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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD is Friday, January 1st. It is typically a Holy Day of Obligation. However, during the current pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed. The Chancery will be closed.

IGNITE Annual pro-life event is Thursday, January 21st in Topeka. See the Respect Life Section for more details. You can also join via live stream [HERE](#).

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE is Friday, January 29th in Washington D.C.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK is January 31 – February 6. The theme is *Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service*. Thank you to all the pastors, teachers, parents and students who support our schools. Find more CSW information [HERE](#).

CLERGY RENEWAL DAYS previously scheduled for January 11-14 have been cancelled.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING inserts for the parish bulletin:

JANUARY - Lent begins next month with fish fries across the country. The U.S. imports 80-90% of its seafood. Tens of thousands of people are exploited at every level in seafood harvesting and production. Learn more about the *Labeling Campaign of CATHOLIC COALITION ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING*. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization (sistersagainstrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

ENERO - La Cuaresma comienza el próximo mes con pescado frito en todo el país. Los Estados Unidos importa del 80 al 90% de sus productos de mar. Decenas de miles de personas son explotadas en todos los niveles en la recolección y producción de productos de mar. Conozca más sobre la campaña de rotulación de LA COALICIÓN DE ORGANIZACIONES CATÓLICAS CONTRA LA TRATA DE PERSONAS. Las Hermanas Católicas de los Estados Unidos contra la Trata de Personas es una organización 501 © (3) (sistersagainstrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

BACKGROUND CHECKS: As we return to duty post holiday's, we know there will be some hiring. The background check is an essential part of the contingent offer of employment. Please hold off announcing a new hire until the check is completed.

OFFICE OF FINANCE

PARISH PHYSICAL PLANT IMPROVEMENT REPORT: Included in this packet is the yearly Parish Physical Plant improvement report. Years ago, this report was filled out every year by parishes and then included in the parish file in the finance office. There have been occasions when pastors have called asking for information concerning improvements that were made 15 or 20 years earlier. This form helps us answer those questions. Please fill out this form for any parish physical improvements for 2021 for over \$2,000 and return to the finance office. We will then add it to your parish file.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS: The list of diocesan collections through 2023 is attached. Per Bishop Vincke, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection will no longer be taken up in the diocese. Therefore, it has been removed from the list.

CLERGY CONTINUING EDUCATION

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: The Education Committee will meet with the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita and try to reschedule our cancelled Renewal Days for later in the Spring 2021. Hopefully, the Pandemic will ease up a bit with the vaccinations coming soon.

RETREAT: Our Retreat is still scheduled for September 13-16 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita.

We will post updates, as necessary.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

2021 MARCH FOR LIFE in TOPEKA is set for Thursday, January 21st. Because of the pandemic, there are still many details of the event to be decided. The IGNITE rally and Mass normally held are facing the possibility of severely reduced numbers. Efforts are being made to have the restrictions on gatherings be waived for this event. It is possible there will even be restrictions placed on outside gatherings. It is more important than ever for us to have a physical presence advocating for those that have no voice. Please prayerfully consider organizing a delegation from your parish to attend the March for Life in Topeka. Watch the diocesan website for updates on details of the event and rules surrounding your participation. The event will also be available via livestream (www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/Ignite2021).

2021 MARCH FOR LIFE in D.C. will be held Friday, January 29th. We currently have 75 people planning on making the pilgrimage to D.C.! With courage and fortitude, the participants have overcome many obstacles in arranging plans to participate in the pilgrimage to defend life from conception to natural death. Parishes are encouraged to plan Holy Hours or prayer services on either January 22nd, (the day Roe v. Wade became law) or on January 29th, (the day of the National March). Other possibilities include a peaceful march from your parish to the local courthouse or government offices.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK-USA and WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY: National marriage week is slated for **Feb. 7th - 14th** and culminates with **World Marriage Sunday, Feb. 14th**. Because of the pandemic, the diocese does not have any events scheduled, but encourages parishes to do something on the local level to recognize the sanctity of marriage. This is an opportunity to spread the news that marriage, as a Sacrament instituted by Christ, has many values beyond the obvious. Research shows that marriage adds years to your life as married couples live 2-10 years longer than singles. Statistically, married couples are healthier, both physically and mentally, and are less likely to develop mental problems, such as depression. Married people recover more positively from surgery and injury and even sleep better. Married couples tend to act more responsibly in avoiding risky behavior as they want to stay alive and well for their spouse and children. Researchers agree marriage has demonstrable benefits for children that grow up in a healthy marriage and for society in general. For more information, click [HERE](#).

2021 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE is set for **Saturday, August 14th at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Hays**. The theme is "Men of Hope" and falls on the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a great witness of hope in the darkest of times. Keynote speakers for the event are Archbishop Chaput (pending pandemic restrictions) and Chris Padgett, a leading expert on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Please begin running announcements in your parish bulletins. A flyer will be available soon to add as an insert in the bulletin and to be copied and distributed to men's groups such as K of C, etc.

MARRIAGE PREP AND ENRICHMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS can be found on the diocesan website. Events are limited for now because of the pandemic. Please contact the Family Life office if you have questions regarding an event at 785-827-8746, ext. 27.

BELOVED, presented by **Deacon Wayne and Kathryn Talbot**, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27th and Saturday, March 13th 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. at St. Thomas More parish in Manhattan. Beloved is for all couples in marriage prep and married couples of all stages of life. Cost of the event is \$30 due by Feb. 14th. To register, call St. Thomas More parish office at 785-776-5151.

MADE FOR MORE originally scheduled for May 13th, 2020 has been rescheduled for **Thursday, Oct. 14th, 2021 in Manhattan**. Details of the event will be forthcoming later this Spring.

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

REGARDING RCIA, in the event that some of your students are ineligible to receive sacraments due to a non-approved marital status issue, you are welcome to contact the Tribunal for assistance to help you best sort that out. You can contact me directly at frpeterquest@yahoo.com. I can help answer any questions about how to proceed on putting together paperwork for the Tribunal – whether it's associated with an RCIA student or not.

Sometimes, a couple is in a civil union and simply needs a marriage ceremony in the Church. If you are unsure if that would be necessary for a given couple, you can contact me. Do we require marriage prep for such couples? While it is understandable to modify their marriage preparation process, I invite you to see this as an evangelization opportunity. The couple may need you to help address some brokenness and communication strategies while also teaching them the good news about God's design for marriage. We do our best to cater to their needs – so that we don't overwhelm them, but also that we don't take the sacrament lightly.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION: March 20-21 will be the weekend for our Diocesan Youth Convention. The Adult CYO Sponsors have received the information for these 2 days. Our speaker is Robert Feduccia. Robert is the person who puts on ONE BREAD, ONE BODY each summer at Conception Seminary and St. Meinrad's Seminary. On Saturday, March 20 the convention will be in Hays at TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School for all the youth in the western part of our diocese. On Sunday, March 21, we will be gathering the youth from the eastern part of the diocese in Salina at Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School. Please encourage your youth to attend one of these days. The registration forms for Convention is due February 1.

JUNIOR CYO CAMP will be May 29 – June 1 at Rock Springs Ranch, Junction City. The ages able to attend are 6th, 7th and 8th graders this current school year. The counselors for camp are college age students and seniors in high school. You will find the application forms on our web page later this month.

PRAYER AND ACTION: In June, we will be gathering in Oakley for our college week and 3 high school weeks. In July, we will have 3 high school weeks in Beloit. I thank these two parishes for opening up their facilities and letting us do these programs. It is a wonderful opportunity for the people in the parish to see our youth giving of themselves to do service for people in our diocese. It also allows the local community to see our young people working hard, having fun and having God in the center of their lives. We will be sending out forms to the parishes so they can register their youth for this program. If you have any questions, please call Sister Barb or Susan Goodman at 785-827-8746.

NCYC: November 18-20 will be the gathering for our youth in Indianapolis, Indiana. We have about 16 parishes that have let us know that they are interested in attending this conference. If you have not sent in your number of people that will be going and how many rooms you need at the hotel, please do so as soon as possible. I need to know how many buses we need to reserve and how many hotel rooms (double and single rooms) we need to have. Please let me know the numbers from your parish as soon as possible.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

June 6-11, 2021-----FULL

June 13-18, 2021-----FULL

June 20-25, 2021-----FULL

June 27-July 2, 2021-----1 opening

July 11-16, 2021-----FULL

July 18-23, 2021-----2 openings

July 25-30, 2021-----2 openings

If you have any college age men or women who would like to teach TOTUS TUUS for the summer, please have them go to this website to fill out an application.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (cont.)

To find the summer application for TOTUS TUUS:

1) Go to salinadiocese.org

2) Click Offices

3) Select Office of Religious Education and then Totus Tuus link:

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-religious-education/totus-tuus/>

OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE

THE RURAL LIFE COMMISSION MID-WINTER CONFERENCE will be held in the Bishops Hall, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. We will begin at 10 A.M., March 13. Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, we are preparing for the conference to be both on-line, live stream and in-person. We have 4 speakers scheduled for the conference: Pastor Brad Roth, speaking on *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church*; Dr. Janice Swanson will speak on, *The Responsible Stewardship of Farmed Animals & Animal Welfare*, Dr. Dan Thomson topic will be, *Wealth and Poverty: Feeding the world with animal agriculture*, and Stephanie Eckroat will speak on her experiences of presenting Ag Production to school children. For those attending in-person, a lunch will be provided. All registration for in-person and live stream online attendance will be done through Salina Diocese website starting in late January. Additionally, distribution of hard copy and digital form conference flyers will begin in late January. The Conference will be a free-will offering. We are planning on one speaker in the morning, Mass with Bishop Vincke, lunch and then three speakers in the afternoon. If you have questions, contact Art Befort at (785) 282-4732, crl@befort.org or Tom Murphy at (913) 658-3352.

ST. ISIDORE'S DAY will be May 15th in the West Deanery. We will begin with a prayer at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Goodland. Following a brief prayer and welcome, we will proceed to the Northwest Kansas Vocational College for a presentation on Precision Agriculture. Following the presentation at the NWKVC, we will drive to the AgSun operation in Brewster. We will conclude with 5:30 P.M. Mass with Bishop Vincke and dinner at Sacred Heart Church in Colby. For additional information, please contact Fr. Rich Daise at (785) 462-2179 or email at frrich@sacredheartcolby.com

RURAL LIFE DAY will be August 15, in the East Central Deanery. Parish location to be determined. The main feature of Rural Life Day is awarding of the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Awards. Families who have owned, farmed, or lived on a farm in the diocese for 100 years or more are eligible to apply for the Century Farm Award. Applications for the award may be found on the Diocesan Website under Rural Life. While families living in the East Central Deanery are encouraged to apply for the award, any family living in the Diocese of Salina may apply for the Century Farm Award. The deadline for applications is August 1. For additional information, please contact Fr. Rich Daise at (785) 462-2179 or email at frrich@sacredheartcolby.com

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

CHRISTMAS CHURCH PHOTOS: We would like to share photos of our parishes that are decorated for Christmas on social media again this year. Please email any photos and the name of your parish to communications.office@salinadiocese.org or matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org.

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE: Our new diocesan website is live! Please visit salinadiocese.org to check it out. A big thank you to everyone who assisted with this endeavor.

-Please review your parish and/or school page and make sure the content is correct. If you have any changes to your page, please fill out the Directory Update form in the quick links on the bottom of the website. You can also refer to the attached Website Update Flyer and follow the steps to submit your Directory changes.

NEW DIOCESAN PODCAST "FROM THE HEART": We are so excited about our new Catholic podcast, "From the Heart"! We have several episodes for you to listen to about conversions to the Catholic faith, vocations stories and more. Click the links below to start listening or subscribe.

- Anchor -<https://anchor.fm/fromtheheartcatholic>
- Spotify - <https://open.spotify.com/show/3JZVJbr9ocp9C7LJma7Mxj>
- Google Podcasts - <https://www.google.com/podcasts?feed=aHR0cHM6Ly9hbmNob3IuZm0vcy8zNWNhZjIxYy9wb2RjYXN0L3Jzcw=>
- Apple Podcasts - <https://podcasts.apple.com/.../from-the.../id1531522453>

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Twitter: [@SalinaDiocese](https://twitter.com/SalinaDiocese)

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

OFFICE OF THE REGISTER

THE NECROLOGY has been mailed out to all parish clusters because there is no in-person clergy retreat in January. If you do not receive your necrology, or believe you have missed it, please email: newspaper1@salinadiocese.org ... thank you!

BEGINNING JANUARY 4TH, Karen Bonar will no longer be the Editor of the diocesan newspaper, *The Register*.

It has been a blessing to have Karen at the Diocese for the last 5 years. She has done a tremendous job working with our clergy and parish staff to share both the Good News of the Gospel, and the good news of happenings in your parishes across the Diocese. We wish her well in her new position at Kansas Wesleyan University.

The Communications Director for the Diocese, Colleen Augustine, will begin looking for a replacement immediately.

Please be sure to update your address books to send all future news items and new paper requests to: newspaper1@salinadiocese.org.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

MISSION COOPERATIVE 2021: As we complete the contribution records for the Mission Cooperative Appeal of 2020, parishes are reminded that Mission Cooperative presenters are prohibited by diocesan policy from providing their own contribution envelopes to be distributed in parishes for this collection. Special diocesan mission co-op envelopes are provided each year to all the parishes. In the February SDNB, parishes will be asked to indicate the number of mission co-op envelopes needed for 2021's appeal.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: If you have not sent in your collection for World Mission Sunday, which was October 17-18, 2020, please do so as soon as you can.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM has policies, procedures, requirements, and expectations that need to be followed. Please be mindful of those as our safe environment programs are in place to assist parents, children, parish members, teachers, community members, and all those who work with children in securing a safe environment for our young people where they can grow to full and human Christian maturity. Thank you again for all your hard work this past year. And as St. Teresa of Calcutta often said,

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

SAFETY STATISTICS – Please see the attached infographic taken from the 2019 annual report on the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Prevention, protection and accountability, creating a safe environment for all.

THE SHEPHERD - For news, notes and reminders, please see the attached January edition of the Safe Environment Newsletter.

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

Wishing each of you a **Happy New Year** from all of us in Stewardship and Development.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you to all for your continued support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of today, we have \$1,820,512.44 pledged to the appeal! We are so appreciative of your assistance in promoting the appeal.

The 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share will kick-off **February 6-7**. Our staff is working diligently to make this appeal a success. Your support and promotion of the appeal is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your leadership at your parish(es).

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

The parish resource manual, poster and CD with Bishop's homily will be distributed in January. Please be sure to review this manual to best implement the annual appeal at your parish. If you have any questions, please direct them to Katie G.

#iGiveCatholic: #iGiveCatholic was December 1st and was a massive success! \$492,558 was raised by 826 donors for 32 different ministries in our diocese. For comparison, in 2019, \$387,395.43 was raised by 514 donors.

This year, our diocese was ranked 7th nationally in dollars raised. We even had a few organizations rank nationally in the top 100!

- 8. Manhattan Catholic Schools
- 22. St. Thomas More Parish, Manhattan
- 51. St. Mary Church and School, Ellis
- 52. St. John's Catholic Schools, Beloit
- 58. St. Andrew Grade School, Abilene
- 60. St. Andrew Church, Abilene

To see a breakdown of total dollars raised per organization, visit www.salina.igivecatholic.org

Thank you to all who made this event so successful. We are so grateful to our donors who make it possible for our parishes and schools to continue their Catholic ministries.

Contact us: 785-827-8746

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February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Catholic Schools Week	2 Catholic Schools Week Groundhog Day	3 Catholic Schools Week	4 Catholic Schools Week	5 Catholic Schools Week	6
7 Confirmation, Victoria 10 am National Marriage Week	8 National Marriage Week	9 National Marriage Week	10 Confirmation, Abilene, 6 pm National Marriage Week	11 National Marriage Week	12 Lincoln's Birthday Engaged Encounter, Victoria National Marriage Week	13 Engaged Encounter, Victoria National Marriage Week
14 St. Valentine's Day Confirmation, Beloit 10 am Engaged Encounter, Victoria World Marriage Sunday	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20 Confirmation, Wakeeney, 5:30 pm
21 Confirmation, Oakley 10:30 am Rite of Election, Hays, 3 pm	22 Art & Architecture 2:30 pm	23	24	25	26	27 Beloved, St. Thomas More, Manhattan, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
28 Confirmation, Hill City 10 am Rite of Election, Salina 3 pm						

***** All scheduled events are tentative at the time of publication. Please check for updates with your parish/chancery

Parish Physical Plant Improvements

Parish _____ Year 2020

City _____

Improvement #1

Site:

Cost:

Contractor:

Improvement #2

Site:

Cost:

Contractor:

Improvement #3

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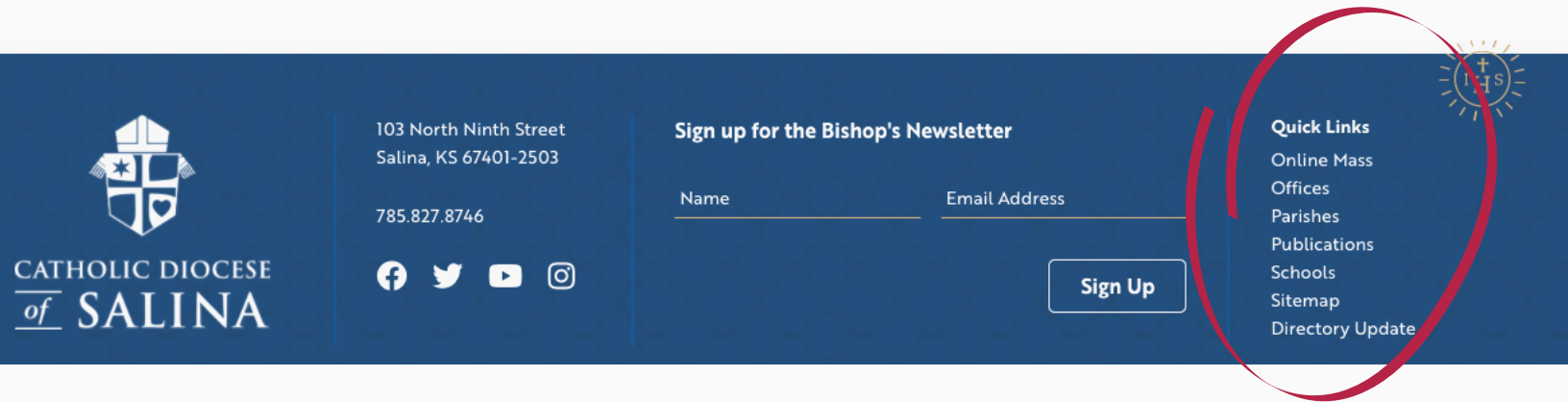
Please return this form to the Diocesan Finance Office in January 2021. Thank you!

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS FOR THE SALINA DIOCESE

	2021	2022	2023
Catholic Relief Services - (formerly ACOAF) (fourth Sunday of Lent)	3/14/2021	3/27/2022	3/19/2023
Holy Land - (Good Friday)	4/2/2021	4/15/2022	4/7/2023
Catholic Home Mission Appeal (last Sunday of April)	4/25/2021	4/24/2022	4/30/2023
Seminarian Collection (Second Sunday in August)	8/8/2021	8/14/2022	8/13/2023
Peter's Pence (first Sunday of July or Nearest Sunday to the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul)	6/27/2021	6/26/2022	7/2/2023
Mission Sunday (next to last Sunday in October)	10/24/2021	10/23/2022	10/22/2023
Archdiocese for the Military Services (Sunday before Veterans Day, every 3 years)	N/A	11/6/2022	N/A
Retired Religious (Second Sunday in December)	12/12/2021	12/11/2022	12/10/2023

HOW TO UPDATE MY PARISH INFORMATION

1. Go to salinadiocese.org
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page
3. Click "Directory Update" under Quick Links



HOW TO FILL OUT THE DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

1. Type your Name
2. Enter your parish name and city
3. Enter your email
4. Let us know what needs to be updated
5. Submit your change

WHO RECEIVES YOUR UPDATE?

Your update is automatically sent to the following offices:

- Communications - Matea Gregg
- Executive Assistant - Abby Sola
- Chancery Receptionist - Brenda Streit
- Development - Melanie Melander

**WHEN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION CHANGES FOR YOUR
PARISH, PLEASE FILL OUT THE
DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM**

- Email
- Phone Number
- Website
- Mass/Confession Times
- Donation Link (if applicable)
- Pastor email
- Pastor Phone Number

**FOR ANY OTHER WEBSITE
QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS,
PLEASE CONTACT:**

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785-827-8746 Ext: 33

PROMISE to Protect

Pledge to HEAL

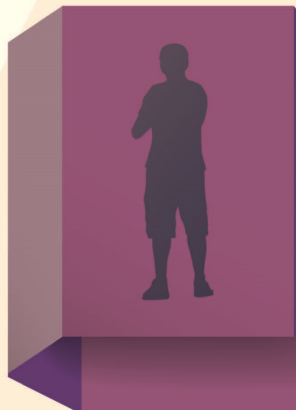


**We train
everyone to
prevent and
report abuse.**

2,627,827 adults trained
3,685,276 children
trained

**195 U.S. dioceses/
eparchies** have a victim
assistance coordinator to
obtain assistance and provide
support for those abused.

**We provide
outreach to
those abused.**

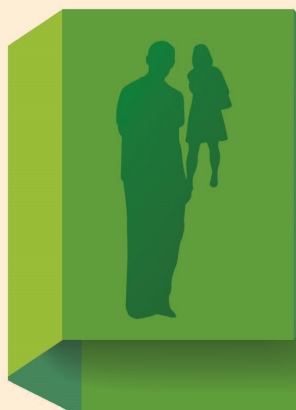


**We require
background
checks.**

2,650,835
background checks
for clerics, employees
and volunteers

**100% of U.S.
dioceses/eparchies**
require allegations of
sexual abuse to be reported
to public authorities.

**We report all
allegations.**



**We work
with law
enforcement.**



THE SHEPHERD

*May the blessings of Christ
be always with you and may
your New Year be happy
and joyful.*

Happy
New Year!
2021

*"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*

Safety Coordinators:

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

Sometime in 2021 the Safe Environment Office is scheduled for an on-site audit through Stone Bridge Partners. Please continue to be vigilant and attentive to the efforts of protecting children and maintaining safe environments so our children can learn, pray and grow.



Dear Bishop Vincke:

We are writing to inform you that the Diocese of Salina is in compliance with the data collection requirements for the 2019/2020 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 2020 Audit Report.

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

Sincerely,
Stone Bridge Partners Rochester, New York

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

-Matthew 18: 10)



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.

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.

*"Rescue me, Lord, from my foes,
for I seek refuge in you."
- Psalm 143:9*



Safe Environment Office
Diocese of Salina

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

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

from the Safe Environment Office



Appendix E- Acknowledgement Form: Safety Coordinators, if you have not completed collecting these forms, please complete this process as soon as possible. As a reminder, these forms are to be kept at your parish or school office.

Parish/School Website: Please be sure when providing a link to the CMGConnect training on your school or parish websites, you are using the following link. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/safe-environment/cmg-connect/>.

Expired users in CMGConnect Data Base: The CMGConnect data base was designed to track ACTIVE users. If your site has users that have **expired**, and the user **has not** or **is not** going to minister with minors this audit period, please archive them. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the Safe Environment Office.

Finally, In mid-December I took part in a 3-day virtual retreat given by the USCCB-Child and Youth Protection Office. On day 3, Bishop Wack from the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee was the guest speaker and his talk was called "Come as You Are". He included a guided meditation and brief reflection on the Gospel passage Matthew 25: 14-21, with a special focus on verse 21. Along with that, reminding us, from a bishop's perspective, why our work as Safe Environment Coordinators is so important. Bishop Wack offered the following questions to ponder along with our reading for internal reflection. I want to share them with you and have you do the same:

- What are some small things that I or others have done in the past that have made a big difference?
- What "small things" is God asking you to be faithful to right now (personally and professionally)?
- Given that a lot of our work as the Safe Environment Coordinator is to maintain very strict and comprehensive practices, how can we take what is mundane and make it ever fresh?
- What is the one thing you have learned about yourself as you have worked to provide a safe environment for all of God's children?

2021 is here....are you READY?

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To Protect



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To HEAL

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