

# THE SHEPHERD

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

2023

Remember us, O God;  
 from age to age be our comforter.  
 You have given us the wonder of time,  
 blessings in days and nights, seasons  
 and years.  
 Bless your children at the turning of  
 the year and fill the months ahead  
 with the bright hope  
 that is ours in the coming of Christ.  
 You are our God, living and reigning,  
 forever and ever.  
 Amen.



As I look back on 2022, I again recognize that being a Safety Coordinator at parish or school is a huge job! Many of you are not full-time employees, only part-time volunteers. I thank you for your commitment as you keep our children safe. As you continue this journey in the new year, please know I am available, whatever your needs may be. Thank you again for all you do. Your dedication to our diocese is greatly appreciated. Many blessings on the new year!

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## CMGConnect

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT DATABASE

The CMGConnect Database helps us to ensure that all clergy, educators, employees, and volunteers who work around minors have completed the safe environment requirements. Safety coordinators, please log in weekly and make any necessary updates.

Note: All expired users in the data base were archived on December 30, 2022, please contact the Safe Environment office for further information.

*"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*

**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.**

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families  
 800.922.5330  
 KBI Crime Hotline  
 800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, the diocese provides a confidential Hotline: 866.752.8855 ext.1067  
 Website: reportandprotect.com  
 Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org  
 Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

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 a confidential Hotline: 800.276.1562  
 Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities investigating reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including but not limited to Church Personnel.



Questions regarding reporting should be directed to the Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina -785.827. 8746

*God is light; and in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another."*  
 1 John 1:5-7



**NEWS AND NOTES** *from the Safe Environment Office*

**One person's stance against child abuse and child sexual abuse has a ripple effect. Other lives are influenced and changed as a result. Each of us can contribute to creating safe environments for all children in our communities. If one person can accomplish so much, imagine what is possible when members of a community work together to protect children. The potential is tremendous!**

*What Can Parents Do?*

Teach children about healthy and safe relationships.

Teach Children internet safety in a technology-based world. What social media platforms are YOUR children using? Does your child use TikTok?

Know the warning signs of potential abuse.

Know about your children's lives. Who do they spend time with? Where do they spend their time?

Ensure that personnel at your child's school or other adults in their lives are trained in sexual abuse prevention.

Ensure your child knows what to do in the event of an assault.



**What is TikTok?**

TikTok is an app that allows users to create and share short videos. TikTok's users enjoy using the app's tools to combine video, music, and graphics into funny sketches and creative shorts.

**Why do so many teens like TikTok?**

TikTok allows teens to combine music and video to make funny, silly, and clever video shorts. The app and its user community are known to value creativity and authenticity over follower counts and likes. As a result, users find it a refreshing atmosphere where they can be themselves. Also, TikTok videos can be fun to watch and -- because they are so short -- be enjoyed during brief breaks. If a half hour TV show were a meal, TikTok would be a snack.

To learn more about TikTok go to <https://www.catholienh.org/assets/Documents/Child-Safety/Articles-Parents/ParentsGuideToTikTok.pdf>



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the possibility of  
help and healing.  
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