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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION is May 1-3, Topeka

MASS OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS (Priests and Sisters) will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 11 a.m. at the Cathedral. *Pope Francis designated this 2015 Year a "The Year of Consecrated Life"*. This is our way to show our support and appreciation for the dedication and service of all religious men and women. A luncheon will follow in the Cathedral Hall of Bishops. Vocatio Club of Salina will assist with this luncheon. All priests (religious and diocesan) in the diocese should have received an invitation to concelebrate this special recognition Mass and luncheon. All religious sisters as well received an invitation to the Mass and the luncheon immediately following in the Hall of Bishops. RSVP's should have been turned in by April 29th. Please call Clara (785-827-8746 – Ext 34) or email chancery2@salinadiocese.org if perchance you have not done this yet and plan to attend no later than Monday May 4th so that sufficient food will be prepared for the meal.

PRIESTS COUNCIL MEETING is set for May 12th, in Victoria

ST. ISIDORE DAY CELEBRATION, hosted by the Diocesan Rural Life Office at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hill City on Friday, May 15, 2015. See the Rural Life Office section for more information.

CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION annual luncheons for priests age 65 and older will be held on Wednesday, May 19 in Salina and on May 20, in Victoria. Invitations were emailed to all w/email and sent via US mail to those w/out email on April 20nd. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 12th so that sufficient food can be prepared to the Bishop's Office chancery2@salinadiocese.org or call Clara at 785-827-8746, Ext. 34. This is a good time to spend time with many of our retired priests who are able to attend. Please do contact the Fr. Keith Weber in the Finance Office or my office if you have any concerns that need to be addressed.

SEMINARIAN RECOGNITION DINNER

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ANNUAL SEMINARIAN POT LUCK will be hosted by the Vocatio Club of Salina. The recitation of the Rosary will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a pot luck meatless meal immediately following in the parish hall on Friday, May 29th. All priests and religious are invited to attend.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS: Kyle Berens and Andrew Rockers will be ordained at Sacred Heart² Cathedral in Salina, 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 31st. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNUAL RETREAT is June 15-18, 2015 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita.

CONFIRMATION LITURGY PLAN – DIOCESE OF SALINA – UPDATED MAY 2015

is attached for assistance in providing an easier flow of events while in your parish for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will replace Section VI-7B immediately in the Diocesan Handbook and is also available on the Diocesan Web Site in a fillable format under the Bishop's Section. In the April 2015 SDNB there were some helpful reminders listed under my section. Special appreciation to all for your assistance.

PARISH REQUEST FORM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be sent next month with the June SDNB. No finalized dates will be sent until after all the forms have been received and the schedule is complete. Please remember that unless your parish expects 10 Confirmandi, it is preferable not to plan on an annual celebration of Confirmation. In this case it would be preferable to plan for Confirmation every other year, or every third or fourth year depending on the size of the group. Pastors are also encouraged to combine parishes within their pastoral assignment.

OFFICE OF VICAR GENERAL

FIRST COMMUNION NOTIFICATIONS- First Communions should be recorded in the Parish Registry First Communion Book in which the first Communion took place. Notifications do not need to be sent to the parish of baptism.

DISCOVER: is a summer camp for Junior High girls, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia. Details and inserts are included with this SDNB edition and may be distributed for use in your parish.

TRIBUNAL/JUDICIAL VICAR

Is there any obstacle or impediment preventing a person from marrying a close relative in the Church? The term used to describe the blood relationship between persons who descend from a common ancestor is "consanguinity." Consanguinity invalidates marriage in all degrees of the direct line (e.g. father-daughter or mother-son cannot validly marry) and up to the fourth degree of the collateral line (this includes first cousins). The impediment of consanguinity no longer invalidates marriages of second cousins. Canonists agree that consanguinity in any degree of the direct line is a divine law impediment cannot be dispensed by any church authority. There is also agreement that a dispensation is never given for marriages in the second degree of the collateral line (e.g. brother-sister). The local bishop can dispense from the impediment in the third degree (uncle-niece) and fourth degree (first cousins) of the collateral line. However, civil law varies across the States and in some jurisdictions prohibits marriages within these degrees of consanguinity (uncle-niece, first cousins, etc.). If there is a question about the blood relationship between the bride and groom and any impediments arising from it, you may call the Tribunal and I can help you calculate the degrees of consanguinity. This is an infrequent question but it does arise from time to time. Rev. Barry Brinkman, JCL

Please find enclosed (attached) the new Narrative Form for the Marriage Tribunal Section of your Diocesan Handbook. Please start using this form in place of the old one.

OFFICE OF FINANCE

Reminder – The fee for the Corporate Annual Reports - \$40.00 is now due from each parish. If you have not already sent the \$40.00 to the Finance Office, please do so at your earliest convenience. A list of parishes that have paid is attached.

OFFICE OF FINANCE(continued)

MARYMOUNT SCHOLARSHIP AND MSGR. CLEMENT KRUSE SCHOLARSHIP: The forms for these scholarships are in the Diocesan Handbook. Copies can be made from these forms. Please make sure the applicants are given the correct forms for the Marymount Scholarship. These is one for first year applicants and a separate one for those reapplying for additional funds after they have completed their first year of college. (Section V, pages 23-28.) Applications are due in our office by July 1st.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

REMINDER: The Safe Environment audit is on site this year. This audit since it is on site is typically a lot more comprehensive than when dioceses only have to submit data. In order to ensure a successful audit please have your school and/or parish employees and/or volunteers who need to complete the online Virtus Safe Environment training and/or criminal background checks do so before June 30, 2015. Sr. Carolyn Juenemann will be sending out notices to everyone that needs to complete Virtus and/or a criminal background check soon. If you have any questions please contact Sr. Carolyn Juenemann at carolyn.juenemann@salinadiocese.org or Pamela Sullivan at pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS: Many parish offices are transitioning 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

A couple Diocesan Handbook updates have been mentioned in other sections. Please make sure all books in your office are updated with the enclosed (attached) new pages. You may make copies as necessary.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5 and May 6: $5^{th}/6^{th}$ grade vocation days in Hays and Abilene.

May 28: Diocesan Seminarian Recognition Dinner

May 29: Potluck Dinner in honor of those to be ordained – hosted by Vocatio of Salina

May 30: 10:00 p.m. Priestly Ordination of Deacons Kyle Berens and Andrew Rockers

August 8: Men's Conference (Seminarians will attend)

August 10-13: Seminarian End of Summer Gathering

Priestly Ordination

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

5/6th Grade Vocation Days

The Vocation's team will once again be holding the "Vocation Days" for 6th grade students of our Catholic Schools, or 5th graders if you 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. Fr.gale@shcathedral.com I apologize to those schools who have a scheduling conflict, but these dates seem to work best for us on the vocation's team. We will be in Hays on the 5th and in Abilene on the 6th.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS(continued)

Intercessions for Vocations

For those parishes who 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 DEVELOPMENT

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL

The Catholic Community Annual Appeal, *Lift Up Your Hearts*, is in full swing. Those who sit in the pews, look to you for your leadership. Please continue to promote this appeal. There are so many important ministries that depend on this appeal. If you have any questions or need assistance conducting this appeal, please contact Syndi Larez in the Office of Development. She can be reached at syndi.larez@salinadiocese.org

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OFFICE OF NEW EVANGELIZATION

EVANGELIZATION IN AND THROUGH THE FAMILY: During 2015, the evangelization efforts in the Diocese of Salina are focused around evangelization in and through the family. The month of May's theme is New Life through Motherhood. Activity suggestions for parish Evangelization and/or Family Life commissions to consider:

Publicizing devotion to Mary as the Undoer of Knots, a devotion of special significance to Pope Francis. See the attachment which includes a background on the devotion, a prayer to Mary, Undoer of Knots, and a link to resources on the internet. (see attachment)

Baby Bottle campaign for the support of Respect Life organizations. (see attachment)

Publicizing "A note to mother" from her children and grandchildren

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

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

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

FAITH SHARING AT MEETINGS: Please also find enclosed the eighth installment of "Tools to facilitate brief faith-sharing at a parish meeting in keeping with the theme of the 2014-15 catechetical year, *Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness*." This information is provided to you for possible use at meetings. Please make use of it as you see fit. (see attachment)

OFFICE OF THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Correction: The collection schedule that was originally sent out had an error on it. The Mission Sunday collection will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2015. It is always the next to the last Sunday in October.

OFFICE OF CONTINUING ED

ANNUAL RETREAT: June 15-18, 2015. Our days will begin on Monday with Registration beginning at 2:30 and the Opening Conference at 4:00.

Our Retreat Director is Fr. Ron Witherup. Very Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., is superior general of the Society of St. Sulpice, known as the Sulpicians, an order of diocesan priests dedicated to initial and ongoing formation of priests. Father Witherup previously served 11 years as provincial of the Sulpicians U.S. Province. A former academic dean and professor of sacred scripture at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif., he holds a doctorate in biblical studies from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. He is a frequent retreat master for priests and deacons, and he often lectures on biblical and theological topics.

OCTOBER DAY OF RENEWAL: will be October 15 in Russell. The focus will be on the family. Our speaker is Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis.

JANUARY RENEWAL DAYS: will be January 25-28, 2016.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

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

2015 DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: The fourth annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish, Russell. High school juniors and seniors and college age men are welcome to attend along with their Dads. Attached in this mailing is a schedule showing the speakers' presentations. For those not registering online, a mail in registration form is also included. Please use these flyers to encourage all men of your parish to attend the Men's Conference.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREP.COM—Enclosed in this mailing is a brochure to remind all pastors of a marriage preparation resource that is <u>always available</u> for couples (especially during the summer months when some of the other marriage preparation programs in the Diocese are not available). This program is especially useful for couples who because of the distance between them, or because of conflicting work schedules find it difficult for both of them to attend marriage preparation programs together. It is also a consideration for couples who cannot get together for marriage preparation because one or both are in the military. Catholic Marriage Prep can be accessed at www.catholicmarriageprep.com or on the Family Life website under marriage prep.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2015

June 5-7, 2015-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria November 6-8, 2015- Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY FILLED MARRIAGE SEMINAR DATES FOR 2014-2015

May 2, 2015-Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays

CALENDAR & CONTACTS—Please find enclosed your updated copy showing Engaged Encounter, God's Plan For A Joy-Filled Marriage, Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille, Beginning Experience and Young Adult

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE(continued)

Beginning Experience Dates and Contacts for the Salina, Dodge City, Wichita, and Kansas City Dioceses (revised April 24, lavendar). Since Retrouvaille is no

longer available in the Wichita Diocese, Dates and Contacts for Retrouvaille in the Omaha and Denver Arch Diocese have been included.

BULLETIN INSERTS OR HANDOUTS: Celebrate Mary The Mother of Jesus, Pray your way through May, A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Mothers, Prayer on A Graduation Day and A Memorial Day Prayer are enclosed.

OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE

St Isidore's Day, May 15th, will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hill City. Mass, celebrated by Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, will begin at 11 am, followed by lunch. A tour of the Goddard Ranch, west of Hill City, will be after lunch. The Goddard Ranch specializes in Hunting and agritourism. On the return to Hill City for refreshments, we will have an opportunity to see a renovated barn. The Rural Life Commission will have a business meeting in which everyone is welcome to attend after refreshment. Folks are invited to bring soil samples from their farms and gardens as well as seeds for blessing as part of St Isidore's day. For additional information please contact Fr Rich Daise at (785) 726-4522.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

Baby Bottle Campaign for local pregnancy centers, Catholic Charities, and Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home will be held from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Baby bottles are distributed by the parish and parishioners are asked to put loose change in them which will be returned to the parish Father's Day weekend. The proceeds will go to the any of the facilities above or wherever the parish deems necessary.

Happy Mother's Day to all. Prayer intentions for May:

- For our Blessed Mother, who gave us the Most Sacred gift of life, that she will watch over our families and strengthen our earthly mothers in their vocations.
- For those who are struggling to have children, that God will bless them in His time with an abundance of joy.
- For those who have had a miscarriage or an abortion, may God's grace bless them as He holds their children in His arms.
- For our deceased mothers, may their example continue to be a witness to God's love for their families and friends.

Bulletin Announcements

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat-Healing the wounds of abortion one weekend at a time, July 24-26. Contact: Donetta Robben, coordinator at 1-877-447-4383 or 785.656.0150 or email: rvineyard@salinadiocese.org. Registration deadline is July 15. (See attached document)

SAVE THE DATE: Respect Life Office will have its annual conference on August 22 in Russell. Keynote presenter will be "Justice For All." For more about Justice For All, visit jfaweb.org. All are welcome. The Parish Respect Life Coordinator is highly encouraged to attend. More information in the following months.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

SAVE THE DATE: July 12, 2015; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Catholic Charities Annual Dinner & Auction Fundraiser *The Ambassador Hotel:* 1616 W. Crawford, Salina, Kansas

Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities has updated its general services brochure if your office or parish would like any for distribution, please contact Director of Development, Eric Frank by emailing efrank@ccnks.org or calling 785-0208.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fr. Henry Baxa would like to invite all priests to his 25th anniversary celebration on Sunday, May 31st at 3:00 PM with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Andrew Church in Abilene, KS. Dinner follows with a Czech cuisine. No gifts please. RSVP by May 10, 2015 to the church office 785-263-1570, or by e-mail to stachurch@eaglecom.net.

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Prayer and Action in Stockton May 31- June 26 Totus Tuus- Concordia, Clay Center, Hill City, Minneapolis	1 Nat'l Catholic Rural Life Board Mtg.	2 Nat'l Catholic Rural Life Board Mtg.	3 Nat'l Catholic Rural Life Board Mtg.	4	5 Engaged Encounter Victoria	6 Engaged Encounter Victoria
7 Engaged Encounter Victoria Totus Tuus- Norton, Wilson, Hays-IHM, LIncoln	8	9 USCCB- St. Louis	10 USCCB- St. Louis	11 USCCB- St. Louis	12 USCCB- St. Louis	13
14 Flag Day Totus Tuus- Oakley, Atwood, Colby	15 Priests annual retreat Spiritual Life Center 1:30	16 Priests annual retreat Spiritual Life Center	17 Priests annual retreat Spiritual Life Center	18 Priest annual retreat Spiritual Life Center ends at noon Vocatio Board 2:30 Charities Board 6:30	19	20
21 Father's Day Summer Begins Totus Tuus- Belleville, JC, Abilene, Hanover	22	23	24	25	26	27 Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
28 Totus Tuus- Russell, Ellis Peter's Pence Collection	29	30				



A Summer Camp!

June 18-20, 2015

For Catholic girls

entering sixth, seventh & eighth grades

Your presence will make a difference as together we:

- · Deepen our relationship with God
- · Learn more about ourselves
- Get acquainted with one another
- Play, pray and do ministry

Sponsored and hosted by

Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia

This year we will be staying at the Nazareth Motherhouse, with sleeping quarters on the Fifth Floor and activities in the Auditorium.

Campers will be sleeping on the floor so you will need to bring with you a sleeping bag or sleeping mat — or both!

COST: \$75 (includes room, all meals, and T-shirt)

(Partial scholarships of \$25 available upon request.)

STAFF: Catholic students from colleges and high schools and Sisters of St. Joseph

CAMP DIRECTOR:

Sister Jan McCormick

Schedule for all we Discover

Day 1 (Thursday, June 18)

2-3 p.m. Arrival and registration

Get settled in room

Go to conference room

Upon arrival of all participants, the program begins.

Day 2 (Friday, June 19)

Full day of camp activities

Day 3 (Saturday, June 20)

Full day of camp activities 6:30 p.m. Closing Mass, followed by ice-cream social for family and friends.

Remember: All family members are welcome to Mass.

What to bring?

Sleeping bag and/or mat, casual clothes, swim suit, one dress-up outfit for final Mass, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, hair care stuff, deodorant. (Bath towels provided) Campers are welcome to bring cameras if they want to. *Please, no snacks!*

Directions to the Motherhouse

- From north or south on Highway 81, go west on 13th Street and you will see the Nazareth Motherhouse.
- From west or east on Highway 9, go to Washington Street and turn south. You will see the Motherhouse directly ahead.
- Enter the main driveway for parking. Please park in the spaces in front of the building.

Register Now!

Participation is limited to 36 campers, so print out the two-page application and health history, and mail it to the camp director **BY JUNE 10, 2015:**

Sister Jan McCormick, Sisters of St. Joseph P.O. Box 279, Concordia KS 66901

For more information or if you have questions,

You can call Sister Jan at 785/479-6795 or send her an email at imccormick@csjkansas.org

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PRINT OUT & COMPLETE BOTH PAGES

2015 Discover Camp Application Campers arrive by 3 p.m. Thursday, June 18;

Campers arrive by 3 p.m. Thursday, June 18; camp ends after ice cream social Saturday evening, June 20.

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Concordia KS 66901

Policy Handbook

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CONFIRMATION LITURGY PLAN – DIOCESE OF SALINA

NA Updated May 2015 By Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

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NARRATIVE OUTLINE For Petitions for Marital Nullity

The following questions are to be answered as completely as possible and on separate paper. (Contact your pastor or carolyn.juenemann@salinadiocese.org for a Word or PDF template of this outline.)

This narrative is to accompany the completed Preliminary Questionnaire and Petition form.

INTRODUCTION

Please begin by 1) listing your full name (include maiden name); 2) your current address & e-mail; 3) what religion you profess and how active a member you are.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL DATA

- Describe your childhood including your parent's relationship and marriage. Describe your relationship with
 your parents and siblings. Detail any notable family problems while you were growing up, and include how
 they affected you. Include any drug, alcohol, physical or sexual abuse. Please include any history of
 infidelity, divorce and remarriage in your immediate and extended family.
- 2. Please describe the religious practice in the home while growing up. For example, describe the frequency of your Mass, church, synagogue or mosque attendance and the religious education (e.g., CCD, Sunday school) in which you participated.
- 3. Describe your educational background and your attitude towards school and education.
- 4. Describe your work history. Describe significant goals and accomplishments as well as major setbacks or failures. Describe your sense of personal achievement.
- 5. How do you respond to criticism? How do you handle conflict? How do you express anger?
- 6. What are your personal strengths and weaknesses?
- 7. Describe your attitude toward children? How did you relate with them?
- 8. Describe your dating history. Include any relationships you viewed as serious, their duration, their exclusivity, the reasons the relationships were terminated, and by whom.
- 9. Detail any past serious illnesses, including when they occurred. Describe your present state of health.
- 10. Detail any history of alcohol or drug abuse; include any involvement with the law and treatment sought, if any. Include when the abuse began, and how long it continued.
- 11. Describe any periods of extreme emotional distress or episodes of depression. Describe the circumstances of the distress and/or depression, how long it lasted, and any treatment sought.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF FORMER SPOUSE

(Please disclose as much information as possible.)

Please begin by listing his/her full name.

- 1. Describe the childhood of your former spouse including your former spouse's parents' relationship and marriage. Describe your former spouse's relationships with his/her parents and siblings. Detail any notable family problems while he/she was growing up, and include how this affected him/her. Include any drug, alcohol, physical or sexual abuse. Please include any history of divorce and remarriage in his/her immediate and extended family.
- 2. Please describe the religious practice in the home while growing up. For example, describe the frequency of his/her Mass, church, synagogue or mosque attendance and the religious education (e.g., CCD, Sunday school) in which he/she participated.
- 3. Describe your former spouse's educational background and attitude towards school and education.
- 4. Describe your former spouse's work history. Describe significant goals and accomplishments of your former spouse, as well as major setbacks or failures. Describe his/her sense of personal achievement.
- 5. How does he/she respond to criticism? How did he/she handle conflict? How did he/she express anger?
- 6. What are his/her personal strengths and weaknesses as you see them?
- 7. Describe your former spouse's attitude toward children? How did your former spouse relate with them?
- 8. Describe your former spouse's dating history. Include any relationships he/she viewed as serious, their exclusivity, their duration, the reasons the relationships were terminated and by whom?
- 9. Detail any past serious illnesses, including when they occurred. Describe his/her present state of health.
- 10. Detail any history of alcohol or drug abuse; include any involvement with the law and treatment sought, if any. Include when the abuse began, and how long it continued.
- 11. Describe any periods of extreme emotional distress or episodes of depression. Describe the circumstances of the distress and/or depression, how long it lasted, and any treatment sought.

DATING/COHABITATION/ENGAGEMENT

- 1. Please describe your dating period with your former spouse including how you met, the frequency of dates, and how you spent your time together. Specify when your dating became exclusive. Detail any significant disagreements or problems you may have had during this time, when and how they were resolved.
- 2. Please describe the religious practice while dating, including church attendance.
- 3. If you lived together before marriage, explain the decision to live together as opposed to marriage. Explain how and if living together differed from marriage. Include both families' reaction to the cohabitation.
- 4. Describe your view of marriage and that of your former spouse. Include the purpose of marriage and the roles and responsibilities of husband and wife to each other.
- 5. If you lived together before marriage, explain the decision to marry after cohabiting.
- 6. If you were sexually intimate before marriage, what impact, if any, did this have on you and your former spouse's decision to marry?
- 7. Describe any internal and/or external force, pressures, or fears, which compelled you or your former spouse to marry.
- 8. Describe both families' reaction to engagement (favorable or unfavorable) and their involvement in your wedding plans and the ceremony.

- 9. Describe the marriage preparation you and your former spouse received, if any. What did you bring away from it? Describe how it did or did not prepare each of you for marriage.
- 10. Please explain any reservations or hesitations you or your former spouse had about marriage. Describe how it affected you or your former spouse's ability to commit to a lifelong marital relationship.
- 11. At the time of the wedding, what was your belief, and that of your former spouse, about marriage being a lifetime commitment dissolved only by death?
- 12. At the time of the wedding, describe your belief and that of your former spouse regarding divorce and remarriage.
- 13. At the time of the wedding, describe whether you or your spouse would have entered into this marital union if divorce and remarriage were not a possibility.
- 14. At the time of the wedding, describe any situations you believe justify a divorce and give freedom to marry another.
- 15. At the time of the wedding, describe your belief, and that of your former spouse, concerning fidelity (an exclusive sexual relationship between husband and wife).
- 16. Describe your plans and those of your former spouse to have, to postpone, or not to have children in your marriage. If applicable, describe how you and your former spouse planned to delay or prevent having children. Please also describe the strength of these convictions.
- 17. Describe any conditions either you or your former spouse had regarding the other party before marriage (e.g. practice of faith, children, fidelity, financial status, etc.).

THE WEDDING:

- 1. Describe your attitudes and feelings and those of your former spouse, before, during and after the ceremony.
- 2. Please explain any reservations you or your former spouse had about going through with the wedding ceremony. Describe how it affected your commitment to the marriage.
- 3. Please detail any consumption of alcohol or drugs before the marriage ceremony and what effect it had on you and your former spouse.
- 4. Describe the wedding ceremony. Include your recollection of the vows spoken and your understanding of these vows. If you did not use the traditional vows and composed your own, describe the vows you exchanged.
- 5. Describe any unusual conflicts on the day of the wedding or during the honeymoon. Include how these conflicts were resolved.

MARRIED LIFE:

- 1. Please describe the religious practice during the marriage, including church attendance.
- 2. Describe a typical evening at home. Describe both of your attitudes toward domestic chores and sharing of responsibilities.
- 3. Evaluate the depth of your communication with your former spouse. Include your ability or inability to overcome disagreement and achieve resolution or compromise.
- 4. What were the areas of disagreement and conflict? How did each of you contribute to these areas of difficulty?

- 5. Describe any instances of financial instability during the marriage, including how each of you contributed to or resolved this problem.
- 6. Describe any incidents of infidelity during your marriage. Detail when they began, their duration, and your and your former spouse's individual attitudes towards infidelity.
- 7. Describe anything about yourself or your former spouse which was not revealed prior to your marriage. Please explain whether this was deliberate or inadvertant and what happened when the thing concealed was discovered.
- 8. Describe any occurrences of physical, verbal, or emotional abuse. Describe any substance abuse during the marriage. Describe whether these abuses were related.
- 9. If there were no children born into the marriage, please explain why. Include any use of contraceptives, the method(s) used, when use first began, the consistency and duration. Include whether not having children was a deliberate choice, whether it was a mutual decision, and whether either person could change their mind. Describe how this affected your relationship.
- 10. Explain your view and that of your former spouse during the marriage towards divorce and remarriage. Include any threats of divorce, when they were made, and who made them.
- 11. Give the number, dates, and details of any separations and reconciliations.
- 12. If counseling was sought for the difficulties in your marriage, when? Specify whether it was joint or individual counseling and the purpose of the counseling (eg., marriage counseling, family counseling, divorce counseling, etc.).
- 13. What was the cause of the final separation and the decision to seek divorce?
- 14. Describe any subsequent courtships and marriages for you and your former spouse.

WITNESS INFORMATION:

The Tribunal will need three or more potentially knowledgeable witnesses to help corroborate the facts of the case. These witnesses may not know all the details of the marriage, but will be able to provide supporting testimony regarding some of the issues and events that took place prior to and after the time of the wedding. You may list family members, extended relatives, friends and co-workers who may have information to share. You are encouraged to list as many witnesses as possible who may have useful testimony. Please list the name and current addresses of witnesses at the conclusion of your narrative, listing your best witnesses first.

It would be helpful for you to contact the potential witnesses first to find out if they are willing to complete a questionnaire that would be mailed to them.

CONCLUSION:

<u>Please sign</u> and date your narrative at the end. Attach the original narrative to the *Preliminary Questionnaire* and *Petition* form. Keep a copy for your own files.

POLICY REGARDING SCHEDULING OF A WEDDING DATE

Memorandum of Understanding for Petitioner

CASE NAMES AND NUMBER:

Date: _	Petitioner
"By my condition	y signature, I acknowledge receipt of this information, and I agree to fully abide by these ons."
(In the event that an affirmative decision is given in the Salina Tribunal, and is confirmed in the Court of Appeal, there may be "cautions" attached to that decision. These would be conditions that must be fulfilled before one or both of the parties will be allowed to enter a new marriage in the Catholic Church.
	If a negative decision is given in the Salina Tribunal, either party can appeal that decision either to the normal Court of Appeal (in Wichita) or to the Tribunal of the Rota.
j 1	If an affirmative decision is given in the Salina Tribunal, it must be reviewed and confirmed in the Court of Appeals. The annulment process is not completed until that confirmation has been given. A party who does not agree with the affirmative decision has the right to appeal that decision, either to the normal Court of Appeal (which is in Wichita), or to the Tribunal of the Rota in Rome.
	No date for a new wedding can be set until this annulment process has been completed in all its steps. In most cases this will take up to a full year.

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FILE NO.:	

For Petition of: (use maiden name)

	(Name and Address of Petitioner)
PETITION to Bishop of Salina:	
I,	, respectfully request a Declaration of Nullity of a
marriage which I contracted with	, outside the Catholic
Church, without an officiating priest and two with	nesses (the Canonical Form required by Canon 1108)
and without having received any special Dispens	sation from the Church to be so married.
I submit the following information regarding this r	narriage:
Place of marriage:	
Date of marriage:	
In the presence of:	er, civil official, etc.)
A civil divorce was granted on (ministe	r, civil official, etc.) in the County
ofin the	
I hereby testify that this marriage was nev	
() I myself was a Catholic	and was bound
() the other party was a C	Catholic and was bound
() both of us were Catholi	ics and were bound
to be married in the presence of a priest and tv	wo witnesses (according to the Canonical Form); we
were never so married; we received no Dispens	sation from the church to be married without a priest
and two witnesses; nor did we ever have this n	narriage validated in the Church. By my signature
solemnly assert that all the foregoing statements	are true.
Respec	tfully submitted by:
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION to be obtained by	(Petitioner's Signature) by the priest from the Petitioner

1. Has the Petitioner been involved in any marriages either

	before or since this marriage?			Yes	No	
	If so, please list the other marria for each:	ges, including p	resent one (if ar	ny), giving the	following inforr	nation
	TO WHOM	<u>DATE</u>		CITY AND ST	<u>rate</u>	
2.	Was the Respondent (Petitioner' Defect of Form case) married procivil union?			Yes	No	
3.	Has the Respondent married sin	ce their union?		Yes	No	
4.	What is the Respondent's preser	nt name and co	mplete address:			
				-		
				-		
5	What are the present, complete	names and add	rossos of	_		
J.	•					
	Petitioner's Parents:		spondent's Pare			
	·					
C+	NOTE: It will be necessary for bound by the Canonical Form in parents are unknown or if they substitute witness in place of the	this case, to be would be unable parent and ind	e contacted to of e or unwilling to icate the relation	fer brief testim testify, the Penship of this wi	ony. If addres etitioner should tness.	ses of d list a
	atement of Priest: According to east and two witnesses are as folk		ne reasons for	the attempted	i mamage wili	iout a
Th cre Pla	is Petition was completed and sige Petitioner is () known () edibility ace:	unknown by m		·		oner's
	Testimony of the Responden	<u>t</u>	alone is th	only when the catholic pa	irty bound by	

Petitioner's statement is to be shown to the Respondent.

To the Respondent:

You have seen the Petition of your former spouse who maintains that your marriage is invalid because you were a Catholic bound by the Catholic Form of marriage and also for the reason that this marriage did not take place in the presence of a Catholic priest, was never granted a dispensation from the Form and has never been validated in the Church.

May we therefore ask your kind cooperation in answering the following:

1.	Were you a baptized Catholic at the time you entered into this marriage with the Petitioner in this case?				No
	If so:	Date of Baptism:			
		Church of Baptism: (Please give address)			
2.	Was this marriage in the presence of a Catholic priest?				No
3.	B. Was a Church Dispensation given permitting this marriage to take place without a priest officiating? Yes No				No
4.	I. Was this marriage ever validated in the Church? Yes				No
5.	Are you in favor of having this marriage declared null by the Church? (If you would like a copy of the Decree, please indicate: Yes No)				
Re	espondent'	s Statement:			
	By my signature I solemnly assert that all the above answers are true.				
		Re	spondent's Signature:		
Da	ate:		Address:		
Pla	ace:				
Re	emarks (if	any):			
Pri	iest's Sign	ature:	(Seal of the Church)		
			,		

GUIDELINES for Defect of Form Marriage Cases:

1. Canon 1108 instructs that every baptized Catholic is bound to the Canonical Form of marriage, which means that the marriage must take place with an authorized priest or deacon officiating and in the presence of two witnesses.

- 2. Canon 1127,2 makes it possible for the Ordinary to dispense from the Canonical Form in a specific instance and allow the parties to be married without a priest officiating. But for this a Dispensation from Form must have been obtained previous to the marriage.
- 3. Any marriage, involving a baptized Catholic entered into without observing the Canonical Form and without having received a Dispensation from Form is invalid 'ab initio' and remains so unless it has been since validated in the Church.
- 4. A Declaration of Nullity may be sought for any such invalid marriage and <u>must</u> be sought before either party of that marriage will be allowed to enter into another marriage in the Church (Canon 1085,2)

INSTRUCTIONS for petitioning Declaration of Nullity for Defect of Form Cases:

- 1. The Petition should be sent to the Chancery well in advance of any contemplated future marriage and no promise of marriage or date of marriage should be confirmed until the Declaration of Nullity has been granted.
- 2. If the Petitioner was Catholic at the time of the invalid marriage to be declared null, the signed Petition and the testimony of a witness on the Petitioner's side (preferably a parent) will suffice.
- 3. If only the Respondent (Petitioner's spouse in the marriage to be declared null) was a Catholic at the time of the marriage, the Respondent's testimony and that of a witness on the Respondent's side will be required in place of the witness for the Petitioner.
- 4. Along with the Petition and the necessary testimony the following documents should be submitted:
 - a) Recent certificate of Baptism of the Catholic party;
 - b) Note from Church of Baptism indicating that the Baptismal Register has no notation of a valid marriage on the part of that Catholic party;
 - c) Certificate of civil marriage(s);
 - d) Certified copy of decree(s) of civil divorce;
 - e) Certificates of Communion and Confirmation of the Catholic party necessary <u>only</u> if the marriage in question took place <u>before January 1, 1949</u>.
- 5. An offering of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each case should be submitted with the Petition to help defray the expenses of the case.

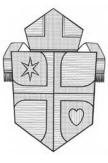
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DIOCESE OF SALINA P.O. BOX 980 SALINA, KANSAS 67402-0980

File No.:		

DEFECT OF FORM CASE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR TESTIMONY



OF V	VITNESS:
(Name &	Address)
To the Witness:	
A petition has been made by	
For a Declaration of Nullity for the marriage which this per	rson contracted with
on (date)	
The Petitioner maintains that this marriage is invalid	d on the grounds that
was a Catholi	c bound by the Catholic Form of marriage, the
marriage did not take place according to the Catholic Form	(in the presence of an officiating priest and two
witnesses), no dispensation from the Catholic Form was ob	tained, and the marriage was never validated in the
Church. May we therefore ask your kind cooperation in an	swering the following:
1. What is the nature of your relationship with	, (the Catholic party)?
2. Was this person a baptized Catholic at the time of The above mentioned marriage? If so:	Yes No
Date of Baptism: Church of Baptism: (Please give address)	
3. Was this marriage according to the Catholic Form?	Yes No
4. Was a dispensation from the Catholic Form received?	Yes No
5. Was the marriage ever validated in the Church?	Yes No
Please sign this questionnaire, thus affirming that These answers are true to the best of your knowledge:	
Date:	Witness:
Place:	Notary:

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

In relation to Mother's Day:

1) Publicize devotion to Mary as the Undoer of Knots

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



Background:

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

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

Prayer:

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

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

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

2) Baby Bottle Campaign

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

Salina Diocese Catholic Charities,

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

Mrs. Michelle Martin, director

425 W. Iron Ave, Salina KS 67401 785 825 0208

www.ccnks.org

Birthright of Salina

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

1125 E. Iron Ave.

Salina KS 67401

For information about financial donations, contact Linda Campbell, Director

Phone: 785-823-6138

Kansans for Life,

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

3301 W. 13th St., Wichita, KS 67203

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

www.kfl.org

or other local pro-life organization of your choice.

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

3) A Note to Mother

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

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

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

(This is the eighth of nine tools to facilitate brief faith-sharing at a parish meeting in keeping with the theme of the 2014-15 catechetical year, *Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness*. These articles are provided by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, via the New Evangelization Office of the Diocese of Salina. **Suggested use**: this handout could be provided to meeting participants in advance, to give them the opportunity to reflect on the Teaching Tool content and the Reflection Question. As a meeting opening, the Teaching Tool content could be read aloud, followed by a few minutes' discussion of the Reflection Question.)

Tool 8: The relationship between forgiveness and reparation.

Teaching tool

At one time or another most of us have probably heard the expression, "Forgive and forget." This expression gives the idea that forgiveness involves wiping away all of the consequence of one's guilt and even wiping it from memory. This is an unfortunate expression because it does not accurately express the Church's teaching on the nature of sin and the nature of forgiveness.

One aspect of sin is that it damages relationships. The relationship may be between the individual and God only or it may include human relationships. This is evident in many cases. If I steal from you, and you know that I stole from you, the chances are that whatever our relationship was before, it is harmed-if not completely broken now. When we speak about the relationship of an individual with God we recognize that sin either wounds, or in some cases, completely destroys that relationship. This damage to the relationship of an individual with God that comes from a sin is what is called by the Church, "the eternal punishments due to sin." The gift of God's forgiveness heals this relationship and does away with these "eternal punishments."

There are other aspects of sin, however. Not only are relationships damaged or destroyed, but other real harm can flow from sin. If I steal from you, not only have I damaged our relationship but you have suffered a real financial loss. Simply being forgiven does not magically by itself heal this other real loss. The Church teaches that every offense against justice and truth, including those concerning the unjust taking of property and offenses against another's reputation require reparation, even if the guilty party has been forgiven. Indeed, authentic forgiveness often requires that the guilty party make reparation, or at least have the authentic intention of doing so, in order for the forgiveness to occur. These effects of sin that linger even after forgiveness has been bestowed are called by the Church the "temporal punishments due to sin."

Pope St. John Paul II forgave the man who tried to assassinate him. That man was not immediately released from prison simply because his victim had forgiven him. The real consequences of that man's actions continued to play themselves out in his life. Still, the forgiveness bestowed did release both of them from the prison of hatred.

God's gift of forgiveness does not mean that God "forgives and forgets" for that would ignore the demands of justice.

Reflection Question

Think of an example of a person who sinned against you and who you ultimately forgave? Was there any reparation that took place? What difference did that reparation or its lack make?

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- Will You Accept Children?

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- Potential Problems in Marriage
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COPING STRATEGIES FOR SINGLE PARENTS

It is a challenging and difficult time to be raising children, especially if you are a single parent. You may be short on time, energy, money and patience. You are trying to do the best you can, but it just seems like it's never enough. You know that there are only so many hours in a day, and you can only do so much. Perhaps life feels like it is spinning out of control. If it feels like you are being pushed and pulled in every direction, some of these coping strategies may help.

1. DON'T BUY INTO GLOOM AND DOOM STATISTICS

Children who are raised by single parents are not doomed to failure. Despite all that you may have heard or read, children raised by single parents are loving. successful adults. Regardless of whether you became a single parent as a result of divorce or death of the other parent, your ability to love and care for your children is more influential than statistical data.

2. SOMETIMES GOOD ENOUGH IS GOOD ENOUGH

Of course you want to do

your best when it comes to your children, but the reality is that there are times when you can only do so much. Sometimes it is important for things to be done correctly and in a timely manner, but there are other times when good enough is good enough. Stand your ground about the things that really matter, figure out when an OK job is acceptable, and let go of those unrealistic expectations.

3. TAKING STOCK

If you want to implement some changes but don't where to start. I know recommend that you take stock of what is working and is not working in your life. Often we pay more attention to what is not working, and can cite reason after reason for why we are depressed, anxious, angry or frustrated. However, we may not be aware of what is working and why today was better than vesterday.

Pay attention to when things seem a little easier a little less stressful, and then try to pinpoint specific behavior patterns that might account for the reduced stress. Make a list or a chart to take stock. Seeing it in writing can be very helpful. What am I doing that IS working? What I'm doing that is NOT working. What do I need to START doing? What do I need to STOP doing?

4. BRING CHAOS UNDER CONTROL

Disorganization at home, work or school costs you precious time, energy and money. you are surrounded by clutter. schoolwork and papers. stuff everywhere, you may feel stressed and frantic the minute you open the door to vour home. Most people are strongly affected by their environment, even if they don't realize it. Is there a room or place in your home that gives you a sense of peace harmony? If not, try to create at least one space that help's relieve your stress. Pay attention to how you feel in that space. Often my clients tell me that they feel calm the minute they step into my waiting room, even if they had a bad day or were stuck in traffic. I encourage them to

recreate that environment at home using whatever helps them feel more calm and relaxed, such as plants, artwork, soft pillows, comfortable furniture etc.

5. ONE DAY AT A TIME

When things feel particularly stressful, remind yourself to just take it one day at a time. It may feel like the hard times will last forever, but taking it one day at a time keeps the focus on the present is not overwhelming. Sometimes single parents feel alone, isolated and overwhelmed, and do not have a support system in place to talk through problems with another adult. Don't be afraid to ask for help and support when you need some compassion and assistance.

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"A mothers love is patient and forgiving, when all others are forsaking, it never fails or falters, even though the heart is breaking."

- Helen Rice





"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

-Maria Robinson





622. May 1: "If you love me, you keep

will commandments." (John 14:15) Just as God gave commandments, healthy families have rules that help keep order and keep the peace. What are some of your family rules? Do you need any new ones or to let go of outdated ones? Discuss together.

May 8: Generally, mother's love for her child is assumed and hopefully reciprocated. Yes, show love for your mother (or someone who has been like a loving mother to you) this weekend. Identify and share an act of sacrifice made on your behalf by your mother. What a gift!

624. May 15: Ascension: As we remember Jesus ascending into heaven, perhaps you and your child could "lift up" in prayer the memory of deceased relatives who have gone to be with God. Even though we don't know where heaven is, children can watch a balloon or kite ascend toward the heavens - and pray.

626. May 29: June 1 is National Go Barefoot Day. Have fun together as a family being silly and carefree. But, why not make a difference to those who don't have shoes to take off. Count your shoes and check out Soles4Souls.org

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May is the month of Our Lady.

Our heavenly mother has been the undoer of knots since the early church. Eve disobeyed in the garden of Eden and began a life of disgrace for all. Mary, by her faithfulness to God, undid the knots, and continues to untie for us the knots we take to her in prayer. God has given Mary the role of our Mother and she is able to untangle our sins through her maternal love.

What are these knots that we encounter in our lives today and seek Mary's help with? All the problems we see no answers for. The deep hurts and the despair of someone when they seek to divorce, the anguish and grief of a person who is mourning the death of their spouse. The knots of an alcoholic child or a family member who has a substance abuse problem, or mental illness. Unemployment, fear, depression, guilt, all these things are knots in our lives that we look for direction and healing. Mary understands that these knots distance us from her son and she doesn't want that to happen, so one by one she will begin to undo the knots of our lives and lead us closer to her son if we only ask her. Below is a link for the Novena to Mary Undoer of Knots.

http://catholicism.about.com/od/To-Mary-Undoer-of-Knots/p/Novena-to-Mary-Undoerof-Knots.htm

Don't count the years-count the memories

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real!

Sometimes when the door of happiness closes, another opens; but often times we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one, which has been opened for us.

Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

Don't count the years-count the memories.....



Mother's

Day

This is the day we honor all the beautiful Mother's in our life. The day is filled with brunches, flowers, and gifts. Each year I reflect on what it is like to be a mom to two little boys. Their Dad died when they were too little to remember him so this "Mom" title means something a bit different. I am their only parent.

Mother's Day for me is about dandelion bouquets, homemade cards, hugs and I love you's. It is another day caring for the amazing gift God gave me of Motherhood. Our family is defined purely out of love. The day is special simply because I am a mother and not because this day is a day dedicated to mothers on the calendar. It is a time to celebrate all God's graces. My ultimate grace is playing outside with my boys on this day called Mother's Day and truly being in the moment with these gifts I call my sons. Guiding my boys from childhood to adulthood is one of the greatest joys I have been given.

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Memorial Day Prayer

Loving Father, we remember all those who have gone before us believing in freedom for all.

May they find peace in your loving embrace, a kingdom of perfect justice.

May we live out the ideals and hope in which they believed and for which they sacrificed. We offer you all that we are.

May our thoughts, our work and our words give You Praise and thanks. May our lives show forth Your love and care.

Let us see our world with Your eyes of understanding.

Let us hear the voices of those who are asking for help.

Give us the courage to share our lives, our time and our gifts so that others may find greater joy.

We offer You all that we have in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Salina Diocese Catholic Men's Conference Saturday August 8, 2015 St. Mary Queen of Angels Church, Russell, KS

Peter Herbeck: "Freedom in Christ Jesus" "Men on a Mission"



Peter Herbeck is the Vice President and Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries. He has been actively involved in evangelization and Catholic renewal throughout the U.S., Canada, Africa, and Eastern Europe for the past thirty years. He assists in training local churches in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and ministering through the exercise of spiritual gifts. Peter is a co-host for the weekly EWTN television programs, *The Choices We Face* and *Crossing the Goal*. Many parishes use Crossing the Goal programming as the format for their men's small groups. He also hosts the daily radio show, *Fire on the Earth*. He is a frequent conference speaker, has authored *When the Spirit Comes in Power* and *When the Spirit Speaks*, and has produced CDs and booklets about discipleship and life in the Spirit. Peter is involved with i.d.916, an outreach to Catholic young adults sponsored by Renewal Ministries. Peter and his wife Debbie have four children and reside in Michigan.

Tom Peterson: "Our World Needs Catholic Heroes" "Confession Ignites the New Evangelization"



Following 25 years as an award-winning corporate advertising executive, Tom Peterson's life changed radically after receiving a transforming Spiritual conversion while on a Catholic men's retreat. Soon afterward, he founded VirtueMedia (pro-life) and CatholicsComeHome.org. In the first six years, Catholics Come Home® has aired Catholic evangelization commercials in 35 dioceses and nationally, helping lead a half million souls home to the Catholic Church.

In January 2014, Catholics Come Home aired an *evangomercial* in all the major College Football bowl games, featuring legendary coach Lou Holtz, promoting the goal of heaven, and inviting viewers to come home to the Catholic faith. Tom has presented worldwide at Catholic Conferences. His latest EWTN program is "Catholics Come Home" which shares the faith stories of people who were influenced by "Catholics Come Home"

evangomercial to begin their journey back to the Catholic Church.

Peterson's second apostolate, VirtueMedia.org, creates and airs sanctity of life commercials helping as many as 22,000 abortion vulnerable women in a given *month*.

Tom has been blessed to be married for 29 years, has three daughters, two sons in law and one grandson.

Men's Conference Schedule August 8, 2015

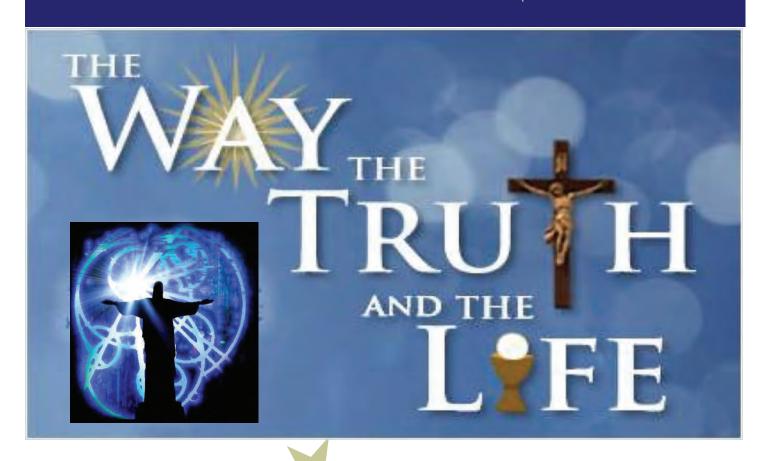
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7:30 a.m.	Registration, Coffee and Donuts
8:30 a.m.	Bishop Weisenburger - Welcome & Opening Prayer
8:45 a.m.	Tom Peterson, "Our World Needs Catholic Heroes"
9:30 a.m.	Stand Up Break
9:35 a.m.	Tom Peterson "Confession Ignites the New Evangelization"
10:20 a.m.	Examination of Conscience, Prayer, Reconciliation, Adoration, Browse Exhibits, Fellowship
11:30 a.m.	Mass
12:30 p.m.	Lunch – Parish Hall
1:30 p.m.	Peter Herbeck, "Freedom in Christ Jesus"
2:15 p.m.	Stand Up Break
2:20 p.m.	Peter Herbeck, "Men on a Mission"
3:05 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.	Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt
3:50 p.m.	Evaluation/Closing Prayer
4:00 p.m.	Dismissal

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MEMORIAL DAY



MEMORIAL DAY is the unofficial start of summer. Visit the cemetery for a family reunion with grandparents and family members who have died. Share stories about the ancestors who nourished your family tree from the early days.

Remember especially anyone who died while defending our country (if you have photos or other mementos, display them and talk about them with your children).

A Memorial Day Prayer

We thank you, O God, for the men and women who have gone before us in our family. We thank you for the traditions and beliefs they have handed down to us. Help us to defend what they worked for and to pass their goodness from our generation to those who follow us.

This Memorial Day we celebrate the memory of those who died because they believed that their sacrifice would win freedom for us. But, Father, though we are free, we are still far from real peace as nation wars against nation. Help us to understand the meaning of peace and the price we must pay for it. This we ask through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

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Prayer on a Graduation Day

God our Father,
we celebrate
a new beginning today
for our graduate,

She (He) has worked hard to use the gifts you gave her (him) to learn and discover, to understand and appreciate this world you've given us.

as she (he) begins
a new time in her (his) life,
we ask that you help her (him)
to continue
to grow and to learn,
so that she (he) will become
the best she (he) can be.

Thank you, God.

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Pray your way through May...

Here are some suggestions.





Add to meal or night prayers, or post on back door to pray each time door opens and closes.

Short Intercessions

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us. Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Post on laundry room wall.



If you do "spring" home cleaning, start and end your work with this prayer—together or alone.



The Memorare

Remember, O Most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother! To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

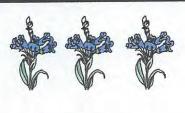
Oh, Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

A Family Prayer to Mary

Mary our Mother and the Mother of Jesus, we honor you and invite you into our hearts and home, Trusting in your powerful intercession, we place ourselves in your care this day. You are Mother of good counsel, Seat of Wisdom, Queen of peace.

You provide a safe place for us. We entrust our needs and hope in you. We pray especially for _____. With faith in Jesus and confidence in your heavenly protection, we dedicate this day to you and pray that we may imitate your willingness to do the will of God now and forever.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us. Amen.



Place at family shrine to Mary or on window/wall above kitchen sink. Pray daily.

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MOTHER'S DAY

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Mothers

(A son or daughter leads the family in the following.)

Leader: Dear Mother, for saying "yes" to our lives and for offering us the chance to live

and grow.

Children: We say, thank you.♥

Leader: For the times we just needed someone to talk to, and you were there.

Children: We say, thank you.♥

Leader: For the times no one believed in us, and you stood firmly by us.

Children: We say, thank you.

Leader: For the times you did so much for us and expected so little in return.

Children: We say, thank you.♥

Leader: For the times we messed up, and you graciously embraced and forgave us.

Children: We say, thank you.

Leader: For the times when we were sick, and you gave us your special, loving and

motherly care.

Children: We say, thank you.

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Loving God,

We thank you today for the gift of our mother (mom) through whom you give us life and nourish us. Bless her with good health, happiness and a peaceful spirit. Give her strength when she is tired and hope in difficult times. Grant her whatever special blessing she is most in need of today.

With grateful hearts, we praise you for the gift of your mother, Mary, whose example encourages us to continue to say "yes" to your will, and grant that we may continue to bring Jesus into our homes and into our troubled world. We pray with confidence in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



WAYS TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY AT HOME:

- 1. Invite Mom to share her favorite time she had with her Mom.
- 2. Crown Mom "Queen for the Day." (Smaller children could make a crown for Mom to wear.) Cook the meals today--and don't forget to clean up the dishes afterward.
- 3. As a family, see if there is some service you might be able to perform for a widow or single parent in the neighborhood.
- 4. Have everyone in the family write a thank-you note or home-made card to Mother and include a pledge that will last the year round.
- 5. At a meal, as part of your grace, ask each person to share something which they joyfully remember about Mom or something Mom does that makes them happy.
- 6. Include in your Mother's Day celebrating your "other mothers" (i.e. women who assist in mothering duties like child-care providers, home cleaners, godmothers and special aunts or neighbors, caregivers of aging Moms).

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December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 8 The Immaculate Conception

Presentation of Mary

November 21

Our Lady of the Rosary

October 7



CELEBRATE MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS

(in May)

People of God from many cultures and generations have shown a special devotion to Mary. Mary's "yes" to doing God's will is a good example for all believers. The Church focuses on her during two months of the year, May and October. In May, we experience the new life of spring and celebrate Mary as the Mother of the Life-Giving Savior and the Mother of God's people, the Church.

Ideas For Families To Celebrate Mary In May

- Create a space in a prominent place in your home where a favorite statue or picture
 of Mary can be placed for the month of May. Family members can take turns
 putting fresh flowers or other "treasures" around the shrine daily. Gather together
 nightly for prayer. (See back for suggestions.)
- Set aside some family time to read one of the stories in Luke's gospel that mentions Mary. Then talk about the kind of person she was when she lived, and how she models Christian values for today.
- 3. Pray the rosary together as a family. Instead of saying all five decades of the rosary, some families say a decade of the rosary prior to the evening meal or as a part of night prayer.
- 4. A family trip to a large art museum may be an excellent way to see how Mary was depicted by artists, especially during the 15th and 16th centuries.
- 5. If there is a shrine or church dedicated to Mary near your home, make a visit to it with your family during May.
- 6. Read a recent book or magazine article about Mary's place in salvation history. Share what you have learned with family members.
- 7. On Mother's Day, give special thanks to God for the example and intercession of His mother/our mother. Show your gratitude by extending some act of kindness to a single mother in your neighborhood or church community.
- 8. In the spring, plant a small flower garden in a flower box or in your yard in honor of Mary. In October, cut and place these flowers at a special place dedicated to Mary in your home.

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August 22 The Queenship of Mary

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