

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2020



As the season of Christmas comes to an end and we begin a new calendar year, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the work you do in the Diocese of Salina, and share with you a letter Bishop Vincke received from Stone Bridge Partners this fall.

Dear Bishop Vincke:

We are writing to inform you that the Diocese of Salina is in compliance with the data collection requirements for the 2018/2019 Charter audit period. We have reviewed this information and will be forwarding the documents to the Secretariat of Youth and Child Protection for use in the 2019 Audit Report.

Thank you for your cooperation and for participating in the data collection process.

Sincerely,
Stone Bridge Partners
Rochester, New York

This letter represents true commitment and dedication to the Charter, promise to protect and pledge to heal. We sincerely thank you for your ministry, as you faithfully implement the Safe Environment Program in your parishes and schools.

As a Community of Faith

During this past year, along with many other Diocese around the world, our Diocese has had its ups and downs. The effects of the sexual abuse within the church has certainly caused a myriad of emotions, and many people wonder...when will end? In passing I heard a priest say, "I am not sure anyone can answer that question, but it is with great hope that not only the abuse will end, but also the need to report is never again necessary." It is warming to know that our Priests, Bishops and our Holy Father are addressing the issue for the protection and healing not only in the Catholic Church, but maybe for the whole world. May God continue to bless you with the grace, strength and perseverance to protect and to heal.

Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330), the KBI Crime Hotline (1-800-KSCRIME) 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. For the safety of children and the healing of those who have suffered abuse,

THE DIOCESE OF SALINA

provides an

Abuse Response Hotline

1-785-825-0865

an

Abuse Response Email

reportabuse@salinadiocese.org

and an

Abuse Response Online

Submission Form

www.salinadiocese.org/safety-security

Reports will be responded to promptly by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. 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.



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*The protection and care of our children
and those who are vulnerable
deserve our very best.*

As we begin a new calendar year and in our fight to protect and heal, it is important that we practice self-care. This type of work can be stressful, depressing and sometimes even painful.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN PRACTICE SELF-CARE

- ✦ Pray more... sign up for a Holy Hour at your Parish
- ✦ Read Scripture...the word of God is an excellent source of hope and comfort, it helps us to discover wisdom and gives us strength
- ✦ Exercise.... Have you tried Pietra Fitness? [Learn more here](#)
- ✦ Relax...do less, let go, breathe, journal, listen to music
- ✦ Live life... go out with friends, take a walk ride your bike take a vacation, get a pet
- ✦ Hug someone...research shows human touch can bring down heart rate and blood pressure
- ✦ Read...fiction, magazines
- ✦ Go to the Movies...or binge watch Netflix
- ✦ Utilize the tools that have already been given to you...the Mass, Sacraments, Holy Eucharist the Rosary

Know that Jesus continues to accompany you and that God's love for you is unconditional. Ask for Mary's assistance, she is listening to what we say and will bring it to Jesus. She will ask him for all the graces we need. As we enter into this new year, keep the faith, carry on, continue the fight, and most of all, take care of *yourself*.



Morning Consecration to Mary

My Queen, My Mother, I offer myself entirely to thee. And to show my devotion to thee, I offer thee this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me as thy property and possession. Amen

Look for the
next edition of
The Shepherd
in
April 2020

Remember: The CMGConnect data base will have a new look, as the 2.0 relaunch was a success. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the time the site was down. As Diocesan Administrators we aren't yet familiar with all the updates and features, but they have reminded us it is similar to a smart phone update. As updated administrator guides and flyers become available, we will email them out to all parish and school Safety Coordinators in the Diocese. Please continue to monitor the data base *weekly* as in the past.

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