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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

ANNUAL MASS OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS (Salina area Priests and Sisters) is Wednesday, May 3, 2016 11 a.m. at the Cathedral. A luncheon will follow in the Cathedral Hall of Bishops and sponsored by the Vocatio Club of Salina. Reservations were due April 27, 2016. If you plan to attend, but have not RSVP'd please call Clara in my office at 785-827-8746, Ext. 34 as soon as possible.

PRIESTS COUNCIL MEETING is set for May 10th in Victoria

ANNUAL CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION annual luncheons for priests age 65 and older will be held on **Wednesday, May 11 in Victoria and on Thursday, May 12th in Salina**. Invitations were emailed to all on April 20nd. If you have not RSVP'd, please contact Clara in the Bishop's Office chancery2@salinadiocese.org or call Clara at 785-827-8746, Ext. 34 as soon as possible. Contact Fr. Keith Weber in the Finance office if you have any questions or concerns.

ANNUAL RURAL LIFE DAY is being celebrated in Atwood with Sacred Heart Parish hosting this event on May 16th. Please refer to the Rural Life Section for more details.

25th ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD will be celebrated by the parishioners of Clay Center and Miltonvale in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Priesthood for Fr. Randall Weber on Sunday, May 29th, 10:30 am Mass and noon luncheon. All are invited.

CHANCERY CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 30TH – Memorial Day Weekend

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN RECOGNITION DINNER is Thursday, June 2nd at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish in Salina beginning with Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m. and catered meal following hosted by the Development Office. Contact the Development Office, Syndi Larez syndic.larez@salinadiocese.org for more information. I hope many of you will be able to attend. **You are all invited** as we recognize those men currently discerning God's call to the Priesthood in Salina.

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN POT LUCK is Friday, June 3rd at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Salina hosted by the Salina Vocatio Club beginning with Rosary at 5:30 pm and pot luck meatless meal following. All priests and religious are invited to attend.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION: Luke Thielen will be ordained at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina, 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4th. **All are invited and encouraged to attend** as Deacon Luke joins our Presbyterate. I was most appreciative to see so many of you at the Traditional Diaconate Ordinations for Deacon Leo Blasi, Deacon Ryan McCandless and Deacon Justin Palmer.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP cont.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS: I wish to remind pastors that gluten-free hosts contain no wheat and are, therefore, invalid material for Eucharist. These are sold through I.D. Donnelly's and other religious goods distributors, which can give the impression that they are legitimate. They are not. However, you can get *low-gluten* hosts, containing less than 0.01% gluten, and approved by the Vatican for sacramental use, from the **Benedictine nuns at Clyde, Mo.** Most people on a gluten-free diet can tolerate these with no negative consequences. They can be purchased through the Benedictine nuns by contacting them at altarbreads@benedictinesisters.org (800/223-2772).

For those who cannot tolerate even these very low-gluten hosts, it should be recommended that they commune through the Precious Blood only. While the Church teaches that the reception of Eucharist under both forms is a fuller expression and participation in Holy Communion, nevertheless, the whole Christ is received under either of the Sacred Species. – Bishop Weisenburger

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

Human trafficking alerts for parish bulletins in English and Spanish during the month of May are listed below.

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

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

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 and conclude with the noon meal on Thursday.

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

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

BLUE BOOK CHANGES - Please note there have been some updates made to the **Priests/Deacons – Section X** of the Diocesan Blue Book. This has also changed the 3rd page of the Table of Contents in the front of the book and also the Section X table of contents. Please discard pages 69 – 122 and replace them with pages 69 – 130. Also there is now a section for **Human Resources – Section XIII**. We have ordered a new tab for that section.

All of the above new pages and one new tab will be mailed separately. Please make sure all Diocesan Blue Books in your offices are updated with the new pages. You may make copies as necessary.

OFFICE OF FINANCE

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. There 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 1.

OFFICE OF PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 3: 5th/6th grade vocation days in Hays.

June 2: Diocesan Seminarian Recognition Dinner

June 3: Potluck Dinner in honor of those to be ordained – hosted by Vocatio of Salina

June 4: 10:00 p.m. Priestly Ordination of Deacon Luke Thielen

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

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

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

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 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TOTUS TUUS: We have four great teams that are ready to come to your parish this summer. We have a few weeks that still have an opening: June 5-10 (has 1 opening), June 19-24 (has 1 opening), and July 24-29 (has 2 openings). The topic this summer will be on PRAYER and the OUR FATHER and the GLORIOUS MYSTERIES. Please call the Office if you would like a team to come to your parish as soon as possible.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTER

SUBMITTING PHOTOS:

Please see the insert with reminders about photo submissions. This is especially important during the spring, when many parishes submit Confirmation and First Communion photos.

SEEKING COLUMISTS:

In every issue of The Register, there are three columns (usually on page 4). In the past, some priests have submitted columns, but not lately.

The idea is that if several priests (either in active ministry or retired priests) would like to write a column, there would be a rotating column from a local clergy member in each issue. The hope is to find 4 or more priests interested, which would mean producing a column once every 2 months (if 6 priests were interested, it would be once every 3 months!).

Columns are about 500 words long (not much longer or Karen will have to cut them down!). If you are willing to write, but would like topic suggestions, Karen is happy to work with you on some ideas.

If any priest would like to be a columnist, please contact Karen Bonar at karen.bonar@salinadiocese.org or via phone at [785-827-8746 x21](tel:785-827-8746).

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

SAVE THE DATE – Catholic Charities 2016 Annual Fundraiser will be at 5:00 p.m. on *July 24 at the Salina Country Club*. Look for additional information in future publications

IMMIGRATION SERVICES UPDATE – Catholic Charities has been working to expand its immigration services. Marci Mauch, a KU law graduate who recently passed the Missouri Bar, has joined our experienced BIA (Board of Immigration Appeals) accredited staff and started working with Maria Triana Jones to devote more time to the Manhattan and Hays offices and broaden the types of immigration services offered. In conjunction with CAPS (Child Abuse Prevention Services), Marci and Maria will be providing a free outreach program entitled “Know Your Rights” on May 5th at the Donna Vanier Childcare Center in Salina. For more information, please contact the Salina office at [785-825-0208](tel:785-825-0208) or reference the website at www.ccnks.org.

UPGRADED WEBSITE – Catholic Charities recently converted its website platform to eCatholic services. Please check out the new improvements at www.ccnks.org when you have a few minutes.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

SEMINARIAN RECOGNITION DINNER

On Thursday, June 2, 2016 – We will hold our annual Seminarian Recognition event – An Evening with our Seminarians. The event will be held at St. Mary’s Parish in Salina. This event will begin with Vespers followed by a catered meal and program. You should have recently received your invitation. If your schedule allows, I hope you will make plans to attend this event. Perhaps you have young men in your parish that may be interested in attending. The cost is \$50 per person. Priests are asked to pay. Please contact Syndi Larez at syndi.larez@salinadiocese.org with any questions. Due to the size of venue, this will be an R.S.V.P. only event.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE/NFP

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

2016 DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: The fifth annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, August 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays, Kansas. High school and college age men are encouraged to attend along with their dads. Attached in this mailing is a picture and biography of the speaker Curtis Martin. A registration form is on the reverse side for those who prefer to mail in their registration rather than register online.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREP.COM -Enclosed in this mailing is a brochure to remind all pastors of a marriage preparation resource that is **always available** for couples (especially during the summer months when some of the other marriage preparation programs in the Diocese are not available). This program is very 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. This unique Theology of the Body program is also good for convalidating and second marriage couples. Catholic Marriage Prep can be accessed at www.catholicmarriageprep.com or on the Family Life website under marriage prep.

MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE: The Midwest Catholic Family Conference will be held August 5-7, 2016 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. It is a total family event with activities for every age group in the family (3yr olds through high school) with parents able to take babies in strollers along to their sessions. A Midwest Catholic Family Conference brochure and bulletin announcements are included for your information.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2016

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

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

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

BULLETIN INSERTS OR HANDOUTS: Ways to honor Mary, A Mother's Day Prayer, A Memorial Day Prayer, and Catholic Marriage Prep brochure are enclosed.

SDCCW

THE SDCCW CONVENTION FLYER is attached. The convention is to be held in Colby on August 20, 2016. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Following are the bulletin inserts for May:

May 1 Women of the Salina Diocese, Save the date and plan to attend the SDCCW Convention in Colby on August 20. Casting Nets from Wichita and Noelle Garcia from Dodge City will be the featured speakers.

SDCCW cont.

- May 8 All women of the Salina Diocese, mark your calendars now for the SDCCW Convention in Colby on August 20. You won't want to miss this opportunity to "Grow in Faith". More details to follow.
- May 15 What is **SDCCW**? The Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women. Who are the members of this group? **ALL** women of the Salina Diocese. Plan to attend the Biennial Convention to be held in Colby, KS on August 20 and be motivated by inspirational speakers "Casting Nets" and Noelle Garcia.
- May 22 **ALL** women of the Salina Diocese are invited to attend the Biennial Convention of the SDCCW on August 20, 2016 in Colby, Kansas. The Theme for the Convention is "Growing in Faith". Make a decision during this Year of Mercy to attend the convention and give your own faith-life some nourishment.
- May 29 Ladies of the Salina Diocese and beyond....have you marked August 20, 2016 on your calendar? That is the date of the SDCCW Biennial Convention to be held at Sacred Heart Church in Colby, Kansas. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to "Grow in Faith".

OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE

ST. ISIDORE is the patron saint of farming and is one of the patron saints of the Diocese of Salina. We will observe his memorial day on Monday, 16 May, with a 10 am Mass celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger at the Sacred Heart Parish in Atwood, KS. We will have a blessing of grains, soil and other crops as part of the liturgical celebration.

Lunch will be served around 11 am by the parishioners. Following lunch, we will have a blessing of one of the fields (and maybe a blessing of a bucket-calf) on the way to tour Surefire Ag Industries. The tour should conclude by 2 pm. Please post this in your bulletins and encourage your parishioners to attend. For more information, contact Fr. Richard Daise or Fr Brian Lager.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

JUNIOR CYO CAMP: Our camp this year will be May 28-31, 2016. This camp is for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. If you have anyone in your parish that would like to attend have them go to the Diocesan web page –click Diocesan Offices , go to Youth Ministry and you'll find the link to Junior CYO Camp and the forms that need to be sent into the Office. Any seniors and college age students can apply to be a counselor for this camp. Last year we had around 300 youth attend this camp.

PRAYER AND ACTION: Our Prayer and Action weeks will be held in Hays the month of June and in July we will be in Junction City. If you haven't registered to participate in one of these weeks please do so as soon as possible In order to confirm the week that you want you need to have the paperwork and the money into the Office by May 1st. We have 3 weeks that are filled and they are June 12-17, July 10-15 and July 24-29.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

SEMINARIAN RECOGNITION DINNER

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

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

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

For the bulletin on May 1st (week 6)

Chris’ brain waves can now be detected. Wonder what Chris is dreaming? Did you know that over the remaining months, Chris’ brain will develop over 100 billion neurons? The brain begins to control movement of muscles and organs. The nose is developing and the eyes darken as pigment is produced. The mother has probably confirmed that she is pregnant. *“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my savior”* Luke 1:46-47

For the bulletin on May 8th (week 7) Mother’s Day

Chris begins to move. Chris’ arms are bending and flexing like a child taking a Karate class. Fingers are developing and will soon become Chris’ first toy. Chris started swimming and can do a mean backstroke. Chris is also doing back flips – getting ready for the 2032 Olympics. The mother may have to buy some Clearasil. *“Is anything too wonderful for Yahweh?”* Gen. 18:14

For the bulletin on May 15th (week 8) Pentecost Sunday

Chris is a little under an inch long. Chris’ name changes from embryo to fetus, which is Latin for “young one.” Everything is now present that will be found in a fully developed adult. If Chris would have kept growing all 9 months as fast as this second month, Chris would have been born as big as two overfed elephants. Whew! Thankfully, development slows down. *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you came to birth I consecrated you...”* Jer. 1:4-5

For the bulletin on May 22th (week 9)

Chris’ fingerprints are already evident. The fingers can curve around an object placed in the palm. Now Chris can feel pain but who would want to hurt Chris? Chris is having a wonderful time wriggling, shifting, dancing and playing with the toys in the womb – other fingers, toes, nose, ears – such fun! If only we had a window to the womb. The mother is coping with many changes – nurturing a baby is hard work. *“You know me through and through, from having watched my bones take shape when I was being formed in secret...”* Ps 139:15

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE cont.

For the bulletin on May 29th (week 10)

The most critical part of Chris' development is now complete. Now Chris enters into a period of rapid growth. Eyelids fuse closed and won't open again until about 26 weeks. Eye color is already determined and Chris can squint and swallow. Chris is over an inch long and is moving quickly about the womb. Mother's waistline is starting to disappear. *"Did you not...clothe me with skin and flesh, and weave me of bone and sinew?"* Job 10:13

Bulletin Announcement (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. A representative from the National Coalition for a Human Life Amendment will be the keynote speaker. Lunch will be provided. The cost of the conference is \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple and \$10 for a high school student. Register at salinadiocese.org/respect-life. Learn to engage the public policy process to continue to build the culture of life! (See attached flyer!)

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Pro-Life Intercessions for Mass

For all who are lonely or afraid, for teenagers on the street, old people in nursing homes, prisoners with no one to visit them, and all whom the world has forgotten: that Christ might lead us to them; We pray to the Lord:

For all those who govern us, especially President Obama: the members of Congress and of the Supreme Court that they may frame laws that are life-giving, protecting all those who are unable to protect themselves We pray to the Lord:

For teachers in schools of medicine and nursing: that their love for life and healing might inspire their students; We pray to the Lord:

For all who are forgotten or thrown away, and especially for the poor, the sick and the aged: that God might change our hearts and move us to love them as the image of Christ; We pray to the Lord:

For children who are unwanted by their parents: that God's grace might send others to love and care for them; We pray to the Lord:

MISCELLANEOUS

STEVE ANGRISANO will be conducting a Parish Mission at St. Thomas More in Manhattan, KS, October 8-11. For more information, please contact St. Thomas More (776-5151; stm@stmmanhattan.com).

UPDATES FOR THE DIRECTORY:

1. New address for Fr. Peter O'Donnell:
St. Paul University
Residence Hall
201 Main Street
Ottawa, ON K1S 5T8
CANADA

~ JUNE 2016 ~

May 2016							Jul 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2 Seminarian Appreciation dinner	3 Vocatio Rosary and Pot Luck for Seminarians 5:30 p.m.	4 Priesthood Ordinations 10:00 a.m. S.H. Cathedral	
Confirmation, 10:30 am-St. John, Logan. Fr. Basil Torrez 60 th Anniv. Mass 4 pm, St. Michael , Collyer Prayer & Action, Hays	6	7	8	9	10 Engaged Encounter Weekend-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life, Victoria	11 Engaged Encounter Weekend-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life, Victoria	
12 Engaged Encounter Weekend-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life, Victoria Prayer & Action, Hays	13 USCCB	14 USCCB Flag Day	15 USCCB	16 USCCB	17 USCCB	18 God's Plan For A Joy-Filled Marriage Seminar 8 am – 5 pm, Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Parish, Concordia	
19 Fathers' Day Prayer & Action, Hays	20	21 Community Foundation Board, 4 p.m. 1:30 Curia	22	23 Catholic Charities Board Meeting	24	25	
26 Prayer & Action, Hays	27	28	29	30	Notes:		

It's First Communion & Confirmation time!

As in the past, I'm happy to run photos of your groups in The Register. Because there will be a lot, and because I'm in the office only 20 hours per week, I wanted to refresh your memory on the specific information I need.

My hope is that this will make things run smoothly on my end, with limited questions & back and forth emails. The following information is the same as when Doug was editor; I am simply sending it as a refresher. Thank you so much for your time.

When submitting a photo, please be sure you are sending the highest resolution/size possible! Check your email program. Sometimes it will send a "web sized" photo - this is too small for the newspaper. Often there is a box to check for "send full size photo" or "send large photo" — please be sure it is selected. Especially if you are sending the email from a smart phone or tablet.

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

- Parish name/city
- What the event was (1st communion, confirmation, etc.)
- DATE of the event
- Name of ALL people in the photo. The following format is best:

Front row (left to right): Second row (left to right): Third row (left to right):

Please see example below:



St. John the Baptist parish in Beloit, KS had First Communion on April 10, 2016.

First Communicants are:

Front row L to R: Grant Goodaker, Brogan Monty, Felicity Walter, Joel Rexroat, Atlantah Foulke, Charlie Burke, Kade Pearson

Middle row L to R: Carter Jermark, Bella Ring, Wade Gronewoller, Saige Heiman, Sadie Henke-Cheney, Cadyn Brummer, Lilly DiNuzzo, Kannon Woodrow

Back row L to R: Gunner Pruitt, Luke Cheney, Lynelle Gengler, Emersyn Fuller, Brody Litton, Dakota Gray, Delaney Franek, Edward Horinek, Gregory Walter

Pastor: Rev. Damian Richards

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

- Weds. May 4 - all photos due for the May 13 issue
- Weds. May 18 - all photos due for the May 27 issue
- Weds. June 1 - all photos due for the June 10 issue
- Weds. June 15 - all photos due for the June 24 issue

Photos may be sent to: newspaper1@salinadiocese.org

Thank you,

Karen Bonar • Editor of The Register

SDCCW CONVENTION

“Growing in Faith”

Saturday, August 20, 2016

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sacred Heart Church, 585 N French, Colby, KS

Featured speakers

Chris Stewart



Tony Brandt



Noelle Garcia



CASTING NET MINISTRIES.....Wichita

MUSIC MINISTRIES..Dodge City

Cost: \$25/person (includes lunch)

Mail registration to: Pat Erickson, 5100 N. Range, Colby, KS 67701 by August 15.

Mass at 11:00 AM with Bishop Weisenburger

Quilt Raffle & Silent Auction

-----**Registration Form**-----

2016 Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) Convention
Saturday, August 20, 2016, Sacred Heart Parish, 585 N French, Colby, KS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parish Name & City: _____

Enclose a check for \$25 payable to SDCCW & mail by August 15th to Pat Erickson, 5100 N Range Colby, KS 67701

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

For

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

L I F E

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.

Agenda for Respect Life Conference 2016

Title: Lobby for Life

Saturday August 27, 2016

8 AM – 3 PM

Our Lady, Queen of Angels Parish

Russell, KS

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM Registration

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM Welcome by Bishop Wiesenberger

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM National Committee for a Human Life Amendment

9:50 AM – 10:00 AM Break

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM National Committee for a Human Life Amendment

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Mass with Bishop Wiesenberger

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch

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

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM Break

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Respect Life Office

ADVANTAGES

The online class is particularly effective for today's busy engaged couples.

It provides a framework for them to dig deeply into their relationship, contemplate and assent to the church's teaching, and to begin their new vocation in holiness.

Many of the couples prefer the online one-on-one approach to a traditional and more impersonal weekend style retreat.

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Online worksheets foster conversation between the couple, and are followed up with personalized feedback from their instructor.

CatholicMarriagePrep.com trains and supervises its instructors, and regularly updates the program.



COST

Register at: www.CatholicMarriagePrep.com

Go to the ONLINE PRE-CANA tab.

\$175.00 per couple.

Available also in Spanish and French.

Credit or Debit Card payment available.

Checks upon request.

Scholarships may be granted to couples with real financial difficulties, depending on available funds from our non-profit organization, CMP, Inc.

FEEDBACK

SUCCESSFULLY PREPARED OVER 15,000 COUPLES SINCE 2004.

This course went above and beyond our expectations. It brought us closer together, it enlightened us, it refocused us and made us a lot stronger as a couple. Your wonderful comments, prompt responses, web links and educational information, sparked many conversations between us. We learned so much and we are so glad we spent the time reading through the material, discussing answers and seeing changes in ourselves for the better. We can't wait for our Wedding Day and the exciting life with each other and God at our sides.

Adam and Kasia

What was most beneficial to us was the one-on-one, personalized feedback. We knew that there was a real person leading us, and not just canned responses that don't take who we are and what we are saying into account. This class was amazing! I feel like our instructors are becoming a part of us. We really enjoyed their positive insight on everything and their true love and admiration for the marital covenant.

Cara and John.



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PRE-MARITAL INVENTORY

Online, Mentor-Led Pre-Marital Inventory using prepare is now available.

Cost: \$45 per couple.

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

One-on-one online mentor-led program.

Covers the theological and sacramental aspects of marriage and sexuality and expands on the life-skills couples will need throughout their marriage. Taught online with the one-on-one mentoring of a married instructor couple.

Register at: www.CatholicMarriagePrep.com

Go to the ONLINE PRE-CANA tab.

\$175.00 per couple.

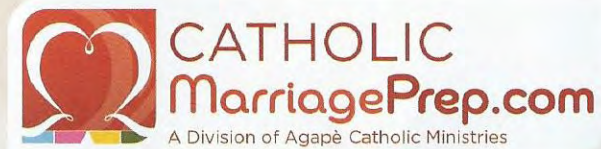
Available also in Spanish and French.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (N.F.P.)

One-on-one online training with a certified NFP instructor.

Northwest Family Services Method:

Cost: \$125 per couple.



"CatholicMarriagePrep.com's program is a valuable resource to prepare couples for marriage and orient them toward a shared, Christ-centered life.

I invited Christian and Christine Meert to teach marriage preparation in the Archdiocese of Denver in 1999. Since then, hundreds of couples have successfully completed their classes as part of the archdiocesan marriage preparation program.

I have found the Meerts to be excellent leaders in building strong Catholic families. They now offer their classes online. This allows couples with difficult schedules or living in different states to have quality marriage preparation as well. Their classes – both online and in person – are deeply rooted in the guidance of the Church and John Paul II's teachings on sexuality, marriage and family life.

I am pleased to offer the Meerts and their apostolate my blessing and support."

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap.

"Christian and Christine Meert have dedicated their lives to preparing couples to live a happy and holy marriage. I am grateful that God called them to minister in our diocese."

Most Reverend Bishop Michael J. Sheridan, S.T.D.

ONLINE COURSE

The classroom course follows the same curriculum.

WORKSHEET ONE

- God's Plan for Humanity.
- Vocation of Man.
- Vocation of Woman.
- Sin and its Consequences.

WORKSHEET TWO

The Sacrament of Matrimony:

- What is a Sacrament?
- Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.
- Catechism of the Catholic Church.

QUESTIONNAIRES:

Based on two CDs by Dr. Janet Smith.

- Humanae Vitae and Conscience.
- Contraception Why Not.

WORKSHEET THREE

The Rite of Marriage:

- Freely and Without Reservation.
- To Give Yourselves to Each Other (Abstinence Pledge-Card).
- For the Rest of Your Lives.
- Will You Accept Children?
- I take You.

WORKSHEET FOUR

Forgiveness: to Love is to Forgive.

Your Body is a Temple.

WORKSHEET FIVE

Relationship Tools Worksheet:

- Potential Problems in Marriage.
- Tools to deal with money, communication, children.
- Praying together: Why and How.

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Community Service A Families Guide to Getting Involved

It's easy to feel disconnected, as many parents juggle work, school, kids, and activity after activity. But some simple things can bring a family closer — playing a game, going for a hike, or cooking a meal together.

REASONS TO GET INVOLVED

Why should your family lend a helping hand?

It feels good. The satisfaction and pride that come from helping others are important reasons to volunteer. When you commit your time and effort to an organization or a cause you feel strongly about, the feeling of fulfillment can be endless.

It strengthens your community. Organizations and agencies that use volunteers are providing important services at low or no cost to those who need them. When a community is doing well as a whole, its individuals are better off, too.

It can strengthen your family. Volunteerism is a great way for families to have fun and feel closer. But many people say they don't have time to volunteer after fulfilling work and family commitments. If that's the case, try rethinking some of your free time as a family. You could select just one or two projects a year and make them a family tradition.

Kids Can Learn From Volunteering

If volunteering begins at an early age, it can become part of kids' lives — something they might just expect and want to do.

It can teach them:

A sense of responsibility. By volunteering, kids and teens learn what it means to make and keep a commitment. They learn how to be on time for a job, do their best, and be proud of the results. But they also learn that, ultimately, we're all responsible for the well-being of our communities.

That one person can make a difference. A wonderful, empowering message for kids is that they're important enough to have an impact on someone or something else.

The benefit of sacrifice. By giving up a toy to the less fortunate child, a child learns that sometimes it's good to sacrifice. Cutting back on recreation time to help clean up a beach tells kids that there are important things besides ourselves and our immediate needs.

Tolerance. Working in community service can bring kids and teens in touch with people of different backgrounds, abilities, ethnicities, ages and education and income

levels. They'll learn that even the most diverse individuals can be united by common values.

Job Skills. Community service can help young people decide on their future careers. Are they interested in the medical field? Hospitals and clinics often have teenage volunteer programs. Do they love politics? Kids can work on the real campaigns of local political candidates. Learning to work as a team member. Taking on leadership roles, setting project goals, these are all skills that can be gained by volunteering and will serve kids well in any future career.

Volunteering on Your Own. If you've never been involved in community service before, volunteering as an individual may be a good place to start. Want to improve your computer knowledge? You may get free on-the-job training. Have you been out of the workforce raising children? Volunteering may be a painless way for you to get back into the routine of working before taking the plunge into a paid position. And if you're looking for a career change, community service is a networker's dream. You can meet people who may offer opportunities you've never thought of. You can sample different workplaces and see how you like various fields. Your volunteering will definitely help

others and may help you, too.

Getting Your Family Involved.

The internet offers lots of sites with information about volunteer opportunities. You can also call a favorite charity, hospital, or church directly to see if they have any needs, or look up "Volunteerism" in the phone book in the Human Services section. Contact a local volunteer clearinghouse, which matches up volunteers and community organizations and can help you find openings at nonprofit organization in your area.

Be prepared to answer questions such as:

What are your interests?

What are your skills?

Do you have any special needs?

Do you have a method of transportation?

How many hours a week do you have to volunteer?

Why do you want to volunteer?

You'll probably be interviewed again once the clearinghouse matches you with an appropriate job. Some situations require more information. If you want to work with kids, for instance, you may have to undergo fingerprinting and a background check.

Be sure to be just as thorough when you question the organizations. Find out exactly what's expected of you before you accept the position. Be realistic and ask specific questions. When looking for a volunteer position, remember that it may be difficult to find the perfect volunteer slot. Be flexible and keep looking if the agency you were referred to doesn't meet your needs. It may take a while to find a perfect fit, but once you do, it will be worth it.

Once you do become involved, be responsible to those who depend on you. Be on time, dress appropriately, and let the volunteer coordinator know if you can't make

it.

Good Volunteer Jobs for Families and Kids

Families can do many volunteer jobs. Even the smallest child (with adult supervision) can pick up garbage at the park, playground, or beach. You don't even have to be part of a big effort to do this. Get your family together, find some garbage bags, and head out. Or become involved in repair and renovation efforts for low-income residents. Younger kids might not be able to do the big jobs, but helping out by fetching a paintbrush or holding the nails involves them just the same.

Work at a community food bank or soup kitchen as a family. Find an organization that serves the elderly. Take food to people who are homebound and visit them. Your kids can brighten a lonely seniors day instantly. Offer your family's help at the local animal shelter. Help plant flowers or trees. The possibilities are endless.

Whatever you choose to do, volunteering and community service can benefit both the community and your family. Get involved today!

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Parenting Pointers

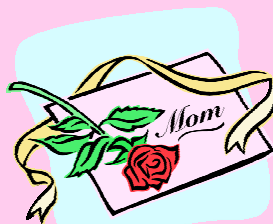
575. May 6: Mother's Day. What's a father to do on Mother's Day? It's not your job to get a gift for your wife but rather to coach your son or daughter (if need be) in deciding how they can best honor their mother. Be there, but not the primary giver.

576. May 13: When kids leave their toys and clothing lying around the house, try this: The offending items go to jail. Put a note in the child's room saying, "Help, I'm your ____ and I'm in jail." The child then has the choice of letting it serve out its time or bailing it out by doing a chore. (author unknown)

577. May 20: "The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth." (John 16:13) We humans may be tempted to lie, or at least bend the truth, when we are afraid. Talk with your child about times when it might be hard to tell the truth. Perhaps share a time that was difficult for you.

578. May 27: The end of the school year can bring lots of banquets, and ceremonies. Inevitably some kids get more awards than others. Help your child recognize his/her internal worth that goes beyond trophies.

May 8, 2016
Happy
Mother's Day



God Created Mothers

In honor of All Moms on Mother's Day -
Words filled with wisdom by Erma Bombeck

When the good Lord was creating mothers He was in His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts . . . All replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stand up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointment love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... No way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, "I understand and I love you" without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Come to bed. Tomorrow . . ."

"I can't" said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick . . . Can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger . . . And can get a nine-year-old under a shower."

The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly.

"It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You You were trying to put much into this model."

"It's not a leak" said the Lord, "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber:

"I didn't put it there."



OUR LORD
JESUS SPENT
EVERY
SECOND OF
HIS EARTHLY
LIFE

PREPARING TO DIE FOR US.

FOR THAT, WE SHOULD SPEND
EVERY SECOND OF OUR
EARTHLY LIFE
LIVING FOR HIM.



Gift Coupons for
Mother's Day

Help your children learn about giving, give them some examples of Mother's Day Coupons. Let them pick which ones they like and they can surprise you.

- House dusting coupon
- Room vacuuming coupon
- Take out the trash coupon
- Clean the litter box coupon
- Big hug coupon
- Car wash coupon
- Breakfast in bed coupon
- Sweep out the garage coupon
- No arguing with siblings for a day coupon

Don't forget to remind them you would love to have a spiritual coupon as well.

- Rosary said for mom
- Mass and Holy Communion offered up for mom
- Morning or evening prayers said for mom.

"A mother understands what a child does not say."

-Unknown





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.

Now, 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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Salina Diocese Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday August 13, 2016

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays, KS



Curtis Martin

Curtis Martin is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. In January 1998, FOCUS established its pilot program at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, with two staff members and 24 students. Curtis met with Pope John Paul II later that year and shared the vision of FOCUS with him. The Pope's words to Curtis were, "Be soldiers." Through God's grace, FOCUS is now on 113 campuses with over 500 missionaries. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia stated, "No one does a more dynamic job of reaching college students for Christ than FOCUS".

An award-winning and dynamic speaker, Curtis has the ability to help his audience discover a vision for life. Whether he is on college campuses or television, speaking at conferences, or working with corporate America, Curtis engages people through humor, stories, and his own captivating life experiences. In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Curtis as a Consulter to the Pontifical Council of the New Evangelization.

Curtis Martin holds a Master's degree in Theology, is the author of the best-selling book *Made for More*, and co-host of EWTN's ground-breaking show, "Crossing the Goal". He serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Augustine Institute in Denver, a Catholic graduate school dedicated to the New Evangelization. He and his wife Michaelann live in Westminster, Colorado, with five of their nine children.

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

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

Send completed registration form and payment to:

Diocesan Family Life Office

P. O. Box 980

Salina, KS 67402-0980

May is the Month of Mother Mary



Ways to honor Mary

† Go to Mass as a family during the week. You honor Mary by attending Mass and receiving her son through the Eucharist.

† As a family, pray the rosary; all prayers offered to Mary through the rosary are powerful.

† If your church has a May Crowning ceremony, make plans to attend.

† Decorate your statue of Mary during the month of May with flowers; let her know the devotion you have to her.

† As you go about your day, offer up small prayers to Mary, she intercedes for all of us to her son.

MEMORARE

Remember, oh most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to thee, oh Virgins of virgins, my Mother; to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. Oh Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petition but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen

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.

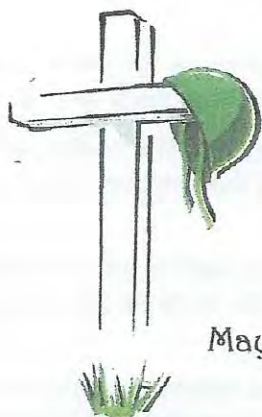
Let us see our world with Your eyes of understanding.

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.



Cathedral of Home Prayer

Dearest Lord,
I sit here quietly in the my room,
opening my heart to you. It is so
silent! But if I listen intently, I become aware of the
breathing of my children in beds down the hall. They
sigh softly or move in their beds quietly, nestled
warmly into their dreams. These most intimate sounds,
coming from the people I love most in the world,
transform this room. It becomes a place of honoring
you, a cathedral of joy and gratitude toward you for
giving me these children.

May I always treasure these gifts you have given me.
In each moment of loving them, from kisses to laundry
to kitchen, may I be aware of your presence in my life
in this way. Thank you!

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A Mothers Day Prayer

I [we] thank you, Creator of us all,
for my [our] mother[s].

I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those
years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and
to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love
and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was
okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want
to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes
today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and
courage, compassion and peace.

Bless her this day with your love.

Amen.

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2016 Bulletin, Club & Organization Announcements

Learn how to deal with critical life issues at the 17th annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference Aug. 5-7, 2016 at Century II, Wichita KS. The Conference provides outstanding presenters in special programs for adults, high school and middle school students as well as for young adults and children. Register online, www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net.

Hear Giana Jessen tell her amazing story of being born in 1977 during a failed abortion attempt, and why she says abortion is not a political issue but a person issue, at the 17th annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference Aug. 5-7, 2016 at Century II, Wichita KS. Register online, www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net.

Did you know that there is a Catholic approach to treating depression? Fr. Charles Sikorsky, president of the Institute for the Psychological Sciences, discusses treating mental health issues in light of our Faith at the 17th annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference Aug. 5-7, 2016 at Century II, Wichita KS. Register online, www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net.

Teens, learn about the Theology of Music and how to understand your future vocations as adults in the Catholic Faith at the 17th annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference Aug. 5-7, 2016 at Century II, Wichita KS. Register online, www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net.

Enjoy a spirit-filled concert by Marie Miller, whose "You're Not Alone" (2013) topped the Billboard Christian Hot AC/CHR charts. Mark Cook completes the evening entertainment with magic to astound young and old alike. All this Friday evening, Aug. 5, 2016 at the 17th annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference at Century II, Wichita KS. Register online, www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net.

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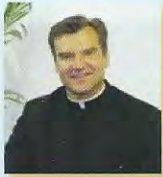
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OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS



FR. CHARLES SIKORSKY, L.C., J.C.I, J.D - President of the Institute for the Psychological Sciences, a graduate school based on the scientific study of psychology with a Catholic understanding of the

person, marriage, and the family, Fr. Sikorsky has extensive experience in the administration of educational institutions. He has worked for 11 years in both South America and Rome. He practiced law prior to his ordination in 2002. "A Catholic Approach to Treating Depression in the Family." (Adult Talk) "What Does Mental Health Have to Do with Our Faith?" (Adult Talk)



LEAH DARROW - A speaker, author and former professional model, Leah merges her experience in the fashion world with her Catholic faith. She is a frequent guest on secular and religious media programs.

She and her husband live in Missouri with their 2 children. "Prodigal Daughter: How a Dad Got His Little Girl Back." (Adult Talk) "Decent Exposure: Why Women Must Reclaim Beauty." (High School Talk)



TIM STAPLES - As a convert to Catholicism, Tim is committed to sharing with others the treasure he has found in the Church. Director of Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers, he is well-known for his knowledgeable and entertaining presentations. "Black and White - Moral Clarity in a World of Grey." (Adult Talk) "Christian Fatherhood." (Adult Talk) "God Is Looking for a Few Good Men." (High School Talk)



REV. THOMAS PETRI, O.P. - Pope Francis appointed Fr. Petri to be a Missionary of Mercy, a select group of priests, to preach about mercy and encourage confessions. He is Vice President and Academic Dean of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate

Conception, in addition to being a member of the Academy of Catholic Theology and the Society of Christian Ethics. Father is the author of *Aquinas and the Theology of the Body: The Thomistic Foundations of John Paul II's Anthropology*, coming soon from CUA Press. "St. Thomas Aquinas: Mercy Flows from Being Loved." (Adult Talk) "Does God Love Some People More than Others?" (Adult Talk)



LEO SEVERINO - The writer and producer of popular and critically-acclaimed films, *Bella*, *Crescendo*, and *Little Boy*, Leo once worked for a prestigious law firm in Los Angeles before becoming director of Business Affairs at 20th

Century Fox, then transitioning to entertainment. After a radical change in his faith, Leo left Fox and formed Metanoia Films as a partner, writer and producer. Leo also teaches philosophy and theology in Hollywood. His first book will be released by Ignatius Press. "Hollywood and the Purpose of Life." (Adult Talk)



GIANNA JESSEN - Gianna shares her amazing story of being born during a failed saline abortion attempt in 1977, which left her with cerebral palsy. From age 14, when her foster mother shared the story of her birth,

Gianna has been an anti-abortion and disability rights activist. "Live the Impossible" (Adult Talk)



JENNIFER FULWILER - A popular author and speaker, Jennifer converted to Catholicism after a life of atheism. She hosts the "Jennifer Fulwiler Show" on Sirius XM radio. Her bestselling memoir is *Something Other than God*. Her

award-winning blog is *ConversionDiary.com*. She and her husband have 6 children. Jennifer will be presenting two Adult Talks and one Young Adult Talk.



JOE FARRIS - Fr. Kapaun gave Christ's mercy a human face. Both on the battlefield and in the Korean prison camp, Father showed mercy through works of charity and his choice to forgive. There is no more fitting witness to contemplate during the Year

of Mercy than Kansas' own Fr. Kapaun. First hearing of Fr. Kapaun in 2011, Joe was inspired by Father's example and became a great promoter of his cause for sainthood. As a national speaker and director of Farris Family Missions, Joe currently works to renew and reinvigorate parish life and shares the story of Fr. Kapaun wherever he goes. "Fr. Kapaun, the Face of Christ's Mercy." (Adult Talk)



DR. CHRISTOPHER KACZOR - A professor of philosophy at Marymount University, Dr. Kaczor's impressive academic career includes participation as a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Vatican

City, and the James Monroe Society, Princeton University. His 12 books explore critical life issues facing society today. His views have been aired on major electronic media and in major newspapers. "The Gospel of Happiness." (Adult Talk) "How to Strengthen Willpower." (Adult Talk)



FRIDAY EVENING!

MARIE MILLER

EXPERIENCE A SPIRIT-FILLED, JOYFUL CONCERT

Growing up in the Shenandoah Valley area of Virginia, the third of 10 children, Marie began singing at age 7. At age 12, she joined her family band. In 2005, she signed with Curb Records releasing *Marie Miller* (2006) and *You're Not Alone* (2013). Her single, *You're Not Alone*, rose to #1 on the Billboard Christian Hot AC/CHR Charts. In 2015, she performed for Pope Francis in Philadelphia. The performance was aired live on CNN and Fox News.



MARK COOK - For Mark, the performance of magic is his own unique expression of the joy of the Gospel. He incorporates the techniques he has learned from many experts in the fields of cards, close-up, and stage magic. Mark's purpose

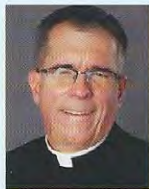
in every show is to give audiences a feeling of wonder and awe and enable them to attribute these experiences ultimately to God. Mark is currently giving a year of service as a Marian Missionary of Divine Mercy, under the direction of Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC in Stockbridge, MA.

AUGUST 5-7, 2016



WICHITA, KANSAS

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



FR. JOHN LANZRATH - Vicar for Priest's, Fr. John Lanzrath will serve as moderator for the Speakers Panel. He has been involved with the Conference many years while serving the Wichita Diocese in various capacities. Ordained in 1988, Father earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Rome's Gregorian University. While in Rome, he was spiritual director to the novices of Mother Theresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity.



BO BONNER - Bo Bonner has been involved in the Catholic teaching ministry since he converted in the midst of Protestant Seminary at Duke Divinity School in 2006. He is also a Benedictine Oblate at Our Lady of Clear Creek Monastery in Oklahoma. He has been married for over a decade to his wife Robyn, and so far has four children: Elias, Stella, Antonia, and Finnian. Bo was born on the feast of St. Blaise, the patron of throats, and has not stopped talking since. Bo will be the emcee for the High School Program.



ED VIZENOR - Catholic motivational speaker who has traveled the world since 1994 delivering powerful messages to hundreds of thousands of people. He has a passion for evangelizing in the media, Ed is known for his quick witty puns, sound effects and dynamic interactive crowd participation. He will be the emcee for the Middle School Program.



BR. CONRAD RICHARDSON, FBP - A Franciscan Brother of Peace from St. Paul, Minnesota, Br. Conrad strives to live in the fullness of the Christian Faith through the enlightenment of the Magisterium, Sacred Scripture and the Church's traditions through the example of the order's inspiration, St. Francis of Assisi. He will be a mediator for the Middle School Program.



SR. MARY CLARE, OSB. - Sister is with the Olivetan Benedictine Sisters of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Prior to entering the religious life, Sister served in the Air Force, was a registered nurse, was the leader of a high school Bible study group and worked in the missions in Honduras. She and her order will assist with the Middle School and Children's Programs.



FR. LEOPOLD d'YVE, CSJ - A member of the Community of St. John, Fr. Leopold will lead the Children's Program's Eucharistic Adoration. Currently living at the Brothers' priory in Monterrey, Mexico, he travels the world with "Children of Hope," the program started by his community designed to teach children to adore Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

ADULT PROGRAM - Two concurrent sessions will be available to you. Most sessions will be recorded and will be available at the Catholic Resource Center's booth. For more information, see previous page.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM - Attend both Friday and Saturday evenings to experience fascinating talks, music and sharing with over 100 young adult (ages 18-39). Please visit the young adult link at catholicfamilyconference.org for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (Grades 9-12) - As high Schoolers transition, in the words of St Paul, "from spiritual milk to spiritual solid food" we want to feed their souls with a filling course of talks on the Theology of Music, interspersed with morsels geared toward understanding of their future vocations as adults in the Catholic Faith. We hope you join us as we give your High Schoolers plenty "to chew on" with our emcee, Bo Boner. They will have a fun spirit-filled weekend!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM (Grades 6-8) - Participants in this program learn the expansive blessings associated with following their Faith, which is unique to each individual. There's plenty of interaction between the students and our amazing speakers, who keep their audience on-task while having a great time. Hands-on projects and sessions are led by Ed Vizenor, Br. Conrad FBP, and Sr. Mary Clare OSB.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (3-4 yrs old, K-1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades) - Children are divided into groups by age and grade and will participate in age-appropriate catechesis. Each room is staffed by religious sisters, teachers, and other volunteers. They will be sharing our Faith with songs, games and activities. Our theme this year is "Merciful Like the Father." Older children will participate in Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. Safety concerns prevent Conference personnel from changing diapers or administering medication. For safety reasons, all children must have wrist bands that match parents, before being released to them. Please note name and age/grade of children when registering. Openings are filled on a first-come basis.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - The Office of Ministries with Persons with Disabilities of the Wichita Diocese will coordinate services to those with disabilities. Pre-registration is required in order to accommodate needs appropriately. Please call 316-618-9787 or print a copy of the Persons w/ Disabilities Form from the Conference website - www.catholicfamilyconference.org

For complete Speaker Schedule, see our website: www.catholicfamilyconference.org
(Due to unforeseen circumstances, speakers & talks may be subject to change.)

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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY OF WICHITA - The IHM Sisters are committed to a life of service to the Church through contemplation of the Word and the spread of His message of salvation through the various works of education. The Sisters assist with the Children's Program.



SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS OPUS ANGELORUM - By a life of total self-offering to God, the Sister dedicates herself to prayer and active work on behalf of the sanctification of the priestly and religious state. Sister Maria Gemma will assist in the Children's Program.



SISTERS OF ST. JOHN - The Sisters desire to live by the Spirit of the "beloved disciple," St. John, and strive to unite contemplative prayer and evangelization while living in fraternal communities. The Sisters of St. John assist in the Children's Program.



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SCHEDULE

Friday, August 5th

- Registration 4:00 PM • Conference 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Evening Confessions 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, August 6th

- Registration 7:00 AM • Conference 8:30 AM - 10:00 PM
- Confessions 8:00 AM - 10:45 AM; 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Programs 8:30 AM - 10:00 PM
- Mass 11:00 AM

Sunday, August 7th

- Registration 7:00 AM • Conference 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- Programs 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM
- Mass 11:00 AM

ADDITIONAL WEEKEND OFFERINGS

- Confessions - Rosary
- Adoration - Divine Mercy Chaplet



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Family Last Name or Vendor _____

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ADULTS(include contact person) HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL (Please list HS or MS)	CHILDREN(ages 3-5th Grade)	2016-17 GRADE

PERSON W/ DISABILITY (Y / N) Please list disability _____

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Family (parents, children in same household)	\$105/\$60	\$125/\$70	\$135/\$80
Married Couple	\$90/\$50	\$110/\$60	\$120/\$70
Senior Couple (+62) or Couple with Disability	\$85/\$45	\$105/\$50	\$115/\$60
Individual Adult	\$50/\$30	\$60/\$35	\$70/\$40
Individual Senior (+62) or Persons with Disability	\$45/\$25	\$50/\$30	\$55/\$35
Individual Child/Teen (Under 22) (with adult or family and not of same household)	\$25/\$15	\$30/\$20	\$35/\$25
Priests, Deacons, Religious, Seminarians	FREE	FREE	FREE
MARIE MILLER CONCERT & FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAMS (concert included in Registration Fee)		\$15/person	\$20/person

PRE-PAID MEAL ORDER FORM

These meals are only available as pre-paid and pre-ordered. They cannot be purchased at the conference! Order must be placed by July 30th.

SATURDAY LUNCH: \$9.00/person - Deli Sandwich/Wrap, Pasta Salad, Chips, Cookie and Beverage. Qt. _____ Total \$ _____

SATURDAY DINNER: \$12.50/person - Garlic Herb Pasta w/ Chicken or Meat Lasagna served w/ Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert and Beverage. Qt. _____ Total \$ _____

SATURDAY CHILDREN'S DINNER: \$8.00/person - Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese, Cookie & Beverage. Qt. _____ Total \$ _____

SUNDAY LUNCH: \$8.00/person - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chips, Cookie and Beverage. Qt. _____ Total \$ _____

TOTAL MEAL FEE \$ _____

FURTHER DETAILS...

Register for the Conference by completing & mailing the above form, or by phone or online. If you cannot attend this year, but would like to help us insure the success of the Midwest Catholic Family Conference, please consider making a donation. Mail your check, payable to Catholic Resource Center, to the address above.

**Registering online is encouraged; email addresses are used for conference communication and event information by MWCFC/Catholic Resource Center, only. Email addresses will not be sold or shared.

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- Hyatt Regency adjoins Century II 888-421-1442
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OUTDOOR EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND BENEDICTION



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Draw strength, consolation and support from His Presence. Feel the infinite love present in His Heart in the Holy Eucharist. The Adoration Chapel will be available for private prayer. Father Leopold d'Yve, CSJ, will lead the children, middle school and high school students in Adoration at scheduled times. Adults are welcome at all times. Eucharistic Adoration for adults on Friday evening. Children who have received First Holy Communion this year are invited to participate in the Outdoor Eucharistic Procession, closest to the Blessed Sacrament in the formation, girls should wear their First Communion dresses and boys their First Communion suits. Cassocks for boys will be available on a limited basis. Please indicate at registration that you want your child to participate so you can get necessary details.



BISHOP CARL KEMME - He was ordained to the priesthood in 1986 in Springfield, Illinois and served as pastor in several parishes in that diocese. On May 1, 2014, he was installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Wichita. He will be celebrant and homilist for Sunday Mass.



FR. ANDREW WALSH - Fr. Walsh is in his second year as Spiritual Director. He will lead the outdoor Eucharistic Procession, Benediction and Night Prayer Saturday evening. A priest for the Diocese of Wichita, Father is parochial vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Wichita.