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## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**COUNCIL OF PRIESTS' MINUTES** from September 1, 2015 are enclosed.

**RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE** will be held at Thomas More Prep-Marian High School in Hays on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Opening Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. I am hopeful that many of you will be able to attend this important Rural Life Conference featuring Mr. Jim Ennis, Executive Director of the National Rural Life Office specifically "On Care of Our Common Home". Please refer to the Office of Rural Life Section for more information.

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH.** Promotional and educational materials from the USCCB were mailed to each parish the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September, 2015. This annual observance is a good opportunity to highlight the Church's teachings on the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of life from conception through natural death. The theme chosen for this year's Respect Life Program is: "**EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING**" and how this truth affects both our understanding of ourselves and others and the way we live. *On Respect Life Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 and especially throughout this month of October, please join me in reflection and prayer for the sacredness of every human being.* Please refer to my email of September 9th, 2015 to all priests and PLCs.

**OCTOBER RENEWAL DAY: Please refer to my email of September 3, 2015 regarding The Most Reverend Archbishop Robert J Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, joining us to speak on CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE.** He will be addressing us after Pope Francis' speaking at and participation in the World Meeting of Families Congress in Philadelphia. Our gathering will be **Thursday, October 15, at St Mary Queen of Angels in Russell** beginning with coffee and rolls at 10:00. The day will conclude around by 3:00. In light of the timely topic, all priests, deacons, Parish Life Coordinators, Pastoral Associates and those involved in leadership of family life in the parish are invited. We presume all active priests will be present. Total attending from your parish were to be sent to Fr. Ninemire <[kerry.ninemire@salinadiocese.org](mailto:kerry.ninemire@salinadiocese.org)> by September 30. If perchance you have not done this, please do so within the next day or so. We will need to have this information to ensure adequate space for the event.

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** Special appreciation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Salina and to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hays for hosting this year's Marriage Anniversary Masses in October, 2015. Also many thanks to the Family Life Office for organizing this event in our diocese to celebrate the gift of wedding anniversaries.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY** is October 25<sup>th</sup> and is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one and is designed to be an event led by the laity. In the wake of the clergy sex abuse scandal, there has been concern that the image of all priests has been tainted by the actions of a few. Priesthood Sunday sends a message to all that the sins of a few do not reflect the innocent majority, and that the

parish priest, as the instrument of Christ's ministry on earth, is loved and respected by those in the parish<sup>2</sup> community. Without a priest, no parish is able to be a Eucharistic Community.

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 2015** sponsored by the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations is encouraged during the week of November 1-7, 2015. This is designed as a special time to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Please refer to the OFFICE OF VOCATIONS section for more information.

**PROMOTION OF OUR DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER – *The Register*:** Please refer to my two letters enclosed with this SDNB mailing.

1. **Letter to Priests and PLCs dated October 2015 w/pertinent details.**
2. **Letter which will be published in the November 13<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Register* along with a donation envelope.**

Your assistance in promoting our diocesan newspaper within your parishes is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Doug Weller, Editor of *The Register* [doug.weller@salinadiocese.org](mailto:doug.weller@salinadiocese.org)

**SEMINARIAN SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The Seminarian special collection is scheduled for the weekend of November 14 & 15 in all parishes. As we strive to be good stewards of diocesan funds, your parish posters will be delivered to you at the Priest's Renewal Day on October 15th. If you do not plan to be in attendance at this gathering, please contact our Development Director, Syndi Larez, at [syndic.larez@salinadiocese.org](mailto:syndic.larez@salinadiocese.org) to make other arrangements. Additional information on this collection and bulletin samples can be found in the Development section of this SDNB.

Please help encourage support for our young men studying for the priesthood by promoting this very important collection in your parishes in the coming weeks. We are exceptionally blessed to have 12 men who, with God's grace and our prayers, will one day join us in priestly ministry. Your efforts to support this collection serves to connect our seminarians with your parishioners in a tangible way. I am truly grateful for any direct or personal words of support you can offer to your people about this collection.

***DIOCESAN VOCATION PRAYER CARDS: Special thanks and appreciation to all parishes for incorporating the new Diocesan Prayer for Vocations that was presented at this time last year. Please refer to my email of August 13, 2015 on behalf of the Diocesan Seminarian and Vocations Committee, which explained that any parishes needing more Vocation Prayer cards in either English or Spanish should contact Clara in my office at [chancery2@salinadiocese.org](mailto:chancery2@salinadiocese.org). Parishes are asked to pray regularly in their parishes and schools.***

**2015 RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTON, DEC. 12-13, 2015;** I realize this is a bit early, but with the SDNB not reaching many parishes till well into the first week of each month, I am also enclosing my letter promoting this important collection for our aging religious women and men to be held the second weekend in December for your convenience. More information will be coming next month, but I wanted you to have my attached letter in a timely manner.

**ADDITION TO BISHOP'S CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR 2015-16:** Last month's SDNB contained the Final Confirmation Schedule for 2015-16. One more Confirmation has been scheduled for the parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis and St. Joseph, Bird City combined for Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at **6:00 p.m.** Please update the schedule accordingly. No additional updated schedule will be mailed out.

## **OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL**

### **FR. MIKE SCULLY, OFM CAP, CELEBRATING HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF**

**PRIESTHOOD:** This is an open invitation to all priests of the Salina Diocese from Fr. Mike who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of priesthood in October. He will be celebrating at two different locations: October 16th, 2015 at Lawrence (but he does not expect anyone from here to come to Lawrence). Also Friday, October 23rd at the Basilica of St. Fidelis with 5 p.m. Mass. If anyone is interested in attending, they are requested to call Fr. Mike personally at [316-789-5416](tel:316-789-5416).

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the October 9<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Register* for more information on this important collection to help the poorest and the most vulnerable throughout the world. We can help by providing their greatest needs through our prayers, our awareness and our sacrifices. This day is set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. This is an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give, as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world.

## **OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY FORMS:** Thanks to all who have forwarded the Official Catholic Directory forms to the Chancery (Parishes – blue; Schools – Pink; Institutions – White). There are several parishes that have not sent them in yet. We update the Official Catholic Directory in November for next year's book.

If you have not yet received these forms from the OCD offices Darlene has them on computer. Please let her know and she can email one to you. For those who have not sent them in kindly send to Darlene Streit at PO Box 980 as soon as possible.

## **OFFICE OF THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL**

**Pope Francis and Reforms to Marriage Nullity Process:** As you have heard through the mass media and Catholic news outlets, Pope Francis has made a few reforms to the marriage nullity process. These reforms become effective on December 8, 2015. A more detailed explanation of what these changes may mean for petitioners and those assisting petitioners will be forthcoming as additional explanations are provided by canonists and curia officials in Rome. However, there are a few things we already know. First, the reforms do not change our beliefs about the permanency or indissolubility of marriage; The Church still presumes every marriage is valid unless that presumption can be overturned with evidence. The law still favors the validity of any sacrament. Second, petitions for marriage nullity submitted prior to December 8th will adhere to the familiar and ordinary procedures we have followed in the past. Third, the ordinary process of gathering information (i.e. petitioner's preliminary questionnaire, petitioner's narrative, witness testimony, etc.) will be maintained even after the reforms become effective. What this means is that the practices and procedures priests and parish ministers have followed in the past when assisting someone who wants to submit a petitioner for marriage nullity will not change. Most of the reforms Pope Francis has initiated affect the internal workings of the tribunal, hopefully making the process more efficient and allowing tribunal judges to make more timely decisions regarding petitions for marriage nullity. More information will be forthcoming as we adjust to the new reforms and laws governing petitions for marriage nullity. -- Fr. Barry Brinkman, JV

## **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**November 1-7 National Vocation Awareness Week** (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

One suggestion for the promotion of vocations during this week is to simply tell your vocation story to your parish. Another suggestion would be to then do a pulpit exchange with another priest where you could then tell your vocation story to their parishioners as well. A personal testimony is always powerful. If you would be interested in doing a pulpit exchange please email Fr. Gale at [pastor@saintxparish.org](mailto:pastor@saintxparish.org) and he can make arrangements for you.

**November 14,15,16 – Encounter Weekend at Conception Seminary** The diocese will again be taking young men interested in the seminary to the encounter weekend. **During these next two weeks I will be contacting various young men in an attempt to get them to consider making this trip.** I would like for you to send me names that I might want to contact. Is there a young man in your parish that might be looking at a vocation to the priesthood? It would be preferred that these young men are at least seniors in high school. I would ask you to be proactive in inviting young quality men to consider making this trip. Feel free to contact me, Fr. Gale, at [pastor@saintxparish.org](mailto:pastor@saintxparish.org) about this.

### **Confirmation Retreats**

As In the past I will be leading a couple confirmation retreats this schoolyear. If you would be interested in having your parish confirmation class participate in one of these retreats please contact me. As of right now I have a retreat planned on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December in the Manhattan area, and another on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Hays.

### **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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx)

Seminarian Special Collection is November 14 & 15 in all parishes. Please see the Development section for important information.

## **OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE**

**Rural Life Conference:** Executive Director of the *Catholic Rural Life* Conference, Mr. Jim Ennis, will be the featured speaker for the Salina Diocesan Rural Life Conference to be held on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at St. Thomas More-Marian Prep High School in Hays. The theme of the Conference will be ***On Care of Our Common Home***. The day will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass, celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger and attending priests. The first session will begin at 10:30 am followed by lunch with guided discussion. The Second Session will begin at 1:00 pm and conclude with questions and answers. We will adjourn at 3:00 pm. The fee for participants will be \$25 per person, which will include lunch. Advance registration is encouraged. Registration forms may be found on the Diocesan website under Rural Life. To register, or for more information, please contact Fr Richard Daise at (785) 726-4522 or [stmarypstr@gbta.net](mailto:stmarypstr@gbta.net).

Another Rural Life event is sponsored by the Hays DCMC, part of the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church. **FARMING FOR THE LONG HAUL**, Protecting the Legacy, Helping it Happen. A public meeting looking at the need to prolong the life of the Ogallala Aquifer in order to keep on farming in NW KS **Saturday, November 7, 2015 3:00-7:00 P.M.** in the **Quinter United Methodist Church, 218 W. 4th, Quinter, KS.** Speakers will include **Ms. Julene Bair**, author of *The Ogallala Road*; **Dr. Allyn Lockner**, a retired economist, former Kansas Water Office, Director and Secretary of Environmental Protection in South Dakota. A panel discussion will include speakers and area irrigation farmers. The panel will invite questions and comments from the audience. The meeting will conclude with a light meal featuring local foods. **Registration cost of \$10.00**, payable at the door, includes the meal. Everyone is welcome to attend!!!

### **OFFICE OF NEW EVANGELIZATION**

The New Evangelization theme for the Salina Diocese during 2015 continues to be “Evangelization in and through the Family.” The October focus is on Family Financial Freedom. Pope Francis has spoken at length about the danger of allowing oneself to be held captive by the desire for profit and possession. A recommended resource which could be used for small group discussion is *7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free: A Catholic Guide to Managing your Money* by Phil Lenahan from Our Sunday Visitor publishing, copyright 2006. It includes a text and workbook. From the publishing summary:

Packed with anecdotes and real life experiences, *7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free* offers a solid Catholic perspective on how to make the most of God’s generous gifts. In addition to understanding the necessary nuts and bolts of financial management, budgeting, and investing, discover how your Catholic faith can be the base of a sound financial future. ... Start your journey to true financial freedom today!

Since one of the classic stressors in family and faith life is financial struggle, this resource might provide some insight and hope during difficult financial times.

### **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS ED**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR MEETINGS:** Please mark your calendar for your meeting in your vicariate:

October 29-----Salina, Chancery, 1-3:30 p.m.

November 2-----Colby, Sacred Heart Church, 1-3:30 p.m.

November 3-----Plainville, Sacred Heart Church, 1-3:30 p.m.

November 5-----Manhattan, St. Thomas More Church, 9-11:30 a.m.

All Religious Education Coordinators are encouraged to attend.

**SURVEY:** A reminder to Coordinators that the Religious Education Survey is due October 15.

**TOTUS TUUS:** If you would like to reserve a week for this program in summer 2016 for your parish please call Karen Taylor. All weeks except June 6-10 have openings.

### **OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NCYC:** Thank you to all sponsors for their efforts in getting legal papers and payments sent into our office.

**ALL Adult Sponsors/Chaperones going to NCYC MUST attend a meeting in their vicariate.**

Attending the meeting, receiving information, and getting questions answered will help save time for the parish contact persons in the future. The dates:

October 29-----Salina, Chancery, 7 p.m. (East Central Vicariate)  
 November 2-----Colby, Sacred Heart Church, 7 p.m. (West Vicariate)  
 November 3-----Hays, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 7 p.m. (West Central Vicariate)  
 November 9-----**Note date change to the 9<sup>th</sup>**. Manhattan, St. Thomas More Church, 7 p.m.  
 (East Vicariate)

**CYO AFFILIATION REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENTS:** Due October 15.

**DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION:** April 9 and 10, 2016, Salina.

**JR. CYO CAMP:** May 28-31, 2106, Rock Springs Ranch, Junction City.

**PRAYER AND ACTION:** Host parishes are needed (one in the east and one in the west) for summer 2016. Please encourage your church community to consider this program for your youth. If you have questions contact Ellsworth and Stockton parishes for their feedback. Call Karen Taylor to be a host parish, or to reserve a week for your parish group to attend.

**SURVEYS:** A reminder that the Youth Ministry Survey is due October 15.

**OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT**

**SEMINARIAN COLLECTION – November 14 & 15**

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Below are some **Bulletin Announcements** that can also be used to help promote the Seminarian collection.

\*God's Blessings are many. We are blessed in the Salina Diocese with 12 men currently discerning God's call to the Priesthood. We ask that you keep them in prayer and to also consider supporting them financially through the Seminarian collection on the weekend of November 14 & 15.

\*What does the Seminarian collection on November 14 & 15 help with? This collection assists the diocese in the education and formation of our 12 Seminarians that are currently discerning God's call to the Priesthood. The day to day expenses of educating and housing these fine young men is costly, but with your gift, you are making a commitment to the future of our diocese.

\*Currently we have 12 men discerning God's call to the Priesthood. These are YOUR seminarians and one day, God willing, they will be your priests. The Seminarian collection that is scheduled for November 14 & 15 will be used for the day to day expenses of their education and formation. Please continue to pray for these young men and be assured of their prayers for the faithful of our diocese.

\*Get to know the Seminarians that are supported by the November 14 & 15 Seminarian collection by reading about them in the Register. If you missed any of the features, you can find them on line at [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org) under the vocations page.

**BISHOP'S FUND** – The Bishop's Fund with the **Catholic Community Foundation** will begin taking applications for needs at a Parish, Parish School or Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Salina in October. This includes any active ministries in the parish. **This year all applications will be done on-line at the diocesan website.** You can find it under the Development page and the drop down menu under Catholic Community Foundation under grants. Each Pastor will also be getting an email with guidelines and instructions. The **deadline for application is December 4, 2015.** If you have any questions, please either email: [synda.larez@salinadiocese.org](mailto:synda.larez@salinadiocese.org) or call Synda at 785-827-8746.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL** - We are in the last quarter of the year and we remain about 150K away from our Diocesan goal of 1.125 Million to assist the many ministries in the Diocese. We continue to be grateful for the response to this important appeal. Thank you for all that you do to promote this appeal. I am hopeful that you will continue to promote this to your parishioners and share with them the many ministries that are available in the diocese with the assistance of this fund. As always, if you ever have any questions or need assistance with this appeal or area of development and planned giving, our office is here to help.

#### **YEAR-END GIFTS**

It is never too early to put something in your bulletins promoting year-end giving. A large amount of gifts are given to entities during the last quarter. Let your parishioners know that they can support your parish, school or other Catholic ministry through these year-end gifts

**PARISHIONER LIST** – The office of Development will be sending to all Pastors and secretaries a parishioner list for your review. This list will be emailed to you in early October and is due back to us by November 17. We ask that you please review it and submit any changes including: address changes/additions/deletions/ deceased names/ and those that are no longer in the parish. You can either email them or send a hard copy to Lois Yost at the chancery. Her email is: [lois.yost@salinadiocese.org](mailto:lois.yost@salinadiocese.org)

#### **PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

Please send your Mission Coop Collections in as soon as you can. Please make sure and designate "Mission Coop" on the envelope.

#### **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE**

**SINGLE PARENT NETWORKER** is usually relevant for all parents, not just Single Parents. Due to the Editor of the Single Parent Networker attending the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, the publication will not be available for October.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES--LAST REMINDER:** There will be two sites hosting the Anniversary Masses – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Salina, Sunday, October 11, 3:00 P.M. and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hays, Sunday, October 18, 3:00 P.M. The Diocesan Family Life Office will be coordinating the events. Please phone the Family Life Office, 785-827-8746, Ext. 41, or email [familylife2@salinadiocese.org](mailto:familylife2@salinadiocese.org) with any last minute requests.

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMMING:** Enclosed in this mailing is a handout briefly summarizing the various marriage preparation programs used in our Diocese.

**CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE** *The Catholic Divorce Survival Guide* is a program complete with DVD teaching, *Leaders Guide* and *Personal Survival Guide* journals that brings about great healing and reconciliation for divorced individuals. Rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church, including Theology of the Body, *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* was created to bring help and hope to divorced Catholics. The program is available for check out from the Family Life Office (785-827-8746, Ext. 40, familylife@salinadiocese.org) for an individual parish or it could be used as a group program for the divorced Catholics from a cluster of parishes. Reg and Jan would be willing to assist a facilitator in getting the program started anywhere in the Diocese.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY:** Worldwide Marriage Encounter and Serra Club International are again promoting Priesthood Sunday on October 25, 2015. The mission and purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to celebrate and confirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the church through the sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic people to thank, affirm and share their love and support for priests. It also provides an occasion to promote vocations. Go to websites [wpd.wwme.org](http://wpd.wwme.org) or [www.priesthoodsunday.org](http://www.priesthoodsunday.org) to find ideas on liturgy and activities to celebrate the day.

### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2015-2016**

November 6-8, 2015 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria  
 Feb. 19-21, 2016 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria  
 Mar. 11-13, 2016 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria  
 Apr. 22-24, 2016 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria  
 June 10-12, 2016 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

### **GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY FILLED MARRIAGE SEMINAR DATES FOR 2015-2016**

Oct. 3, 2015 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia  
 Dec. 5, 2015 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia  
 Feb. 20, 2016 - St. Nicholas Parish-Hays  
 Mar. 5, 2016 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia  
 Apr. 9, 2016 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia  
 June 18, 2016 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia

**BULLETIN INSERTS OR HANDOUTS:** Celebrating Halloween, All Saints, All Souls, and Simple Steps for "Home Made" Saints are all enclosed.

### **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

The National Life Chain will be on October 4th, 2015. We strongly encourage your parish to participate if it does not already. The Life Chain is a "Prayer Chain" and a peaceful protest against abortion. Material and "how to" are available at <http://www.nationallifechain.org/>.

### **Bulletin Announcements:**

**THE DIOCESE OF SALINA RESPECT LIFE OFFICE** will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20-24, 2016. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March For Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally, [www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx) (optional, additional cost) Cost of the trip is \$325 per person. You may make payments at [salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life), final payment is due December 1st. For more information contact Eric and Jaelyn Brown, 785-650-2474, or [respectlife@salinadiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@salinadiocese.org).

**CANTERBURY PILGRIMAGES & TOURS** will host a "fly" option to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 21-24, 2016. This round-trip airfare from Kansas City Airport will include hotel



in the Greater D.C. area, breakfast daily at the hotel, participation in the Pro-Life Rally and March, three dinners at restaurants in the greater D.C. area, motor coach transportation, celebration of Mass with others from around the country as well as the other pilgrims from the Diocese of Salina, and sightseeing. Cost for trip starts as low as \$995 per person. For more information or to reserve online visit [salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life), or pick up a form from your parish office.

**THE DIOCESE OF SALINA RESPECT LIFE OFFICE** will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Topeka, KS Jan. 22nd, 2016. The trip includes bus fare, breakfast, Rally, Mass, lunch and March for Life in Topeka. The cost of the trip is \$70 if you register by November 20th. Late registration is \$75 after November 20th. Registration deadline is December 11th! Register at [www.salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.salinadiocese.org/respect-life).

**On Tuesday, December 8** from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am, our parishes will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life. The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion. The hours are chosen to coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe’s appearance to Juan Diego.

**The U.S. Bishops’ annual novena** 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 24, 2016. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

**Pro-Life Intercessions for Mass:** For an end to all laws, which legalize the taking of a human life: that our nation might embrace truth and justice; We pray to the Lord:

That justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life might inspire all legislators, governors, and our President; We pray to the Lord:

For our President, our congressmen and senators, the Justices of our Supreme Court, and all who seek to foster principles on which this country was founded; We pray to the Lord:

For those who work to change our laws, to reflect the Gospel of Life: that God might inspire and shepherd them; We pray to the Lord:

**CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS**

**OCTOBER DAY OF RENEWAL:** will be October 15th in Russell. The focus will be on the family. Our speaker is Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis. In addition to all the priests, deacons, Parish Life Coordinators, Pastoral Associates as well as those involved in marriage or family life of the parish invited. If more than the priests of the parish are coming, please let Fr. Ninemire know ASAP. Our day at our Lady of the Angels in Russell will begin with coffee and rolls at 10:00, first talk at 10:30, lunch at 12:30 and our day will conclude around 2:30.

**ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER:** December 1 in Victoria

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

**ANNUAL RETREAT 2016:** September 19-22, 2016.

## **THE REGISTER**

The Nov. 13 issue of The Register will include a donation envelope for 2016. Below are bulletin announcements leading up to that issue. Please encourage your parishioners to help us in our mission to inform them about our Church. Also refer to a letter in this month's SDNB from Bishop Weisenburger regarding the newspaper's annual appeal.

(Oct. 24-25)

The Register brings you news about the Diocese of Salina, messages from diocesan leadership and stories and commentary about the Church here and around the world. Every family registered at a parish receives The Register on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Instead of subscriptions, we ask for a \$20 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Your Nov. 13 issue will include a donation envelope, or you may mail your donation check to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402, or contribute online at [salinadiocese.org/the-register](http://salinadiocese.org/the-register).

(Oct. 31-Nov. 1)

The Register is the only place to find this much news about the Diocese of Salina, its parishes and the universal Church. Every registered family receives The Register, which is printed the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Instead of subscriptions, we ask for a \$20 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Your Nov. 13 issue will include a donation envelope, or you may mail your donation check to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402, or contribute online at [salinadiocese.org/the-register](http://salinadiocese.org/the-register).

(Nov. 7-8)

Read the The Register and learn more about what's happening in parishes of the Diocese of Salina, as well as news about the diocese and the universal Church. Every registered family receives The Register, which is printed twice-monthly. Instead of subscriptions, we ask for a \$20 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Your Nov. 13 issue will include, or you may mail your donation check to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402, or contribute online at [salinadiocese.org/the-register](http://salinadiocese.org/the-register).

(Nov. 14-15)

Your Nov. 13 issue of The Register includes a donation envelope. We ask for your support in helping to send the diocesan newspaper twice a month to all registered families. Instead of selling subscriptions, we ask for a \$20 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Please return your donation envelope as soon as possible with your contribution for 2016. If you don't have an envelope, you can mail your donation check to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402, or you can contribute online at [salinadiocese.org/the-register](http://salinadiocese.org/the-register). Thank you for your support.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### UPDATES FOR THE DIRECTORY:

1. Correction on address for Fr. Jose Kumblumkal - pg. 72 - 307 East 5th, Box 608, Concordia, KS 66901-0608
2. Correction on spelling of name for Provincial Superior for the HGN's - pg 86 - Rev. M. Alex Ravindran, HGN



## Diocese of Salina

Office of the Bishop

103 N. Ninth  
P.O. Box 980  
Salina, Kansas 67402-0980

November 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As bishop of the Salina Diocese, it is my pleasure to visit with you about our fine diocesan newspaper, *The Register*, which is the official publication of the Diocese of Salina.

For many parishioners, *The Register* is their primary source for news and events that affect our Church and the lives of Catholics in our parishes, in our diocese and around the world. It helps unite and inform us as members of our Catholic family. Its attractive format, full-color layout, up-to-date news and insightful features provide an important means of communication and a valuable tool for evangelization and ongoing formation.

Two years ago you saw a substantial difference in *The Register*, which the diocese began publishing in 1937. We changed to twice-monthly publication and began mailing it to nearly 18,000 Catholic households of registered parishioners. Instead of requiring subscriptions, we asked for a \$20 donation to help support this important initiative.

Your response was gratifying, and we raised most of what admittedly was an optimistic goal. Also gratifying was the level of donations. Many people accepted our suggestion to add \$10 to their gift to help offset the cost of providing *The Register* to a family who couldn't afford to donate, and still others gave additional amounts to be added to *The Register's* endowment fund.

In the end, about 3,900 households donated to this cause last year, with an average donation of \$25

We intend to continue this method of distributing *The Register* for 2016. An envelope for your donation is enclosed in this issue, and I strongly encourage you to participate. You may also make your donation online at [salinadiocese.org/the-register](http://salinadiocese.org/the-register).

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our contributors who provide articles and photographs from around the diocese to keep us abreast of local events. We also are much indebted to the businesses and other organizations that support *The Register* as advertisers and help keep our costs as low as possible. Please support these good people as well.

Kindly consider the many benefits of supporting *The Register* with your donation. Please use the envelope provided and follow the instructions to mail your donation, payable to *The Register*, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402-1038.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Edward J. Weisenburger*

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger  
Bishop of Salina



## Diocese of Salina

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Office of the Bishop

October 2015

Dear Priests and PLC's

As you know, we implemented some significant changes for *The Register* two years ago. The publication switched from 50 issues a year to twice monthly. The primary reason was to be able to send the newspaper to all of our Catholic families registered at a parish without substantially increasing our printing and mailing costs. Before that, only a third of households were subscribing.

Instead of requiring a \$20 subscription payment (and requiring parishes to have at least a third of their units subscribe or pay the difference) we asked for a \$20 donation. That effort proved quite successful. Also gratifying was the level of donations. Many people accepted our suggestion to add \$10 to their gift to help offset the cost of providing *The Register* to a family who couldn't afford to donate, and still others gave additional amounts to be added to *The Register's* endowment fund. In the end, about 3,900 households donated to this cause, with an average donation of \$25. **We intend to continue this method of distributing *The Register* in 2016.**

A Register donation envelope will be inserted in the Nov. 13 issue. Your help in publicizing this and urging your parishioners to donate would be greatly appreciated. While we were pleased with the donations received this year, we hope we can encourage more than 21 percent of our households to contribute.

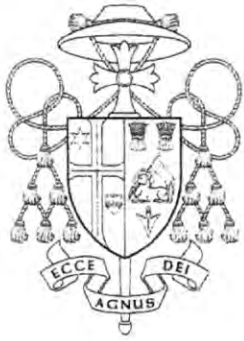
Parishioners will be instructed to mail their donation to *The Register* in Salina. If some leave their envelopes in your collection plate, please forward them to us. You can wait until you have several to send. If checks are made to your parish, please deposit them and then mail a check to *The Register*. Again, you may wait until you have several and send one check with the names and addresses. In addition to using the envelope, parishioners can make donations online at .

We also thank you for your office's cooperation in sending us address changes for your parishioners. The post office charges *The Register* 59 cents each time one cannot be delivered, and because they aren't particularly prompt in returning those to us, sometimes we are charged for two or three undeliverable issues before we are aware of the situation. If we have not received an address change, the mailing is immediately stopped until we are advised of a new address. Prompt notification by your office helps us avoid stoppage of the newspaper to your parishioners and saves us the extra return postage.

The October SDNB will have several suggested paragraphs about *The Register* promotion for use in your bulletins during the last half of October and the first half of November. Thank you for your assistance.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger  
Bishop of Salina



## Diocese of Salina

Office of the Bishop

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November 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection the weekend of December 12-13, 2015. This annual appeal benefits some 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests – women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis calls on the faithful to recognize the special witness that consecrated women and men offer our Church and world. In a letter marking the inauguration of this special year, he says, “I ask the whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women.” He goes on to note the spiritual influence that Religious such as Saint Benedict and St Teresa of Avila continue to have on our Church and faith today.

As we reflect on the saints of the past, many of us may also recall women and men religious whom we would consider saints in our day. With gratitude, we remember the sister who penitently helped us learn our multiplication tables or the brother who coached our high school team, teaching us that faith must be lived out even on the basketball court.

Today, many of these sisters, brothers, and religious order priests – these saints in our midst – are elderly. While some continue in volunteer ministry, others are frail and need care. Most worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate savings to meet growing retirement and eldercare needs.

So I ask you to join with Pope Francis in acknowledging the gift of consecrated life. This is an opportunity for each of us to be the presence of Jesus to our senior consecrated religious. Please pray for God’s blessing on all religious and give what you can to the Retirement Fund for Religious the weekend of December 12-13, 2015. Please join me in supporting this important drive and in praying for God’s continued blessings on our elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger  
Bishop of Salina

## Sponsorship Card

I/We like to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Individual I would like to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to go towards: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Seminarian/Priest \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_  I/We would like to remain anonymous.

Please return this [form with payment before October 1, 2015](#). Thank you for your support!!  
 General donations will go to funds needed to cover bus cost, hotel costs, or other expenses toward the trip to Washington DC.  
 Checks payable to: Diocese of Salina-Respect Life; 103 N 9th Street; Salina, KS 67401



### Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office

Eric and Jaclyn Brown  
 785.650.2474 Jaclyn  
 785.639.1979 Eric  
 respectlife@salinadiocese.org

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## March For Life



January 20-24, Washington DC

### Diocese of Salina



**Diocese of Salina  
Respect Life Office**



Trip Includes:

Bus Fare

Hotel for two nights

Mass

March For Life

Sightseeing

Optional (Additional cost):

Life is VERY Good Rally (check out website)

<http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx>



**FINAL PAYMENT DUE DECEMBER 11!**

January 20

**Buses:** Depart from Salina, KS early afternoon. Pick up option in Hays, KS.

January 21

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

**Life is VERY Good Evening Rally**

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

January 22

**Life is VERY Good Morning Rally**

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

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

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



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

**Sightseeing:** Evening to explore DC

January 23

**Mass:** Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

**Sightseeing:** at the Mall

**Departure:** in late afternoon to return home

**Reservation Form**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to share a room with: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Youth Group: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must complete Forms B, C, D, and HIPPA, salnadiocese.org/youth-ministry and return to youth sponsor).

Cost for Trip

Bus/Hotel-\$325 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Life is Very Good Rally (additional cost)

- Evening-\$17 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Morning-\$17 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Both-\$28 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve online, salnadiocese.org/respect-life, or mail reservation form and \$50 non-refundable reservation fee by OCTOBER 1st DEADLINE to: Diocese of Salina-March for Life, 103 North Ninth Street, Salina, KS 67401.



January 21 - 24, 2016

# MARCH *for* LIFE

## Washington, D.C.



**Thursday, January 21** Departure from Kansas City Airport for Washington, D.C. Upon arrival, we will visit the Capitol Building, and the National Archives, home of the Declaration of Independence which declares that we “...are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness...” Also on view at the National Archives is the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and an image of the Ten Commandments engraved in bronze on the floor. We’ll proceed to our hotel for check-in. Afterwards, we’ll gather with thousands of our fellow Catholics to celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Catholic Church in the United States, and the 8th largest church building the world! Dinner, evening at leisure.



**Friday, January 22** Following breakfast, we will gather together for morning Mass at the Nativity Parish. Afterwards, we will join thousands of pro-life participants from across the country in a peaceful demonstration for the sanctity of all life. We will then rally at the National Mall before heading down Constitution Avenue and ending with another rally at the steps of the Supreme Court of the United States, the sight of the landmark decision legalizing abortion. We will end the day with a visit to our Congressman on Capitol Hill (if available) to discuss the Right to Life issues. Dinner, evening at leisure.



**Saturday, January 23:** After breakfast, we’ll visit the National Shrine of St. John Paul II and Cultural Center. Inside, we’ll view a world-class exhibit tracing the life, papacy, and teachings of St. John Paul II. We’ll also spend time in the Reliquary Chapel, where there will be time to not only view, but venerate the many unique relics the center has on display. Depending on time, we’ll attend morning Mass together as a diocese, (TBD). Following a break for lunch, we visit the Franciscan Monastery and Holy Land of North America exhibit. This unique monastery offers a scale model of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, giving you an opportunity to enjoy the Holy Land without leaving the U.S. We’ll also have time to admire the grounds and gardens that surround this beautiful monastery. We’ll finish the day by visiting the Washington Memorial, which is filled with references to our Creator. Dinner, evening at leisure.



**Sunday, January 24:** Following breakfast we’ll check out of the hotel and celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Time permitting (pending airline departure) we’ll visit Arlington National Cemetery and view the *Changing Of The Guard* at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Encouraged and inspired by the lives of those who came before us, we begin our return trip home.

### Per Person Cost:

**Pilgrimage option #1: 3 nights / 4 days**

Single: \$1,245<sup>00</sup>

Double: \$1,095<sup>00</sup>

Triple: \$1,045<sup>00</sup>

Quad: \$995<sup>00</sup>

### Includes:

- † Round-trip airfare from Kansas City Airport
- † Hotels in Greater D.C. area † Breakfast daily at the hotel
- † Participation in the Washington Pro-Life March on January 22, 2016
- † 3 Dinners at restaurants in the greater D.C. area
- † Luxury Motor Coach Transportation while in Washington, D.C.
- † Assistance of a Canterbury Pilgrimages Representative
- † Sight-seeing options in the greater Washington, D.C.

## Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc.



**CANTERBURY PILGRIMAGES & TOURS RESERVATION AGREEMENT**

Event: March for Life 2016 Travel dates: January 21 - 24, 2016 Pilgrimage Code: MFL2016SALINA

CONTACT INFO - Please print: Name(s) (as it appears on Passport):

1. (F) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. (F) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (billing):

St: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (O) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergencycontactwhiletraveling.Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOMODATIONS - Please check one: Single: \_\_\_\_\_ Single (Willing to share room): \_\_\_\_\_ Double w/ 1 Bed: \_\_\_\_\_

Double w/ 2 Beds: \_\_\_\_\_ Triple: \_\_\_\_\_ Quad: \_\_\_\_\_

SpecialArrangements: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you prefer your name tag to read:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

TRAVEL INSURANCE - Are you are interested in Travel Insurance? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, we will send you a brochure listing the benefits and coverage outlined. Please note: Travel insurance must be purchased with-in 20 days of reservation deposit.

DEPOSIT - Confirming this reservation requires a \$450.00 deposit per person. Canterbury Pilgrimages accepts payment by check / credit card. Make checks payable to: Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc., 166 South River Rd – Ste. 110, Bedford, N.H. 03110-6928. Phone 800.653.0017 to make a credit card payment.

Enrollment & payment for pilgrimage constitutes your acceptance of the terms & conditions of this agreement. I have read and understand the Pilgrimage Conditions below and look forward to traveling with Canterbury Pilgrimages.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If either passenger is a minor (under 18yrs of age) this form must be signed by his/her parent / guardian

Guardians Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Pilgrimage Terms & Conditions:**

**Itineraries:** Itineraries are prepared and scheduled in advance according to the best information available at the time and are subject to change by the date of the pilgrimage.

**Pricing:** Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours Inc. reserves the right to adjust pricing should the following occur; (1) Rise in Airfare due to higher fuel costs etc. (2) Rise in ground costs due to increases in hotel charges, bus fares, fees, taxes and other costs due to the fluctuating value of the U.S. dollar against foreign currency.

Deposits and final Payments: A deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to hold your reservation of which \$200.00 is non-refundable\* (May be refundable under travel insurance conditions). Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure date. Payment can be made by check / credit card. Phone 800.653.0017 to make a credit card payment.

**Cancellation fees:** If cancellation in writing is received by Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours Inc. more than 75 days prior to departure all payments made toward the price of the tour will be refunded, less a \$200.00 processing fee. For cancellations received less than 75 days prior to departure, the initial deposit of \$250.00 plus any applicable charges imposed by the airlines, hotels, and bus companies on Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours will be non-refundable. Please note that the amount may vary with each pilgrimage and the vendors we work with. Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours Inc. retains the right to cancel any pilgrimage up to the departure date in which case all funds received will be returned with-in 10 business days.

**Baggage:** Please follow the general rule of traveling light - If you cannot carry it do not bring it. Passengers are permitted one piece of luggage per person. Baggage handling is included for one suitcase per person only, whenever possible, in the cost of the pilgrimage. The airlines for international flights will not allow a suitcase exceeding 50 pounds (subject to change), if over 50lbs., the fees can be costly. On inter-European flights, which are not directly connected to a transatlantic flight the baggage weight limit is lower. We will provide you with this information in the final travel documents. Baggage handling is not available on any of the trains. Every effort will be made to handle luggage carefully, however Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours Inc. will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage or items inside luggage carrier. (Travel insurance may apply)

**Travel insurance:** We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance (personal accident / trip cancellation / baggage insurance). Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours Inc. cannot accept responsibility for accidents, trip cancellations, or handling of baggage not under our control. All categories of insurance may be purchased from Canterbury as provided by Allianz Travel Insurance.

**Gratuities:** Gratuities to porter for luggage and servers for meals are included in pilgrimage price. The customary gratuity to motor coach chauffeur, tour host, local guides, chambermaids, etc., is not included in our price and should be extended on an individual, and voluntary basis. Items such as room service, laundry, telephone calls, etc., are not included.

**Liability:** Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc., and their employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively "CPT") do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your pilgrimage including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the CPT name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, CPT is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity. In addition, CPT is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity they do not own or control, nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under their control. Without limitations CPT is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as an airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the CPT name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, CPT is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks by animals, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. Should any of the persons listed in the tentative itinerary and schedule of speakers be unable to participate in this event, every effort will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of persons listed in the tentative itinerary and schedule of speakers the pilgrimage tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate in this pilgrimage tour, you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether persons listed in the tentative itinerary and schedule of speakers are able to participate. CPT will not be responsible for any loss incurred by traveler, including lost days of the scheduled tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation. Please investigate purchasing travel insurance as recommended, to cover any type of loss associated with cancelled air or other transportation.

# March For Life

## Topeka, Kansas

Blessed are they who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Matthew 5:6

Cost of Trip  
Early Registration Due November 20:  
\$70 per person  
After November 20, Cost Increases:  
\$75 per person  
**Final Deadline December 11!!**  
Reserve online at:  
[salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life)

January 22, 2016

Trip Includes:

- Bus Fare
- Mass
- March For Life to the KS State Capital
- Continental Bagged Breakfast in Salina
- Tour Capital/Sightseeing

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in tour of Capital?  Yes  No

Select Pick-up location and departure time:

- Colby-3 am
- Hays-5am
- Salina-6:30am
- Junction City-7:30am

School Group (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ (Must complete

Forms B, C, D, and HIPPA, [salinadiocese.org/youth-ministry](http://salinadiocese.org/youth-ministry), and return to school sponsor).

For more information contact: Kathy Martin, 785.463.5463 or [martinkathy@yahoo.com](mailto:martinkathy@yahoo.com). **Reserve online or mail form and \$25 non-refundable reservation fee by November 20 DEADLINE** to: Diocese of Salina-March For Life-Topeka, 103 North Ninth Street, Salina, KS 67401.

# 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

**“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us”- John 1:14**

Just as Jesus became Man at His conception, likewise, when a child is conceived, he/she becomes one of our human family. This little person now dwells among us. So that our nation and world may accept this truth, and conform to God’s Laws...

**COME PRAY WITH US!!!!**

**Join in Unity of Prayer across America to restore  
LIFE, LIBERTY, THE FAITH & PEACE!!!**

*If you find that the world hates you, know it has hated me before you—John 15: 18-21*

*If my people... humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and REVIVE THEIR LAND—2 Chronicles 7:12*

America needs the Blessed Mother’s intercession!!

**DECEMBER 8/9, 2015**

**9PM Tuesday to 1AM Wednesday  
NATIONAL HOUR OF UNITY IS 12AM TO 1AM (EST)**



## NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE—First Hour

### **ENTRANCE HYMN:      Espíritu Santo Ven**

Espíritu Santo ven, ven  
Espíritu Santo ven, ven  
Espíritu Santo ven, ven, En el Nombre del Señor.

Acompáñame, ilumíname toma mi vida,  
Acompáñame, ilumíname Espíritu Santo ven

Espíritu Santo ven, ven...

Santifícame y transfórmame, Tu cada día  
Santifícame y transfórmame Espíritu Santo ven.

Espíritu Santo ven, ven...

**LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**All:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

**Leader:** Let us pray. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit didst instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that in the same spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### **PRAYER BEFORE THE ROSARY FOR UNITY**

**All:** Blessed Mother, come stay with me. Celestial, holy, and heavenly family, come pray with me, and offer all the Rosaries that ever were and ever will be to our heavenly Father for all worthy humanity. Let its power conquer hate and iniquity. Fill the world with peace and harmony, crush the head of Satan, who lies in wait so stealthily. The Almighty Majesty promised this would come to be. Lord, let my lowly Rosary add strength in unity so the power of the devotion in their Lady's Rosary will spread universally, and God's will be done on earth as it is in eternity. For these graces we humbly thank Thee.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

#### **O Salutaris**

O Salutaris Hostia,  
Quae coeli pandis ostium  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria!  
Qui vitam sine termino  
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

## **PRAYERS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** (By St. Alphonsus Liguori)

**Leader:** O most lovely, most sweet, and dearest Jesus! Life, hope, treasure and only love of my soul! Oh, how much has it not cost Thee to remain with us in this sacrament. It was necessary for thee to die in order to remain afterwards upon our altars; and how many injuries has Thou not been made to suffer, in consequence of this presence among us! But Thy loves, and Thy desire to be loved by us, have surmounted all. Come then Lord, come and occupy my heart, and afterwards close the gate to it forever, so that no creature may ever enter again to take away a part of this love which belongs entirely to Thee, and which I am unwilling to give to any other. Do Thou alone, my dear Redeemer, reign over me! Do Thou alone possess me entirely, and if at any time I should not obey Thee perfectly, punish me severely, that for future I may be more careful to please Thee, according to Thy desire. Let me no more desire not seek for any other pleasure than to please Thee, to visit Thee often at Thine altar, to converse with Thee, and to receive Thee in Holy Communion. Let them look for other goods who will! For me, I love only, I desire only the treasure of Thy love. The only favor that I ask at the foot of this altar is that I may forget myself altogether, to remember only Thy goodness. Blessed Seraphs, I do not envy you your glory! But by thy love which you bear to your God and mine, oh, teach me what I must do to love Him and please Him like you!

O my Lord and King, hidden in this sacrament, since Thou dost invite me to converse with Thee, I will open my heart with confidence, and speed. O my Jesus, ardent lover of souls, I know too well the injustice and ingratitude of men toward thee. Thou lovest them, and they do not love Thee; Thou dost confer benefits on them, and they return Thee insults; Thou wouldst have them hear Thy voice, and they will not listen; Thou dost offer them graces and they refuse them. Ah! my Jesus, I, too, was once among the number of these ungrateful souls. O my God, it is only too true. But I desire to amend, and I wish to compensate for the injuries I have done to Thee, by doing all I can to please Thee for the remainder of my life. Tell me, O Lord, what Thou dost require of me. I will do it without the least reserve. Make known to me Thy will by the way of holy obedience, and I hope to accomplish it. My God, I firmly promise never to leave undone any act which I know to be agreeable to Thee, although the performance of it should cost me the loss of all things--of relation, friends, character, health and even life itself. Let me lose all, if only I may do Thy will! Happy loss, when all is sacrificed to content Thy heart. O God of my soul! I love Thee, O Sovereign God, above all gods worthy of my love, and in loving I unite my feeble heart with the hearts of all the Seraphim. I unite it with the heart of Mary and with the heart of Jesus. I love Thee with my whole soul; I wish to love Thee alone, now and forever.

## **PRAYER TO THE TRINITY**

**All:** Hail to You, Eternal Ruler, living God, forever existing, terrible and just Judge, always kind and merciful Father! To You be anew and forever adoration, praise, honor and glory through Your sun-clad daughter, our wonderful Mother!

Hail to You, sacrificed Man and God, bleeding Lamb, King of Peace, Tree of Life, our Master, Gateway to the heart of the Father, born eternally from the Living One, ruling in eternity with Him Who is pure Being! To You be anew and forever power and glory and greatness and adoration and reparation and praise through your immaculate parent, our Wonderful Mother!

Hail to You, Spirit of Eternal One, forever giving forth holiness, acting from all eternity in God! O stream of fire from the Father to the Son! O raging storm blowing strength and light and fervor into the members of the body eternal; unending fire of love, creative spirit of God in the living ones, red stream of fire from the Ever-Living One to the mortals! To You be anew and forever power and glory and beauty through Your star-crowned bride, our Wonderful Mother!

### **PRAYER FOR LIFE**

**All:** Heavenly Father, source of all life, who desires not the death of your children, but wishes that they may grow into the fulfillment of the personhood that you placed in them from the moment of conception, shower Your blessings upon the unborn, protect them from all evil and bring them forth into the world to walk in Your ways.

Bestow Your particular love upon those privileged by motherhood that they may be supported at this most special time in their lives. Turn the hearts of the fathers toward You that they, too, may be filled with abundant grace.

I offer You my special prayer for all your children, for my life itself, for all the blessings You have bestowed on me, and ask finally to be brought into Your presence when You see fit to end my earthly sojourn.

### **PRAYER OF THE ROSARY FOR UNITY**

Opening prayers of the Rosary - Apostles' Creed, etc. (**Note:** 20 decades are said during the night, Hail Holy Queen said at the end of the 20 decades. A short meditation or Scriptural Rosary may be used.)

### **THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

**SILENT MEDITATION** for the remainder of the hour.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE—Second Hour

### **Second Hour Hymn:           Immaculate Mary**

1. Immaculate Mary our hearts are on fire, That title so wondrous fills all our desire. (*Chorus*)
2. We pray for God's glory may His kingdom come, We pray for his Vicar, our father in Rome. (*Chorus*)
3. We pray for our mother the church upon earth and bless sweetest lady, the land of our birth. (*Chorus*)
4. O Mary! O Mary! Reign o'er us once more. Be all lands thy dowry as in days of yore. (*Chorus*)

**Chorus:** *Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ma-ri-a!*

### **PRAYER IN REPARATION FOR ABORTION**

**All:** Eternal Father, You alone are the Master of life and death. So precious in Your sight is the soul of each person that you sent Your only begotten Son to Redeem us through the Cross and Resurrection. His coming was attended by the slaughter of the Innocents, the first Martyrs of Christ's Kingdom. Death at the outset of their earthly life gave them the beginning of eternal joy.

Today we are the sad witnesses of a new slaughter of the Innocents—the voluntary destruction of unborn children—and the suffering of these children's post-abortive parents. We seek to make reparation for these offenses which attack Your sole dominion over life and death and ask you to bring healing and hope to all those who suffer abortion's aftermath. Let not Your just punishment fall upon us. We ask too, that all who facilitate these crimes, whether from ignorance, weakness of fear, or even from malice, may be given the grace of repentance.

Lord, have mercy on us, spare us from the punishment we deserve: “deal with us not according to our sins, or requite us according to our crimes.” Grant us “the abundant life” promised to all who live according to Your law. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR AMERICA**

**All:** Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary Immaculate, heavenly Missionary to the New World, with your sweet enchantment you attract and enrapture the hearts of your people. And from your sanctuary at Tepeyac where for more than four centuries you have shown Yourself to be the Mother and teacher of our peoples in the Faith, continue still to be our protector, defender and shield. Sweet Mother to your Immaculate Heart we consecrate our republics, our presidents, and all the peoples of our continent. O ever virgin Mother of God, our Queen and Mother, see that we always walk in the path of duty and of moral and material well-being, so that, spiritually united, there may be realized in each and all, the sublime ideal of Christian progress, the social kingdom of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, your most beloved Son, the only true governor of all nations.

### **ACT OF CONSECRATION**

**All:** O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, I (NAME) although most unworthy of being thy servant, yet moved by thy wonderful mercy and by the desire to serve thee, consecrate myself to thy Immaculate Heart and choose thee today, in the presence of my Guardian Angel and the whole heavenly court, for my special Lady, Advocate and Mother, under the title of “Our Lady of Guadalupe”, the name given to the heavenly image left us as a pledge of thy motherly kindness. I firmly resolve that I will love and serve thee always, and do whatever I can to induce others to love and serve thee. I pray thee, Mother of God and my most kind and amiable Mother, that thou wilt receive me into the number of thy servants for thy child and servant forever. Assist me in all my thoughts, words and actions at every moment of my life, that every step and breath may be directed to the greater glory of God; and through thy most powerful intercession obtain for me that I may never more offend my beloved Jesus, that I may glorify Him in this life, and that I may also love Thee, in the company of the Blessed Trinity through eternity in holy Paradise. In order to live this consecration as another Juan Diego, I promise to renew it frequently, especially on the twelfth day of each month, and mindful of thy messages to us at Lourdes and Fatima, I will strive to lead a life of prayer and sacrifice, of fidelity to thy Rosary and reparation to thy Immaculate Heart. Amen.

### **PRAYER TO OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS**

**All:** August Queen of heaven, Sovereign Mistress of the Angels, thou who from the beginning hast received from God the power and mission to crush the head of Satan, we humbly beseech thee to send thy holy Legions that under thy command, and by thy power, they may pursue the evil spirits, encounter them on every side, resist their bold attacks and drive them hence into the abyss of eternal woe. Amen.

### **PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

**All:** St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits, who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **INVOCATION TO THE HOLY ANGELS**

**Leader:** Almighty, eternal and Triune God, before we implore your servants, the holy angels, and call upon them for help, we fall on our knees and adore You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May You be honored and praised for all eternity and may all Angels and men whom You have created adore, love and serve You, the Holy, Mighty and Immortal God! Amen

We implore you also, Mary, Queen of all the Angels, accept the supplications we address to your servants.. We beg of you, Mediatrix of all Graces and all powerful intercessor, bring these, our petitions, to the throne of the Most High that we may find grace, salvation and help. Amen.

You great holy Angels, you have been given us by God for our protection and help.

**Leader:** We implore you in the name of the triune God,

**All:** †*Hasten to help us.* (Repeat after each invocation.)



- (L): We implore you by the all-powerful name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, †
- (L): We implore you by the most sacred wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ, †
- (L): We implore you by all the sufferings of Our Lord Jesus Christ, †
- (L): We implore you by the Holy Word of God, †
- (L): We implore you by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, †
- (L): We implore you in the name of the love of God for us in our need, †
- (L): We implore you in the name of the faithfulness of God to us in our need, †
- (L): We implore you in the name of the mercy of God to us in our need, †
- (L): We implore you in the name of Mary the Mother of God and our Mother, †
- (L): We implore you in the name of Mary, Queen of Heaven and earth, †
- (L): We implore you by your own happiness, †
- (L): We implore you by your own fidelity, †
- (L): We implore you by your warfare for the kingdom of God, †

**Leader:** †We implore you. (Leader repeats after each invocation.)

- All:** Cover us with your shield, †
- (A): Protect us with your sword, †
- (A): Illumine us with your light, †
- (A): Save us under the sheltering mantle of Mary, †
- (A): Guide us safely to our heavenly Father's house, †
- (A): Hide us in the heart of Mary, †
- (A): Place us in the hands of Mary, †
- (A): Show us the way to the gate of life, the open heart of Our Lord, †

**Leader:** All you choirs of blessed spirits

**All:** † *Hasten to help us.* (Repeat after each invocation.)

- (L): You angels of life, †
- (L): You angels of the power of the word of God, †
- (L): You angels of love, †
- (L): You our personal companions especially given us by God, †

**LEADER:** Hasten, help us, **ALL:** We implore you!

**Leader:** Since we are privileged to have the Precious Blood of Our Lord and King as an inheritance,

**All:** Hasten to help us, we implore you.

(L): Since we are privileged to have the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and King as our inheritance,

(L): Since we are privileged to have the Immaculate Heart of Mary the most pure, your Queen, as an inheritance,

hasten to help us,

(A): We implore you.

**THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY**  
SILENT MEDITATION for the remainder of the hour.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE—Third Hour

### **Third Hour Hymn: Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above**

1. Hail holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!  
Hail Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria! (Ch)
2. Turn them most gracious advocate, O Maria!  
Towards us thine eyes compassionate, O Maria! (Ch)

**Chorus:** Triumph, all ye Cherubim; Sing with us, you Seraphim, Heav'n and earth resound the hymn; Salve, salve, salve Regina!

### **PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH**

**All:** O Glorious St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the reputed father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, ever virgin, and the head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's vicar as the heavenly Patron and protector of the Church founded by Christ. Therefore, with the greatest confidence I implore your powerful assistance for the whole Church Militant. Protect in a special manner, with true fatherly love, the Sovereign Pontiff and all bishops and priests in communion with the See of Peter. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all the nations of the earth may submit with docility to that Church outside of which there is no salvation. Dearest St. Joseph, accept the offering I now make of myself to you. I dedicate myself to your service that you may ever be my Father, my Protector and my Guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love for the interior life. Grant that after your example, all my actions may be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

### **A PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN**

**All:** St. Joseph, Chaste Spouse of the Ever-Virgin Mother of God, by the anguish you once endured when you became aware of Mary's pregnancy before you were assured by the angel that she had conceived God's own Son through the power of the Holy Spirit, and by your sorrow when you saw the Savior of the world rejected even before His birth so that He had to be housed in a wretched stable - protect the unborn and their parents who are in danger of death through abortion.

By humble flight and prolonged exile, you saved Jesus from the slaughter which befell the Holy Innocents. Help us to fly from sin as from the face of a serpent and to endure this earthly exile patiently and with sweet submission to God's will.

Obtain for us from the Sacred Heart of the Divine Infant through the Immaculate Heart of Mary the defeat of Satan's evil designs and the salvation, through birth and baptism, of the legions of helpless little ones who are yet to be born. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## **PUBLIC APOLOGY**

**Leader:** Now for our apology. When we have insulted or offended a friend—or even a stranger—an apology is called for. Jesus, Son of God, is our friend—our very best Friend. He is being insulted and offended by friends and enemies alike. This demands a public apology. Let us now offer to Jesus, Our Lord, who will one day be our judge, the sincere expression of our sorrow and regret at the way we and others are treating Him.

(After each invocation, please answer, \* *Jesus I apologize*’.)

**Leader:** For the poor way we have returned Your love for us, Lord accept our apology,\*

**Leader:** For our failure to keep Your commandment of love of neighbor and even of our enemies, Lord accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For our indifference to the needs of the poor and the underprivileged, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For the ingratitude which wounds Your loving heart, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For our lack of generosity in Your service, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For the times we and others have missed Mass through our own fault, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For the many Communion we have missed, and the visits to You in the Blessed Sacrament that we have failed to make, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For the profanation of Sundays and Holy Days, through unnecessary work and shopping, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For the blasphemies, cursing, swearing and taking of Your Holy Name in vain, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For the bad examples of parents and teachers who never speak about Your love and mercy to those under their care, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For the scandal given by certain priests and religious, especially by those who attack the teaching authority of the Holy Father, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For the exclusion of prayer and Your teachings from so many schools and for the “watering down” or false interpretations of Your teaching in some Catholic schools, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For the murders, through “legalized” abortions, of millions of innocent babies throughout the United States and the world, and for the apathy of so many Americans to this wholesale “slaughter of the innocents”, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For all promoters of abortion and euthanasia, such as legislators, doctors, nurses, anti-life groups and others, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For all those who, refusing to trust in Your providence, promote or practice contraception, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For all promoters of pornography, and for those who purchase such material to the detriment of their souls, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For all religious and civic leaders who fail to speak out for the Culture of Life, Lord, accept our apology, \*

**Leader:** For all the widespread immodesty in dress on the part of Christian people, especially in church, Lord, accept our apology, \*

## **PRAYER FOR THE SOULD IN PURGATORY**

**All:** O divine Heart of Jesus, grant, I pray Thee, eternal rest to the souls in purgatory, the final grace to those who are about to die this day, true repentance to sinners, the light of faith to pagans, and Thy blessing to me and to all who are dear to me. To Thee, therefore, O most loving Heart of Jesus, I commend all these souls, and in their behalf I offer unto Thee all Thy merits in union with the merits of Thy most blessed Mother and all the Angels and Saints, together with all the Masses, Communions, prayers and good works, which are this day being offered throughout Christendom. Amen.

## **THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

**SILENT MEDITATION** for the rest of the Hour

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE—Fourth Hour**

**Third Hour Hymn:            THE ANGELUS (*Start with the Angelus at Midnight*)**

**Leader:** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

**All:** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. HAIL MARY...

**Leader:** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**All:** Be it done unto me according to Thy Word. HAIL MARY...

**Leader:** And the word was made Flesh.

**All:** And dwelt among us. HAIL MARY...

**Leader:** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**All:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**LET US PRAY: (All)** Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS (IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)**

*(Melody: America the Beautiful)*

Upon the hill of Tepeyac  
Our Blessed Lady came.  
To Juan Diego she appeared  
And called to him by name.  
O Lady of the Americas  
Your portrait we revere.  
Enfold us in your loving arms,  
Our Queen and Mother dear.

She bade Juan fill his tilma then  
With roses of Castille  
As sign for which the Bishop asked  
Her presence to reveal.  
And on the cloth she had impressed  
Her portrait bright and clear  
That all who see may be convinced  
That she is ever near.

And Juan Diego's picture, too  
She kept within her eyes  
That future generations might  
Her knowledge realize.  
This proof of love she gave to us  
That we might never fear.  
Discouragement, anxiety,

All flee when she is near.

We thank You, Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, too,  
That You have sent Our Lady here  
To draw us close to You.  
O Lady of the Americas  
Your portrait we revere  
Enfold us in your loving arms  
Our Queen and Mother dear.

*Anna C. Pertsch*

**LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
**MARY**

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy.

**All:** Christ, have mercy.

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us.

**All:** Christ, graciously hear us.

**Leader:** God, the Father of Heaven,

**All:** Have mercy on us.

**Leader:** God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**All:** Have mercy on us.

**Leader:** God the Holy Spirit,

**All:** Have mercy on us.

**Leader:** Holy Trinity, One God.

**All:** Have mercy on us.

**Leader:** Holy Mary.

**All:** \* Pray for us. (Repeat this after each...)

Holy Mother of God, \*

Holy Virgin of virgins, \*

Mother of Christ, \*

Mother of divine grace, \*

Mother most pure, \*

Mother most chaste, \*

Mother inviolate, \*

Mother undefiled, \*

Mother most amiable, \*

Mother most admirable, \*

Mother of good counsel, \*

Mother of our Creator, \*

Mother of our Savior, \*

Virgin most prudent, \*

Virgin most venerable, \*

Virgin most renowned, \*

Virgin most powerful, \*

Virgin most merciful, \*

Virgin most faithful, \*

Mirror of justice, \*

Seat of wisdom, \*

Cause of our joy, \*

Spiritual vessel, \*

Vessel of honor, \*

Singular vessel of devotion, \*

Mystical rose, \*

Tower of David, \*

Tower of ivory, \*

House of gold, \*

Ark of the covenant, \*

Gate of Heaven, \*

Morning star, \*

Health of the sick, \*

Refuge of sinners, \*

Comforter of the afflicted, \*

Help of the Christians, \*

Queen of angels, \*

Queen of patriarchs, \*

Queen of prophets, \*

Queen of Apostles, \*

Queen of martyrs, \*

Queen of confessors, \*

Queen of virgins, \*

Queen of all saints, \*

Queen conceived without original sin, \*

Queen assumed into Heaven, \*

Queen of the most holy Rosary, \*

Queen of peace, \*

**Leader:** Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world

**All:** Spare us, O Lord.

**Leader:** Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world

**All:** Graciously hear us, O Lord.

**Leader:** Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world

**All:** Have mercy on us.

**Leader:** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**All:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### **PIUS XII PRAYER TO OUR QUEEN (Reign Prayer)**

**All:** Out of the depths of this valley of tears, through which suffering humanity painfully struggles, up from the billows of this sea endlessly buffeted by the waves of suffering, we raise our eyes to you, most beloved Mother Mary, to be comforted by the contemplation of your glory and to hail you as Queen of Heaven and earth, Queen and Mother of mankind. With legitimate filial pride, we wish to exalt your queenship and to recognize it as due to the sovereign excellence of your entire being, O dearest one truly Mother of Him Who is King by right, by inheritance and by conquest.

Reign, O Mother and queen, by showing us the path of holiness, and by guiding and assisting us that we may never stray from it. In the heights of heaven, you exercise your primacy over the choirs of angels, who acclaim you as their sovereign, and over the legions of saints who delight in beholding your radiant beauty. So, too, reign over the entire human race above all by opening the path of faith to those who do not yet know your Divine Son.

Reign over the Church which acknowledges and extols your gentle dominion and has recourse to you as a safe refuge amid the calamities of our day. Reign especially over that part of the Church which is persecuted and oppressed; give it strength to bear adversity, constancy never to yield under unjust compulsion, light to avoid falling into the snares of the enemy, firmness to resist overt attack, and at every moment unwavering faithfulness to your kingdom. Reign over the minds of men, that they may seek only what is true; over their wills, that they may follow solely what is good; over their hearts, that they may love nothing but what you yourself love.

Reign over individuals and over families, as well as over societies and nations; over the assemblies of the powerful, the counsel of the wise, as over the simple aspirations of the humble. Reign in the streets and in the squares, in the cities and the villages, in the valleys and the mountains, in the air, on land and on the sea; hear the pious prayer of all those who recognize that yours is a reign of mercy; in which every petition is heard, every sorrow comforted, every misfortune relieved, every infirmity healed and which, at a gesture from your gentle hands, from death itself, there arises smiling life.

Obtain for us, that all who now, in every corner of the world, acclaim and hail you Queen and Mistress, may one day in heaven enjoy the fullness of your kingdom in the vision of your Divine Son, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

### **THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

## BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Hymn A or B)

### (A) DOWN IN ADORATION FALLING

Down in adoration falling  
Lo, the Sacred Host we hail!  
Lo, o'er ancient forms departing  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying  
Where our feeble senses fail.  
To the everlasting Father,  
And the Son who reigns on high;  
With the Holy Ghost proceeding  
Forth from each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor, blessing  
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

### (B) TANTUM ERGO

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui.  
Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.  
Genitori Genitoque  
Laus et jubilatio,  
Salus honor, virtus quoque,  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen

**Priest:** You have given them Bread from heaven (Alleluia).

**All:** Containing in Itself all delight (Alleluia).

**Priest:** Let us pray. O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of Your Passion, grant, we implore You, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood as always to be conscious of the fruit of Your Redemption. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



# 9 Days for Life

***Your prayers matter. Your sacrifices make a difference.***

**What:** *9 Days for Life* is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage. Marking the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy), this novena has as its overarching intention the end to abortion.

However, as Catholics, we recognize the inherent dignity of every person in every circumstance and at every stage of life—from conception to death. In addition to the topic of abortion, this novena highlights many other ways we are called to bear witness to and defend the immeasurable worth of each person and his or her life.

*9 Days for Life* is an opportunity to:

- Pray for the respect and protection of each person and his or her life.
- Reflect upon God, our relationship with him, and our role in his loving plan.
- Make reparation for “violations to the dignity of the human person” (GIRM, no. 373).
- Inform ourselves about life issues that affect daily life in this country.
- Build up a culture of life through prayer and other concrete actions.

This initiative includes different intercessions, reflections, actions, and resources for each day of the novena.

**When:** January 16-24, 2016

**Who:** Leaders in local parishes, schools, dioceses, ministries, and other organizations are encouraged to incorporate *9 Days for Life* into their regular programming and/or to host special, related events during this time.

Catholics throughout the country, as well as anyone else who wants to join, are invited to participate in both the nationwide novena, as well as local programming.

**How:**

- *Nationwide novena (available in both English and Spanish):* Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages. Print versions of each day’s content are also available to download.
- *Leader Resources:* Visit [www.goo.gl/JzZak6](http://www.goo.gl/JzZak6)\* for promotional, prayer, and programmatic resources: social media kit; pulpit and bulletin announcements; promotional flyer, graphics, and articles for redistribution; youth/young adult ministry guide; pro-life Rosary prayer intentions; Holy Hour template; and more! (Most resources are available in both English and Spanish.)



\* Full URL: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/9-days-for-life-resources-for-leaders.cfm>


**9DAYS FOR LIFE**  
PRAYER • PENANCE • PILGRIMAGE

**YOUR PRAYERS MATTER.  
YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**





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# DAY ONE

January 16, 2016

## Intercession

For the conversion of all hearts and the end to abortion.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

Today's Gospel reading (Mk 2:13-17) recounts Jesus dining with tax collectors and sinners. When the Pharisees question Jesus about this, he responds, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." In a society where millions of people have fallen prey to the false promises of the culture of death, let us witness to the mercy of Jesus and invite all who've been wounded to experience his abundant love and healing.

## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Go to an abortion clinic and pray, or set aside an hour today to pray for those who are struggling with a decision of life or death for their unborn child.
- Spend some time reflecting upon today's Gospel passage.
- Use Facebook or another form of social media to post something that builds up the culture of life.

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## One Step Further

Pope Saint John Paul II described the "culture of life" as "the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" in his encyclical *The Gospel of Life* (no. 77). Do we build up the culture of life by living in truth and in love? Are we the kind of people whom a woman could and would come to if she found out she were pregnant and needed loving support and encouragement?

If a woman did come to you after becoming unexpectedly pregnant in difficult circumstances, would you know how to support her? "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting" ([www.goo.gl/cX06ol](http://www.goo.gl/cX06ol))\* provides simple, concrete tips on how to provide loving, life-affirming support for a friend who is unexpectedly pregnant.



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# DAY TWO

January 17, 2016

## Intercession

May those near the end of their lives receive medical care that respects their dignity and protects their lives.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

When Maggie's active father suffered an accident that eventually led to his passing, Maggie's conversations with him turned to life's more serious topics, and his final days became a time that was cherished by the whole family. During this time, Maggie's dad taught her that "dignity can't be diminished by pain or loss of personal control," that "Jesus was walking along with him," and that "our suffering is not meaningless when we unite it with Christ's own suffering."

As a 50-year-old wife and mother of three, Maggie needed this message in a dramatically new way when she was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Instead of giving up hope, she embraced the legacy her father had left her, cherishing the life she still had left: "[M]y life is, always has been, and always will be, worth living." Read more about her experience in "Maggie's Story: Living like Dad" ([www.goo.gl/QuLz1P](http://www.goo.gl/QuLz1P)).\*

## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Take time to write a handwritten note to someone who is lonely or needing encouragement.
- Read about the life of a modern (19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century) saint. You might be surprised by how much you have in common with them.
- Go to bed a little early tonight, and spend some time talking and listening to God.

## One Step Further

Meet Maggie in the brief, 3-minute video (available at [www.goo.gl/4HM8Ib](http://www.goo.gl/4HM8Ib))\* that inspired the article, "Maggie's Story: Living like Dad" ([www.goo.gl/QuLz1P](http://www.goo.gl/QuLz1P)).\*

*"I saw with my own two eyes what joy can be found in just valuing every moment. ... [My dad] left us a legacy of that time that he gave us. He could have checked out right away and said, 'I'm done with this.' But he didn't. He stuck around, and he said, 'I'm here for you.'"*

– "Maggie's Story" (video)



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# DAY THREE

January 18, 2016

## Intercession

May those who long for a child of their own be filled with trust in God's loving plan.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

It can be very difficult and painful when the Lord doesn't answer our prayers the way we hope. We may have many doubts and questions, wondering why we face the challenges that we do. Yet even though our suffering is often shrouded in a sense of mystery, we believe that the Lord loves us with great tenderness and compassion that is beyond our imagination. Knowing this, we can trust that "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28).

## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Smile. Ask God today for the grace to be extra joyful, and share your love for Christ with those who need that encouragement the most today.
- Today, pray the Rosary, or even just a decade, for someone who has hurt or disappointed you, and ask for the grace to forgive that person.
- We can sometimes forget how blessed we are to have many of our daily comforts. Give up sleeping with your pillow tonight.

## One Step Further

The article on infertility on the USCCB's For Your Marriage website ([www.goo.gl/Jdmuy3](http://www.goo.gl/Jdmuy3)),\* addresses the topic sensitively and gives practical guidance for married couples who are walking on this road. Although geared to such couples, the article is also helpful for anyone to read, offering insight into the experience of infertility and giving awareness of the need for sensitivity in our relationships with those who may be affected.



\*Full URL:

[www.foryourmarriage.org/everymarriage/overcoming-obstacles/infertility/](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/everymarriage/overcoming-obstacles/infertility/)

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# DAY FOUR

January 19, 2016

## Intercession

May children awaiting adoption be welcomed into loving families.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us to “hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm” (Heb 6:18-19). We pray that children awaiting adoption would be filled with the hope of Christ and “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding” (Phil 4:7). We also remember that we too can cling fast to this anchor of hope, for we have received “a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, ‘Abba, Father!’” (Rom 8:15). May our loving Father envelop each of us in his love today and open our eyes in faith, that we may see and rejoice in his love.

## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Make an act of faith, hope or love. ([www.goo.gl/QiIqQW](http://www.goo.gl/QiIqQW))
- Today, ignore your sweet tooth. Make healthy eating choices.
- Make a “quiet hour” today, turning off all electronic devices (cell phone, iPod, computer, television, radio, video game system), and retreat to your room. Spend some time in prayer or prayerful reading.

## One Step Further

In “An Adoption Love Story,” Jenny\* shares her and her husband’s story of adopting their son, Andrew. Read about some of the challenges, concerns, and joys on their journey at [www.goo.gl/S5OxL7](http://www.goo.gl/S5OxL7).\*

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# DAY FIVE

January 20, 2016

## Intercession

For an end to the use of the death penalty in our country.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

As Catholics, we believe and put our hope in a merciful and loving God. We are conscious of our own brokenness and need for redemption. Our Lord calls us to imitate him more perfectly by witnessing to the inherent dignity of every person, including those whose actions have been despicable. Our faith and hope is in the mercy of God who says to us, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Mt 5:7) and “I desire mercy, not sacrifice” (Mt 9:13). As Christians we are called to oppose the culture of death by witnessing to something greater and more perfect: a gospel of life, hope and mercy.

## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Clean a room in your house without being asked or without telling anyone. Pray for your family members while you clean, “[a]nd your Father who sees in secret will repay you” (Matthew 6:6).
- Read about a Church teaching you don’t understand in the Catechism ([www.google.com/cu4OBs](http://www.google.com/cu4OBs)).
- Make an honest assessment of your “giving finances” — are you giving too little? Make a resolution to give a set weekly or monthly donation to your parish or favorite local charity.

## One Step Further

For some people who are committed to upholding the sanctity of human life, the death penalty can present a challenge. Properly understood, however, Catholic teaching against the death penalty is both persuasive and eminently pro-life. Find out why in “Life Matters: A Catholic Response to the Death Penalty” at [www.google.com/OIEb7P](http://www.google.com/OIEb7P).\*

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# DAY SIX

January 21, 2016

## Intercession

May all people reject pornography and discover the true meaning of love through an encounter and relationship with Christ.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

Today we honor the life of St. Agnes, a 12 or 13-year-old girl martyred in Rome in 304 AD. Agnes never wavered in her commitment to remain a virgin and to give her whole life to the Lord, refusing proposals to marry. Her innocence and heroism facing death helped bring an end to the persecutions of Christians in Rome. Following the example of St. Agnes, let us remain steadfast in recognizing Christ, who is Love Incarnate, as the source and summit of our lives. May his love give us the determination and courage to live for him and for others, especially the most vulnerable among us. St. Agnes, pray for us!

## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Don't push the snooze button. Get right out of bed and offer your day in prayer to God.
- Fast from snacking today. Eat three meals only.
- It's easy to put our headphones on and ignore our siblings or parents. Instead, enjoy the opportunity you have to talk to them; ask them how they are doing.

## One Step Further

We are created with a desire to love and be loved. We long to be known, understood, and accepted for who we are. Pornography, in contrast, distracts us from our call to love. Learn more about the spiritual, emotional, and neurological impact of pornography in *Life Matters: Pornography and Our Call to Love*" ([www.goo.gl/TkTpTV](http://www.goo.gl/TkTpTV)).\*

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# DAY SEVEN

January 22, 2016

## Intercession

May each person suffering from the loss of a child through abortion find hope & healing in Christ.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

Today, on this 43rd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, we consider the past four decades in which our society has legally permitted abortion. Since that tragic decision, many children's lives have been lost, and many suffer that loss—often in silence. Yet God's greatest desire is to forgive. No matter how far we have each strayed from his side, he says to us, "Don't be afraid. Draw close to my heart."

*"In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. ... We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to welcome you"* ("God's Gift of Forgiveness": [www.goo.gl/oXNDBj](http://www.goo.gl/oXNDBj)).\* Let us run into the arms of Jesus, who is love and mercy.

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## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Today, go visit an adoration chapel and spend some time with Jesus.
- Go to confession—today, if possible—or during this week. Before you go, look up St. Faustina and learn a little about the message of Divine Mercy she shared during her life.
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet ([www.goo.gl/hD0ijW](http://www.goo.gl/hD0ijW)) for those who are suffering the loss of a child through abortion, asking that they find healing and peace.

## One Step Further

- Hope After Abortion ([www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com))
- "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion" ([www.goo.gl/bz3pld](http://www.goo.gl/bz3pld))\*
- "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion" ([www.goo.gl/J2WGnW](http://www.goo.gl/J2WGnW))\*



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# DAY EIGHT

January 23, 2016

## Intercession

For an end to all domestic violence.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

“A correct reading of Scripture leads people to an understanding of the equal dignity of men and women and to relationships based on mutuality and love. Beginning with Genesis, Scripture teaches that women and men are created in God's image.” (“When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women,” USCCB 2002. See: [www.goo.gl/3n0373](http://www.goo.gl/3n0373)).

## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Do you love your cup of tea or coffee in the morning? Fast from caffeine today, or try your coffee black.
- Learn how to pray the Angelus prayer and consider saying it every day — on awakening, at noon or at 6 p.m. (or all three times).
- Give up your favorite form (or all forms) of social media for the day. Spend some of the extra time meditating upon a Scripture verse or passage.

## One Step Further

Three in four Americans are reported to know a victim of domestic violence. Learn to recognize some of the signs in “Life Matters: Domestic Violence,” which discusses the painful assault on human dignity that is domestic violence. Read the article at [www.goo.gl/gVJ9fd](http://www.goo.gl/gVJ9fd).

(Additional resources available at [www.goo.gl/CpKtLF](http://www.goo.gl/CpKtLF) and [www.goo.gl/ajGdPz](http://www.goo.gl/ajGdPz).)

*If you believe someone you know may be in a troubled situation, you should call a domestic violence hotline number for assistance, or encourage the person to call the hotline or emergency services themselves.*



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# DAY NINE

January 24, 2016

## Intercession

May we see and live the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, and that our lives—all our lives—are worth living.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love.

In “A Perfect Gift,” one parent shares about the experience of raising a child with Down syndrome, contrasting it with what onlookers might perceive: “It’s like looking at a stained-glass window from the outside: The colors look dark, and you can’t quite make out the figures. From the inside, however, with the sun shining through it, the effect can be brilliant. From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie.\* What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color.” May each of us experience the power of God’s transforming love, that our eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of the people the Lord places in our lives.

## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Say a prayer for your parish priest ([www.goo.gl/jqOiNS](http://www.goo.gl/jqOiNS)). Without our priests, we could not have the Mass or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Pray for your deceased relatives and those who have no one to pray for them.
- Spend quality time with a family member or friend; offer to help them with something with which they need assistance.

## One Step Further

Charlie’s mother shares in “A Perfect Gift” that when people say, “I could never handle a child with a disability,” she explains to them, “[Y]ou aren’t given *a* child with a disability. You are given *your* child with a disability. ...You are not called to ‘handle’ a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love. ...Our [family’s] hearts...have become larger [by caring for Charlie].”

She also talks about the “secret” that is the fundamental truth of our existence, which she and other parents of children with Down syndrome share. Find out what it is in “A Perfect Gift,” available at [www.goo.gl/QbXpcn](http://www.goo.gl/QbXpcn).\*\*

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## ALL SAINTS Day—November 1

### SIMPLE STEPS FOR “HOME MADE” SAINTS:

1. **A Prayerful Spirit:** develop a habit of prayer—before meals and bedtime, before soccer games and recitals, when sick or anxious about something, when saying good-bye, when there is a loss, a victory, hurt feelings or happy occasions. Make all kinds of prayer a part of family living: spontaneous, memorized, from books or tapes, out loud, quietly to self, together, alone.
2. **A Spirit of Love:** Saints are experts at loving the way Jesus did: in ordinary human events like listening patiently to siblings, correcting children gently, cooking and cleaning faithfully, respecting differences in each other, sacrificing one’s own desires for the good of another, setting and enforcing limits for children, visiting elderly relatives . . . . All these family actions, done in a spirit of love, are holy!
3. **Readiness to Forgive:** The ability to forgive injuries and hurts, however difficult, is a sure sign of holiness! We’re on our way to sainthood when we forgive our spouse or children, reconcile with a brother or sister, uncle or aunt, continue to stay in touch with those who have hurt us, invite relatives to family gatherings even though they do not reciprocate.
4. **A Strong Sense of Justice:** Parenting is saint-making. Saints are people who probably learned early in life to take turns, share resources, respect others’ rights and their property, resolve conflict peacefully, do their share of work for the common good. All these things are part of good parenting skills.
5. **Fidelity to Commitment:** At home, we may never be martyred or suffer persecution for Christ’s sake, but when we are faithful in everyday ways to spouse, children and parents, we are signs of God’s faithfulness to them . . . and that’s holy.
6. **A Spirit of Peace and Joy:** Someone once said, “Joy is the echo of God’s life in us.” Saints are people filled with joy and peace wherever they are: in kitchens doing dishes, in cars driving to school, in dark bedrooms comforting fears, on front porches welcoming family home!
7. **A Spirit of Service and Compassion:** Saints not only love God a lot, they *show it* in compassion and service of others. Saint-making at home happens whenever we listen with care to the frustrations and hurts of family members, labor long hours to prepare for a birthday celebration, call family members together to help with parish or community service projects, or give money and time to earthquake victims.

(Adapted with permission from “Saints: Past, Present & Future,” A Christopher News Note.)

In addition to dressing up in costume and begging for candy door to door, the following are some ways to celebrate the Christian meaning of All Hallows Eve, the next day, which is All Saints Day, and the following day, the Feast of All Souls:

### **Saints Costumes**

On the eve of All Saints, consider dressing children in saint's costumes and giving a portion of whatever goodies are collected to the poor. Or trick or treat for UNICEF.

### **Patron Saint Information**

In preparation for All Saints Day, help each child find information about his/her name saint—or a favorite saint. Each family member can decorate a placemat or poster with the saint's name and a simple drawing (or cut-out pictures) to represent that saint.

### **Patron Saint Sharing**

On All Saints Day, give each member of the family a picture, book or symbol of his/her name saint. Give each one an opportunity to tell the family what is important about the patron saint. Parents may wish to explain why names were chosen or tell stories about ancestors who had these names before them. Do this around a special meal or at bedtime.

### **Prayer**

On All Souls Day, make a visit to church to pray for all your loved ones who have died. Talk about what part of those persons lives on in family traditions and memories (like Grandma's pie recipe or Uncle Pete's funny stories).

### **Cemetery Visit**

Visit the cemetery to pray at the graves of family and friends. Talk openly about death with children. Explain to children about the new life after death. If you have forgotten or do not know about the "communion of saints," look up some information about it to share with family, emphasizing the ongoing relationship with those who have gone before us.

### **Decorations**

Decorate your home with pictures and memorabilia of relatives and friends who have died. Make All Souls day a happy day of celebration and remembrance. Line up pictures on the mantle or kitchen shelf and leave them out long enough to show neighbors and friends.

### **Begin Healing**

If there is a recent death in your family, take the opportunity on All Souls Day to talk with a friend or counselor about unresolved fears or feelings of loss. Purchase a good book or seek out a program that deals with the grief process. Mark this day as the beginning of your efforts to heal the loss.

## CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN, ALL SAINTS, AND ALL SOULS

October 31 • November 1 • November 2



“All Hallows Eve,” or *Halloween* as it came to be called, refers to the evening before All Saints Day. This holiday originated as an ancient pagan festival for the dead.

The feasts of All Souls and All Saints were placed over these old holidays by Christians and the emphasis was changed to celebrating the memory of those who were “saints” in the Christian tradition and those faithful departed souls of friends and family.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving for Saints and Souls

All: We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past:

Side 1: For Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah, his wife,

Side 2: For Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest,

Side 1: For Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, and Samuel with Hannah, his mother,

Side 2: For Isaiah and all the prophets,

Side 1: For Mary, the mother of our Lord,

Side 2: For Peter and Paul and all the apostles,

Side 1: For Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene,

Side 2: For Stephen, the first martyr, and all the martyrs and saints in every age and in every land,

Side 1: For the holy men and women in our family who have been examples of faith for us.

All: In Your mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as You gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born of many from the dead. Amen.

# MARRIAGE PREPARATION

**FOCCUS**—The FOCCUS Inventory is designed to help engaged couples appreciate their unique relationship, learn more about themselves, and discuss topics important to their lifelong marriage. It is essential to promote healthy, happy, permanent relationships. It help couples enhance their relationship by discussing important topics including communication, problem-solving, religion, dual careers, parenting, intimacy, finances and more.

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**—Engaged Encounter is a retreat for engaged couples to get away from the daily grind and take time to truly focus on each other and the life they are starting together. A couple that comes into the weekend with an open mind and heart will get the chance to further deepen their relationship in a meaningful and real way without outside input or distraction. The couple will have quality time to focus on each other and discuss ambitions, goals, attitudes about God, sex, money, children, family, and their role in the church and community.

**CATHOLICMARRIAGEPREP.COM**—A one-on-one online mentor program taught by a married instructor couple. The program covers the theological and sacramental aspects of marriage and sexuality and expands on the life-skills couples will need throughout their marriage. It has been especially useful for couples with irregular schedules or those separated by distance during their engagement. Online worksheets foster conversation between the couple, and are followed up with personalized feedback from their instructor mentor couple.

**GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE**—A 6-Part study based on Blessed John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The program is a key component of marriage preparation, catechesis in the theology of marriage and the gift of human sexuality. It provides couples with a rich understanding of the teaching of the Church and offers them the tools to live them out in married life. When engaged couples understand God's plan for marriage—including a clear and pastoral explanation of the "difficult teachings"—they come away with a sense of liberation and gratitude toward the Church.

**LIVING A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE**—A virtue based, life-skills marriage preparation program designed to help engaged/married couples set patterns of thought and behavior that will ensure a lifelong, joy-filled marriage. This program can be used with God's Plan For A Joy-Filled Marriage for a complete marriage preparation offering or each can be used individually. A three stage approach is incorporated in this program: Learning, Discuss & Discover and Plan & Build. It springs from the teachings of Blessed John Paul II's message to families and couples to seek their identity and mission in Christ's call to Love.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**—NFP is an opportunity for couples to learn about their natural signs of fertility to plan or postpone pregnancy without using drugs or mechanical devices. It is a way to help couples who have experienced infertility as well as couples who have normal fertility. It is highly reliable, medically safe and easy to learn. NFP is morally acceptable in all major religions as a responsible means to postpone pregnancy and regulate family size. It promotes intimacy, protects new life and is helpful to couples who experience infertility by identifying and treating many reproductive health problems.

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