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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

THANK YOU to all who attended the priests meeting in Salina on September 16th. It was good to see all of you there. The next priests meeting and Mass for Deceased Priests will be in Victoria on November 5th. Please see the calendar section below for more information.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH is October. The Value Them Both Amendment effort is still a top priority in the state of Kansas. Please consider adding the following petition to the prayers of the faithful and placing the small blurb about the amendment in your bulletins. For a more detailed full-length article please see the diocesan website.

Prayer:

We pray for our Kansas state legislators and the successful passage of the Value Them Both Amendment for life, so that Kansas can better protect both unborn children and their mothers from the harms of the abortion industry, we pray to the Lord.

Bulletin Insert:

What is "Value Them Both?"

VALUE THEM BOTH is the proposed state constitutional amendment for life supported by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. The amendment is crucial because the Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited "right" to abortion, including taxpayer-funded abortion, teens seeking an abortion without parental knowledge or consent and late-term abortions. Once passed, the VALUE THEM BOTH will help protect mothers and their unborn babies from the abortion industry. Please pray for passage of VALUE THEM BOTH.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI is the secondary patron of our diocese. His feast day is on October 4th. I encourage you to include special prayers and petitions for the needs of our diocese.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES are going to be celebrated at the local parish this year rather than Diocesan Masses. Please see the Family Life Office section for more information.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is October 18, 2020. On this day, the entire Church comes together to support various mission works. Donations for World Mission Sunday are collected at Masses across the world and given in support of hospitals, schools, and vocations. Please encourage your parishioners to participate in this important initiative.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (cont.)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERTS:

OCTOBER Working in collaboration and solidarity we can confront the structural issues that cause and perpetuate human trafficking.

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OCTUBRE-Trabajando en colaboración y solidaridad podemos enfrentar los problemas estructurales que causan y perpetúan la trata de personas.

Hermanas católicas de los Estados Unidos contra la trata de personas. (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org). USCSAHT es una organización 501 © 3. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PRIESTS' COUNCIL is scheduled for November 5, 2020 at the Spiritual Life Center in Victoria with a Mass for Deceased Priests. The meeting will be from 10:30-2:30 P.M. The agenda is as follows:

10:30 A.M. – Gather

11:00 A.M. – Mass for Deceased Priests

12:00 Noon – Lunch

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. – Priest Council Meeting

2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. – College of Consultors Meeting

ADOPTION MASS is scheduled for November 6, 2020 at noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. The event is hosted by Catholic Charities in honor of those who have been touched through adoption in their own lives. A reception will follow.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY- It is that time of year where the Official Catholic Directory will be sending you, via email, a link to access the website where you can make updated changes for the 2020 Official Catholic Directory. It will come with instructions to follow. There is a deadline that needs to be followed for our office to accurately fill out the forms.

OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL

ANNULMENTS: For those of you working with divorced people, if you are assisting in submitting a petition for a declaration of nullity and have questions about the procedure, please contact Fr. Peter or Sr. Carolyn. Early in 2020, we updated the folders that contain the necessary paperwork for a case as well as a *Frequently Asked Questions* booklet that is handy to provide to people seeking that information. We have mailed several folders to parishes, but not to all of them. If you would like a few paper copies of the folder or an electronic copy of any of the documents necessary for submitting a petition, contact Fr. Peter or Sr. Carolyn. A good phone number for Fr. Peter is 785.258.2013.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

2020 MISSION CO-OP: If your parish has not yet sent to the diocese the Mission Cooperative collection from summer 2020, please do so at your earliest convenience. Your prompt attention to this will help avoid confusion of the (summer) 2020 Mission Co-Op collection with the (October) World Mission Sunday collection (see below). 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 17-18, 2020. By now you should have received your mission information packet in your parish. The theme for this year's collection is "Here I am, send me!" Please display the posters and use any bulletin inserts to help promote this collection.

Please consider raising mission awareness through the entire month of October by including a mission-related petition in the General Intercessions at Mass. Some examples:

For a personal relationship with Jesus, God the Father's Own Missionary sent to us, that we may step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor especially during this time of crisis, pandemic and need, let us pray to the Lord...

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, head missionary of the Church, and for all missionaries and martyrs who give their lives to tell the glory of the Lord among the nations during the COVID-19 pandemic, that they may be loving, wise, and holy witnesses of Christ, let us pray to the Lord...

For an increase in missionary charity, that our spiritual and financial sacrifices may help the message and love of Christ be made known to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord...

Bulletin announcements:

The Week Before World Mission Sunday (October 10-11): World Mission Sunday is next week! We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, "Here I Am, Send Me!" To "send" ourselves, we can: PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work and then OFFER financial help and charity through the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

For World Mission Sunday (October 17-18): Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, "Here I am, send me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America, \$75 provides for the work of religious sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa, \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (cont.)

For the Week After World Mission Sunday (October 24-25):

Thank you for answering, “Here I Am, Send Me” to your baptismal call to witness for mission last Sunday on World Mission Sunday! We continue to accept your contributions in support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the missionary work of the Church – a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the “Good News” of Jesus. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope’s missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting www.MISSIO.org. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

Contribution envelopes:

A World Mission Sunday contribution envelope should be included among the regular parish contribution envelopes your parishioners already have. Also, please do not confuse the World Mission Sunday envelopes with the (blue-bordered) 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 RESPECT LIFE

2021 MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. will take place January 29th, 2021. There will be a Salina Diocese sponsored pilgrimage again in 2021 but it will look different than past years. With uncertainty caused by the pandemic it was decided to NOT charter busses for the 25+ hour trip because confining a large group of people in a bus is not advisable at this time. The alternative to riding the bus is to fly to D.C. or drive yourself there! Airline tickets are currently priced at an affordable rate, but that will change quickly as the January event date draws closer. The Diocese **WILL NOT** purchase airline tickets, that is up to each individual or group to do on their own. The Diocese **WILL** provide hotel accommodations and transportation in D.C.!

The itinerary will look very different this year as well. Many of the activities such as the evening rallies and Mass with the other dioceses of Kansas are unlikely to happen. The pilgrimage will focus on the March itself and will still include a visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, but other activities will be limited.

Plan on making travel arrangements to arrive in D.C. late afternoon/evening on Thursday, January 28th and depart from Reagan National Airport after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30th.

Expected cost per person for hotel and transportation in D.C. is \$200. The DEADLINE to register is NOVEMBER 20th, 2020 with two ways to register. Online registration is available, or you can mail in your registration. Full payment of \$200 is due with your registration. Make checks payable to Salina Diocese Respect Life Office and mailed to PO Box 980, Salina, KS 67402, attention: March for Life. Cost of travel must be paid by the individual. Registration forms, Medical/Waiver forms, are available on the diocesan Website.

ALL plans are subject to change as the ongoing pandemic makes it difficult to be assured of anything. When purchasing airline tickets be sure to ask about refundability or transferring the use of your ticket to a later date in the event we don't go.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE: Our new diocesan website will be launching this month! Stay tuned for more details.

iGIVECATHOLIC PROMO VIDEO: We are excited for another successful year of iGiveCatholic! As we prepare for the kickoff of advanced giving, we need your help with our promo video. Below are the instructions for all video/photo submissions! The video will be a little different this year, but [Here](#) is a link to last year's video as a reference for the kinds of photos and videos we need. If your parish, school or organization is participating in iGiveCatholic this year we would love your help with our video.

Video Instructions: Please take some videos! I would love to have more videos that show parishioners and students telling people to "Give Catholic" or why they give Catholic "I give Catholic to support..." or "I give Catholic because..." Any other message you would like to share that will encourage others to give are also appreciated! Have several people hold the sign and send them to matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org *****Please be sure to send HORIZONTAL videos - If they are vertical, we can't use them!** ***

Photo instructions: Please utilize the enclosed #iGiveCatholic banner and sign. Gather students in your school, parishioners after mass, or any other combinations of young and old parish community members. Have several of them hold the sign and snag some photos. Select your favorites and email them to matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org. *****Please be sure to send BIG and FULL resolution horizontal photos!** ***

To ensure your safety, we also ask that you keep social distancing in mind and follow your county health officials if a mask ordinance is in effect.

Please email matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org your photos/videos and any other questions you have about this project.

Thanks in advance for your participation, and God bless you!

Follow us on social media!

Instagram: [salina_diocese](#)

Facebook: [SalinaDiocese](#)

Twitter: [@SalinaDiocese](#)

YouTube: [Salina_Diocese](#) or www.youtube.com/salinadioceseks

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

SAFETY COORDINATORS: Information sheets and Certification Status sheets are due to the Safe Environment Office October 15th, 2020. I understand that many of you may still be trying to secure catechists, or possibly even other staff members or employees, and that date may not be possible. If that is the situation for you, please let me know, so I can make note that those forms will be forthcoming.

THANK YOU: A special note to thank you for all the hard work you have done to ensure the safety of the children in the Diocese of Salina. Safety not only in the sense of protecting our children from harm, such as abuse, but safety in the sense of how to protect the health, safety and well-being of children in our schools, parishes and communities during this pandemic.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT



WELCOME to Katie Platten! Katie P. will be serving as Implementation Director of the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Salina.

GOODBYE to Lois Yost as she officially retires from the Chancery on September 29. Lois has served at the diocese in the development office for many years. She was a wonderful addition to our team. We are sad to see her go but are excited for her as she begins this new chapter of her life.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you to all for your continued promotion of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have \$1,675,813.54 pledged to the appeal! Recently, an email went out to all active pastors about conducting an in-pew weekend at your parish. You are encouraged to work with parish leadership and determine what style of in-pew weekend works for you. If you did not receive the email, please reach out to Katie G.

LYBUNT letters were sent out at the end of September. These letters are sent to everyone who has given in the past but has yet to give this year. Hopefully, they take advantage of the opportunity to support the diocese. Active solicitation for the 2020 annual appeal will end around Advent. Gifts will still be processed through Dec. 31, 2020.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL: The planning process for the 2021 Annual Appeal is already underway. Katie G. continues to reach out to pastors to speak with them about the annual appeal. A survey was recently sent out to every active pastor regarding the annual appeal. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this important survey. Additionally, the diocese is looking to partner with a mailing vendor for the annual appeal. They will be a great addition to the team and will help to take the annual appeal to the next level. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can do so much for the Diocese of Salina.

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION: Please process donations to the Seminarian Collection (August 8-9) as you normally would and submit the usual parish check to the Chancery. However, please send the names, addresses and amount given for any parishioners who give \$100.00 or more to Melanie.

SEMINARIAN DINNER: People continue to be extremely generous towards our seminarians. Two anonymous donors offered matching opportunities, totaling \$40,000, to any gift given in support of the seminarians. To date, we have received a total of \$87,965 towards the seminarian dinner. This includes the funds from the two anonymous matches.

#iGiveCatholic: In order to participate in #iGC this year, you *must* be sure to register your organization. To register, click [here](#) and follow the prompts. Registration closes October 31. If you do not register by then, you will be unable to participate in #iGC 2020. Even if you participated last year, you will still need to register again.

Every parish, school and Catholic ministry in our diocese is invited to participate. This is a fun way to engage donors to give. Giving day is December 1, 2020 (advance giving starts November

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

16). A webinar hosted by the diocesan #iGC team will be presented on October 7 at 2 P.M. If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie G.

PARISHIONER LIST: You should have recently received an email about updating the parishioner list. Please return the updated sheet to Melanie by Sept. 30, 2020.

Please compare our spreadsheet with your information and make any changes directly on the spreadsheet. Note the changes in the appropriate column and highlight the names that need to be changed or should be deleted. Please do not delete anyone. Just let us know why they are off your list. (I.e. moved out of state, changed parish registration, deceased, etc.)

Again, this year note the two additional columns, one for phone numbers, and one for email addresses. If you have this information, please share it with us. This way your parishioners will receive the monthly e-news from Bishop Vincke. Again, thank you for updating our lists and thank you to those who routinely send updates to our office.

Contact us: 785-827-8746

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Katie Greenwood, Annual Gifts and Event Coordinator katherine.greenwood@salinadiocese.org

Melanie Melander, Admin. Assistant/Data specialist melanie.melander@salinadiocese.org

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

ANNIVERSARY MASSES: Plans for the Anniversary Masses scheduled for October 18th in Hays and October 25th in Salina have been altered due to the pandemic. We will still recognize couples celebrating their 1st Anniversary and all anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 this calendar year with each couple being recognized in their home parish at a regularly scheduled Mass on October 25th or a Sunday in November as designated by the pastor of each parish. Each couple will also receive a certificate from the diocese recognizing them for being witnesses of faith through the Sacrament of Marriage. It is still necessary for couples to register for the event and they can register online at the diocesan website or mail in a registration form (see attached) before the deadline of October 16th. Once registrations have been received, parishes will be notified with the names of the couples being recognized and the number of years they have been married. Couples have the option to NOT attend Mass but will still be recognized.

"BELOVED" presented by Deacon Wayne Talbot is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27th and Saturday, March 13th from 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. at St. Thomas More Parish, Manhattan in the Education Wing, Room A. Contact Deacon Wayne at St. Thomas More Parish, 785-776-5151, for registration information.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMS: If you have a new Religious Education Coordinator for your parish please send us their name and address so we have them on our mailing list.

TOTUS TUUS: If you would like a team of 2 seminarians and 2 college age women to come to your parish to teach your young people and high school students this summer, please contact me in the office as soon as possible.

June 6-11, 2021-----FULL
 June 13-18, 2021-----FULL
 June 20-25, 2021-----1 opening
 June 27-July 2, 2021—3 openings
 July 11-16, 2021-----FULL
 July 18-23, 2021-----2 openings
 July 25-30, 2021-----3 openings

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY FORMS: If you haven't sent in your names and addresses for your parish youth leader, please do so as soon as possible. We have a number of our programs on the calendar, and we need to get this information to the right person. The forms were sent out the last part of August.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION: Not knowing where we will be this spring with COVID-19, we have decided to have our Convention the weekend of March 20-21, 2021. On Saturday, March 20 we will be at Thomas More Prep/Marian High in Hays and Sunday, March 21 we will be at Sacred Heart High School in Salina. Our speaker for both days will be Robert Feduccia. The Adult Youth Leaders will be receiving the information and the registration forms in the mail.

PRAYER AND ACTION: Hopefully, we will be able to have PRAYER AND ACTION next summer 2021. In June, Oakley will host us. Right now, we need a parish in the eastern part of our diocese to host us in July. If you have any questions, please give me a call. It's been a wonderful experience for every parish that has hosted this program in the last fifteen years.

NCYC: I just received a mailing from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry saying that they are proceeding with plans for an in-person NCYC in November 2021. More details will follow in future mailings. The dates for NCYC are November 18-20, 2021.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

RESPECT LIFE MONTH BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGNS: Support Catholic Charities Pro-Life Pregnancy and Adoption Programs by holding a Baby Bottle Campaign or another type of fundraiser during Respect Life Month in October. Catholic Charities Pregnancy Program counselors meet monthly with up to 90 pregnant women in the Salina Diocese each month throughout their pregnancy and up to six months post-delivery. To receive marketing materials for Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Programs, contact Jeanie Warner at jwarner@ccnk.org or 785-825-0208 x215. The Manhattan and Hays area parishes are slated to begin October 1, 2020.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL- TOGETHER, WE CAN!

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – TOGETHER, WE CAN! is coming upon us quickly. The audio message will be played in parishes November 7-8 and the appeal will begin the following weekend, November 14-15. Materials will be mailed to each priest for their respective parishes in mid-October.

If you have any questions, please contact, Jeanie Warner at jwarner@ccnks.org or 785-825-0208 x215.

ADOPTION MASS:

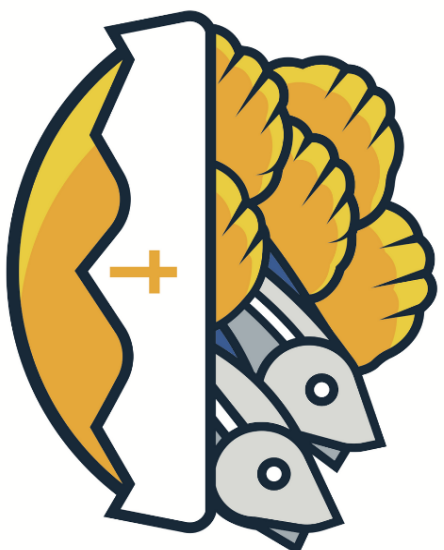
Please consider putting this announcement in your parish bulletins:

Catholic Charities will host the 3rd Annual Adoption Mass at noon on Friday, November 6, 2020. Bishop Vincke will celebrate mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina in honor of National Adoption Awareness month. The mass is open to the public and families and individuals touched by adoption are encouraged to attend.

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Ends All Saint's Day	2 All Souls Day	3 Curia, B, 10 am	4	5 Priest's Council, Victoria, 10:30-2:30, College of Consulters meeting, 2:30-3:30	6 Catholic Charities Adoption Awareness Mass, noon, Sacred Heart Cathedral	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Catholic Charities 6 pm	13	14 Encounter Weekend, Conception, MO
15 Encounter Weekend, Conception, MO Catholic Charities, Annual Appeal	16 Encounter Weekend, Conception, MO iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving	17	18	19	20	21 Deacon Aspirant Formation
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving CHANCERY CLOSED	27 CHANCERY CLOSED	28
29 1 st Sunday of Advent	30					

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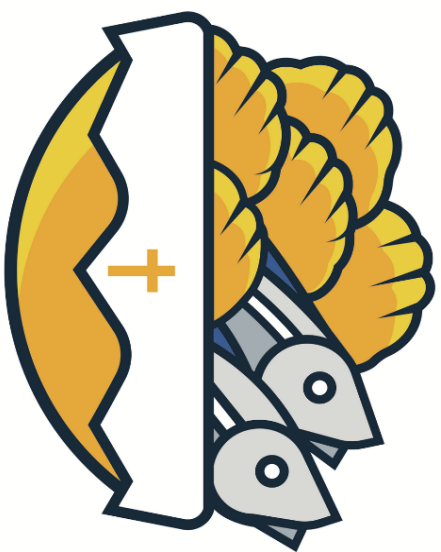


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THE SHEPHERD



HAPPY FALL!

*"I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and
mine know me,
just as the
Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life
for the sheep"
~John 10: 14-15*

As we begin this month of October, I ask each Safety Coordinator to take time to reflect on the start of the new school year. You may be the safety coordinator or principal of a school, or possibly the safety coordinator and catechist at your local parish. In your town, students may be going to school for in-person classes. In another town, students may be at home engaged in some type of remote learning. Whatever it may be today, it will likely change tomorrow.

You secured your volunteers for religious education classes, and they are current in their safe environment training and background checks. You are familiar with the new driving guidelines for parent drivers at our Catholic Schools. You have chosen what safe environment curriculum you will use with your students. You have visited with parents on the roll they will have in educating students this year, in some cases, parents will be teaching their children at home. You have turned in your certification status forms to the Safe Environment Office. You know precautions to take when using the Zoom platform to ensure that on-line ministry is both safe and holy.

You have purchased thermometers, masks, hand sanitizer, and Clorox wipes. You have asked the advice of everyone possible (and yes, everyone's answer was different). The road has been bumpy, but you press on.

Praise yourself for all the hard work you have done to get this far ensuring that the return to school and parish activities are safe, efficient and seamless for our children.

But, as staff and students return to school, **child abuse disclosures and reports will likely increase**. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services' 4th National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect, **teachers** identify and **report** more child abuse cases to child protection authorities than any other professionals—including doctors, hospital personnel, police and social service agencies.



As you continue the daily trials, being aware of these challenges and many others, along with the need to be flexible, and understanding, know that you are truly making a difference in the lives of your students. Your students need you and depend on you to provide an environment that is safe and healthy, (sometimes home is not a safe and supportive environment) not only during this unprecedented time, but every single day.

Thank you for the work you do, as we continue our mission; promise to protect pledge to heal.



**Reflection: God of love, we recognize Your presence in our journey together
as we gather here for the start of this year in Your name.
Open our minds to know Your voice. Open our hands to do Your work.
And open our hearts to hold Your spirit. Amen**

All parishes and schools are reminded to place this announcement in their parish bulletins or school newsletters/websites quarterly, then provide the Safe Environment Office a copy for diocesan files.

 <p>Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463 or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official.</p>	<p>For the safety of children and healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides Hotline: 866.752.8855 #1067 Website: www.reportandprotect.com Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator.</p> <p><i>"Rescue me, Lord, from my foes, for I seek refuge in you." - Psalm 143:9</i></p>  <p>Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina</p>	<p>To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides Hotline: 800.276.1562 Website: reportbishopabuse.org</p> <hr/> <p>All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.</p>
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NEWS AND NOTES from the Safe Environment Office



A reminder to all Safety Coordinators of Schools: A new process has been implemented (in addition to diocesan guidelines) for drivers who transport minors in their own private vehicles. These guidelines were sent to all principals through email. If you have any questions regarding this new process, please contact Geoff Andrews.

As part of our efforts to protect minors, the Diocese of Salina requires Safe Environment compliance on a *five-year cycle* for clergy, employees, and all volunteers working with minors. Safety Coordinators please be sure you are monitoring the CMGConnect data base *weekly* to ensure that all those ministering are in compliance, and if they are expired that they renew promptly.

I have received a few questions on how to proceed with the requirement of signing the "Acknowledgment Form/Appendix E". If you need suggestions on how to complete this new standard at your parish or school, please let me know.

The updated Safe Environment Program was distributed to parishes and school in July. If your parish or school did not receive a copy, please let me know. In the program, there is a section called *Frequently Asked Questions* that you may find helpful as you remain committed to ensure the safety of children and young people, who have been entrusted in our care in our parishes, schools, religious education classes, and other programs in our communities.

An on-line survey was emailed to *PARISH* Safety Coordinators at the beginning of September. If you have not filled it out yet, please do this by October 15th. I am trying to gather information from Safety Coordinators in terms of when and how (in-person, on-line, at home) they are starting Religious Education classes and how it relates to the Safe Environment Program. A big shout out to those who have already filled it out. Your feedback is very important as we continue to muddle our way through this pandemic and continue our mission; promise to protect, pledge to heal.

The Diocese of Salina will be launching a new website in October. I saw a sneak peek and I am sure you will find it visually appealing, user-friendly, and informative. The actual process should be seamless, but, please feel free to contact me once it has been launched if you can't find a particular "*safe environment document*", or you have any questions.

Finally, You have spent the last few months preparing to start school and begin religious education programs. You have implemented COVID safety measures to keep children safe and healthy and implemented the guidelines in the recent updated Safe Environment Policy regarding strategies and prevention of child abuse. This pandemic has turned our own personal lives upside down, everyday is a new challenge, you are overwhelmed, stressed, and exhausted. Try to take a break from the stress (turn off the news or take a break from social media) and engage in a healthy, soothing distraction. Pursue things that give you joy and hope. While this pandemic continues, draw on some personal strengths that have helped you in the past. Stick to your routine and seek support if you need to.

*Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9*

PROMISE
To Protect

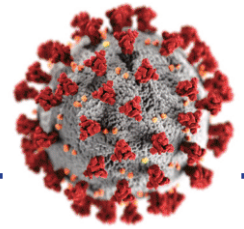
Pledge
To HEAL

<p>Wendy Backes Safe Environment Program Coordinator 785.827.8746 #24 wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org</p>	<p>Maria Cheney Victim Assistance Coordinator 866.752.8855 #1067 reportabuse@salinadiocese.org</p>	<p>Kim Hoelting Human Resources Director 785.827.8746 #28 kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org</p>
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IMPACT OF COVID-19 on CHILD ABUSE

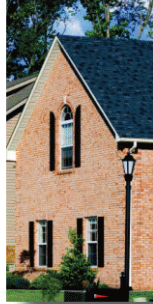
Considerations for 2020-2021 School Year



For Some Students:

- home is not a safe and supportive environment.
- may have faced neglect or abuse as a result of being in close proximity to caregivers for extended periods of time (without physical interaction with their service providers or schools.)
- the economic strain of the pandemic and mental/emotional strain can lead to an increase in violence in the home, including domestic violence and child sexual abuse
- they had different caregivers.
 - Grandmom is high risk for infection, so teen neighbor has been watching them.
 - Mom and/or Dad may be essential workers, so Uncle Bill has been coming over to the apartment.
- May lack access to food, shelter, friends, or support.

Source: Responding During the COVID19 Pandemic - State of Vermont



RETURNING TO SCHOOL

While delayed disclosures are common among children, disclosures could increase upon return to school, BUT forensic interviewers say that disclosures could be delayed by an additional 6-9 months.

Student Concerns May Be:

1. Should I be talking about this with all these new rules?
Washing hands, masks, temperature taking, social distancing
2. Need to focus on learning.
Missed so much school. Should focus only be on learning?
3. New year, new teacher?
Is new teacher a Trusted Adult?
4. With social distancing restrictions, can I get close enough to tell the teacher I need to speak to someone privately?
5. Availability of one-on-one access?
Existing Policies & Procedures/New Social Distancing guidelines
6. Who do I talk to?
New school year/new grade level/maybe new school?

Suggestions for Teachers:

- Quick Refresher for teachers on mandated reporting.
Warn teachers that trauma from abuse may increase due to:
- Isolation of Staying Home
 - Fear of threats not to tell
 - The act of abuse
 - Home discourse/stress



Related Issues

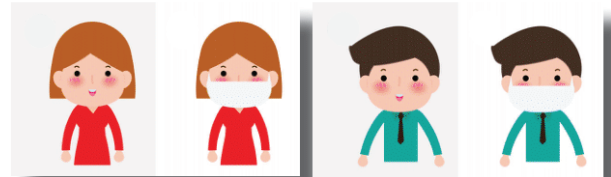
- 1.5 Billion Students worldwide have been home from school since March 2020; many will continue to be.
- More children active online and on social media as a result of isolation.
 - Much time online unsupervised
 - Global reports of suspected abuse to NCMEC's Cybertipline up 106% compared to March, 2019.
 - 89% fewer child abuse images removed from Internet
 - Knowing this, distributors using mainstream platforms, grooming & exploiting kids, 90% new images are GIRLS.
NCMEC = Nat'l Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Insight from Child Advocacy Center*

- Majority of child abuse reports come from schools.
- Covid-19 school closures impacted reports:
April, 2020 – down 75%
May, 2020 – down 50%
Summer – typically low because kids are not connected to teachers/school support
 - Most forensic interviews happening right now are delayed disclosure from past abuse (months or yrs)
 - Increased forensic interviews of teens sneaking out to meet older guys in their 20's and experiencing sexual assault. *Holly's House CAC, Evansville, IN

Recommendations for Helping Students

- Announce availability of help for any student.
- Specifically mention neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, food & housing insecurity.
- Introduce the person to whom students can talk;
 - If wearing masks, may want to introduce the person (counselor, nurse) behind glass window without mask on, or have the adult hold up a photo of themselves w/o a mask on.
 - Much friendlier face without the mask on – and the child can make the connection to the “friendlier face”.



- Conversely, teens seem to take comfort in the semi-anonymity of mask wearing during disclosure/forensic interview.
- Let students know school staff is there for them – right now and at any time in the future.
- If something did happen to a student during COVID-19 Stay Home/Stay Safe, let them know:
 - they are not the only one and it was not their fault.
 - caring adults are available to help them feel safe again and begin to heal.

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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

A cordial invitation is extended to couples celebrating first anniversaries and anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 this calendar year to join us in recognizing you for your commitment to each other and your commitment of being a witness of faith in the Sacrament of Marriage.

_____ *Yes, I will attend the Mass scheduled at my parish to be recognized and receive a blessing from Father.* or

_____ *No, I will not attend the Mass scheduled at my parish but would like to be recognized and for Father to include me in the anniversary blessing.*

Husband

Wife

Last Name

Street Address

City/Zip

Telephone

Email Address

Parish

City

Date of Marriage (month, day, year) _____

What Anniversary are you celebrating in 2020? _____

Attend the scheduled Mass at local parish? (circle one) YES or NO

****DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS ****

October 16th, 2020

Please mail registration to: Marriage Mass/Family Life Office

Attn: Rick Binder

103 N. 9th Street Salina, KS 67401

You may also register online at: <http://salinadiocese.org/family-life>

or call 785-827-8746 #24

Food & Hygiene Distribution

Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach

Wednesday, October 7

Junction City - JNaz Church	9:00am - 10:00am
Ellsworth - St Bernard Church	10:00am - 11:30am
Norton - St Francis Church	1:00am - 2:00am
Herington - St John Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Lincoln - Health Dept. (on street)	1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday, October 14

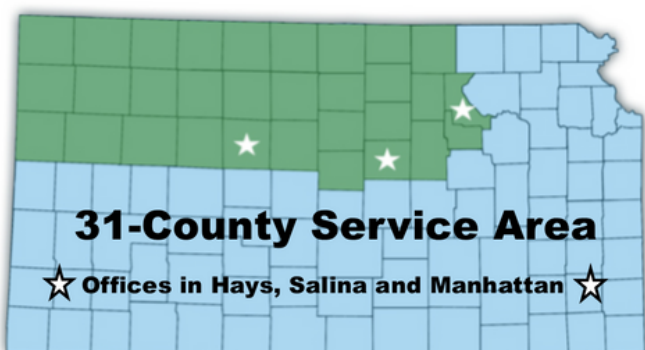
Washington - St Augustine Church	9:30am - 10:30am
WaKeeney - Christ the King Church	10:00am - 11:00am
Wilson - St Wenceslaus Church	10:00am - 11:15am
Mankato - St Theresa Church	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Oakley - St Joseph Church	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Beverly - City Office (on street)	1:00pm - 2:00pm

Wednesday, October 21

Junction City - JCNaz Church	9:00am - 10:00am
Minneapolis - 200 block of N Sheridan	10:00am - 11:15am
Clay Center - St. Peter & Paul Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Concordia - OLPH Catholic Church	1:30pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday, October 28

Russell - St. Mary Church	9:00am - 10:00am
Chapman - St. Michael Church	9:30am - 10:30am
Osborne - St. Aloysius Church	10:30am - 11:30am
Abilene - St Andrew Church	11:00am - 12:00pm
Plainville - Sacred Heart Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Beloit - St. John Church	1:30pm - 3:00pm



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