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## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**COUNCIL OF PRIESTS' MINUTES** from September 13, 2016 is enclosed.

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH.** Promotional and educational materials from the USCCB were mailed to each parish in September. *On Respect Life Sunday, October 2, 2016 and especially throughout this month of October, please join me in reflection and prayer for the sacredness of every human being.* 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: **"MOVED BY MERCY"** and how this truth affects both our understanding of ourselves and others and the way we live. Please refer to my letter enclosed.

**DIOCESAN DAY OF MERCY (October 9<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm).** Please refer to my email of Friday September 16, 2016 containing clarification of this special opportunity **designed and intended for Catholics who are marginalized or who have not been to Confession for a long time.**

**While the Sacrament of Reconciliation on our Diocesan *Day of Mercy* (Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>) is open to all Catholics, we especially ask your help in conveying the information about this special day to Catholics who are marginalized or who have not come to the Sacrament of Confession for a long time. Giving a family member, coworker, or friend a copy of the *Day of Mercy* brochure (or at least the information from the brochure) is a great evangelizing outreach effort! If you already regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please allow your hurting brothers and sisters in Christ to make use of this special opportunity on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, and plan on celebrating the Sacrament yourself at one of the regularly scheduled times in your parish.**

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASSES** are Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Hays and on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish in Salina.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY** is October 30<sup>th</sup> the last Sunday of October. This 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. It is a good time to talk about the need for vocations to keep the priesthood vital, and about how other priests may have been an inspiration or how you experienced and answered your own calling. 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 community. Without a priest, no parish is able to be a Eucharistic Community.

## **OFFICE OF THE BISHOP ( cont.)**

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK** sponsored by the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations is encouraged during the week of November 6-12, 2016. 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. ***Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision.... Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love—Pope Francis.***

**SEMINARIAN SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The Seminarian special collection is scheduled for the weekend of November 12-13 in all parishes. 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 13 men who, with God's grace and our prayers, will one day join us in priestly ministry. Your efforts to support this collection serve 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, and for your support in the endeavor to surface potential names from your parishioners as presented and discussed at the Priests' Renewal Days in Wichita. Please refer to my email of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> to all Priests and PLC's.

***DIOCESAN VOCATION PRAYER CARDS: Special thanks and appreciation to all parishes for incorporating the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations that was presented two years ago. We still have a supply of Vocation Prayer cards for any parishes needing more in either English or Spanish. Please contact Clara in my office at [chancery2@salinadiocese.org](mailto:chancery2@salinadiocese.org). Parishes are asked to pray regularly in their parishes and schools.***

**PROMOTION OF OUR DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER – *The Register*:** Please refer to my two letters enclosed with this SDNB mailing and to further information under **THE REGISTER** section of this SDNB.

1. Letter to Priests and PLCs dated October 2016 with pertinent details.
2. Letter which will be published in the November 11<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 Karen Bonar, Editor of *The Register* at [newspaper1@salinadiocese.org](mailto:newspaper1@salinadiocese.org)

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTON: DEC. 10-11, 2016:** This is a bit early, but since this is so early in December, 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.

## **OFFICE OF VICAR GENERAL**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is Sunday, October 23, 2016. This year marks the 90th anniversary of World Missionary Day, first approved by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is appropriate to recall the wise instructions that Predecessors ordered that this Society be destined all the offerings collected in every diocese, parish, religious community, association and ecclesial movement throughout the world for the care of Christian communities in need and for supporting the proclamation of the Gospel even to the ends of the earth. Today too we believe in this sign of missionary ecclesial communion. Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity. 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. Please refer to the October 14<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.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERTS** for the month of October 2016 are listed below in both English and Spanish. Your continued support in promoting this important cause within your parishes is appreciated.

October – **ALERT** The United States is one of the destination countries for human trafficking. Victims originate from nations such as Russia, Ukraine, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Czech Republic, Mexico and India. Victims are brought here to work in fields, sweatshops, homes, restaurants, motels, hotels, and brothels. Ending this slavery is everyone's work. Learn more by going to **sistersagainstrafficking.org** a site of **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**. Share information with your family and friends.

Octubre - **ALERTA** Los Estados Unidos es uno de los países de destino de la trata de personas. Las víctimas proceden de países como: Rusia, Ucrania, Malasia, Filipinas, Tailandia, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, República Checa, México y la India. Las víctimas son traídas aquí para trabajar en campos, talleres, hogares, restaurantes, moteles, hoteles y burdeles. Poner fin a esta esclavitud es trabajo de todos. Para más información visite: **sistersagainstrafficking.org** el sitio de las **hermanas católicas contra la trata de personas de los Estados Unidos**. Por favor comparte esta información con su familia y amigos.

## **OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS**

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

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

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

**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 a few parishes that have not yet sent them in. 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.

**EXPLANATION FOR FORMS:** Some of the forms are coming back with the wrong figures on the Statistical Overview Section. When they ask for number of registered parishioner households, they are asking for the total number of units. When they ask for estimated number of individual Catholics, they are asking for the Total Number of Men, Women and Children in your parish. These numbers should be comparable to the numbers on your Annual Reports sent into the diocese.

**WAGE AND HOUR COMPLIANCE MANUAL:** As you may be aware, the Wage and Hour Compliance Manual can now be found on the Diocese of Salina's website [www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org) in the Human Resource section. If you have any questions regarding the DOL new wage rules and regulations please contact Pamela Sullivan.

**POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ON PARISH PROPERTY:** Political season once again has arrived! It is imperative that you remember that Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code prohibits organizations that are exempt from federal income tax, including Catholic organizations, from participating or intervening in political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Tax exempt status could be jeopardized if a Catholic organization is found in violation of this prohibition. The Catholic Church encourages everyone to get involved in the political process; however, political activities on parish property are generally prohibited. Please be very cautious in the upcoming months.

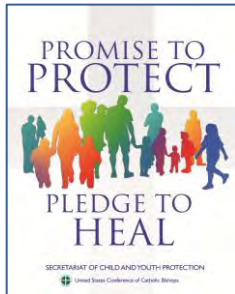
**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT POSTERS:** Throughout the year, you may receive mailings that pertain to employee related posters that either the Federal or State government mandates be displayed in the workplace site. Please be advised, specific employment posters should be displayed in a conspicuous area where employees frequent and are likely to read. For practical purposes, that usually translates to the break room. Many question which posters should be posted, as required by law, and which are not required. You may go online to <http://www.dol.ks.gov/Laws/Posters.aspx>, which is the website to the Kansas Department of Labor. It lists the posters that need to be posted in the workplace site. You may also download the posters free of charge from that site.

From time to time, the Department of Labor will send an auditor to places of business to inspect postings to ensure the business is in compliance with the law. If the appropriate posters are not displayed your workplace could be fined for each poster not displayed. To keep your schools and parish offices in compliance, I am recommending that each of you either download each poster (free of charge) from the above-mentioned website and post the required posters individually at your workplace site or order an all-in-one poster for Kansas from a reputable company that specializes in selling these types of posters. The all-in-one poster will contain all of the postings required in Kansas so that you won't have to clutter your workplace site with many different posters.

If you have any questions regarding the DOL new wage rules and regulations, the prohibition of political activities on parish property and/or employment related posters, please do not hesitate to contact Pamela Sullivan at [pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org](mailto:pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org) or call the chancery (785) 827.8746.

## **OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY**

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



**Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline – 785-825-0865:**

For the safety and the healing of children the Diocese of Salina Provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. Calls to this number will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, who will offer to have the Victim’s Assistance Coordinator meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

Any allegation of child abuse concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to the **Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330)** as required

by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy:

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

**As we continue to model and teach** appropriate internet usage to our children and within our parishes and schools, please see the attached issue of our Safe Environment Newsletter, **The Shepherd**. Please take note of the “remember” box. Have you reviewed the Social Media Code of Conduct lately? Have your volunteers, employees and educators?

## **OFFICE OF NEW EVANGELIZATION**

**Day of Mercy** - The priests of the diocese are already working on preparations for the Day of Mercy on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, parish staffs, pastoral council members, catechists, volunteers, and any parishioners are encouraged to consider the ways that they can assist in advertising and promoting in the wider community this special invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information and resources for the Day of Mercy, go to <http://salinadiocese.org/home/year-of-mercy>

## **THE REGISTER**

**The Nov. 11 issue of The Register** will include a donation envelope for 2017. 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. 22-23)**

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 \$25 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. If you would like to help cover the cost of a subscription for a family who cannot afford a donation, please add an additional \$15 to your donation. Your Nov. 11 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. 29-30)**

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 \$25 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. If you would like to help cover the cost of a subscription for a family who cannot afford a donation, please add an additional \$15 to your donation. Your Nov. 11 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. 5-6)**

Read 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 \$25 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. If you would like to help cover the cost of a subscription for a family who cannot afford a donation, please add an additional \$15 to your donation. Your Nov. 11 issue will include an 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. 12-13)**

Your Nov. 11 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 \$25 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. If you would like to help cover the cost of a subscription for a family who cannot afford a donation, please add an additional \$15 to your donation. Please return your donation envelope as soon as possible with your contribution for 2017. 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!

## **OFFICE OF THE REGISTER (cont.)**

**Reminder:** Fall is here and many activities are resuming at parishes. If you wish to submit a story or photo, please email the item to [newspaper1@salinadiocese.org](mailto:newspaper1@salinadiocese.org).

Many parishes have fall events that they have advertised in the past. A quick reminder about ads: **Your ad must be FULLY designed and ready to go when you send it to me - unless you want to re-run an ad that you've had in years past & just change the date or other minor type changes.**

Ad/story/photo deadlines:

October 14 Weds. Oct. 5

October 28 Weds. Oct. 19

November 11 Weds. Nov. 2

November 25 Tues. Nov. 15 (early due to Thanksgiving)

December 9 Weds. Nov. 30

December 23 Weds. Dec. 14

## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

**The USCCB Respect Life Program** begins with Respect Life Sunday October 2, 2016 and continues through the month of September 2017. The 2016-2017 theme is, **Moved by Mercy**. Every parish and school in the Salina diocese has received a packet from the Secretariat of Pro-life Activities full of information and examples of materials that can be ordered to help your parish or school promote support for the dignity of all human life. Respect Life Program information, including online ordering and some downloadable material, is also available @ [www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife)

Word of Life respect life petitions, bulletin briefs, and bulletin art for the month @ [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life). Simply click on the appropriate month and download. Also available in Spanish. These resources are from the USCCB and are free.

With elections upon us, it is important to understand how our Catholic faith influences our citizenship. Materials related to the USCCB document, **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship** (including the document itself), are available online. Video and downloads @ [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship). The Kansas bishops also have an excellent short video out on conscience and voting for the 2016 elections. It is viewable on the diocesan website or @ <https://youtu.be/NgDyEPil-Ak> Perfect for social media.

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

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

**Mission Co-op Collections** – Please send your Mission Co-op Collections in as soon as you can. Please make sure to designate "Mission Co-op" on the envelope to help avoid any confusion with the upcoming World Mission Sunday collection. Also, if you have any Mission Co-op evaluation forms, please send them in to our office at the chancery. These evaluations are a great help in determining future missionary groups for presentations in our diocese.

## **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE/NFP**

**SINGLE PARENT NETWORKER:** The publication will not be available for October.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES--LAST REMINDER:** There will be two sites hosting the Anniversary Masses – St. Joseph Parish, Hays, Sunday, October 23, 3:00 P.M. and St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish, Salina, Sunday, October 30, 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 [claudia.commerford@salinadiocese.org](mailto:claudia.commerford@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 Divorce Survival Guide* was created to bring hope and healing to divorced Catholics. The program is available for check out from the Family Life Office (785-827-8746, Ext. 40, [familylife@salinadiocese.org](mailto: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 presenting the program anywhere in the Diocese. DVDs could also be checked out by an individual wishing to journal through the program on their own.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY:** Worldwide Marriage Encounter and Serra Club International are again promoting Priesthood Sunday, usually celebrated the last Sunday in October, which this year is October 30, 2016. The mission and purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to celebrate and affirm 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 express their gratitude 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 2016-2017**

February 10-12, 2017 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life- Victoria  
 April 28-30, 2017- Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life- Victoria  
 June 9-11, 2017- Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life- Victoria

### **GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY FILLED MARRIAGE SEMINAR DATES FOR 2016 -2017**

Oct. 8, 2016- Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Concordia  
 Dec. 3, 2016- Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Concordia  
 Feb. 18, 2017-Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Concordia

**BULLETIN INSERTS OR HANDOUTS:** Celebrating Halloween, All Saints, All Souls, Simple Steps for "Home Made" Saints and Domestic Violence Awareness Month resource Kit are all enclosed.



## **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

### **SEMINARIAN COLLECTION – November 12 & 13**

The Seminarian collection is scheduled for the weekend of **November 12 & 13**. Thank you for picking up your materials at the Priest's Renewal Day. Please continue to promote this collection from the pulpit in the next few weeks. As always, we are grateful for all that you do to assist us as we continue to promote and pray for much needed vocations in our Diocese.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**November 6-12, 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. A personal testimony is always powerful.

We are also asking each of you to help participate in the "Called by Name" project the weekend of Nov. 12. You should already have your parish resources (cards and envelopes) for this.

**November 12, 13, 14 – Encounter Weekend at Conception Seminary** The diocese will again be taking young men interested in the seminary to the encounter weekend. I would ask you to be proactive in inviting young quality men to consider making this trip. Feel free to contact Fr. Gale at [pastor@saintxparish.org](mailto:pastor@saintxparish.org) about this.

**Confirmation Retreats** in recent years Fr. Gale has given a number of Confirmation retreats, as part of his work in the vocations office. This helps him to get to know the youth of the diocese, and also familiarizes those attending the retreats with him. This year Fr. Gale will be leading the following retreats:

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Francis Xavier's in Junction City

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – St. Thomas More in Manhattan

If you would be interested in your confirmation class attending any of these retreats, please contact Fr. Gale and let him know. [pastor@saintxparish.org](mailto:pastor@saintxparish.org).

### **Intercessions for vocations**

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

## **OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY**

**DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION:** The date for our Convention is April 8-9, 2017. Please mark your calendars.

**JUNIOR CYO CAMP:** This camp is for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Rock Springs 4-H Camp. The date for this camp is May 27-30, 2017.

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC):** The date for NCYC is November 16-19, 2017. As you plan for this conference, remember that the present 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to attend next year as they will be freshmen in high school. More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **TOTUS TUUS (Summer 2017):**

We just finished TOTUS TUUS for this past summer. We thank the parishes that had the college age students and seminarians come to your parish for this program. A number of parishes have scheduled TOTUS TUUS for next summer:

June 3-9, 2017	FULL
June 10-16, 2017	OPEN
June 17-23, 2017	FULL
June 24-30, 2017	OPEN
July 8-14, 2017	2 openings
July 15-21, 2017	OPEN
July 22-18, 2017	3 openings

If you would like one of the teams to come to your parish please call 785-827-8746 as soon as possible.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR MEETINGS (Vicariate):**

October 3, 2016-----Colby, Sacred Heart Church Basement  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 4, 2016-----Hays, St. Nicholas Parish  
9:00 a.m. -noon

October 6, 2016-----Manhattan, St. Thomas More Parish  
9:00 a.m. - noon

October 6, 2016-----Salina, Chancery Conference Room  
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

Corey Lyon and Wendy Backes from the Office of Safety & Security will be presenting at this meeting regarding VIRTUS, Background Checks etc.

## **OFFICE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

### **Mercy Masses**

At the four Mercy Masses held in the Salina Diocese, a collection was taken for the Kansas Loan Pool Project (KLPP), the Catholic Charities program that assists people caught in the debt cycle of predatory lending. We appreciate your continued support of this project as we strive to bring awareness about the devastating impacts this form of lending has on individuals. In addition to the gift made by the visiting priest, Father Charles Tobin, generous contributions were collected at each mass:

Victoria	\$1,387.00
Salina	\$2,662.81
Colby	\$1,633.00
Manhattan	\$1,695.00

### **2016 Annual Appeal**

We are humbled and thankful for your support of the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Blessed are the Merciful. In the November SDNB we hope to report the parish totals, so please complete your parish submissions by the end of this month and send to **Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402-1366**. Please remember not to open the envelopes or process these donations as Catholic Charities staff prefers to handle all processing internally to enable proper acknowledgement of all donors.

As we strive to be good stewards of our resources, we appreciate receiving all unused envelopes and remittance forms at any of our office locations or the Chancery office so that we can use them in next year's appeal.

## **OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT**

### **SEMINARIAN COLLECTION – November 12 & 13**

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- **AGAIN THIS YEAR** ~ we are requesting that names and addresses of any Parishioners that give \$100.00 or more to the Seminarian appeal please be forwarded to Syndi Larez at the Chancery. Please process these donations as you normally would and submit just the usual parish check to the Chancery.

**BISHOP'S FUND 2017 Grant Applications** – The Bishop's Fund with the **Catholic Community Foundation** will begin taking applications on **OCTOBER 1** for needs at a Parish, Parish School or Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Salina. This includes any active ministries in the parish. **The application process is now done completely online.** The application can be found on the development page of the diocesan website under the Catholic Community Foundation under "grants". **The deadline for application is December 1, 2016.** If you have any questions, please either email: [syndi.larez@salinadiocese.org](mailto:syndi.larez@salinadiocese.org) or call Syndi at 785-827-8746.

## **OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT (cont.)**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL** - We are in the last quarter of the year and we making positive progress toward our Diocesan goal of 1 Million to assist the many ministries in the Diocese. We continue to be grateful for any promotion that you can give to this appeal. This fund helps to fund many of the ministries we have available in the diocese.

**PARISHIONER LIST** – Thank you for reviewing and returning your Parish List earlier this summer. For any parish that did not return their list, Lois will be sending a current list to you and we ask that you return it to us by November 17, so that we will be able to update our records. 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)

## **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. If you need any assistance, please contact Syndi Larez.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Updates for the Diocesan Directory:

1. Priest Council Membership – pg 12 – add Rev. Kevin Weber
2. Religious Ed. Coordinator and Youth Ministry:  
Concordia – pg. 33 – Lindy Meyer (pre K -12)
3. Grainfield Parish – pg. 36 & 103 – delete the Fax number  
Manhattan, Seven Dolors – pg.43 & 103 – delete the Fax number
4. Rev. Michael Elanjimattathil – pg 68 – email: [smqoapastor@ruraltel.net](mailto:smqoapastor@ruraltel.net)
5. Via Christi Hospital, Manhattan – pg. 17 – New CEO – Mr. Robert Copple  
Email: [robert.copple@via-christi.org](mailto:robert.copple@via-christi.org)
6. Secretary for Hoxie Parish – pg. 41 – Charlene Meier  
Religious Ed Coordinator – Bridget Koster
7. Rev. Leroy Metro has a new address -- pg. 72 -- 1068 Burr Oak Lane, Salina

# ~ November 2016 ~

◀ Oct 2016 <span style="float: right;">Dec 2016 ▶</span>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> All Saints Day Chancery Closed  Rural Life Board of Directors Meeting	<b>2</b> All Souls Day commemorated  Rural Life Board of Directors Meeting	<b>3</b>  Rural Life Board of Directors Meeting	<b>4</b>  Teachers' Institute S.H.H.S.	<b>5</b> Washington-Confirmation 4:30 pm, St. Augustine, w/Sacred Heart, Greenleaf
<b>6</b>  National Vocations Awareness Week	<b>7</b>  National Vocations Awareness Week	<b>8</b> Election Day  Priest Council-Victoria  National Vocations Awareness Week	<b>9</b>  National Vocations Awareness Week	<b>10</b> Catholic Charities Board Meeting  National Vocations Awareness Week	<b>11</b>  National Vocations Awareness Week	<b>12</b> Seminarian Collection Encounter w/God's Call, Conception, MO Year of Mercy ending Mass, 5:30 pm S.H. Cathedral-Salina National Vocations Awareness Week
<b>13</b> Seminarian Collection Encounter w/God's Call Weekend, Conception, MO Seminarian Annual Coll. Stewardship Sunday	<b>14</b> Encounter w/God's Call Weekend, Conception, MO USCCB-Baltimore, MD	<b>15</b> USCCB-Baltimore, MD	<b>16</b> USCCB-Baltimore, MD	<b>17</b> USCCB-Baltimore, MD	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Human Development Collection Weekend
<b>20</b> Human Development Collection Weekend	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Break Chancery closed	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Break Chancery closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  First Sunday of Advent	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Victoria Advent Day of Prayer for priests 10:30 -2:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>		



## Diocese of Salina

Office of the Bishop

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September 2016

Dear Priests and PLC's,

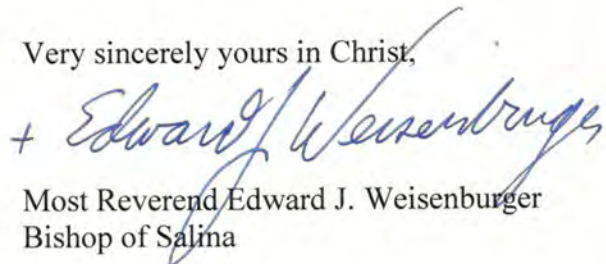
The USCCB Respect Life Program begins on Sunday, October 2, 2016 and continues through Sept of 2017. All parishes should have received earlier this month Respect Life Program materials direct from the USCCB, which responds to the needs of parishes, schools and other ministries for basic presentations of life issues. This year's theme designated by Pope Francis "**Moved by MERCY**" is especially timely in light of the renewed push for legalizing assisted suicide in many states, but is also applicable to the wide spectrum of life issues. The printed materials can also be viewed at [www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife). Other, online-only resources will continue to be posted.

The theme is displayed on the 22" x 17" poster and unpacked in the positive, one-page flyer that is ideal for use as a bulletin insert and can also be posted on a school or parish bulletin board. The flyer and poster are both double-sided with Spanish and English on the reverse sides. The set of six new Respect Life pamphlet articles use personal accounts, quotes, and practical tips to encourage respect for each person and his or her life while addressing a variety of topics: Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Abortion, Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation, Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility, Every Suicide is Tragic, and Bridges of Mercy for Post-abortion Healing. These articles are available to order in either English or Spanish and are also available online as bulletin inserts (in a new format from previous years).

This year's Resource Guide has an abundance of helpful supplemental guides to use during Respect Life Month.

With gratitude for your continued leadership in building a culture of life, and for making use of these materials, I am

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger  
Bishop of Salina



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October 2016

Dear Priests and PLC's,

As you know, we implemented some significant changes for *The Register* three 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 subscription payment (and requiring parishes to have at least a third of their units subscribe or pay the difference) we asked for a donation. Many people accepted our suggestion to add an additional donation 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. **We intend to continue this method of distributing *The Register*.**

Parishioners are asked to make a \$25.00 donation to help support this important initiative. If they would like to help cover the cost of a subscription for a family who cannot afford a donation, they are asked to add an additional \$15.00 to their donation. A donation envelope will be inserted in the Nov. 11 issue of *The Register*. Your help in publicizing this and urging your parishioners to donate would be greatly appreciated.

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 on line at [salinadiocese.org/the-register](http://salinadiocese.org/the-register).

**We also thank you for your parish 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 are not 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.

Please refer to **THE REGISTER** section of this SDNB with several suggested weekly paragraphs about *The Register* promotion for use in your bulletins during the last half of October and the first half of November. If there are questions or concerns, please contact Karen Bonar, Editor of *The Register* at [newspaper1@salinadiocese.org](mailto:newspaper1@salinadiocese.org). Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger  
Bishop of Salina



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Office of the Bishop

November 2016

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.

Three 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 ask for a \$25 donation to help support this important initiative. If you would like to help cover the cost of a subscription for a family who cannot afford a donation, please add an additional \$15.00 to your donation. We are grateful for each contribution.

We intend to continue this method of distributing ***The Register***. 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,

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Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger  
Bishop of Salina





November 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection the weekend of December 10-11-2016. 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.

Pope Francis calls on the faithful to recognize the special witness that consecrated women and men offer our Church and world. He requests the whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women.

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 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.

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 10-11, 2016. 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

# THE SHEPHERD

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you  
with knowledge and understanding."

~Jeremiah 3:15



Diocese of Salina Safe Environment Newsletter

October, 2016

## St. Isidore of Seville



In 1997 Pope John Paul II declared Isidore of Seville the patron saint of the internet. Saint Isidore died long before the first host-to-host ARPANET connection in 1969. Saint Isidore wrote a 20 book opus Etymologies, also known as the Origins, in which he tried to record everything that was known. Published after his death in 636, it was for a thousand years considered the encyclopedia of all human knowledge. Written in simple Latin, it was all a man needed in order to have access to everything he wanted to know about the world but never dared to ask. It was a tool for those seeking wisdom much like the *INTERNET* is used now.

### 10 Reasons why we use the Internet today

1. Information (Google, Bing, Yahoo)
2. Social Networking (Facebook, Twitter, Vine, Instagram, LinkedIn)
3. Communication (Snapchat, Skype, Yahoo Messenger, Gtalk, Facetime)
4. Transfer of files or mail services (Gmail, Yahoo, AOL, Hotmail,
5. Current Buzz (ESPN, NY Times,)
6. Entertainment (you tube, games, movies)
7. Internet transactions (banking, hotwire, expedia)
8. Making Money (designing, freelancing, consultancies)
9. Marketing (sell products on social media sites, and blogs)
10. Online Education (Khan Academy, Skillshare)

## As a Community of Faith

**We're** in the middle of the biggest communication shift since the advent of the printing press. Online social media communities are vast and are growing at a rapid pace. There are more active Facebook accounts than there are Catholics.

Four billion YouTube videos are watched every day. And last year alone, Americans sent 1.8 trillion text messages.

What does this all mean for the Church? How can Christians harness these new tools to reach out, to teach, to build community, and to change the world?

Careful consideration should be made to determine the particular strengths of each form of social media and the needs of a ministry, parish or organization.

The strengths should match the needs. How will your parish engage? It is our **responsibility as Catholics to bring the Church's teachings into what Pope Benedict XVI called the digital continent.** May we respond to that challenge with fresh energy and imagination as we seek to share with others the beauty of God.

**Please visit [www.usccb.org/media/social-media](http://www.usccb.org/media/social-media) for suggestions and guidelines relating to social media in your parish or school.**

## Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline:

**785.825.0865**

For the safety and the healing of children, the Diocese of Salina provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. Calls to this number will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator.

Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

- Any allegation of child abuse concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center  
800.922.5330  
as required by Kansas State Law and  
Diocesan Policy:
- Any allegation of child abuse including sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper Diocesan authorities.

**[reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto:reportabuse@salinadiocese.org)**



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## Tips for Parents with Teens and the use of Social Media

Social Media is not going away, dive in and figure it out for your own sake and to protect your children.


Assess your child's age, some social media sites require users are a certain age. Is your child ready for Facebook?

Get involved with your kids, show them how to write a safer user profile. As a parent, guarding their heart is your number one priority.

Realize the social implications of having or not having a social media account. Some day they will leave the nest. You can guide them now or let them go solo without your counsel and advice.

Be careful what you forbade. Kids will just go deeper underground. Parents of teenagers know just how creative they can be.

Use Social Media as an opportunity to share the Word of God with your teenager.

 Pope Francis @Pontifex

As a parent model good social media behavior.

At home be the parent (know their passwords, check their accounts), but in cyberspace be sure to *friend* them on facebook, instagram and twitter.

Pray to St. Isidore for guidance, and then pray some more, guiding our children in the right direction can be a heavy cross.

Enlist support among your parenting peers.

*Prayer to St. Isidore  
The Patron Saint of the Internet*

*Almighty and eternal God who has  
created us  
in thine image and bade us to seek  
after all  
that is good, true and beautiful,  
especially  
in the divine person of Thy only-  
begotten Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
grant we beseech Thee that through  
the intercession  
of Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor,  
during our journeys through the  
internet  
we will direct our hands and eyes  
only to that which is pleasing to Thee  
and treat with charity and patience  
all those souls whom we encounter.  
Father we ask you this, through  
Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



### *Remember...*

Children and young people are one of the most important gifts God has entrusted to the church. In order to create a safe environment that will reverence the dignity of a child's life, all those who minister to young people in the Diocese of Salina will follow the guidelines and rules of the Social Media Code of Conduct.

[Review it here](#)

Contact your parish/school safety coordinator for more information.



Look for the  
next edition  
Of  
*The Shepherd*  
in January, 2017

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

# 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 future relationship together as a married couple. Couples identify topics including communication, problem-solving, religion, dual careers, parenting, intimacy, finances and more that need to be discussed to strengthen their relationship. FOCCUS is an essential communication tool to promote healthy, happy and permanent marriages.

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**—Engaged Encounter is a retreat for engaged couples to get away from daily distractions and take time to focus on each other and the life they are starting together. Married team couples share how they are living their sacrament. The engaged couple has quality time to discuss ambitions, goals, attitudes about God, sex, money, children, and their role in the church and community. Engaged couples coming into the weekend with open minds and hearts will have a chance to deepen their relationship in a meaningful way.

**CATHOLICMARRIAGEPREP.COM**—An online mentor program taught by a married instructor couple. The program presents the theological and sacramental aspects of marriage and sexuality and covers 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 six-part study based on 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 a rich understanding of the teachings of the Catholic church and offers couples 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 deeper commitment to live out their sacrament.

**LIVING A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE**—A virtue based, life-skills marriage enrichment program designed to help engaged/married couples learn habits of thought and behavior that will ensure them a more joy-filled marriage. This program can be used with God's Plan For A Joy-Filled Marriage for a more **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. The program springs from the teachings of John Paul II's message to families and couples to seek their identity and mission in living out Christ's call to Love.

**CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM**—The Creighton Model is a safe, natural, effective method to plan your family and understand your reproductive health. The Creighton method can be used to avoid and achieve pregnancy, overcome infertility, and find the cause of many reproductive health problems. Women and couples of all ages and backgrounds can learn this modern, scientific, research-based method. Trained fertility care practitioners are available throughout the Salina Diocese to teach the Creighton Model FertilityCare System.

For more information contact the Family Life  
Office: 785-827-8746-Ext. 40 or  
familylife@salinadiocese.org

## 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.

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.



## 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.)



October celebrates the month of the rosary, honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Praying the rosary with your family is a wonderful way to

keep your family connected,

### Praying the Rosary

1. Make the "Sign of the Cross" and pray the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Pray the "Our Father."
3. Pray three "Hail Mary's."
4. Pray "Glory Be To The Father."
5. Name the mystery for reflection and pray the "Our Father."
6. Pray 10 "Hail Mary's."
7. Finish the decade with the "Glory Be To The Father."
8. Repeat this process (5,6,7) for each decade.
9. End with the "Hail Holy Queen."

Oh sweet Mother of Jesus, we honor you with our prayers through the rosary. Guide us and protect us as we go about our lives. Draw us close to you so that we will also be drawn closer to your son Jesus. Help us to avoid sin and when we do sin seek forgiveness, so that one day we will rejoice with you in heaven with all the angels and saints.

Amen

## PARENT'S PRAYER

*O God, the author of all life, make me a better parent.*

*Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly.*

*Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them.*

*Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me.*

*May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power.*

*And guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate faithfulness by all I say and do.*

*Reduce the meanness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue.*

*May I ever be mindful that my children are a gift of life from You and that as children, I should not expect of them the judgment of adults.*

*Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and to make decisions.*

*Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm.*

*Grant me patience and a compassionate heart.*

*Thanks and praise to you, O God, for the privilege of creating life with you and for the challenge and joys of parenting.*

**AMEN.**



## Feast of the Guardian Angels

October 2 we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. We know that angels appear in the bible many times. One of the most important angel appearances is when the Archangel appeared to Mary to tell her she would give birth to a son, Jesus Christ if she would accept, which she did.

God has sent each of us an angel to protect us and assist us in our fight against Satan. Our angels are truly a sign of God's love and care for us. Pray to them daily and ask them for help in times of trouble and sorrow.

Angel of God my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here, every this day be at my side to light to guard to rule and guide.

Amen

No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent. For God commands the angels to guard you in all your ways. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone, Psalm 91: 10-12



Do not lose hope; St. Joseph also experienced moments of difficulty, but he never lost faith and was able to overcome them, in the certainty that God never abandons us.

- Pope Francis



# CATHOLICS FOR FAMILY PEACE

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Kit

**OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.** Catholics for Family Peace offers you this Media Resource Kit to enhance your efforts to address domestic abuse and violence and to promote family peace.

Catholics For Family Peace Education and Research Initiative is part of the National Catholic School of Social Service's Consortium for Catholic Social Teaching at The Catholic University of America.

We aim to inform the Catholic community on ways to promote family peace and to prevent and respond to domestic abuse and to provide resources and promote prayer for all families. Our initiative provides education, resources, and research that help pastoral leaders, clergy, and parishioners recognize domestic abuse and respond with compassion. To learn more, please visit [www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org](http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org).

**KNOW THE FACTS.** Domestic abuse and violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior exercised by one adult in an intimate relationship over another. It is not a private family matter.

Domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence (IPV) is defined by the Centers for Disease Control as a serious, preventable public health problem that affects millions of Americans. It refers to the physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse and does include teen dating relationships.

A statistic from the Bureau of Justice indicates that from 1994 to 2010, about 4 in 5 victims of intimate partner violence were female. Domestic violence affects the whole family, including any children. Faith communities are called to offer hope, help, and healing to all harmed by domestic abuse and violence.

### WHAT CAN I DO TO BE HELPFUL IF AN ABUSIVE SITUATION IS REVEALED?

- Listen, Believe, and Refer. Share that the abuse is not God's will. Say that help is available 24/7 at the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or at [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org).
- Let her know that without intervention, abuse often escalates in frequency and severity over time.
- Seek expert assistance by calling the NDVH. Refer her only to specialized domestic violence counseling programs, not to couples counseling.
- If possible, encourage the abusive person to seek help. Attending an appropriate 12 step recovery group has been a source of recovery for many people.

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# SPREAD PEACE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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### SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.

- Join us every day at 3pm to pray for all harmed by domestic abuse.
- Lord, protect all families in need of your healing touch.
- “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.” -Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.
- Catholic teaching about domestic abuse is explained in When I call for Help. Find it at [http://bit.ly/usccb\\_dv](http://bit.ly/usccb_dv).
- “If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to one another.” -St. Teresa of Calcutta.
- “What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.” -St. Teresa of Calcutta.
- “The time has come to condemn vigorously the types of sexual violence which frequently have women for their object and to pass laws which effectively defend them from such violence.” -Pope Francis
- Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us and for peace in our families.
- Love is not abusive. Speak up against domestic violence and pray for family peace.
- “The LORD hears the cry of the poor; blessed be the LORD.” -Psalm 34.



### CONNECT WITH CFFP.

 @CFFamilyPeace

 Catholics for Family Peace

Share your Domestic Violence Awareness Month outreach response and programs with Catholics for Family Peace. Initiatives will be highlighted on our website and social media pages.

Contact Dr. Sharon O'Brien, Director of Catholics for Family Peace at [obriensa@cua.edu](mailto:obriensa@cua.edu).

### STAY IN THE LOOP WITH LEADING CATHOLIC AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS ORGANIZATIONS.

 @USCCB  
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

 Catholic Charities USA

 @NationalDVAM  
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

 National Domestic Violence Hotline

 @NOMOREorg  
NO MORE Campaign

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# SPREAD PEACE THROUGH PRAYER

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JOIN US ON  
**OCTOBER 28** FOR  
A UNITED DAY OF  
PRAYER TO ST.  
JUDE, PATRON OF  
IMPOSSIBLE CAUSES.

### NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Join us during October as we pray a novena for peace in all families, especially those suffering injustice or abuse. We will use the form of a novena, which is a traditional nine-day Catholic prayer.

We will announce each day on our Facebook, and the full text can be found on our website at [www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org](http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org).

### HOW TO HELP THE ABUSED RECLAIM THEIR VALUE AND WORTH AS CHILDREN OF GOD

What would you do if your best friend or fellow parishioner told you about an abusive situation? Rose Folsom will show you how anyone can use three ordinary Christian virtues to safely walk with them toward healing.

Visit [www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org](http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org) each Monday in October for a multi-part lesson in providing hope, help, and healing using gifts you already have!

### SAINTS: AN EVER PRESENT HELP

The Saints' lives can help us respond prudently with care and compassion to people dealing with difficult situations.

Visit [www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org](http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org) each Friday in October for an inspiring story by Melanie Rigney.

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### PRAY WITH US AT 3:00 PM EACH DAY FOR FAMILY PEACE.

Catholics believe that God loves and cares for everyone, and that God knows their pain and concerns. Catholics For Family Peace invites you to join us in a moment of prayer at 3:00 pm, wherever you are, for those suffering from violence and abuse and those who use violence to control others. We pray for them and for all who work to end domestic violence. **Would you set an alarm to join us each day to pray at 3:00 pm?**



### SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE IN YOUR PARISH BULLETIN.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter: "When I Call for Help" ([http://bit.ly/usccb\\_dv](http://bit.ly/usccb_dv)) If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org). If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

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# SPREAD PEACE THROUGH PRAYER

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### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### FIRST SUNDAY

For all people in abusive relationships. May they experience God's love and know that their abuse is not God's will. May they find in our parish community the courage and support to seek help, find safety, and free themselves from domestic violence.

#### SECOND SUNDAY

For children who are victims of abuse or are traumatized by witnessing violence in their homes. May they know that God loves them and receive comfort and assistance in our parish community.

#### THIRD SUNDAY

For the elderly who are abused. May they experience God's love and find the support and resources they need in our parish community.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY

For Teenagers in violent or controlling relationships. May they find in our parish the role models of kindness, care, and love that will show them how to recognize what a healthy and whole relationship should be.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY

For all men and women who use power and control over other people, whether physically, verbally, emotionally, or financially. May they recognize their abusive behavior and find help, hope, and healing in our parish community.

### ORACIÓN UNIVERSAL

#### PRIMER DOMINGO

Recemos por todas las personas en relaciones abusivas. Para que ellos tengan la experiencia del amor de Dios y para que sepan que el abuso no es la voluntad de Dios. Para que encuentren en su parroquia el valor y al apoyo para buscar ayuda, encontrar seguridad y poder liberarse del abuso doméstico.

#### SEGUNDO DOMINGO

Recemos por los niños que son víctimas del abuso o que han sido traumatizados al ver el abuso en su familia. Para que conozcan el amor de Dios y que reciban el consuelo y ayuda de su parroquia.

#### TERCER DOMINGO

Recemos por los ancianos que han sido abusados. Para que ellos puedan sentir el amor de Dios y puedan encontrar el apoyo y los recursos que necesitan en su parroquia.

#### CUARTO DOMINGO

Recemos por los adolescentes que están en relaciones violentas o que se sienten controlados por su pareja. Que puedan encontrar en su parroquia los ejemplos de dulzura, amabilidad, y amor que les demuestre lo que es un amor sano y completo.

#### QUINTO DOMINGO

Recemos por todos los hombres y mujeres que usan su poder y su control sobre otras personas, sea físicamente, verbalmente, emocionalmente o en temas de finanzas. Para que ellos se den cuenta de su comportamiento abusivo y para que encuentren ayuda, esperanza, y saneamiento en su parroquia.



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