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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION will be taken up the weekend of August 13-14, 2016. All parishes should have received an individual mailing direct from Catholic Charities as well as my separate email on July 15, 2016 requesting your support for this important Collection in our diocese. If you have not received this valuable information, please contact Michelle Martin michelle.martin@ccnks.org at Catholic Charities. **My letter dated July 16, 2016 is attached for inserting into parish bulletins to help promote this important collection right here at home in our diocese. Your assistance is appreciated in helping to promote this important collection.** Special thanks and appreciation to all who helped support the many missions of Catholic Charities at their 11th annual dinner and auction held in Salina on July 24th at the Salina Country Club.

August is filled with many important events in our diocese – I am deeply appreciative of your support, encouragement and promotion of these events within your parishes:

- **The Diocesan School Administrators will be meeting at the Chancery on August 3rd and 4th.** I have the privilege to celebrate Mass with them at the Cathedral on the 4th at 11 a.m.
- **August 9-11 all International Priests ministering in our Diocese** will be attending a workshop in Great Bend.
- **12th Runnin Rev's basketball game, 6 p.m., Hays**
- **5th Annual Men's Conference in Hays at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on Saturday, August 13, 2016.**
- **Msgr. Barry Brinkman will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Priesthood with 10 a.m. Mass and a reception 2-4 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays on August 14th.**
- **Diocesan Rural Life Day is set for 3 p.m. at St. Xavier Parish in Junction City on August 14th** with presentations of the Annual Century Farm Awards in honor of Msgr. John George Weber
- **The Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) will hold their Biennial Convention at Sacred Heart Parish in Colby on Saturday, 8-4 p.m., August 20th.**
- **Jubilee Year of Mercy Celebration, 3 p.m. confessions 3:30 p.m. Rosary and 4 p.m. Mass, Sunday, August 21st, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina.** Priests are requested to contact the Bishop's Office if they will be able to concelebrate.
- **Fr. George Chalbham, CMI, 30th Anniversary of priesthood, 4 p.m. Mass, 5:30 p.m. dinner – RSVP required.**
- **The Diocesan Respect Life Conference the 27nd of August 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary Queen of the Angels Parish Hall in Russell.**

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (cont.)

- *Jubilee of Mercy Celebration*, 3 p.m. confessions, 3:30 p.m. rosary and 4 p.m. Mass, Sunday August 28th, Sacred Heart, Colby. Priests are requested to contact the Bishop's Office if they will be able to concelebrate.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASSES – Please see the **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE SECTION** of this SDNB for my letter dated July 25, 2016 containing all the details including a sample bulletin announcement to promote this event during the month of August in your parish bulletins. **Parish offices are requested to submit names of couples & other important information requested to the Chancery Family Life Office by Tuesday, September 15, 2016, in order that personal invitations can be mailed to them and certificates can be prepared to be presented to them at the Mass of their choice.** All priests are invited to concelebrate Mass in Salina and/or in Hays – please also advise the Family Life office if you will be able to concelebrate listing the location.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Thank you to those who returned the Confirmation Request Forms by the July 15th deadline. **Attached is a first draft of the schedule for 2016-17 dated August 1, 2016.** For those parishes who have not responded it is assumed that Confirmation will not be held this session. Please contact my secretary at chancery2@salinadiocese.org (or 787-827-8746 – Ext. 34) if you have any questions or concerns with the schedule or still need to schedule a date and time. Special thanks and sincere appreciation to those pastors who agreed to change dates, times, etc. to accommodate my schedule. Please review this first draft. **The final schedule will be prepared and sent to all parishes with the September 2016 SDNB.**

OFFICE OF VICAR GENERAL

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERTS for parish bulletins in English and in Spanish attached for the month of August 2016 listed below. Thank you for promoting this important cause within your parishes.

August – **ALERT** This month might be vacation time for some but traffickers are busier than ever, buying and selling men, women, and children for financial gain. About 700,000, primarily women and children, are trafficked annually within or across international borders. Call 888-3737-888 if you suspect a person being trafficked. Don't forget to view **sistersagainsttrafficking.org**, the web site of **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.**

Agosto - **ALERTA** Este mes podría ser tiempo de vacaciones para algunos, pero los traficantes están más ocupados que nunca: compra y venta de hombres, mujeres y niños con fines de lucro. Cerca de 700.000, principalmente mujeres y niños, son objeto de tráfico cada año dentro o a través de fronteras internacionales. Llame al 888-3737-888. Si sospecha que alguien es objeto de trata, no olvide de visitar **sistersagainsttrafficking.org**, el sitio web de las **hermanas católicas contra la trata de personas de los Estados Unidos.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

ANNUAL RETREAT 2016: September 19-22, 2016. Our Retreat Director is Rev. Jerome Kodell, OSB. He is former Abbott of Subiaco Abbey in Arkansas. The Retreat will begin on Monday at 4:00 p.m. and conclude with the noon meal on Thursday.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER: November 29, Capuchin Center, Victoria, 10:30 to 2:30.

JANUARY RENEWAL DAYS: will be January 16-19, 2017.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

The Department of Labor (DOL) announced its biggest changes to overtime regulations in more than a decade on May 18, 2016. The changes include doubling the salary threshold at which employees who are classified as non-exempt are eligible for time-and-a-half if they work more than 40 hours per week. The changes will be effective December 1, 2016.

There will be a Wage and Hour Compliance Manual designed for our Diocese disseminated next week to all pastors and principals. The Wage and Hour Compliance Manual will assist you in classifying your employees properly (exempt v. non-exempt). Classifying employees can be challenging since this regulation is very complex. If you have any questions regarding classification of staff members, the new salary threshold, job descriptions, employee agreements, etc. please contact me at pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: The updated Diocesan Directory will be mailed out separately to the parishes and Clergy in August.

OFFICE OF FINANCE

CLERGY COMPENSATION: A reminder that the clergy salary and auto allowance amounts were increased effective July 1, 2016. Another copy of the "Compensations for Clergy" page from the Diocesan handbook "Blue Book" is attached.

PRIEST COUNCIL

Priest Council Dues are \$25.00 for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Attached you will find an updated list of those who have paid their dues so far. Please make checks payable to Priests' Council and send to Fr. Joseph Kieffer. My new address is:

Fr. Joseph Kieffer
P.O. Box 395
Hanover, KS 66945-0395

OFFICE OF THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Parishes in our diocese continue to be contacted by various charitable groups, asking to make an appeal on behalf of their group. Just as a reminder, on June 20, 2016, Bishop Weisenburger emailed parishes:

Recently Cross Catholic Outreach has contacted some of our parishes. As you may recall, I promulgated a policy in early 2015 asking that you contact Fr. Heina in the Office of Propagation of the Faith prior to permitting any charitable organization to come to your parish for charitable purposes. The Mission Cooperative Appeal is an important part of our Propagation of the Faith office and I feel strongly that we need these ministries coordinated through our office. If you are contacted by Cross Catholic Outreach I kindly request that you observe our promulgated policy and please contact Fr. Heina prior to responding to them.

2016 MISSION CO-OP: If your parish has not yet sent to the diocese the Mission Cooperative collection from this summer, please do so at your earliest convenience. Your prompt attention to this will help avoid confusion of the (summer) 2016 Mission CO-OP collection with the (October) World Mission Sunday collection. Please also return the completed Mission Co-op evaluation forms; your candid comments are very helpful in deciding which mission groups to invite back to the diocese.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY KITS will be arriving in August for the October Appeal. They will be sent directly to the parishes. Please watch for them.

OFFICE OF NEW EVANGELIZATION

Jubilee Year Vicariate Events

Bishop Weisenburger has asked that the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy vicariate events be widely publicized. Here is basic information about these gatherings, to be adapted to the event in your vicariate.

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we celebrate that God desires to show His people mercy. The difficulty comes when we create barriers to that mercy through the hardness of our hearts. Come open your heart to the flow of God's mercy and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Rosary (led by Bishop Weisenburger), and the Eucharist on Sunday, [insert your vicariate's event date and location]. A reception will follow. In the spirit of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, financial contributions at Mass will benefit the Kansas Loan Pool Project (KLPP).

All the priests of the vicariate are asked to help hear Confessions and concelebrate at the event in their vicariate. In anticipation of these events, we recommend that parishes (again) make available (or call attention to) the jubilee year Examination of Conscience, available to download at <http://salinadiocese.org/home/multimedia/files/offices/new-evangelization-1/1193-year-of-mercy-examination-of-conscience/file>

Please use this information in your weekend bulletins, your homilies and Mass announcements, on parish websites and/or Facebook pages, on bulletin boards, etc. Other examples of bullet points have been emailed to the parishes of the west, east central, and east vicariates. A brochure that briefly explains the Kansas Loan Pool Project (KLPP) is also included with this issue of the SDNB for reproduction and distribution as you see fit. Thanks for your assistance.

NEW EVANGELIZATION (cont.)

Jubilee Year Day of Mercy Oct. 9

We are observing Sunday, October 9, 2016 as the Salina Diocesan Day of Mercy. From 2-4 P.M. Central Time, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in each parish and/or parish cluster in the diocese. While any Catholic is welcome to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time, our awareness efforts are especially aimed at Catholics who are marginalized or who have otherwise not approached this Sacrament for an extended period of time. Publicity materials (including graphic art suitable for distribution through local secular newspapers) will be available in the September SDNB. Please mark your calendars.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 10-12 Seminarian Gathering

August 12 Runnin Revs BBall game in Hays

August 13: Men's Conference (Seminarrians will attend)

Nov. 12 -14 Encounter with God's Call weekend. Conception, MO (more details to follow)

Please continue encouraging the young men of your parish to search their hearts and ask if the Lord may be calling them to the priesthood.

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

OFFICE OF LITURGY

Marriage Workshop

The new Rite of Marriage will be published in August. It *may* be used after September 8, and *must* be used after December 31. The Office of Liturgy will host workshops in each vicariate to acquaint priests, deacons, and musicians with the changes from the current rite. All workshops will be in the church, so we can envision how the procession and other parts of the rite will look. All workshops will be on Saturday mornings, except for Manhattan, which will be on a Sunday afternoon.

Hays	August 20, 9-12 a.m. – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Manhattan	August 21, 2-5 p.m. – St. Thomas More Church
Colby	August 27, 9-12 a.m. – Sacred Heart Church
Salina	September 3, 9-12 a.m. – St. Elizabeth's Church

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

2016 Annual Appeal

We greatly appreciate your support of our upcoming annual appeal on August 13 and 14. Each priest should have received a packet of information for each of their parishes which included: pledge cards; remittance envelopes; a poster; bulletin announcements; and a recording of the Bishop's message in both English and Spanish (to be played August 6 and 7). If any of these items are missing *or* if you feel that we have underestimated the number of envelopes and pledge cards for your parish, please contact our office at 785-825-0208 or mmartin@ccnks.org. Your help with Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is vital this year, as letters will *not* be mailed to all members in the diocese but only to those who have been previously identified as supporters of Catholic Charities. Below are the proposed bulletin announcements for this event:

Bulletin Announcements

August 6-7

The 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take place next weekend, August 13 - 14. This collection is crucial for them to sustain their yearly operations and continue this important church ministry. With your support, Catholic Charities puts the Gospel into action by serving the poor and vulnerable throughout the Salina Diocese. Please contemplate all of the blessings you have been granted in your life and prayerfully consider making a gift this year. Please use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes provided at Mass to make a donation next weekend. You may return by using the collection plate during Mass or mailing directly to Catholic Charities. *Your support is greatly appreciated.*

If you have any questions, please contact Development Director, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

August 13-14

This weekend is the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Last week, you heard a message from Bishop Weisenburger encouraging your support for this important ministry. Pledge cards and remittance envelopes are available here at Mass. Please complete a pledge card and use the remittance envelope to place your donation in the parish offering today or mail directly to Catholic Charities. By making a contribution, you are partnering with Catholic Charities to provide a safety net for struggling individuals and families. Your support offers hope to people in desperate situations, so thank you for prayerfully considering a gift. *All support is greatly appreciated.*

If you have any questions, please contact Development Director, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

August 20-21

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Your contribution will allow Catholic Charities to continue to offer hope to individuals and families for another year. If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late to partner with Catholic Charities to serve the poor and most vulnerable within our communities. Please request a remittance envelope to mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities or leave with our parish office. Thank you again for supporting your neighbors as we reflect upon the words of Pope Francis, "To change the World, we must be good to those who cannot repay us."

If you have any questions, please contact Development Director, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

2016 Annual Fundraiser – Dinner & Auction

Thank you so much for your support of this year's Catholic Charities Fundraiser, held on Sunday, July 24. We greatly appreciate your efforts to promote this event in your parish and your contributions to help us reach the \$85,000 donation match.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE/NFP

SINGLE PARENT NETWORKER: Due to change in staff in Omaha there will not be a published newsletter for the month of August.

LAST CALL TO MEN'S CONFERENCE: Please encourage the men of your parish to come to the Men's Conference. Your recommendation as a pastor can have a positive influence. Below is a bulletin to include in your parish bulletin.

This is a final reminder about the August 13 Men's Conference at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays, Kansas. Come and hear an excellent nationally known speaker, Curtis Martin. A \$5.00 late fee will be charged after August 1. Walk in registrations are still accepted the day of the conference at the \$40.00 price.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES: The initial letter from Bishop Edward Weisenburger announcing the Anniversary Masses for those celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55 and 60+ years of marriage is included in this mailing. There will be two sites hosting the Masses—St. Joseph Parish, Hays, Sunday, Oct. 23, 3:00 P.M. and St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish, Salina, Sunday, Oct. 30, 3:00 P.M. The Diocesan Family Life Office will again be coordinating the events. Please publish the following bulletin announcement in your parish bulletins so couples can make their request known to your parish office and their information can be returned to the Family Life Office by the September 15 deadline.

The Diocese of Salina wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55 and 60+ or more years of marriage. Celebrations with Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, celebrant, are planned at St. Joseph Parish, Hays, Sunday, October 23, 3:00 P.M., and at St. Mary, Queen of the Universe Parish, Salina, Sunday, October 30, 3:00 P.M. If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please notify your parish office by Thursday, Sept. 8th requesting a personal invitation. Please provide Last Name, First Name of Husband and Wife, Street Address, - City - State - ZIP, Phone Number, Home Parish, Anniversary Date and Year Married, Anniversary number being celebrated in 2016 and the location of the parish where you will be attending. Parishes are to submit names to the Chancery, Family Life Office, by Thursday, September 15, 2016

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2016

September 16-18, 2016 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

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

Aug. 6, 2016- Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia

Sept. 10, 2016- Immaculate Heart of Mary- Hays

Oct. 8, 2016- Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Concordia

Dec. 3, 2016- Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Concordia

BULLETIN INSERTS OR HANDOUTS: Child's Prayer, Parent's Blessing Before the First Day of School, and Family Prayers and Traditions for the First Day of School are enclosed.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

Coordinator of the Office of Respect Life is now Deacon Scott Watford. Contact information is as follows:

Deacon Scott Watford, Pastoral Associate
 St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church
 2901 E 13th Street
 Hays, KS 67601
 785-628-1446
 Parish Office: swatford@eaglecom.net
 Respect Life: respectlife@salinadiocese.org

Many thanks to Eric and Jackie Brown for their excellent service as the Respect Life Coordinators for the past two years.

Bulletin Announcements (Please put in your parish bulletin)

The annual Respect Life Conference “Lobby for Life” will be held on August 27th in Russell at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish from 8AM – 3PM. Amy McInerny, Executive Director of 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. Conference schedule and registration information, including how to register online, available @ <http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life>. Learn to engage the public policy process to continue to build the culture of life. (See attached flyer.)

The Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office will sponsor a bus trip to the **March for Life** in Washington, D.C., Jan. 25-29, 2017. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March For Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally; information @ www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx (optional, additional cost) Cost of the trip is \$325 per person. Online Registration will be available @ <http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life> or pick up a form from your parish office. There is a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. Reservations are due no later than Sept. 30. For more information contact Bradley Stramel at 785-259-5437 or brstramel@gmail.com. (See attached brochure.)

The 4th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is Saturday, September 10, 2016. There are many Memorials to the victims of abortion around our diocese. Consider visiting one of these memorials and offering a prayer service of mourning for the victims of abortion. For more information; including how to lead a service, visit <http://abortionmemorials.com/leaders.php>. (Please see the attached list of memorials to the victims of abortion in our diocese.)

Intercessory Prayers for Life available @ <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/intercessory-prayers-for-life.cfm>

OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE

The 2016 Rural Life Day will be Sunday, August 14th at 3 p.m., in Junction City. St. Francis Xavier parish will host the event this year.

The Rural Life Day honors those families who have owned or worked on a particular family farm for more than 100 years with the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award.

Application forms may be found on the Diocesan Website under Rural Life. The application includes a brief history of the family and the farm and representatives of the family will be asked to give a short (5 minute) history at the Rural Life Day. Their written history will be published in The Register. The Rural Life Day moves each year to a different Vicariate in order to encourage participation. This year we are spotlighting the East Vicariate. Century Farm families in the East Vicariate are encourage to apply for the award.

We would ask that your applications be sent to the Rural Life Commission, c/o Sacred Heart Parish, 585 N. French, Colby, KS 67701. For additional information or clarification you may call Fr. Richard Daise at [\(785\) 462-2179](tel:7854622179).

~ September 2016 ~

◀ Aug 2016							Oct 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3 Marriage New Rite Workshop, 9-12 a.m. Salina (Liturgy Office)	
4	5 Labor Day Chancery Closed	6	7	8 Finance Council	9	10 God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage - Hays	
11 Jubilee of Mercy Celebration 4:30 p.m., STM-Manhattan	12	13 Priests Council-Victoria	14	15	16 Engaged Encounter - Victoria	17 Divine Mercy Banquet at IHM – Hays, 6 p.m. Engaged Encounter - Victoria	
18 Engaged Encounter – Victoria	19 Priests' Retreat - Wichita	20 Priests' Retreat - Wichita	21 Priests' Retreat - Wichita	22 Priests' Retreat – Wichita Catholic Charities Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23	24 Stewardship Weekend Student Mass - 7 p.m. St. Isidore's - Manhattan	
25 Stewardship Weekend	26 Bishop's Extension Conference	27 Bishop's Extension Conference	28 Bishop's Extension Conference	29 Bishop's Extension Conference	30	Notes:	



Diocese of Salina

Office of the Bishop

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Salina, Kansas 67402-0980

July 15, 2016

Dear Father or Parish Life Coordinator:

I am writing to remind you that the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will be held the weekend of August 13-14. Catholic Charities will provide parishes with packets containing pledge cards and remittance envelopes and my audio message in mid-July. Please make the remittance materials available to your parishioners the weekend you play my audio message, August 6 and 7, and the weekend of the appeal, August 13 and 14.

Last year, Catholic Charities mailed appeal letters to all parishioners in the Salina Diocese. This year Catholic Charities will only be mailing appeal letters directly to the homes of their current supporters, so it is very important that each parish support this appeal by making available the pledge cards for parishioners both weekends. Please encourage parishioners to place these remittance envelopes in your parish collections during mass August 13 and 14 or mail them directly to Catholic Charities in Salina. Please do not open any of the Catholic Charities envelopes received in the collection – mail directly to Catholic Charities.

In your packet from Catholic Charities, you should find an instructional letter from Michelle Martin regarding this appeal along with my recorded audio message (in both English and Spanish), pledge cards and remittance envelopes, a poster and sample bulletin announcements for use in your parish bulletins. If you are missing any of these items or need additional pledge cards, please contact Catholic Charities at 785-825-0208 or mmartin@ccnks.org. Michelle or any of her staff will readily assist you.

I would like for you to play my recorded message the weekend prior to the appeal during your masses August 6-7. Please let your congregation know that you have pledge cards and remittance envelopes available for those who need them and make those items readily available at the weekend masses, August 6-7 and 13-14.

There is still much work to be done in this ministry, so I urge you to offer your personal support for the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. By partnering with Catholic Charities, we can reach more of our brothers and sisters in need and carry out the mission Jesus has given our Church. Remember it is a privilege for us to respond generously.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Salina



Beginnings and endings are special family times when traditions and rituals help bind a family together. Here are some traditions and prayers for your family to use on the first day of school.

- Every year take a picture of your child(ren) on the first day of school standing at the front door of your home or apartment. After five or ten years, you have a great visual record of their growing up! When they graduate from high school, put the pictures in an album for them to keep.
- Pray together the night before or morning of the day school begins. Use one of the prayers below or make up your own, bringing to God your concerns and needs. End your prayer by tracing the sign of the cross with your thumb on each child's forehead as a sign of blessing.
- If you are a godparent, call or write a note of encouragement to your godchild assuring him/her of your prayerful support in the coming year.
- Place a little sign on the bathroom mirror on the first day of school saying: "God bless you on your first day of school...and all year through, Love, Mom and Dad."

The following prayer for the first day of school may be used as a meal prayer or as a morning or evening prayer.

Creator God,

We thank you for the many opportunities you have given us for learning. We ask you to bless our schools, our teams, our teachers and all those who help provide for our education.

Be with us today as we begin this school year. We bring our hopes and our fears to you with confidence that you will walk with us. Help us to be faithful to our school work. Guide us in treating everyone we meet with kindness and respect. Grant your special blessings to those who have trouble learning or who are not accepted by others.

Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, to guide and protect us as we begin this new year. We entrust ourselves entirely to your loving care this day and every day. Amen.

CHILD'S PRAYER BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Loving Father,
we aren't sure
we feel like celebrating today,
because tomorrow
is the first day of school.

Some kids like school;
some kids don't.
Some days **we** like school;
some days **we** don't.

There's a strange feeling inside
because we don't know
what's coming.

We give you this feeling, Father,
and this year of school.

Please be with us
so we'll look for what's good
in each day
and then do our very best.
Amen.



(Reprinted with permission from *Prayer After Nine Rainy Days and Other Family Prayers* by Pat Corrick Hinton, Winston Press, Inc., Minneapolis, MN 55403.)

PARENT'S BLESSING BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries
of the universe.

In times long past you sent us your
prophets to teach your laws
and to bear witness to your undying love.

You sent us your Son
to teach us by word and example
that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon these students and their teachers
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that during this academic year
they may devote themselves to
their studies and share what they
have learned from others.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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An American flag graphic is positioned vertically in the center of the page, with the stars in the upper half and the stripes in the lower half. The words "Lobby" and "For" are placed to the left and right of the top of the flag, respectively. The words "LIFE" are stacked vertically to the left of the bottom of the flag.

Lobby

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

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Respect Life Conference

August 27

8am—3pm

Queen of Angels Parish

Russell, Kansas

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

For cost and registration, visit
salinadiocese.org/respect-life

Register by August 15.

Sponsorship Card

I/We like to sponsor: _____ Name of Individual I would like to sponsor: _____
 \$ _____ to go towards: _____ Your Name: _____
 Seminarian/Priest _____ Address: _____
 Individual _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 General Fund _____
 Other _____ I/We would like to remain anonymous.

Please return this [form with payment before September 30, 2015](#). Thank you for your support!!
 General donations will go to funds needed to cover bus cost, hotel costs, or other expenses toward the trip to Washington DC.
 Checks payable to: Diocese of Salina-Respect Life; 103 N 9th Street; Salina, KS 67401



Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office

Interim Coordinator
 Brad Stramel
 785.259.5437
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March For Life



January 25-29, Washington DC

Diocese of Salina



ARE YOU PART OF THE
MARCH FOR LIFE MOVEMENT?



**Diocese of Salina
Respect Life Office**



Trip Includes:

- Bus Fare
- Hotel for two nights
- Mass
- March For Life
- Sightseeing

Optional (Additional cost):

Life is VERY Good Rally (check out website)
<http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx>



FINAL PAYMENT DUE DECEMBER 11!

January 25

Buses: Depart from Salina, KS early afternoon.

January 26

Hotel: Arrive at Comfort Inn, 1201 13th St NW, 202.682.5300

Life is VERY Good Evening Rally

(LiVG): (Optional, tickets must be purchased by Oct. 1) Patriot Center, George Mason University, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax, VA 22030

January 27

Life is VERY Good Morning Rally

(LiVG): (Optional, tickets must be purchased by Oct. 1) Patriot Center, George Mason University, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax, VA 22030. Includes lunch provided by Chick-Fil-A.

Mass: Join fellow Kansans for Mass for those not attending LiVG rally

Rally: 12:00pm at the Mall followed by the

March for Life: 1:00pm will move along Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court

Sightseeing: Evening to explore DC



January 28-29

Mass: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Sightseeing: at the Mall

Departure: in late afternoon to return home

Reservation Form

YES, I/We will attend: _____ (Number Attending)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I wish to share a room with: _____ (Must complete Forms B, C, D, and HIPPA, salinadiocese.org/youth-ministry and return to youth sponsor).

School/Youth Group: _____

Reserve online: salinadiocese.org/respect-life, or mail reservation form and \$50 non-refundable reservation fee by **SEPTEMBER 30th DEADLINE** to: Diocese of Salina-March for Life, 103 North Ninth Street, Salina, KS 67401.

	<u>Cost for Trip</u>
Bus/Hotel-\$325 x _____	= \$ _____
Life is Very Good Rally (additional cost)	
- Evening-\$17 x _____	= \$ _____
- Morning-\$17 x _____	= \$ _____
- Both-\$28 x _____	= \$ _____
Total: \$ _____	