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## **OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

THE COUNCIL OF PRIESTS MEETING originally set for September 12, 2017 was cancelled. Next Priest Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH. Promotional and educational materials from the USCCB were mailed to each parish in September. On Respect Life Sunday, October 1, 2017 and especially throughout this month of October, please join me in reflection and prayer for the sacredness of every human being. The Theme for 2017 is BE NOT AFRAID "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age". These words have echoed through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, when the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10). Please refer to my letter enclosed regarding Respect Life Week and my article in the September 25<sup>th</sup> edition of The Register regarding Respect Life Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASSES are Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 3 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Hays and on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Receptions will follow each event. I am appreciative of all the priests for promoting the two Masses in your bulletins and to all those who were able to concelebrate this special occasion of couples who have been married 25, 40, 50, 55 and 60+ or more years of marriage. Special appreciation also to our Family Life Office (Claudia Commerford and Corey Lyon) for planning and coordinating all the many details for this event and to the parishes hosting the receptions.

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SECONDARY PATRON OF THE SALINA DIOCESE is Wednesday, October 4, 2017. You may wish to include special prayers/petitions for the needs of our Diocese. The feast commemorates the life of St. Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. It is a popular day for pets to be blessed.

WHITE MASS, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 7 p.m. AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL. Thank you all for helping promote this special Mass in your parishes for members of the healthcare profession. This special Mass is also open to those who do not work or minister in the healthcare profession, but wish to gather with us to pray for all healthcare professionals. A reception will follow in the Hall of Bishops. Special appreciation to the three Salina Knights of Columbus Councils who are co-hosting the reception at the Hall of Bishops. I look forward to having many clergy who are able to come to concelebrate this special Mass.

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

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017** is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a special day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the Life of the Church.

ALL SAINTS DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017, IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. The Chancery will be closed.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK (NVAW) IS ENCOURAGED DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5-11, 2017. This annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States is 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. Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision...rather it is the response to a call of Love –Pope Francis. We still have a supply of diocesan prayer cards in the office for any parishes needing more in either English or Spanish. Please contact Clara in my office at chancery2@salinadiocese.org and she will get them right out to you. Parishes are asked to pray regularly in their parishes and schools for an increase in vocations and for our current seminarians.

**SEMINARIAN SPECIAL COLLECTION** is scheduled for the weekend of November 11-12 in all parishes. Please help encourage support for our 10 young men studying for the priesthood, 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 grateful for your support in the endeavor to surface potential names.

**PROMOTION OF OUR DIOICESAN NEWSPAPER** – *The Register*: Please refer to my two letters enclosed with this SDNB mailing and to further information under <u>THE REGISTER</u> **SECTION OF THIS SDNB.** 

- 1. Letter to Priests and PLC's dated October 2017 with pertinent details.
- 2. Letter which will be published in the November 10<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 <a href="mailto:newspaper1@salinadiocese.org">newspaper1@salinadiocese.org</a> Please refer to my two letters attached.

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** – DECEMBER 9-10, 2017: 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 want you to have my attached letter at this time.

## **OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, October 22, 2017. In 1926, Pope Pius XI established an annual collection for the missionary work of the Church worldwide called "World Mission Sunday." World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. Offerings from Catholics in the United States, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, are combined with offerings to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide. Every year, the needs of the Catholic Church in the missions grow – as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other long-suppressed areas are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed. Please refer to the October 13<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 September 2017** are listed below in both English and in Spanish. Your continued support in promoting this important cause within your parishes is appreciated. Please contact Sr. Margaret Nacke, CSJ, (785-527-2516) if you have any questions or concerns.

<u>OCTOBER</u> – According to Covenant House, "each year in the U.S. as many as 2 million youth experience a period of homelessness, and every year more than 5,000 of these young people lose their lives to the streets." <u>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</u> by learning about, and advocating for, youth in your area. <u>U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking</u> (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>OCTUBRE</u> - Según la *Covenant House*: "Cada año en los Estados Unidos, tanto como 2 millones de jóvenes experimentan un período sin hogar, y cada año más de 5.000 de estos jóvenes dan su vida a la calle". <u>HAGA LA DIFERENCIA</u> aprendiendo y abogando por la juventud en su área. Hermanas Católicas Estadounidenses Contra la Trata de Personas (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

## OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

**ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER**: November 30, Thursday, at St. Fidelis Friary in Victoria. The day will begin with coffee and rolls at 10:00 a.m, first talk at 10:30 a.m. We will conclude around 2:00 p.m. Our presenter will be Abbott James Albers, O.S.B., of Atchison.

JANUARY RENEWAL DAYS 2018: January 22-25, 2018

## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

# **Announcement: Change in Job Positions at the Chancery!**

Stefanie Adam, Executive Assistant to the Office of the Chancellor, has announced she has accepted a position with the Records Office at the Riley County Clerk's Office in Manhattan. Stefanie's last day at the chancery will be Friday, October 6th. Although Stefanie has only been with the chancery just shy of one year, she has become a tremendous asset to our staff. Her smile and cheerful attitude will be greatly missed.

However, I am thrilled to announce Claudia Commerford has accepted the executive position with my office. Claudia is expected to assume Stefanie's job duties and begin working alongside me as well as assisting the Office of Vocations on October 9th. The days and hours Claudia will be scheduled to work at the chancery are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 to 3:30. Her new office will be on the third floor and her email will remain the same, claudia.commerford@salinadiocese.org.

Lastly, Wendy Backes has graciously agreed to assist Corey Lyon with the duties in the Family Life Office. Corey and Wendy will be announcing her hours in a separate email. Her email will also remain the same, wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org.

## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

**2018 MARCH FOR LIFE** in Washington, D.C. is Friday, January 19, 2018. The Salina Diocese sponsored pilgrimage to the March will depart the chancery parking lot Wednesday January 17, 2018 and will return Sunday January 21, 2018. Registration with non-refundable **fee of \$50.00 is due by September 30, 2017**. Available bus seating and rooms tend to fill up, so be sure to register by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Information and online registration available @ salinadiocese.org/respect-life Contact the Respect Life Office @ respectlife@salinadiocese.org or telephone (785) 628-1446 for information. Deacon Scott Watford is the Salina Diocese Respect Life Coordinator.

**2018 USCCB RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM** begins October 1. This year's theme is **Be Not Afraid**. Packets of information and sample materials have been sent to all parishes and schools of the diocese. Please encourage the use of this resource in your parish or school. Helpful downloadable materials for Respect Life Sunday (October 1) and Respect Life Month (October) are available online @ campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?

**WORD OF LIFE RESPECT LIFE** petitions, bulletin briefs, and bulletin art for the month @ 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.

To get 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 on Facebook @ facebook.com/officeofrespectlife

## **THE REGISTER**

The Nov. 10th issue of The Register will include a donation envelope for 2018. 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. 21-22)

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. Your Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### (Oct. 28-29)

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. Your Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### (Nov. 4-5)

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. Your Nov. 10th 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.

#### (Nov. 11-12)

Your Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> issue of The Register included 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. Please return your donation envelope as soon as possible with your contribution for 2018. 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 <u>salinadiocese.org/the-register</u>. Thank you for your support.

## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR MEETINGS**: There will be NO Meeting for the Coordinators this fall. We will have one in the spring.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**: In preparing the second graders for two important sacraments (Reconciliation/Eucharist), we have available in the Office the following:

- -A Child's First Penance with Fr. Jim Deiters
- -A Child's First Communion and So Much More with Fr. Joe Kempf

Both of these DVDs have a section that you can use with your parents as well as with the second graders.

To research for videos on our website: salinadiocese.org, On the HOME Page go to Offices, then Catholic Formation, then to Religious Education, then AV Library on the right. You can search by Topics on the right side or search in any one category at a time on the left side.

**TOTUS TUUS**: We have a number of parishes that have signed up for their week for TOTUS TUUS for next summer 2018. If you would like a team of college youth to come to your parish for TOTUS TUUS please sign up as soon as possible.

## **OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY**

**COME AND SEE RETREAT**: the Sisters of St. Joseph will be having a weekend on October 7-8, 2017 at the Motherhouse for young adult women ages 19-39 who are discerning a call to Religious Life. If you know of any young women in your parish that you feel might have a vocation please have her contact me here in the office at 785-827-8746.

**NCYC MANDATORY SPONSOR MEETING:** NCYC is just around the corner. We have 4 meetings scheduled, one in each of the deaneries. It is MANDATORY that every adult that will be going to NCYC attend one of these meetings. The meetings are at the following locations:

October 25, 2017Sacred Heart Church, Colby, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. October 26, 2017St. Nicholas Church, Hays, 7:00 - 830 p.m.
November 1, 2017St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. November 2, 2017Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hall of Bishops, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**NCYC PAYMENT**: If you have not sent in your last payment please do so as soon as possible. If you have any changes in your group please contact Karen Taylor.

**DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION**: The weekend of April 7-8, 2018 will be our annual Diocesan CYO Convention. Please mark your calendars.

**2017 MISSION CO-OP:** If your parish has not yet sent to the diocese the Mission Cooperative Collection from summer 2017, please do so at your earliest convenience. Your prompt attention to this will help avoid confusion of the (summer) 2017 Mission Co-Op collection with the (October) World Mission Sunday collection. Please also return the completed Mission Co-Op evaluation forms; your candid comments are very helpful in deciding which mission groups to invite back to the diocese.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is October 21-22, 2017. By now you should have received the packet in your parish. The theme for this year's collection is "Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith." Please display the posters and use any bulletin inserts to help promote this collection. We ask that you **do not** use the collection envelopes that you will receive with the posters. (These envelopes were shipped in error.) A World Mission Sunday contribution envelope should already be included among the regular parish contribution envelopes your parishioners already have. Also, please do not confuse the World Mission Sunday envelopes with the Mission Co-Op envelopes. If you have any questions please contact Brenda at the chancery, 785-827-8746 or brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org.

## OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

**BISHOPS FUND** – As of **October 1**, the Bishop's Fund with The Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Salina (CCF) will **begin taking grant applications**. The **deadline for applying will be December 1**, **2017**. You can find the application and eligibility guidelines at <a href="http://salinadiocese.org/grants">http://salinadiocese.org/grants</a>. Be sure to review the eligibility guidelines before you apply. If you have any questions, contact Beth at <a href="beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org">beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org</a> or 785-827-8746.

**PARISHIONER LIST** – Once again, it is time to begin updating parish lists. Beginning **Oct. 2**, we will be emailing each parish a parishioner list from our database and need to have them reviewed and returned to Lois Yost at lois.yost@salindiocese.org by **Nov. 1**, **2017**. Please compare our spreadsheet with your information and make any changes directly on our spreadsheet. Note the changes in the appropriate column and highlight the names that have changes or should be deleted. Please do not delete anyone. This year we have added two additional columns, one for phone numbers, and one for email addresses. If you have this information available, it would be helpful if we had those in our database also. Again, thank you to those who routinely send updates.

**SEMINARIAN COLLECTION** – Mark your calendars for the Seminarian Collection on November 11 and 12. The seminarian posters will be at the printers in a week or so, and then delivered to your parishes later this month. More details will be in next month's SDNB.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL** and **YEAR END GIVING** – The generosity of many in our diocese continues and CCAA gifts continue to be counted through the end of December. Gifts to this appeal fund the ministries that enhance and sustain parish life, such as:

- Catholic Education and Formation, including Catholic Schools
- Family Life
- Vocations and Seminarian Education
- Priests' Healthcare and Retirement

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

Typically, giving increases in the last quarter of the year. If you need ideas to promote year end giving in your parish or school, please contact Beth at <a href="mailto:beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org">beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org</a> or 785-827-8746. Beth is always ready to offer ideas and discuss year-end giving, both for CCAA and for your parish.

## OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

Safe Environment Training: As we continue our new Safe Environment Training program through CMGConnect, we are happy to say things are going very well for the users and the Safety Coordinators. We have received a lot of positive feedback and want to thank everyone in the Diocese for making this transition an easy one! As with any new system there are things that need clarifying and explaining. Please review the attached information sheet, which will be in place of the October issue of our quarterly newsletter *The Shepherd*. Again, please review this sheet and file for future reference.

#### **Safety Coordinator Reminders:**

If you have not read the Safety Coordinator Guide or watched the webinar, please do so. Both the webinar and Guide were designed as a reference. Most of the answers to your questions can be found right at your fingertips.

- → Please review the CMGConnect data base and make sure everyone currently volunteering or employed working with children at your parish/school are in the data base and are **CERTIFIED**. That means there is a star and the word "yes" under the certification status column on your list of user's page. Please continue to monitor your data base weekly!
- → Please be sure your employees/volunteers designate the correct USCCB role when signing into the data base. The roles and definitions are specified on the screen when answering that question. This designation of role is **very** important when it comes to crunching numbers during our final audit. Reminder, catechists are not educators they are volunteers.
- → Since we no longer use VIRTUS our access to the data base is very limited, and all access will end on November 1, 2017. Anyone who didn't complete a background check with their VIRTUS training, may still be "sitting" in the VIRTUS data base. Do you have anyone in your parish/school that said, "but I did the VIRTUS training already" but they are not in the CMGConnect data base. This may be the reason. If you have anyone who fits this scenario, please let Wendy know immediately before we no longer have access to VIRTUS. Wendy will get their VIRTUS training into the CMGConnect data base and they can get a background check through Selection.com completed. Again, after November 1, 2017 we will no longer have access to VIRTUS and will not be able to verify VIRTUS only status.

- → Sometimes, new people moving into our Diocese want to work/ volunteer who are already trained in VIRTUS through another Diocese. Unfortunately, since we no longer use VIRTUS we will no longer be able to accept VIRTUS training from another Diocese.
- → Selection.com rescreens all church personnel and/or volunteers quarterly through Search America as part of their ongoing commitment to the Catholic Church. Because of that, from here forward, we will no longer accept a Kansas Teaching License for Public School teachers as their background for the Diocese. We feel this quarterly check is an excellent tool and we need to be able to "track" our public school teachers in the same way as all other clergy, volunteers, and employees of the Diocese. We will continue to accept Kansas Teaching License for Catholic School teachers in the Diocese for background checks as they are tracked through our Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dr. Nick Compagnone.
- → The cost for each background check through Selection.com is \$19.00. If Selection.com has to search in a county that has "exceptional court fees" there may be an added charge to the background check. If you see an additional charge on your bill, this is the reason. A list of those counties that charge this additional fee is attached.
- → CMGConnect provides more than just training, not just safe environment training. There is optional training for parents which include setting up parental controls for Netflix, Kindle Fire, and Chromebook. There is also training for parents on how to use Instagram, SnapChat, and YouTube. If you would like to use any of these for your parents, please contact the Office of Safety & Security.

This covers a lot of information, and we will periodically be sending more reminders as new questions and concerns come up. If you have any questions regarding CMGConnect, trainings or the database, please contact me here at the Chancery. Again, thank you for making this transition so successful.

#### OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE/NFP

**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 29, 2017. 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 <a href="www.priestsunday.org">www.priestsunday.org</a> to find ideas on liturgy and activities to celebrate the day.

**FOCCUS FACILITATOR TRAINING** will be held at the Chancery on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Contact <a href="mailto:corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org">corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org</a> to RSVP or for more information. Open to clergy and lay ministers.

#### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2017-2018**

February 9-11, 2018 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria March 9-11, 2018 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria April 13-15, 2018- Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

## **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE (cont.)**

## GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY FILLED MARRIAGE SEMINAR DATES FOR 2017 -2018

Oct. 7, 2017- Immaculate Heart of Mary- Hays Nov. 18, 2017- Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Concordia Feb. 24, 2018 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Concordia April 28, 2018 – Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Concordia

#### COME AND GO MARRIAGE PREP RETREATS

7 pm - 9:30 p.m. on Friday night and 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday - St. Isidore - Manhattan

October 6-7, 2017 February 9-10, 2018 April 6-7, 2018

Contact to register: Maria Leiker 785-539-7496 <u>mleiker@stisidores.com</u>

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Come out to St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan on October 28th at 6:00 p.m. for a dinner and auction hosted by the Knights of Columbus! We will be serving beef brisket, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. (Donations are welcome to help cover the cost of the meal.) After dinner there will be a live auction with our main item being Fr. Werth's 1963 Volkswagen Bug. Come join us for an incredible evening of food, fellowship and fun! Register at: <a href="https://goo.gl/57vWiK">https://goo.gl/57vWiK</a>

## Directory corrections:

- 1. Fr. Peter O'Donnell's cell number is listed incorrectly on p. 41 under Herington Parish. It should be 785-643-8299
- 2. Damar's zip code is listed wrong under Parishes & Deaneries, the correct zip code is 67632 (p. 34)
- 3. Heralds of Good News have a new provincial, Rev. Rapheal Innasimuthu, HGN (p.89)
- 4. New Religious Ed. Coordinator for New Almelo: Shelly Wahlmeier (p. 46)
- 5. Abilene School no longer has a fax (p. 22)
- 6. Abilene Parish (p.28) Liturgist: Theresa Brierton and Mass times (p.57) Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 A.M.
- 7. Fr. Soosai's cell number is still listed under Herington, Hope and Elmo pgs. 35-41-42. He is no longer at these parishes.
- 8. Pgs. 49 and 52 (Plainville and Stockton) add Fr. Soosai's cell: 577-4922

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 FEAST OF ALL SAINTS NCYC sponsor mtg. 7:00 pm, St. Thomas More, Manhattan CHANCERY CLOSED	2 NCYC sponsor mtg., 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart Hall of Bishops, Salina	3 Teacher's Institute SHHS-Salina	
5 Hispanic Ministry Diocesan Encuentro, 9- 5, IHM Hays, Mass 4:00 pm Daylight Savings Ends	Rural Life Board of Directors Mtg. Nov. 6-8	Rural Life Board of Directors Mtg. Nov. 6-8	Rural Life Board of Directors Mtg. Nov. 6-8	9	10	11 Conception Seminary Vocation Discernment Seminarian Annual Collection weekend Register Fund Drive
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Annual Human Development Collection	20	21 Priests' Council Victoria	22	23 Thanksgiving Chancery Closed	24 Chancery Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30 Advent Day of Prayer For priests - Victoria Catholic Charities Board Mtg. 5:30 pm		



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## September 2017

Dear Priests and PLC's,

The USCCB Respect Life Program begins on Sunday, October 1, 2017 and continues through Sept of 2017. Please see my article in the September 22<sup>nd</sup> issue of The Register regarding Respect Life Sunday. 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 *BE NOT AFRAID for* "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" Matthew 28:20" is especially timely. If perchance you have not received the materials, please contact Deacon Scott Watford, Diocesan Respect Life Coordinator at respectlife@salinadiocese.org.

The printed materials can also be viewed at <a href="www.usccb.org/respectlife">www.usccb.org/respectlife</a>. Other, online-only resources will continue to be posted. This year's Resource Guide (in English or Spanish) has an abundance of helpful supplemental guides to use during Respect Life Month.

When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.

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,

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger



## **Diocese of Salina**

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#### November 2017

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.

Four 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 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. While we ask for a \$25.00 donation, 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. Still others gave additional amounts to be added to *The Register's* endowment fund.

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.

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



## **Diocese of Salina**

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

#### October 2017

Dear Priests and PLC's,

As you know, we implemented some significant changes for *The Register* four years ago. We will continue the same format as last year as follows:

- 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 \$10.00 to their donation. A donation envelope will be inserted in the Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> issue to *The Register*. Your help in publicizing this and urging your parishioners to donate would be greatly appreciated.
- Many parishioners accepted our suggestion to add an additional donation to their gift to help offset the cost of providing *The Register* to a family who could not afford to donate and still others gave additional amounts to be added to The Register Endowment Fund. We intend to continue this method of distributing *The Register*.
- 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.

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 any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Bonar, Editor of *The Register* at <a href="mailto:newspaper1@salinadiocese.org">newspaper1@salinadiocese.org</a>. Thank you for your assistance.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger



#### **Diocese of Salina**

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#### November 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection the weekend of December 9-10, 2017. This annual appeal benefits some 32,000 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 9-10, 2017. 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



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