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## **OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

**PRIESTS COUNCIL MINUTES** from the February 23, 2016 meeting were emailed to all priests from the Bishop's Office and hard copies were mailed to those w/out email since February was a short month and the cut-off date for submitting items to the SDNB. If anyone did not receive them, please contact [chancery2@salinadiocese.org](mailto:chancery2@salinadiocese.org)

**ORDINATION OF TRANSITIONAL DEACON IS SET FOR 10 A.M., SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016** for Leo Blasi, Ryan McCandless and Justin Palmer. Please plan to concelebrate this special liturgy if you are able at the Cathedral with a reception following in the Hall of Bishops. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their Diaconate Ordination.

**53<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS CELEBRATED ON APRIL 17, 2016:** Pope Francis issued a Papal Message for the occasion, in conjunction with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. In that message the Holy Father reminds us: "...*the Christian vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of divine mercy.*" He goes on to stress how the ecclesial dynamism of an individual's vocation demands "*that we go beyond ourselves and place our lives at the service of God's plan*". The entire Papal Message is available in both English and Spanish at [www.usccb.org/vocations](http://www.usccb.org/vocations). The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). **If any parish is in need of additional Diocesan Vocation Prayer Cards (English and/or Spanish), please contact Clara at [chancery2@salinadiocese.org](mailto:chancery2@salinadiocese.org) and they will be shipped right out to you.**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION**, hosted by the Diocese of Wichita is set for April 30-May 1, 2016 in Wichita. Contact your local K of C Council for more details.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN WIDE CELEBRATION FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS IN THE DIOCESE OF SALINIA** is set for **Tuesday, May 3, 2016 with Mass at 11 a.m. and a luncheon following at the Cathedral in Salina.** All Salina area priests are encouraged to attend. A personal email invitation will be sent on Monday, April 18, 2016 with an RSVP requested by April 22, 2016.

**CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS LUNCHEONS** and meetings for all retired priests (65 and older) are set for 11:30 a.m. social w/luncheon and business meeting following. Invitations with RSVP information will be emailed on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to all with email and hard copies mailed to those w/out email.

Wednesday, May 11, 2016  
Thursday, May 12, 2016

Capuchin Center for Spirituality, Victoria  
Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall of Bishops, Salina

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

### **SEMINARIAN RECOGNITION DINNER**

On Thursday, June 2 – We will hold our annual event – An Evening with our Seminarians. The event will be held at St. Mary’s Parish in Salina. We will begin with Vespers followed by a catered meal and program. Invites will go out in April to past supporters, but all are invited. If your schedule allows, I hope you will make plans to attend this event. Cost for the event is \$50 a person. Please contact Syndi Larez at [syndi.larez@salinadiocese.org](mailto:syndi.larez@salinadiocese.org) with any questions. Due to the size of venue, this will be an R.S.V.P. only event.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRISTHOOD is set for JUNE 4, 2016 at 10 A.M. at Sacred Heart Cathedral for Deacon Luke Thielen.** Please keep Luke in your prayers as he continues to prepare for his Ordination. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

## **OFFICE OF VICAR GENERAL**

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** is scheduled for the weekend of April 23-24. This is a very important collection for our own diocese and for other home mission dioceses throughout the country. Our diocese (one of 90 Mission Dioceses) benefits significantly from grants which are funded through the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please encourage generous support for the Catholic Home Missions collection and continue to pray for our United States mission parishes. This appeal gives Catholics in each of our parishes an opportunity to offer desperately needed help to the mission Church here at home. Watch *The Register* for more information or visit their web site [www.usccb.org/hm](http://www.usccb.org/hm). or [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) (search “home missions”).

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION is celebrated on Sunday, May 8, 2016**

**BULLETIN INSERTS (ENGLISH & SPANISH) – HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERTS for parish bulletins:**

In the December 2015 SDNB bulletin inserts were included for the months of Dec. 2015 and Jan, Feb & March of 2016. Below are the next four months (April, May, June and July). Your assistance in promoting this important concern with your parishioners is appreciated in our diocese. Through the efforts of religious sisters throughout the United States all Catholic Churches are being asked to insert these monthly inserts to promote an awareness of this most important concern affecting so many across the world. Thank you – **IT TAKES ALL OF US.**

### **ENGLISH – Bulletin inserts for churches**

**APRIL–ALERT- NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.** Children are trafficked for forced **labor, domestic work, as child soldiers, for begging but most children are trafficked for sexual** exploitation. There is a demand for younger and younger victims worldwide. This demand comes from customers in the growing global sex industry. Pray for children of the world. **Access the web site [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)...U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.**

**MAY–ALERT – Human Trafficking and Sporting Events.** Traffickers are opportunistic hunters and see major sporting events, and the thousands of people who flock to sports venues, as an opportunity for huge profits with little risk of penalty or punishment. Human trafficking is a business, and traffickers will take advantage of what they perceive to be good business opportunities-including national and international sporting events. **Access the web site [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)...U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.**

**OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL cont.**

**JUNE–ALERT–Pope Francis** says: “It is not possible to remain indifferent before knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods. I think of the adoption of children for the extraction of their organs, or women deceived and forced to prostitute themselves, of workers exploited and denied their rights of a voice. This is human trafficking.” **Access the web site [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org) – U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking.**

**JULY– ALERT -World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (July 30)** designated by the United Nations General Assembly, Dec. 2013. “Every country must join together to overcome this transnational threat by supporting and protecting victims while pursuing and prosecuting the criminals. Let us resolve to act as one in the name of justice and dignity for all.” UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon **Access the web site [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)....U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.**

**SPANISH - Insertos para boletines parroquiales**

**ABRIL – Atención. MES NACIONAL DE PREVENCIÓN DEL ABUSO INFANTIL.** Los niños son objeto de trata para trabajo forzado, trabajo doméstico, como soldados, o para la mendicidad, pero la mayoría de los niños son objeto de trata con fines de explotación sexual. Hay una demanda de víctimas cada vez más jóvenes en todo el mundo que proviene de un número creciente de clientes en la industria del sexo. Oremos por los niños del mundo. **Visita el sitio web: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org). Hermanas Catolicas de los Estados Unidos en contra del Trafico Humano.**

**MAYO – Atención. La trata de personas en los eventos deportivos.** Los traficantes son cazadores oportunistas y ven los principales eventos deportivos, y las miles de personas que acuden a las instalaciones deportivas, como una oportunidad para grandes ganancias con poco riesgo de pena o sanción. La trata de personas es un negocio, y los traficantes se aprovechan de lo que ellos perciben como buenas oportunidades de negocio, incluyendo eventos deportivos nacionales e internacionales. **Visita la pagina web [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org). Hermanas Catolicas de los Estados Unidos en contra del Trafico Humano.**

**JUNIO – Atención.** El Papa Francisco dice: "No es posible permanecer indiferentes ante el conocimiento de que hay seres humanos que se compran y se venden como simples bienes. Pienso en la adopción de niños para la extracción de sus órganos, o las mujeres engañadas y obligadas a prostituirse, en los trabajadores explotados y privados de sus derechos a hablar. Esta es la trata de personas". **Visita la pagina web [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org). Hermanas Catolicas de los Estados Unidos en contra del Trafico Humano.**

**JOLIO - Atención... Día mundial contra la trata de personas (30 de julio)** designado por la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas, diciembre de 2013. "Todos los países deben unirse para superar esta amenaza transnacional mediante el apoyo y la protección de las víctimas, y persiguiendo y procesando a los delincuentes. Hagamos el propósito de actuar como uno en el nombre de la justicia y la dignidad para todos". Ban Ki-Moon, Secretario General de la ONU. **Visita la página web [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org). Hermanas Catolicas de los Estados Unidos en contra del Trafico Humano.**

## **OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS:** Many parish offices are continuing to transition from contracts to employment agreements. If you would like assistance in drafting your employment agreements or simply have questions regarding such please contact Pamela Sullivan @ 785.820.8704 ext. #18 or email her at [pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org](mailto:pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org).

**Voter Guides:** Many parishes may be approached by various organizations, including Catholic organizations, to distribute *Voter Guides*. Such guides/documents may violate the legal prohibitions of political activities by churches that claim tax exemption from the I.R.S. Please note your church's 501(c)(3) tax-exemptions may be revoked if it engages in any prohibited activity. All *Voter Guides* must be approved by Bishop Weisenburger prior to distribution. If you have any questions concerning *Voter Guides* please feel free to contact Pamela Sullivan @ 785.820.8704 ext. #18 or email her at [pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org](mailto:pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org).

It is with great pleasure to announce Mrs. Karen Bonar has joined the Catholic Diocese of Salina Chancery staff. Karen has accepted the position of Editor of *The Register*. Karen has earned a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Journalism. She has previously worked at the Salina Journal, Hays Daily News, Independence Daily Reporter and currently owns her own business - Heartland Photography. Karen is a registered parishioner at St. Mary Queen of the Universe in Salina. She is married to Erik Bonar, a sports desk editor employed with the Salina Journal and they have one son named Brooks.

The approximate days and hours Karen will be scheduled to work at the chancery are Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Karen's email address is [karen.bonar@salinadiocese.org](mailto:karen.bonar@salinadiocese.org). Please give Karen a warm welcome when you visit the chancery in Salina.

## **OFFICE OF FINANCE**

**The Compensation for Clergy** page for your Diocesan Handbook has been updated. Please insert the attached page into your handbook under the Priests section.

## **OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**Mark your calendar** to include a bulletin announcement on how to report suspected child abuse. The following announcement must be posted at least 4 times a year.

### **Bulletin Announcement:**

Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline 785.825.0865 for the safety and the healing of children the Diocese of Salina provide an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. Calls to this number will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, who will offer to meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. Calls are confidential with the follow exceptions:

- ~ Any allegation of sexual abuse concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to **The Kansas Protection Report Center (1.800.922.5330)** as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy:
- ~ Any allegation of sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper Diocesan authorities.

## **OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY cont.**

**For more information** regarding Child Abuse Prevention Month, and as we continue to work together in creating for our children the kind of environment Christ teaches about in his gospel, please see the enclosed current issue of our Safe Environment Newsletter, *The Shepherd*.

If you have any questions or concerns, Wendy Backes is in the Safety and Security Office on Monday's from 1-5 and Tuesday through Friday from 8-noon.

She may be reached at 785-827-8746 #24 or email her at [wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org](mailto:wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org)

## **OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT**

### **SEMINARIAN RECOGNITION DINNER**

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**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL** is about \$200,000 short of the diocesan goal. We continue to receive pledges daily and are pleased that many of those donations are from first time givers. Thank you to the Pastors for your continued support of this appeal from the pulpit and by leading by example. Weekly reports are sent on Tuesdays, but if you need your totals at any other time, please contact the Development office and we will get them for you. A few of our Parishes have already met their goals and others are very near.

**ADDRESS UPDATES** – Our diocesan database is only as accurate as the information we input. To keep it as current as possible, we ask that Parishes submit any additions, deletions, deaths, new members and address changes to the Office of Development on a monthly basis. Changes can be sent to Lois at [lois.yost@salinadiocese.org](mailto:lois.yost@salinadiocese.org)

## **PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

### **Parish Lodging for Mission Cooperative Presenters Diocese of Salina, March 2016 (with reference to “Guidelines for Rectories,” Feb. 26, 2015)**

ALL mission presenters must present to the Director of Propagation of the Faith and the Chancellor 30 days before they first arrive in the Diocese a current testimonial letter.

Priests, religious brothers, and male lay representatives of mission cooperative groups may reside in the parish rectory while in the parish for the mission cooperative appeals. These male representatives may, at the pastor's discretion, reside in the rectory for the period of time required before moving on to their next scheduled presentation in the Diocese of Salina.

Parishes may choose to provide commercial lodging for these representatives.

## **PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH cont.**

Female representatives of mission groups should attempt to be lodged elsewhere than the parish rectory unless the Bishop or Vicar General grants permission.

Requests for all other unforeseen exceptions are to be directed to the Bishop or Vicar General.

## **OFFICE OF PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**

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## **OFFICE OF MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL**

New information packets for petitions for marriage nullity are now available in the Tribunal office. The new packets include the new guidelines and forms for working with marriage nullity cases.

Not all of the inserts have changed, but we ask that you bring back any of the old packets if you are coming to the chancery sometime so we can update all packets. Or, we will have a "recycle" box available at the next priest gathering when we will also provide new packets to those who want them but have not been able to come to the Tribunal office.

In addition, all of the documents are in Word so they can be e-mailed by requesting the Word documents from Sr. Carolyn.

## **OFFICE OF LITURGY**

**The revised Rite of Matrimony** will be published soon. The Latin Typical Edition of this came out in 1990, but the English translation was put on hold because of translation work on the new Lectionary and Roman Missal III. Now, after all these years, it is ready.

I am going to a USCCB sponsored workshop in May to learn about it. I will then be able to share with you what changes to look for.

## **PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION**

Please promote the revised INSTITUTE at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, April 29 – May 1. This year's theme: **“Discover the ‘me’ in Mercy!”** Two courses will be offered in English. One course will show how God's mercy is celebrated in the Sacraments. Another will show how we can live mercy in the corporal works of mercy. The second course will also have a Spanish track.

## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Priests' Retreat**, September 19-22. Our day will begin on Monday with the first conference at 4:00 p.m. We will conclude with the noon meal on Thursday.

## **OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION**

Our annual CYO Convention will be held the weekend of April 9-10th, 2016 at St. Mary's Grade School in Salina. South High School is renovating the gym and the Commons Area. If your parish hasn't sent in their registration please do so as soon as possible. Our speaker this year will be Jesse Manibusan.

### **JUNIOR CYO CAMP**

This camp is for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders and is held at Rock Springs Ranch by Junction City. Your Adult Youth Leaders have received the material to register for this event. All Seniors and College age students may apply to be a counselor. The dates for this camp are May 28-31.

### **TOTUS TUUS**

Our dates for TOTUS TUUS are filling up for this summer. The openings we have are: 1 opening for June 5-10, 1 opening for June 26-July1, and 1 opening for July 24-29. We will have 4 teams this summer traveling to the different parishes. We are still looking for 3 college age women to apply to be on these teams. If you know of anyone who is interested please have them call me in the Office. We do pay a stipend to these teachers.

### **PRAYER AND ACTION**

This will be our 12th year of having Prayer and Action in our diocese. We have a wonderful team of seminarians and college age students that will be our CORE Team for the summer. We will have 1 week for college students and 6 weeks for high school students. In June we will be in Hays and then in July we will be traveling to Junction City. For College Week we will also have the Core Teams from Savannah, Georgia and Dodge City, Kansas with us. Please register your group as soon as possible because the weeks are starting to fill up. If you have any questions please call the office.

## **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE**

**SINGLE PARENT NETWORKER:** Please distribute the enclosed Single Parent Networker to your Family Life Coordinator.

**Diocesan Men's Conference Aug.13:** The fifth annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, August 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. Curtis Martin co-host of EWTN's "Crossing the Goal" will be the featured speaker. He is the founder and CEO of FOCUS, "Fellowship of Catholic University Students." Many college age students have worked with Curtis Martin in and through FOCUS and the Catholic Church. A registration form is attached for your convenience. Registration can also be completed online at [www.salinadiocese.org/family-life](http://www.salinadiocese.org/family-life). All high school and college age sons are encouraged to attend this year's conference with their fathers. Early registration is being prompted as men from both the Wichita and Dodge City Diocese are expected to participate.

## **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE cont.**

### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2016**

April 22-24, 2016-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

June 10-12, 2016-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

### **GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY FILLED MARRIAGE SEMINAR DATES FOR 2016**

April 9, 2016- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church-Concordia

April 30, 2016-Immaculate Heart of Mary-Hays

June 18, 2016- Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia

**BULLETIN INSERTS OR HANDOUTS:** 2016 Men's Conference Registration enclosed

## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

**Kansans for Life** has developed a church bulletin project entitled "**In the beginning**". It follows the development of a child named "Chris" in the womb. The bulletin messages begin on March 15<sup>th</sup> to prepare for Feast of the Annunciation on March 25<sup>th</sup> and ends near Christmas on December 20<sup>th</sup>. It mirrors the fetal development of Jesus Christ. This is a great way to spread the pro-life message while honoring the child Jesus. The bulletin announcements can be found at <http://www.kfl.org>. Below are the bulletin announcements for April and first Sunday in May:

### **For the bulletin on April 3rd (week 2)**

The Miracle of Life. At conception the gender of the child is determined by the father's sperm. We are going to name this tiny new human being, Chris. Chris has not implanted into the wall of the uterus yet, so no one but God knows of Chris' existence. God has known of Chris' existence before He created the universe. God has known us and loved us from all eternity. God said, "*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.*" Jer. 1-5

### **For the bulletin on April 10th (week 3)**

Chris has implanted in the wall of the uterus, which usually takes place 10 to 14 days after conception. Immediately, physical changes start taking place with the mother. The placenta starts to form. The placenta protects the child and provides nutrients to the new baby. The mother's uterus will increase its capacity by 1000 times during pregnancy! Luke's Gospel says that Mary went in "haste" to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. Jesus, an embryo, was greeted by a fetus (John) who leaped with joy at the presence of his Savior. "*for nothing is impossible with God.*"

### **For the bulletin on April 17th (week 4)**

Chris' heart started beating 18 days after conception. Chris may have a different blood type than the mother's. Chris' neural tubes are forming and will develop into the nervous system. Already, Chris has the foundation for thought, senses, feeling, and more. The amniotic sac, which will house Chris, is formed and the amniotic fluid will cushion Chris throughout pregnancy. Chris now has a yolk sac which supplies blood and nutrients until the placenta has developed and is ready to take over. "*Your own hands shaped me, modeled me.*"

### **For the bulletin on April 24th (week 5)**

Chris' heart is now pumping blood. All four chambers of the heart are working. The umbilical cord forms like a lifeline for the baby in the "space" of the womb. The lungs start to appear along with the brain. Arm and leg buds start to appear. Soon Chris will be doing somersaults and back flips in the spacious world of the womb. Mother also is undergoing some major changes. She is probably tired and may experience morning sickness as her body adjusts to a baby. "*It was you who created my inmost self, and put me together in my mother's womb, for all these mysteries I thank you.*" He is Risen!



## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE** cont.

### **For the bulletin on May 1st (week 6)**

Chris is now 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg – and developing rapidly. The heart is pumping increasing quantities of blood through the baby. The placenta forms a unique barrier between mother and her baby. The baby likely has a different blood type, different DNA, and is not part of the mother's body. Five fingers can now be seen on the hand. *“Just as you do not know the way of the wind or the mysteries of a woman with child, no more can you know the work of God who is behind it all.”*

### **Bulletin Announcement**

The annual **Respect Life Conference “Lobby for Life”** will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> in Russell at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish from 8AM – 3PM. A representative from the National Coalition for a Human Life Amendment will be the keynote speaker. Lunch will be provided. The cost of the conference is \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple and \$10 for a high school student. Register at [salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life). Learn to engage the public policy process to continue to build the culture of life! (See attached flyer!)

### **Pro-Life Intercessions for Mass**

**For those struggling with terrible diseases:** that each day might be a new revelation of God's love for them; We pray to the Lord:

**For mothers broken by the memory of a child lost to abortion:** that through the intercession of the Mother of God, the gentle and merciful love of God may heal their innermost being; We pray to the Lord:

**For the bishops and priests of our Church:** that by their commitment to the innocent child, the Gospel of Life might be preached in each of our churches; We pray to the Lord:

**For all who work for life:** that they might be assured of our gratitude and prayers for the holy work they do; We pray to the Lord.

## **OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE**

**The Salina Diocese Rural Life Commission** will sponsor St Isidore's Day, Monday, 16 May, in Atwood, KS. The Sacred Heart Parish will host the event this year. Mass Celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger followed by a blessing of the flocks and fields; a luncheon, and tour of agricultural interests in the area. More information will be forth coming. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

**The Rural Life Commission** would also like to announce that Rural Life Day will be held 16 August in Junction City, KS. St Francis Xavier parish will host this diocesan event. Parishes in the East Vicariate are encouraged to invite their rural parishioners to apply for the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award. The award is presented to families farming or living on a farm for over 100 years in the Diocese of Salina. At the Rural Life Day, families tell their stories of farming, courage, faith and perseverance through the generations on the farm. The stories will be published in the Register. Following the presentation of the Century Farm Awards, light refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars and encourage your parishioners to attend.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **UPDATES FOR THE DIRECTORY:**

1. Updated email address for Seminarian Justin Palmer – [justinrosspalmer@outlook.com](mailto:justinrosspalmer@outlook.com) – pg. 93
2. New Deacon at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Junction City – Deacon Edward Souza – Address: 2605 Meadowood Dr., Manhattan – 66502; email: [edsouza5861@gmail.com](mailto:edsouza5861@gmail.com) – pgs 41 & 90



## May 2016

◀ Apr 2016							Jun 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3 Religious Srs. Appreciation Mass 11:00 a.m. Cathedral-Salina	4 Confirmation-6:30 pm (MT) Holy Ghost-Sharon Springs	5 National Flag Day	6	7	
8 Confirmation-Immaculate Conception-Minneapolis 3:00  Tipton Graduation 10:00 a.m.	9	10 Priests Council	11 Annual Clergy Health & Retirement Board Mtg. & Luncheon – Victoria	12 Annual Clergy Health & Retirement Board Mtg. & Luncheon - Salina	13	14 Confirmation- 7 PM St. Mary Queen of the Universe, Salina	
15 St. John's-Graduation 10 am SH High-Graduation 3 pm  Penticost Sunday St. Isidore Day (West Vicariate)	16 Feast of St. Isidore  Diocesan Rural Life Day	17	18	19 KCC –Topeka	20 KCC - Topeka	21 Armed Forces Day	
22 TMP Graduation mass 12:00 noon-Hays  Trinity Sunday	23	24	25	26 Finance Council 4-6 PM	27	28 Jr. CYO Camp Rock Springs Ranch 28-31	
29 Jr. CYO Camp Rock Springs Ranch 28-31	30 Jr. CYO Camp Rock Springs Ranch 28-31 MEMORIAL DAY Chancery Closed	31 Jr. CYO Camp Rock Springs Ranch 28-31	Notes:				



# THE SHEPHERD

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."

~ Jeremiah 3:15



Diocese of Salina Safe Environment Newsletter

April 2016

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States.

As members of the body of Christ we are called on to protect the dignity of all human life.

Children being the most vulnerable need to be protected. Recent statistics show that 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys are assaulted before they are 18. These statistics can be daunting.

Sexual abuse is a problem in Society. Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within our Church and for the World.

In 2002, The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* was established by the USCCB. The *Charter* directs action in all the following:

- Creating a safe environment for children and young people;
- Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors;
- Making prompt and effective response to allegations;
- Cooperating with civil authorities;
- Disciplining offenders;
- Providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem is effectively dealt with.

### Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline:

**785.825.0865**

For the safety and the healing of children, the Diocese of Salina provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. Calls to this number will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator.

Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

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as required by Kansas State Law and  
Diocesan Policy:
- Any allegation of child abuse including sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper Diocesan authorities.

## As a Community of Faith

Please join in the nationwide efforts of our communities and churches as together we share child abuse prevention strategies and find healing to those who are victims of abuse.

Pinwheels for Prevention

[http://www.pinwheelsforprevention.org/learn\\_more/index.php](http://www.pinwheelsforprevention.org/learn_more/index.php)



Schedule a special Prayer Service, Mass (include Litany for Healing and special intentions) or Rosary for Healing during the month of April.

[Sample Liturgy Guide](#)

[Prayer Service - Blessed Sacrament 2012](#)

[Litany for Healing Booklet](#)

[Rosary-online-copy.pdf](#)

[Petitions for the Sundays of Child Abuse Prevention Month.pdf](#)

Ask your pastor to provide a special blessing for all those in your parish who have completed VIRTUS Training

[Child Abuse Prevention Blessing](#)

Finally, see your Parish Safety Coordinator if you want to be trained in the Catholic Diocese Of Salina's Safe Environment Program... VIRTUS



Diocese of Salina

PO Box 980

Salina, KS 67402-0980

The Diocese of Salina recognizes that parents are the first educators of your children, and understands the struggles you face in keeping your child safe. One of the greatest threats to children's safety is found online – pornography, sexting and other dangerous practices are found everywhere, from computers to mobile phones. The majority of children and teenagers spend over 70% of their time attached to a screen or electronic device. These numbers are staggering and it leaves young people at increased risk for behavioral issues as they get older. Early exposure to pornography, violent video games, and social media overload can shape attitude, values, sexual inhibitions, as well as violent tendencies.

We encourage you to visit the new **CMG Connect: Parents** website, which has resources and a free video *A Safe Haven Starts at Home*. The purpose of **CMG Connect: Parents** is to help educate parents, teachers and other adults in risk factors and unhealthy internet usage.

We hope that through this free platform, parents can learn dangerous behaviors to watch for, set realistic computer/internet usage time, and establish open communication with their children or other young people.

## CMGConnect P A R E N T S



A New Online Learning Tool Brought to You by Catholic Mutual Group

- ~Free training platform.
  - ~Provides the missing piece to child protection programs.
  - ~Helps parents be proactive in protecting their children in today's digital world.
  - ~**Effective**-this program is based on current information as well as proven studies.
  - ~**Easy**- it takes only 20 minutes for parents to watch the video, take a quiz and print their certificate.
  - ~Offers parents a new solution and resource to fight unhealthy internet usage.
- Go to [www. CMGparent.org](http://www.CMGparent.org) to set up a free account.

### What are some of the warning signs of abuse?

#### Children may experience:

- ◇ Unexplained injuries
- ◇ Changes in behavior
- ◇ Recurring nightmares
- ◇ Fear of going home
- ◇ Fear of the dark
- ◇ Changes in eating habits
- ◇ Changes in sleeping habits
- ◇ Changes in school performance and attendance
- ◇ Lack of personal care or hygiene
- ◇ Risk-taking behaviors
- ◇ Inappropriate sexual behaviors
- ◇ Poor self-image
- ◇ Deteriorating peer relationships
- ◇ Loss of interest in enjoyable activities

*It Shouldn't Hurt  
to be a  
Child*

### Remember to...

Post this in your parish bulletin at least 4 times a year.

#### **Bulletin Announcement:**

Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline  
785.825.0865: For the safety and the healing of children the Diocese of Salina Provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. Calls to this number will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, who will offer to meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

- ~Any allegation of sexual abuse concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to **the Kansas Protection Report Center (1.800.922.5330)** as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy:
- ~Any allegation of sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper diocesan authorities.

*This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security.*

Dear Lord,

We ask you to bless these, Your holy people who have participated in the Church's efforts to help stop child sexual abuse. Open their hearts to Your call to be the ears, eyes, and voice for children and young people everywhere. Give them the vision and grace needed to fulfill the special commitments that each of them has made to making their homes, churches, schools, communities and world a safer place for all God's children.

Amen

Look for the next edition of

*The Shepherd*  
In July.

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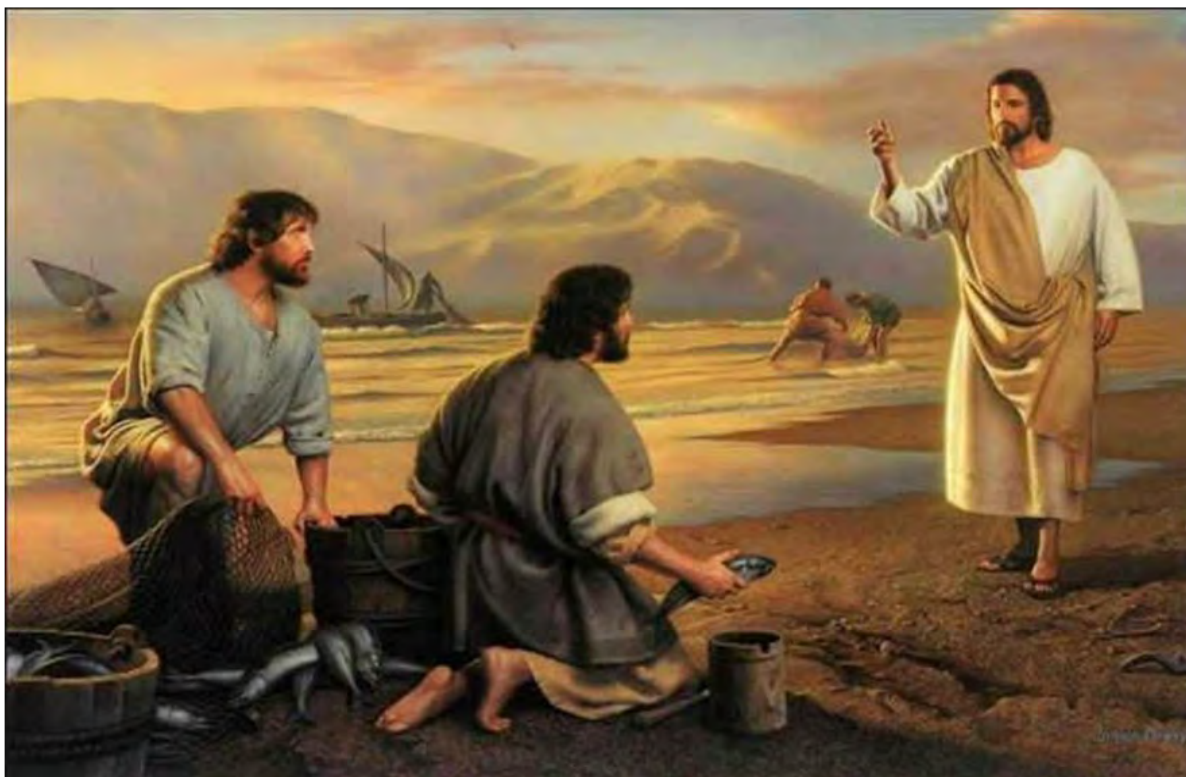
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**WE PROMISE TO PROTECT  
AND PLEDGE TO HEAL**

Salina Diocesan Catholic Men's  
Conference

# Come Follow Me



## Curtis Martin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
1805 Vine St Hays, KS

**August 13, 2016**

8:30 to 4:00

**Registration: Online <http://salinadiocese.org/family-life>  
Or mail registration form on back**

# Salina Diocese Men's Conference 2016

## "Come Follow Me"

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

1805 Vine Street, **Hays**, Kansas 67601

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_, Parish City: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_, Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Registration** (refreshments & lunch included)

Adult - \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Student - \$15 ( HS & College) \_\_\_\_\_

Father with son under 21 yrs. of age-\$40 \_\_\_\_\_ each additional son under 21 yrs. of age - \$10.

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_, included in the \$40.

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_, Second son: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_, Third son: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

*Priests, deacons and seminarians are free, but need to register for planning purposes.*

**August 1 is the final registration date. Registrations after that date will require an additional \$5.00/person**

**Send completed registration form and payment to:**

**Diocesan Family Life Office**

**P. O. Box 980**

**Salina, KS 67402-0980**



# Single Parent Networker



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## Forgiving Family Members When Pain Runs Deep

**Deeper love.** While all forgiveness is difficult, the forgiveness of a family member is particularly difficult. The bond of love between husband and wife, parent and child, brother and sister, is especially strong. It is in the home where love is first experienced, and in the home where Jesus' command to love one another (John 13:35) is put into practice at the deepest and most intimate level. The duty and expectation to love family is higher. Charity begins at home.

**Deeper hurts.** As love grows, trust and openness grow, but so does vulnerability. While charity begins at home, so does sin. Because family members live so closely, make such a deep investment with each other, and know each other's values, preferences and tender spots, offenses against a family member usually cut deeper and hurt more.

**Nothing new under the sun.** Scripture is full of family feuds.

Adam blamed Eve for his sin (Genesis 3:12). Cain was so filled with resentment toward his brother Abel that he killed him (Genesis 4:8). Esau bore a bitter grudge toward his brother Jacob for taking his birthright and blessing (Genesis 27). Joseph's brothers were so jealous of his favored status that they sold him into slavery (Genesis 37:4,28). Tragically, many of these situations were never resolved with forgiveness. Joseph, on the other hand, provides a positive alternative. He forgave his brothers (Genesis 45:5,15), reunited the family and brought about a harmonious reconciliation.

**Forgiveness begins at home.** Forgiveness is a high stakes proposition for the family, and its welfare depends upon it. Forgiveness that is extended offers hope, but forgiveness withheld drives the wedge deeper. Forgiveness is best extended regularly and quickly

for small hurts. It is critical to keep communication open, avoid the silent treatment, be honest and constructive, and be gentle. Then, if a bigger hurt should occur, the offended party, hopefully, will have the spiritual values and personal commitment to forge ahead with forgiveness, even when it is more difficult.

**The role of prayer.** It may seem absolutely impossible to forgive a family member who has caused a deep hurt. If so, Jesus has a word of advice: Pray for those who persecute (i.e., hurt) you (Matthew 5:44). Prayer may not change the other person, but it transforms the one who is praying. Prayer softens anger, soothes pain and heals wounds. It helps us see with the eyes of compassion, enables us to give the benefit of the doubt and empowers us to extend forgiveness.

**Divine assistance.** Prayer is

indispensable because God can help us to do things we could never accomplish on our own. Pray to God. Nothing is impossible for God (Luke 1:37). Pray to Jesus. If Jesus could forgive his apostles, his spiritual family, he will help us forgive our blood relatives. Pray to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the comforter, the counselor, the mediator and the unifier. The power of the Holy Spirit leads to love, joy and peace (Galatians 5:22).

**A menu of options.** Seek the counsel of a trusted friend or someone who is distinguished in holiness and filled with wisdom. Every situation is different. Be thoughtful. Prepare well. Whatever the plan, if it is done with love, it is on course. Then, if possible, the ideal is to extend forgiveness personally. An in-person encounter is best. It may be helpful to have a companion. If communication is severed, it may be necessary to have a third party serve as an intermediary.

**Keep trying.** When pain runs deep, attempts to reconcile may fall on deaf ears or be flatly refused. If at first you do not succeed, try again. Perseverance is a virtue. So is patience.

Used with Permission : Fr. Michael Van Sloun, Pastor, St. Bartholomew Catholic Church.

## Beginning Today . . .

Beginning today,  
I will no longer worry  
about yesterday.  
It is in the past  
and the past  
will never change.  
Only I can  
change  
by choosing to  
do so. . .

Beginning today  
I will learn  
something new,  
I will try  
something  
different,  
I will savor all  
the various  
flavors life has  
to offer.  
I will change  
what I can and  
the rest I will let  
go.  
I will strive to  
become  
the best me I  
can possibly be.

Beginning  
Today . . .  
And Everyday . . .

Anonymous

## Parenting Pointers

670. Apr. 1: (April Fools Day) Laughter can be healing. Does your family have any stories about family foibles that get repeated at family gatherings? It doesn't matter that it's embarrassing; it becomes family mythology. Let your child play a joke on you today.

671. Apr. 8: "Together were Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, Zebedee's sons, and two others..." (John 21:2) Jesus' friends decide to go on a fishing trip. At first they don't recognize Jesus on shore. How many of your child's friends can you name? Talk together about their personalities and strengths.

572. Apr. 15: Child Abuse Prevention Month. Certainly you don't abuse your own child (unless insisting on homework is considered abuse). You may not know any children in danger either. But prevention counts. Be kind to a neighbor or lonely child this week.

573. Apr. 22: (Earth Day) On this Earth Day take stock of what your family already recycles (paper, plastic, cans...) Can you add one more thing to recycle? Better yet, can you refrain from buying something that needs recycling? We call it "preycling."

574. Apr. 29: Gratitude can be an overused word these days, but that doesn't mean we should neglect it. Play a "Gratitude Game" with your child. See if each of you can list 10 things you're grateful for today. If something bad happens, see if you can find a silver lining.

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## Is My Child Too Sick to Go to School?

Many parents have a hard time deciding if their kids are well enough to go to school. After all, what well-intentioned parent hasn't sent a child off with tissues in hand, only to get that mid-morning "come get your child" phone call?

But making the right decision isn't as tough as you might think. It basically boils down to one question: Can your child still participate in school activities? After all, having a sore throat, cough, or mild congestion does not necessarily mean a child can't be active and participate in school activities.

So trust your instincts. If your son has the sniffles but hasn't slowed down at home, chances are he's well enough for the classroom. On the other hand, if he's been coughing all night and needs to be woken up in the morning (if he typically wakes up on his own), he may need to take it easy at home.

Of course, never send a child to school who has a fever, is nauseated, vomiting, or has diarrhea. Kids who lose their appetite, are clingy or lethargic, complain of pain, or who just don't seem to be acting "themselves" should also take a sick day.

If you decide that your child is well enough to go to school, check in first. Most childcares, preschools, and grade schools have rules about when to keep kids home. For example, pinkeye or strep throat usually necessitates a day home with appropriate treatment. Usually, kids can't return to school or childcare until at least 24 hours after a fever has broken naturally (without fever-reducing medicines).

And remember, go with your gut. You know your kids best, and you know when they're able to motor through the day — and when they're not.

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"How great it is when we come to know that times of disappointment can be followed by joy; that guilt over falling short of our ideals can be replaced by pride in doing all that we can; and that anger can be channeled into creative achievements . . . and into dreams that we can make come true."

- Fred Rogers



### Ways to Help the Poor Souls in Purgatory

1. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
2. Offer up Holy Communion.
3. Have Masses said on the anniversary of your loved ones death.
4. Eucharist Adoration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
5. Fasting and acts of self denial offered up for Souls.
6. Pray the Way of the Cross for Souls.
7. Pray the Holy Rosary.
8. Pray the Eternal Rest Prayer, especially when passing by a cemetery, ***'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.'***
9. Whenever possible, spread devotion for the Holy Souls.

“For see, the winter is past, The rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the dove is heard in our land.

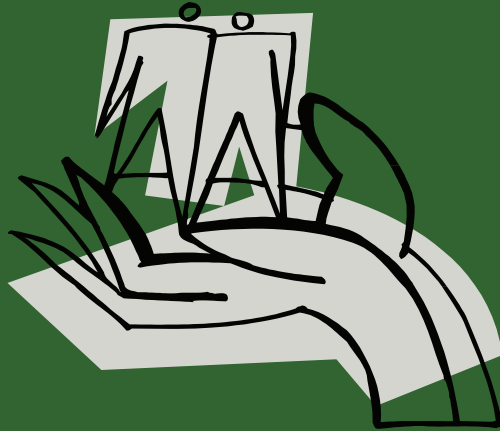
-Song 2:11-12



“Ask of the Lord rain in the spring season! It is the Lord who makes the storm clouds, And sends men the pouring rain; For everyone, grassy fields.”

- Zechariah 10:1

# Prayer & Action 2016



For more information  
and to register go to:  
[Salinadiocese.org](http://Salinadiocese.org)

Offices

Catholic Formation  
Youth Ministry

Cost: \$65 per person

Prayer & Action is a Catholic youth ministry program that incorporates mission work within the boundaries of one's own diocese and provides the opportunity to evangelize all people involved with the program; with a specific emphasis placed on the evangelization of the youth. The program has been set up to reach out to the various communities in which the program is held, by providing those community members who are most in need with the laboring hands and the open hearts of high school students, and their adult leaders.

## **JUNE—Hays**

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| June 5—10      | College/ Young<br>Adult Week |
| June 12—17     | High School Week             |
| June 19—24     | High School Week             |
| June 26—July 1 | High School Week             |

## **JULY—Junction City**

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| July 10—15 | High School Week |
| July 17—22 | High School Week |
| July 24—29 | High School Week |

Contact person:  
Office of Youth Ministry  
785-827-8746 ext 30

Lobby

For

## Respect Life Conference

August 27

9am—3pm

Queen of Angels Parish

Russell, KS

- National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA)  
[www.humanlifeactioncenter.org](http://www.humanlifeactioncenter.org)
- Michael Schuttloffel, Kansas Catholic Conference Executive Director  
[www.kscathconf.org](http://www.kscathconf.org)

*Learn how to engage in the Federal and State public policy process to continue to build the Culture of Life.*

**Register at [salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life)**

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# **Agenda for Respect Life Conference 2016**

**Title: Lobby for Life**

**8 AM – 3 PM**

**Our Lady, Queen of Angels Parish**

**Russell, KS**

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM Registration

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM Welcome by Bishop

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM NCHLA

9:50 AM – 10:00 AM Break

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM NCHLA

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Mass

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM Kansas Catholic Conference

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM Break

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Respect Life Office