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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

CHRISM MASS, April 6, 2017, 11:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina – luncheon following in the Hall of Bishops.

CHANCERY OFFICE CLOSED: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

ORDINATION OF TRANSITIONAL DEACON, 10 A.M., SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017
Sacred Heart Cathedral for Andrew Hammeke. 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 Andrew in your prayers as he continues to prepare for his Diaconate Ordination.

CHANGE IN DATE -- FOR THE ANNUAL CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS LUNCHEONS. Due to a conflict in Bishop's schedule, below are new dates and locations. The meetings are for all retired priests (65 and older). Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with a business meeting following. Invitations with RSVP information will be emailed on Wednesday, April 13th to all with email and hard copies mailed to those w/out email.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 Capuchin Center for Spirituality, Victoria

Thursday, May 4, 2017 Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall of Bishops, Salina

54TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS CELEBRATED ON MAY 7, 2017. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord's instructions 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 and they will be shipped right out to you.**

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CELEBRATION FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS IN THE DIOCESE OF SALINIA is set for **Wednesday, May 17th, 2017** with Mass at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral and a luncheon following at the Cathedral Hall of Bishops. All Salina area priests are encouraged to attend. A personal email invitation will be sent on Monday, April 17, 2017 with an RSVP requested by Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN RECOGNITION DINNER – On Thursday, June 1, we will hold our annual evening with our Seminarians. This event will be held at St. Mary’s Parish Hall in Salina. The evening will begin with Vespers in St. Mary Queen of the Universe Church, followed by a catered meal and program in the parish hall. Invitations will be mailed out in April to past supporters, but all priests are invited if your schedule allows. I hope you will make plans to attend this event. Cost for the event is \$50.00 per person. Please contact Beth Shearer, Stewardship & Development Office Consultant at <beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org> or Lois Yost, Stewardship & Development Office Assistant at <lois.yost@salinadiocese.org> with any questions. Due to the size of the venue, this will be an R.S.V.P. only event.

ORDINATION TO THE PRISTHOOD is set for **Saturday, JUNE 3, 2017 at 10 A.M. at Sacred Heart Cathedral for Deacon Leo Blasé, Deacon Ryan McCandless and Deacon Justin Palmer.** Please keep these three men in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their Ordination. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

FATHER Damian Richards will be celebrating his **25th anniversary of priesthood** on Saturday, June 3, at 4 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Beloit. All priests are invited to concelebrate this special Mass.

OFFICE OF VICAR GENERAL

GOOD FRIDAY – PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND COLLECTION is **Friday, April 14, 2017.** On Good Friday, all Christians are united in a special way to the Holy Land. Please encourage a generous response and see p. 6 of the March 24th issue of *The Register* for more information..

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL is scheduled for the weekend of April 29-30. This is a very important collection for our own diocese and for other home mission dioceses throughout the country. Our diocese (one of ninety 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. or www.usccb.org/nationalcollections (search “home missions”).

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION is celebrated on **Sunday, May 28, 2017.**

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

APRIL – Human trafficking thrives where there is darkness and secrecy. Shine a light on this evil. **INVITE** someone to speak to your parish or to a parish group about trafficking. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

ABRIL - La trata de personas prospera donde hay oscuridad y secreto. Que brille una luz sobre este mal. **INVITA** a alguien a hablar a tu parroquia o a un grupo parroquial sobre el tráfico. **Hermanas Católicas Estadounidenses Contra la Trata de Personas** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

CONVOCATION: September 18-22, 2017. This will be held at the Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS.

JANUARY RENEWAL DAYS 2018: January 22-25, 2018

OFFICE OF FINANCE

PARISH TAX - In September 2016, the Priest's Council recommended raising the Diocesan Parish Tax by 1% effective July 1, 2017. The new formula will be \$11.11 per family times the number of families in the parish plus ordinary income minus school subsidy times 6%. Another way to state this is, $\$11.11 \times \# \text{ of Families} + (\text{ordinary income} - \text{school subsidy}) \times 6\%$. This parish tax increase was first recommended by the Diocesan Finance Council in their September 2016 meeting.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Just a reminder that there is a special collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land. After the collection, please send one check for the entire amount to the Finance Office of the Diocese.

A possible bulletin announcement:

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: All parishes throughout the world are asked to take up a special collection on Good Friday to support the work of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land. This collection helps supports orphanages, schools and Catholic shrines and parishes. Please be generous.

TAX VALUATIONS: It is that time of the year when the parishes are receiving various valuations of church property in your county. The Finance Office would like copies of these valuations to check the county records with the Diocesan records.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE NATIONAL SHRINE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.: The United State bishops are trying to complete the National Shrine before the celebration for the 100 year anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone. They have approved a one time collection to install a mosaic in the trinity dome of the shrine. Please take up this collection on May 14 and then send one check to the diocese. We will then send all the proceeds to the USCCB. Thank you!

A possible bulletin announcement is as follows:

Special Collection for National Shrine

The bishops of the United States have approved a special onetime collection to take place in parishes across the nation on May 14, 2017. This collection will support the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome, the crowning jewel of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. If you wish to contribute to this collection, please place your donation in a special envelope and mark the envelope "Trinity Dome" then place the donation in the collection basket on Sunday, May 14. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

DIOCESAN MEN’S CONFERENCE AUG. 12: The sixth annual Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference is Saturday, August 12 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. This year’s Men’s Conference speakers will be Dr. Ray Guarendi and Fr. John Lager. Dr. Ray is a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, “The Dr. Is In” can be heard on over 440 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, “Living Right with Dr. Ray” is aired in 140 countries.

Fr. John is a well-known Capuchin Friar and native of Angelus, Kansas. He has served as the national chaplain of FOCUS since 2013. In addition, he has functioned in a wide variety of ministries within the Capuchin Order; was the executive director of the Samaritan House of Denver; and is cofounder of the international men’s ministry Marked Men for Christ.

A registration form is attached for your convenience. Registration can also be completed online at 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 encouraged as men from both the Wichita and Dodge City Diocese are expected to participate.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: The office of Family Life/NFP is in need of NFP practitioners to serve our Diocese. If you know of anyone that may be interested please have them contact our office at 785-827-8746 Ext. 17. If hired, these individuals will receive their certification from a USCCB-compliant program.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2017

Apr. 28-30, 2017-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

June 9-11, 2017-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

GOD’S PLAN FOR A JOY FILLED MARRIAGE SEMINAR DATES FOR 2017

Apr. 2, 2017- St. Thomas More Parish, Manhattan

June 17, 2017- Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia

BULLETIN INSERTS OR HANDOUTS: 2017 Men’s Conference Registration enclosed

OFFICE OF LITURGY

1. **THE CHRISM MASS** is at the cathedral, April 6 at 11:30 a.m. Oils will be distributed after lunch in the room west of the sacristy. Please bring your stocks there before Mass, along with a check for **\$20** for each parish/institution. You may pick up your oils **after lunch**.

If possible, bring a few people along with you to officially bring the oils back to the parish. They could be the ones to bring them up in procession at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Lunch will be served for all.

2. **THE EASTER VIGIL MASS** should begin no earlier than 8:30 p.m.
3. **NATIONAL GATHERING ON CHRISTIAN INITIATION** - LTP is hosting the first ever National Gathering on Christian Initiation in Chicago, July 5-6. It is for parish leaders and initiation ministers. To register online visit: NationalGatheringOnChristianInitiation.org. To get more information, visit: ngci@ltp.org.

OFFICE OF LITURGY (cont.)

4. **RCIA KANSAS IN-SERVICE** - The dioceses of Salina and Dodge City and Wichita will hold their bi-annual RCIA Kansas in-service at the Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, Friday and Saturday, September 29-30. More information will follow as we get closer to that event.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTER

After Christmas, we collected photos of churches of the diocese decorated for Christmas and posted them to Facebook. It was such a big hit that we plan to do the same for Easter. Once your vigil is complete and the church is decked out in its Easter splendor, please grab a photo (or two) and send them to newspaper1@salinadiocese.org ... please be sure to indicate the parish name & city.

It's Confirmation time! As in the past, I'm happy to run photos of your groups in The Register. I want to refresh your memory on the specific information I need.

When submitting a photo, please be sure you are sending the highest resolution/size possible! Check your email program. Sometimes it will send a "web sized" photo - this is too small for the newspaper. Often there is a box to check for "send full size photo" or "send large photo" — please be sure it is selected. If someone has forwarded a small photo to you from a smartphone, I need to be in contact with the original person who sent the photo.

I need the following information with every photo in order to run it in The Register:

- Parish name/city
- What the event was (1st communion, confirmation, etc.)
- **DATE** of the event
- Name of **ALL** people in the photo. The following format is best:
 First row (left to right): Jane Smith, Bob Brown, Carrie Linneburger, Father Jack Smith
 Second row (left to right): Jack Green, Suzie Quinn, Arnold Hund
 Third row (left to right): John Jones, Ann Lyon, Cassie Hays

Lastly, here is a quick rundown of the deadlines for the upcoming issues:

- April 4, all photos due for the April 14 paper
- April 18, all photos due for the April 28 paper
- May 2, all photos due for the May 12 paper
- May 16, all photos due for the May 29
- May 30, all photos due for the June 9 paper
(Ordination of new priests)
- June 13, all photos due for the June 23 paper

Photos & information may be emailed to: newspaper1@salinadiocese.org

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TOTUS TUUS: We will have 4 Teams for Totus Tuus this summer. We have 3 openings for July 23-28. If you would like a team to come to your parish please call the office as soon as possible.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION: The Convention will be April 8-9 at Sacred Heart High School and St. Mary's Grade School. Our speaker will be Father Chester Smith, SVD from Indianapolis, Indiana. Our closing liturgy will be Sunday, April 9th at 1:45 p.m. You are invited to con-celebrate with Bishop Weisenburger at St. Mary's Church. Please bring you diocesan vestment.

JUNIOR CYO CAMP: Our camp for 6th, 7th and 8th Graders will be May 27-30 at Rock Springs. The registration forms have been sent to all the schools, parishes and Youth Leaders. Juniors, Seniors and College Age students can apply to be counselors. You can find the forms on the Diocesan web page.

PRAYER AND ACTION: Don't forget to sign up your high school students for Prayer and Action this summer.

RUSSELL: June 11-16-----CLOSED
 June 18-23-----OPEN
 June 25-30-----OPEN

BELOIT: July 9-16-----OPEN
 July 16-21-----OPEN
 July 23-28-----OPEN

To reserve your place please send in the names and the money for your group and that will reserve your place for the week that you signed up for.

NCYC: If your Youth Group is going to NCYC in November please make sure that they have paid their first payment of \$195/person which was due February 27th. The second payment of \$195.00/person and all the paperwork is due June 16th. The final balance is due September 12th. More information will follow regarding the meetings with ALL SPONSORS.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

THE KANSAS BISHOPS have issued a well-balanced joint statement on immigration in which they write, "... our response to past and present evils must also strive to be consistent with our deeply cherished American values of welcoming refugees and immigrants." The full text can be viewed on the diocesan website @ salinadiocese.org and in the March 10, 2017 Register.

WORD OF LIFE respect life petitions, bulletin briefs, and bulletin art for the month @ usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life simply click on the appropriate month and download. Also available in Spanish. These resources are from the USCCB and are free.

For updates, information, inspiration, and action items related to respect of all human life from conception to natural death, like the Salina Diocese Respect Life Office Facebook page @ facebook.com/officeofrespectlife

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who hosted us at their Safe Environment Audit meetings this month. We very much enjoyed visiting with all of you, and learning about your Parishes. There is great work being done in the field to ensure we are providing a safe environment in our facilities and programs, and we appreciate your hard work and dedication. In March, we visited the following locations and again want to say **THANK YOU** to each of them!

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Leoville and Sacred Heart Parish, Oberlin

Mindy Fleckenstein
Krickit Ketterl

Sacred Heart Parish, Atwood and St. John Nepomucene Parish, Beardsley

Loretta Studer
Jennifer Sabatka
Father Gnanasekar Kulandai

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Goodland, St. Joseph Parish, Bird City, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis and Holy Ghost Parish, Sharon Springs

Amanda Martin
Dana Wright/Heidi Ketzer
Myra Douthit
Nikki Popp
Father Norbert Dlabal
Father Kyle Berens

St. Joseph Parish and School, Oakley and St. Paul Parish, Angelus

Barb Hemmert
Rebecca Scheck
Vicky Joseph
Amanda Ostmeyer
Father Donald Pfannenstiel

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY (cont.)

We appreciate the cooperation received from you in getting the **VIRTUS** video and **ESR** background checks completed. As we are coming to the close of a school year and the end of our audit period please be sure **ALL** employees, educators and volunteers are in compliance with Diocese of Salina, and are notated as such on your Parish/ School spreadsheet.

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.

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

ABUSE OF MINORS BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: All parishes are reminded to place the special bulletin insert quarterly in their bulletins. All parishes are requested to post quarterly (4 x a year) the bulletin announcement below regarding the "Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline" and to provide Wendy Backes, with copies of your parish bulletins for Diocesan files to share with the auditors. Please continue to publish in your parish bulletins quarterly as well as provide Wendy with a copy of your bulletins. **Special thanks and appreciation to those parishes that have been very faithful with this important request!** For those who have not done this, please do take the time to share this important message with your parishioners quarterly and provide copies to Wendy. Kindly email ALL quarterly bulletins to: wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org



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 have the Victim's Assistance Coordinator meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

Any allegation of child 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 child abuse including sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper diocesan authorities. Email address: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
- This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security.

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*.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 22 10:00 a.m. - Ordination of Mr. Andy Hammeke to the diaconate.

April 25, 26 - 5th/6th grade vocation days in Hays and Abilene.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

It would be great to have many of you join us at the Cathedral for this wonderful event.

NOW IS THE TIME!

As we are now beginning the month of March, this is the time to get serious about putting in applications for the seminary. If you know of a young man who is considering the idea of going to the seminary I would love to be in conversation with him. **I encourage all of you to speak with those young men who would be good candidates about the potential option of beginning the seminary next August. Invite him to consider it.** There is no greater person to invite a young man to consider the priesthood than his own pastor or priest.

5/6th GRADE VOCATION DAYS

The Vocation team will once again be holding the “Vocation Days” for 6th grade students of our Catholic Schools, or 5th graders if your school does not have a 6th grade. Please put this in your calendar and let Fr. Gale know how many students and adults you will be bringing. ghammerschmidt@salinadiocese.org I apologize to those schools that have a scheduling conflict. We will be in Hays on April 25th and in Abilene April 26th.

INTERCESSIONS FOR VOCATIONS

For those parishes that have been using the intercessions for vocations, they can be found at the following website: http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Parish Phone Number for Rev. Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish, (785) 337-2289 p.70
2. Sacred Heart Parish in Atwood: new rectory address- 507 N. 2nd St., Atwood, KS, 67730 pgs. 28 & 71 (Parish address remains the same)

~ May 2017 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Clergy Health & Ret. Luncheon- Victoria Clyde Confirmation, 7pm at St. Johns, with Clifton & Aurora	4 Clergy Health & Retirement Luncheon & meeting - S.H. Cathedral, Salina	5 State K of C Convention-Topeka	6 State K of C Convention-Topeka
7 K of C Conv.-Topeka Colby-Confirmation Sacred Heart, 2 pm	8	9	10 Junction City Confirmation, 7 pm St. Francis Xavier Kansas Catholic Conference-Topeka	11	12 Bereavement Mass, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 10:30 am - Sponsored by Catholic Charities	13 Special Collection for the Nat'l Shrine in Washington, D.C.
14 MOTHERS DAY Special Collection for the Nat'l Shrine in Washington D.C.. Beloit, St. John Graduation, 10 am Salina, S.H. Graduation S.H. Cathedral, 3 pm	15 St. Isidore Day –Mass 10 am, St. Augustine, Washington	16 Priests Council	17 Annual Religious Sisters Mass and Luncheon, 11 am, S.H. Cathedral Catherine-Confirmation St. Catherine, 7 pm	18	19	20 Plainville Confirmation, 6 pm, Sacred Heart
21 Stockton Confirmation, 8:30 am, St. Thomas Hays - TMP Graduation Mass, Noon, IHM	22	23 Finance Council	24	25 Ascension of Our Lord	26 Counselors meeting for Jr. CYO Camp (Rock Springs) at the Chancery	27 Jr. CYO Camp, Rock Springs Ranch
28 Jr. CYO Camp, Rock Springs Ranch	29 Jr. CYO Camp, Rock Springs Ranch MEMORIAL DAY Chancery Closed	30 Jr. CYO Camp, Rock Springs Ranch	31			

The background of the top half of the poster features silhouettes of a group of men standing in a line, with a large crucifix on the right side. The text 'MEN ON A MISSION' is overlaid in large, bold, white letters.

MEN ON A MISSION

Our Mission as Christians is to conform ourselves evermore to Jesus.

~Pope Francis

2017 Diocese of Salina Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday August 12

8 AM TO 4 PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Hays , Kansas



DR. RAY GUARENDI

featuring



FR. JOHN LAGER

REGISTER ONLINE @ SALINADIOCESE.ORG

OR MAIL PAPER REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE AUGUST 1ST

Salina Diocese Men's Conference 2017

"MEN ON A MISSION"

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

1805 Vine Street, Hays, Kansas 67601

Registration (refreshments & lunch included)

_____ Adult - \$35 *If paper form submitted each adult must fill a separate form*

_____ Student - \$15 (HS & College)

_____ Father and one son under 21 - \$40

_____ Father and two sons under 21 - \$50

_____ Father and three sons under 21 - \$60

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

Adult Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parish: _____, Parish City: _____

Home Phone: () _____, Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address _____

First Son Name: _____

Second Son Name: _____

Third Son Name: _____

_____ I would like to sponsor an additional adult entry free*
Donated entry fees will be given to the Priests of the Diocese to disperse to those in their communities who may otherwise be unable to attend.

August 1 is the final registration date. Registrations after that date will require an additional \$10.00/person

**Send completed registration form and payment to:
Diocesan Family Life Office
P. O. Box 980
Salina, KS 67402-0980**

Prayer and Action Staff 2017



Cole



Joseph



Maggie



Allison



Casey



Meg



Luke

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

HIGH SCHOOL WEEKS:

RUSSELL

June 11-16

June 18-23

June 25-30

BELOIT

July 9-14

July 16-21

July 23-28

COLLEGE WEEK IS JUNE 4-9 IN RUSSELL

Register online at

<http://salinadiocese.org/youth-ministry/>

or call (785) 827-8746 x 30

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, 2017

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

During Child Abuse Prevention month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. In 2002, the bishops of the United States adopted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. They are committed to their Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal to our parishes and catholic schools.

Dioceses have put in place effective policies for safeguarding our children. Child Abuse prevention month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all with the Church and in our Communities.

As a Community of Faith

The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church. You can begin by taking these steps to create a safe environment in your own parish and at home.

1) Pray...Prayer is the most important way you can help the Church most effectively offer healing to survivors of abuse, seek reconciliation with affected communities, and protect children.

2) Participate... Engage in or help plan a liturgy for the healing of victims. Get the Safe Environment training your Parish/School offers, know the warning signs of child abuse and how to report, know the warning signs of offenders.

3) Promote...Learn more about the USCCB's efforts by reading the Annual Report on the Implementation of the Charter. Distribute Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal posters and brochures in your parish and school. Read and become familiar with the ongoing work of the Holy See.

Christian joy does not arise on the fringes of reality, by ignoring it or acting as if it did not exist. Christian joy is born from a call - the same call that Saint Joseph received - to embrace and protect human life especially that of the holy innocents of our own day. Pope Francis, 28 December 2016, *Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to Bishops on the Feast of the Holy Innocents*



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reportabuse@salinadiocese.org



Diocese of Salina

PO Box 980

Salina, KS 67402-0980

Know the warning signs of **Offenders**...

1. Offenders prefer to be with children
2. Offenders go overboard touching, wrestling or tickling
3. Offenders may give minors alcohol or drugs or show them pornography
4. Offenders allow children to break the rules
5. Offenders act as if the rules do not apply to them.



You can help the abuse of children. If you observe an adult who is not behaving appropriately with children, speak up. Let someone know what you saw, you are not accusing anyone of anything. You are letting someone know you care, are watching, and are concerned that no harm is done to a child.

Over *2 million* parish employees and volunteers and *4.2 million* children have been Safe Environment trained to recognize the behavior of offenders and what to do about it. Training was also provided to *over 159,764* educators, *258,978* other employees, *35,475* priests, *16,294* deacons, and *6,847* candidates for ordination. Background evaluations have been conducted on over *2 million* parish volunteers and Church personnel who have contact with children.



There is no doubt the Catholic Church is committed to protecting children.

Remember...

Anyone whose latest background check was done in 2012 will need to update in 2017.

All safe environment training must be done **before ministering to children.**

On-site audits are currently taking place in the West Vicariate plus Manhattan and Junction City. Next year we will be visiting East Central Vicariate plus part of the East Vicariate.

"How to report suspected child abuse" bulletin announcements must be posted at least four times a year and then sent via mail or email to Wendy Backes in the Safety and Security office for filing.

All Safety Coordinators need to review their spreadsheets monthly and notify the Safety and Security Office if there are changes to be made. This includes adding new volunteers or deleting those no longer ministering.

The audit period ends June 30, 2017, please be sure your parish/school is in compliance with the Diocese of Salina in all required areas.



Look for the next edition of
The Shepherd
in July, 2017

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