on the diocesan Website.

ALL plans are subject to change as the ongoing pandemic makes it difficult to be assured of anything. When purchasing airline tickets be sure to ask about refundability or transferring the use of your ticket to a later date in the event we don't go.

## **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE**

"**BELOVED**" presented by Deacon Wayne Talbot is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27th and Saturday, March 13th from 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. at St. Thomas More Parish, Manhattan in the Education Wing, Room A. Contact Deacon Wayne at St. Thomas More Parish, 785-776-5151, for registration information.

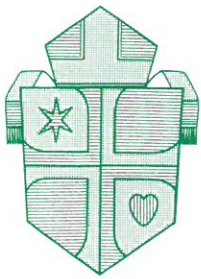
## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Misc. Section: Pgs. 22, 36, 62: Fr. John Wolesky new email: frjwolesky@gmail.com

# December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 iGiveCatholic Day Divine Mercy Radio Care-A-Thon	2  Divine Mercy Radio Care-A-Thon	3 Via Christi mtg 2 pm  Finance Council, 4 pm  Divine Mercy Radio Care-A-Thon	4  Cursillo Winter Retreat  Divine Mercy Radio Care-A-Thon	5  Cursillo Winter Retreat
6	7	8  Feast of the Immaculate Conception  CHANCERY CLOSED	9	10  Advent Retreat, Chancery personnel, 9am-4pm  CHANCERY CLOSED	11	12
13  Retired Religious Collection	14	15	16  Art & Architecture, 10 am	17	18	19  Seminar Mass & Luncheon, 11 am, S. H. Cathedral
20	21  Winter Begins	22	23	24  Christmas Eve  CHANCERY CLOSED	25  Christmas Day  CHANCERY CLOSED	26  Kwanzaa
27	28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve  CHANCERY CLOSED		

**\*\*\*\*\* All scheduled events are tentative at the time of publication. Please check for updates with your parish/chancery**



## Diocese of Salina

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Chancery

### ***DECREE***

(Prot. No. GV2020-024)

***In nomine Domini. Amen.***

#### **Concerning the Celebration of Christmas Eve Masses 2020**

Whereas the Code of Canon Law allows for the celebration of Feast Day Masses on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day (*CIC* canon 1248, § 1) and the commonly held canonical opinion is that “evening” is ordinarily defined as “4:00 PM or later.”

Whereas the Instruction *Eucharisticum mysterium* (May 25, 1976) affirmed that the scheduling of vigil Masses is within the competence of each local Ordinary to determine.

Whereas I have determined that because of COVID-19 a permission to celebrate anticipated Masses in the afternoon is warranted for the spiritual good of the faithful.

**By this decree, I hereby grant in those Parishes where there is a legitimate need determined by the pastor to celebrate Christmas Eve Masses on December 24, 2020 beginning at 2:00 PM in the time zone where the Parish church is located.**

This permission is granted only for Christmas Eve Masses in the year two thousand and twenty, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Salina on this, the 28th day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty.



*+ Gerald L. Vincke*

Most Reverend Gerald L. Vincke  
Bishop of Salina

*Corey Lyon, JCL*

Corey Lyon, JCL  
Chancellor



## Diocese of Salina

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Salina, Kansas 67402-0980

Office of the Bishop

November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our parishes will be participating in the Retirement Fund for Religious collection the weekend of December 12–13. This annual appeal benefits more than 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

In our Diocese men and women religious were instrumental in establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. Often this progress came at great sacrifice, and many older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Today, hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

During these unprecedented times, our financial resources and generosity may be stretched, so I humbly ask that you please join me in praying for God's protection for all our elderly religious, and to consider supporting this important collection as you are able.

In Christ's service,

Most Reverend Gerald L. Vincke  
Bishop of Salina



# Send a Christmas greeting to our retired clergy and our seminarians

## *Our retired clergy*

Father Beryl Gibson	Father LeRoy Metro
Father James Grennan	Father Jerome Morgan
Msgr. James Hake	Father Donald Pfannenstiel
Father James Hoover	Father Daniel Scheetz
Father Merlin Kieffer	Father William Surmeier
Father Larry Letourneau	Father Basil Torrez
Father Melvin Long	Father Alvin Werth
Father Roger Meitl	

If you do not have the addresses, mail cards  
to the following address and we will forward them:  
*(Priest's name), c/o Office of the Bishop,  
P.O. Box 980, Salina, KS 67402*

## *Our seminarians*

*(send to these addresses no later than Dec. 1)*

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**Trent Logan — Kyle Pfeifer — Adam Zarybnicky**  
*Conception Seminary College,  
P.O. Box 502, Conception, MO 64433*

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**Luke Friess — Brady Hutchison — Kade Megaffin — Jesse Ochs**  
*St. John Vianney School of Theology,  
1300 S. Steele St., Denver, CO 80210*

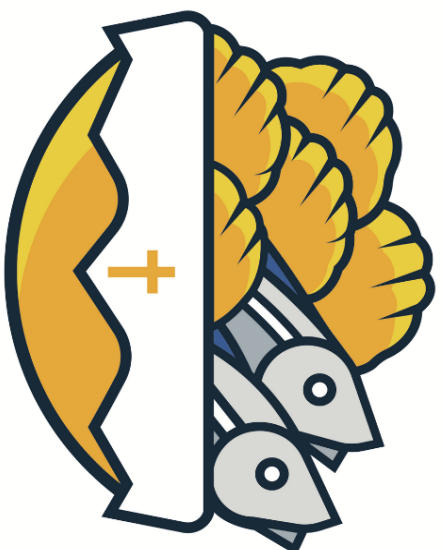
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**Deacon Brian McCaffrey**  
*St. Meinrad School of Theology,  
200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577*



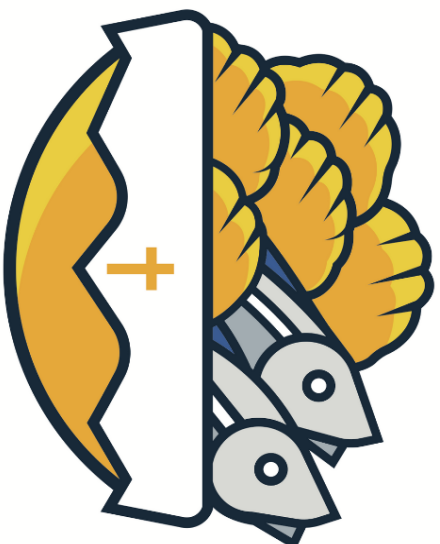
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## BECAUSE:



## **ADDENDUM**

Policy for the Protection of Children and Young People July 2020  
In the policy, Appendix D (Code of Conduct) Section IV -19 states:

*Maintaining proper supervision at all times. Ordinarily, this means having two qualified adults\* present (must be at least 25 years of age\*\* and trained- have Safe Environment Training and valid Background Check).*

**See below for clarification as it relates to Religious Education Classes/Youth Ministry**

*\*Two qualified adults is ideal. We are all in survival mode, I realize getting qualified adults is a difficult task during “normal” times, now add to it the pandemic, when many of you are not even sure when or how Religious Education classes will look this year. If this is not possible, please provide safe environments for adults and students by ministering in areas visible to others and/or employ a hall monitor or rover and continue to adhere to and maintain professional and personal boundaries per your responsibilities to the Diocese of Salina.*

**In Religious Education Classes/Youth Ministry-**

**\*\*Adults ministering to students in:**

**Grades K-8 -One adult must be at least 21 years of age, the other must be at least 18 years of age.**

**Grades 9-12 – One adult must be at least 25 years of age, the other must be at least 21 years of age.**

# **WHEN IN DOUBT MAKE A REPORT**

## **CONTACT:**

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**

**MARIA CHENEY, LCSW**

**Hotline: 866-752-8855 #1067**

**Website: [www.reportandprotect.com](http://www.reportandprotect.com)**

**Email:**

**[reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto:reportabuse@salinadiocese.org)**

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**Any allegation of the abuse of a minor,  
may be reported to the**

**Kansas Protection Report Center:**

**800-922-5330**

**KBI Crime Hotline:**

**800-572-7463**

**Or, if the crimes involve sexual crimes  
by a member of the clergy**

**Email: [ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov](mailto:ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov)**

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**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**

**Hotline: 800-276-1562**

**Website: [reportbishopabuse.org](http://reportbishopabuse.org)**

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## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE**

### **DIOCESE OF SALINA**

**Safe Environment Program Coordinator**

***Wendy Backes 785-827-8746 #24***

**Human Resources Director**

***Kim Hoelting 785-827-8746 #28***

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 7-8**

### **A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCKE**

"My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, next weekend is the **Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Together, We Can!** Our diocese is blessed to have Catholic Charities working as the hands and feet of Jesus. Let us unite with joy and gratitude for the gifts God has given us and reach out in love to those who are less fortunate.

For the first time ever, anonymous donors have offered a donation match for the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. They are challenging each of us to step up and help our brothers and sisters. A letter and a donation envelope from Catholic Charities will be mailed to you this week and envelopes are available today at mass. You can also make a donation online at [ccnks.org](http://ccnks.org)."

For questions, please contact Jeanie Warner at 785-825-0208 x215 or [jwarner@ccnks.org](mailto:jwarner@ccnks.org).

**November 14-15**

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

This weekend is the **2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Together, We Can!** This has been an especially difficult year for many families. Since March, more than 2,000 families throughout our diocese have turned to Catholic Charities for help with rent, utilities, food, hygiene items, and other vital services. Your financial gift to Catholic Charities will make a real and lasting difference to struggling men, women, and children in our diocese.

Please open your hands and hearts to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. If you did not receive a letter in the mail from Catholic Charities, envelopes are available today at mass. You can also make a donation online at [ccnks.org](http://ccnks.org).

Anonymous donors are challenging each family in the Salina Diocese to a make gift to Catholic Charities by offering a dollar-for-dollar donation match.

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**November 21-22**

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the **2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Together, We Can!** Catholic Charities serves struggling families throughout the Salina Diocese from offices in Salina, Manhattan, and Hays and mobile outreach vans that travel to 20 different rural communities. Your contribution to Catholic Charities offers hope to individuals and families who are in desperate situations. If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late. Remittance envelopes are still available at mass. Thank you again for supporting this vital Catholic ministry as we reflect upon the words of Mother Teresa, **"Together, we can do great things."**

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