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JUNE 25, 2021



"IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE AND GRACE-FILLED DAY."
Father Brian McCaffrey

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Father Brian McCaffrey took the ancient position of prostration at the base of the steps to the sanctuary while the Litany of Supplication was sung June 5 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.

No ordinary ordination

By KATIE GREENWOOD
THE REGISTER

On June 4, the Friday afternoon before Deacon Brian McCaffrey's ordination to the priesthood, he admitted he remained in disbelief that the time had finally come.

"Every day this week, I'd wake up and think, 'Today is the day,'" he said. "And then I realized it

was only Monday, or only Tuesday. I'm just so excited and can't believe that I am almost a priest." The next day, June 5, the eagerly anticipated day of ordination arrived with brilliant blue skies and a hot, warm sun. Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina was nearly filled to capacity as hundreds of people crowded into the pews.

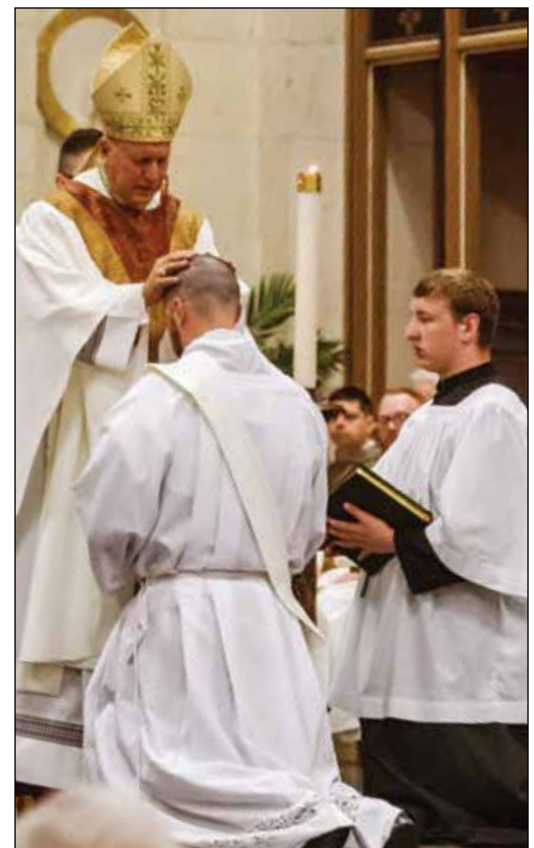
ORDINATION, PAGE 5



Bishop Vincke addressed McCaffrey on the duties and responsibilities of priesthood during homily.



McCaffrey's mother shares a moment with her son after the ordination.



Bishop Jerry Vincke lays hands on McCaffrey during the ordination.

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Turning to her

Shortly after I became the bishop in August 2018, I had to attend a “new bishop” gathering in Rome. We had lots of meetings and discussions regarding Church matters. One of my main goals, however, was to visit the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists.

It’s not that I have a special affiliation to St. Alphonsus. But the reason I wanted to visit that church is because it has the original painting of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, who is the patron saint of our diocese.

I spent a great deal of time there praying for our diocese and asking for the Blessed Mother’s protection and guidance.

The image to me is profound. Jesus, even though he is God, was frightened by the future when he saw the cross and the spear. This was what his future was to become, and yet, when he became afraid, he jumped into his mother’s arms.

I think this is a beautiful lesson for all of us. There are so many things in our world today that make us afraid. And it’s easy to turn in on ourselves and be filled with anxiety.

But Mary invites us to turn to her whenever we are afraid and worried about the future.

Mary was there at the cross, and she is always with us during the crosses of our own life. She wants to hold us amidst our fears and worries, just as any loving mother would.

I pray a Rosary every day for our diocese.

There are certainly many things that cause me to be worried and anxious. And yet, I take great comfort in turning to our Blessed Mother. I have a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in my chapel, which I often look to during my daily holy

hour. Her presence brings peace and overcomes the fears and anxieties.

Please join in my praying a Rosary every day for our diocese, as well as your own special intentions.

In Christ’s service,

+ Gerald L. Vincke

The Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke •
Bishop of Salina

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Vincke**
BISHOP, SALINA DIOCESE



BISHOP’S CALENDAR

July

- 5 Chancery closed
- 14 Prayer and Action – Beloit
- 17 Catholic Charities Annual Green Tie Celebration, 6 p.m., Salina
- 18 Installation Mass, 10 a.m., Seven Dolores, Manhattan
- 20 Chancery Staff Retreat; Chancery closed
- 23 Confirmation, 7 p.m., St. John Nepomucene, Beardsley
- 24 Installation Mass, 5:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi, Norton
- 25 Confirmation, 8 a.m., St. Francis of Assisi, Munjor
- 25 Confirmation, 1:30 p.m., St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays

SAINTS, FEASTS OF JULY

“Let us turn to the example of the saints. They were people like us, flesh and bone, with failings and weaknesses, who managed to conquer and master themselves for the love of God. Let us consider their lives and, like bees who distill precious nectar from each flower, we shall learn from their struggles.”

St. Josemaria Escriva

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| 3 Thomas, apostle | 11 Benedict, abbot |
| 4 Elizabeth of Portugal | 14 Camillus de Lellis, priest |
| 5 Anthony Zaccaria, priest | 15 Bonaventure, bishop and doctor |
| 6 Maria Goretti, virgin | 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| | 21 Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor |
| | 22 Mary Magdalene |
| | 23 Bridget, religious |
| | 25 James, apostle |
| | 26 Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary |
| | 29 Martha |
| | 30 Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor |
| | 31 Ignatius of Loyola, priest |

GOSPEL READINGS

July 4

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus preaches in his native place.

July 11

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus sends out the Twelve, two by two.

July 18

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 6:30-34

Jesus and the apostles were tired, but the crowds followed them.

July 25

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6:1-15

Multiplying of the five loaves and two fish.

JULY PRAYER INTENTION

The Holy Father entrusts the Apostleship of Prayer to publicize his prayer intentions for the good of the world and the Church.

Universal Intention

Social Friendship

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Seminarian dinner set for Aug. 12

THE REGISTER

The Annual Seminarian Fundraising Dinner provides a unique setting for the faithful of the diocese to meet current seminarians. The dinner will be hosted Aug. 12, at Salina Country Club. The purpose of the evening is twofold: to honor and show appreciation for the men who are discerning a call to the priesthood and to raise awareness of the financial need.

A seminarian will spend anywhere from six to nine years in formation. During his time in seminary, a seminarian is prepared for the vocation of priesthood through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation.

Seminarian Adam Zarybnicky reflected on his experience attending Conception Seminary College in Conception, Mo.

“It can be easy to forget how awesome it is to have the privilege of studying at seminary,” he said. “Between the prayer, daily routine, various formators and the other seminarians, we gradually develop into joyful, Christ-centered servants, even though we definitely still fail and struggle along the way. Seminary forms us into men of God who are trying to live as he desires, which is what ultimately matters in life.”

On average, the annual cost to educate



one seminarian is \$50,000. The Salina Diocese is committed to financially supporting its seminarians. In doing so, any man discerning a vocation is not deterred by financial burden.

Currently, the Salina Diocese has six seminarians in formation. Hopefully, these men will become great priest for future generations of Catholics within the diocese.

The dinner is limited to the first 200 RSVPs. To RSVP or to make a gift, visit <https://salinadiocese.org/events/annual-seminarian-fundraising-dinner-2/>.

For more information, contact Melanie Melander at (785) 827-8746, Ext. 45 or email melanie.melander@salinadiocese.org.

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

The following priest assignment changes will take effect July 1. I recognize it can be hard when a priest leaves your parish, especially if you care for him deeply. It can also be difficult for the priest when he is assigned to a new assignment.

Please know every priest assignment was made with the good of our diocese in mind. I love and care for all the parishes and people of our diocese and want what is best for everyone.

For those of you who will have a new priest at your parish, I ask that you please welcome them with open arms and pray for them as they adjust to their new home. Thank you for your faith, love and support of our clergy.

In Christ's service,

+ *Gerald L. Vincke*

Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke
Bishop of Salina

Pastor

Father George Chalbham, CMI: From pastor of Ss. Philip and James Parish in Phillipsburg and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Logan to pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Herington, St. Philip Parish in Hope and St. Columba Parish in Elmo.



Chalbham

Father Matthew Cowan: From parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish and assistant chaplain of the Comeau Catholic Campus Center in Hays to pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Norton and St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo.



Cowan

Father Rich Daise: From pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Colby to pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Hays.



Daise

Father Brian Lager: From pastor of St. Joseph Parish and chaplain of the Comeau Catholic Campus Center in Hays to pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Colby.



Lager

Father Ryan McCandless: From chaplain of Thomas More Prep-Marian in Hays to pastor of Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Manhattan.



McCandless

Father Kerry Ninemire: From pastor of Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Manhattan and St. Patrick Parish in Ogden to pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center and St. Anthony Parish in Miltonvale.



Ninemire

Father Peter O'Donnell: From parochial vicar of St. Andrew Parish in

Abilene, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Herington, St. Philip Parish in Hope and St. Columba Parish in Elmo to pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Abilene and priest supervisor of St. Michael Parish in Chapman.



O'Donnell

Father Randall Weber: From pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Abilene to pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Ogden along with assisting at Seven Dolours Parish in Manhattan and tribunal duties at the diocese.



Weber

Father John Wolesky: From priest supervisor of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Solomon and St. Michael Parish in Chapman to priest supervisor of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Solomon and St. Patrick Parish in Gypsum.



Wolesky

Parochial Vicar

Father Ernest Amoake-Opare: (from the Koforidua Diocese in Ghana) Parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish in Salina and St. Joseph Parish in Brookville.



Amoake-Opare

Father Elias Chinzara: (from the Mutare Diocese in Zimbabwe) Parochial vicar to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays and part-time chaplain of Thomas More Prep-Marian.



Chinzara

Father Matthew Davied: (from the Diocese of Wichita) Parochial vicar of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish and assistant



Davied

chaplain of St. Isidore Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Father Michael Leiker: From parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish in Colby to temporary parish administrator of Ss. Philip and James Parish in Phillipsburg and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Logan.



Leiker

Father Brian McCaffrey: Parochial vicar of St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish in Salina.



McCaffrey

Father Andrew Rockers: From parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish in Salina and St. Joseph Parish in Brookville to parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Cawker City.



Rockers

Chaplain

Father Andy Hammeke: From parochial vicar of St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish in Salina and St. Patrick Parish in Gypsum to chaplain of the Comeau Catholic Campus Center in Hays and part-time chaplain of Thomas More Prep-Marian.



Hammeke

Retirement

Father Don Zimmerman: From pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center and St. Anthony Parish in Miltonvale returning to full retirement.



Zimmerman



Thank you, Jesus, for a mother's open arms

You'll notice in this issue of The Register, I wrote a story about the Memorial Mass for mothers who have lost a child.

That Mass was one of the most beautiful Masses I have ever attended, but it was also the most heart-wrenching.

Several weeks back, I sat with a couple as they told me their story. They lost their baby boy when he was only 6 days old.

Again, it was a beautiful conversation, but so heart-wrenching.

I've been pondering these events in my prayer time. Specifically, I've pondered the love a mother has for her child. I can't even begin to

fathom the way a mother loves.

Awhile back, my brother Lewis ran out into the street in front of a truck. Thankfully, the driver saw him and stopped. But pure terror coursed through my body as I frantically tried to race to him. It was like everything stopped. I was running, but not getting anywhere.

I had this innate drive to protect him. And when he was fine and safe, all I could do was hug him, smothering him with kisses and tears while reprimanding him all at the same time. And Lewis is just my baby brother.

So, if I as a big sister felt that much love for him, the love a mother has must be more.

But it goes both ways, the love a child has for the mother is unmatched.

Growing up, I would babysit for my parents. And I was so struck by how much my baby siblings would cry when my mom

left the room.

They'd scream their heads off. I'd hold them and rock them and tell them I loved them, and it wasn't enough. They'd still cry. But then, the moment my mom walked back into the room, all the

crying would cease. They just wanted their mom.

I've been reflecting on that a lot lately, how much my mom loves me, and how much I love my mom. And it makes me laugh because my mom isn't perfect. I like to think I'm pretty perfect. But according to my mom, I am not perfect either.

So it's an imperfect love. But still a very powerful and profound love.

I am so grateful for the gift of my mom. But I know I'm blessed. Some people have strained relationships with their moms, or maybe their mom left or maybe their mom passed away.

Being deprived of an earthly mother is so incredibly

sad.

But Jesus always provides, and he gave us his Mother. Imagine how the Blessed Mother must love. She's a mom, too. And all of us, the banished children of Eve, we are all her children. And she mightily loves every one of us with a perfect love.

What a beautiful gift. Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of mothers everywhere. But thank you especially for the gift of our Blessed Mother.

Katie

Katie Greenwood is the creative editor of diocesan publications and the annual appeal coordinator.

KATIE GREENWOOD
CREATIVE EDITOR



Sacred Heart students celebrate health

BY MAKENNA ALLEN
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Healthy habits begin early in life. Whether it be consuming nutritious foods or getting in adequate amounts of physical activity, the choices that youth make today can affect their health for years to come.

Sacred Heart High School (SHHS) hopes to spark an interest in healthy habits for students through the school's annual health fair.

On April 8, all SHHS students had the opportunity to attend five sessions that provided education on various aspects of healthy living. As students rotated through the 15-minute sessions, they learned about topics ranging from a dietitian's nutritious breakfast options to maintaining healthy relationships from a Christian perspective.

Students were also able to participate in hands-on sessions that included a Pilates and stretching course with Sharp Performance professionals.

Shane Richards, a father of SHHS students and Saline County EMS, also volunteered his services in teaching a session on CPR and AED use.

Other activities included a health screening session as well as one that discussed the effects of drug addiction in adolescents.

According to SHHS Wellness Chair Shelly Gaskill, the session discussed the impact of practices such as smoking, vaping and smoking marijuana in order to provide students with the information they need to make educated and healthy decisions.

"If we can inform them, people can make decisions and work towards getting away from those types of products that cause addictions," Gaskill said.

This idea of educating students to inspire healthy decisions has been at the root of the fair since it began in 2006 with a \$250 grant. Gaskill has chaired the event since that time but has not been alone in her efforts.

Through the help of a committee and board consisting of various members of the Saline County community, as well as donations provided toward the cause, Gaskill has seen the success of the SHHS health fair for 16 years.

Each year, the event requires the help of a variety of professionals. According to SHHS Principal John Krajicek, this year's list of volunteers included parties from Salina Regional Hospital, Kansas Mental Health and Sharp Performance. SHHS parents also contributed their time and expertise in the medical profession.

Ultimately, all volunteers joined in the fair with the aim of promoting the holistic health of SHHS students.

"It's really about education and kids knowing what they're eating, the impact of the things that they do, and also the social and emotional component," Krajicek said.

Gaskill emphasized the fact that this fair is just one stage in introducing students to healthy habits.

"It's planting the seed," Gaskill said. "We know we're not going to change the students overnight."

Even as she plants the seed within students, Gaskill looks into the future to prepare students for healthy habits that are not yet commonplace in society. In fact, Gaskill suggests SHHS and its

health fair promoted healthy habits such as drinking greater amounts of water years before the benefits were common knowledge.

"We're hoping to be not just one step but two steps ahead of the health curve," she said.

Even with the objectives of health for students and forward-thinking, SHHS did not neglect to reflect upon this year's event. Following the conclusion of the morning's activities, students were polled on a "thumbs-up, thumbs-down scale."

According to the results, the title of favorite session went as a tie between the pilates and stretching session and the CPR/AED class.

No matter what activity students most enjoyed, the health fair provided an opportunity for exposure to healthy habits that can last a lifetime.

"The habits they develop as teenagers and young adults carry on throughout life," Krajicek said. "If we get them on the right path, making good decisions regarding what they're eating and how they're eating, how they're taking care of their fitness and those kinds of things, it can have a tremendous impact."



Krajicek

PRAY FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR DIOCESE AS THEY EMBARK ON MISSION AND MINISTRY THIS SUMMER.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Totus Tuus Team 1

Front row from left, Jamie Kuhlman and Robyn Logan. Back row from left, Jacob Schroeder and Ethan Dlabal. They will be serving in Atwood, WaKeeney, Hoxie, Sharon Springs, Colby and Goodland.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Totus Tuus Team 2

Front row from left, Elizabeth Wright and Torrie Gregg. Back row from left, Michael Lager and James Probst. They will be serving in Lincoln, Hanover, Clay Center, Ellsworth, Osborne and Norton.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Totus Tuus Team 3

Front row from left, Brooke Leiker and Laura Meyer. Back row from left, Sam Stone and Matthew Hogan. They will be serving in Wilson, Ellis, Beloit, Abilene, Salina and Oakley.

Junior CYO camp

Nearly 200 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders attended the Junior CYO camp during Memorial Day weekend. Pictured right is one small group of campers.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Prayer and Action team leaders

Front row from left, Ridge Pinkston, Lane Werth and Brandon Bates. Back row from left, Jessica Williams, Elle Eilert and Lindsey Gack.

Knights help brother Knight with ALS

By DONETTA ROB BEN
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Ken Collins knew something was not right when he was asked to unlock a door for an employee as he worked security at the Ellis County Courthouse in Hays. He turned the key, but it did not turn. He tried again. No luck.

The employee said, "Something must be wrong with your key."

"Not the key," Collins said. "My hands."

Collins joined his left hand with his right, and the key easily unlocked the door.

Collins, 69, knew he was getting weaker, but he chalked it up to getting a little older and some nerve damage from a previous back surgery. He even bought a stationary bike to build up his muscle strength, but it did not seem to help.

After telling his family doctor about the lack of strength in his hands, she decided to send him to a neurologist. However, COVID-19 was swinging through the country. It took three months to see the neurologist, who diagnosed him with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, more commonly known as ALS.

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord responsible for controlling voluntary muscle movement. The muscles lack nourishment and begin to



COURTESY PHOTOS

Shaun Linenberger, Patrick Miller and Lester Robben place new fascia on the outbuilding of the Collins' home.

degenerate, making it difficult for the person to speak, eat, move and breathe. There is no cure for ALS.

As Collins called his three sons and other relatives, he accepted the cross of his diagnosis and was ready for whatever struggles might come his way.

"I guess I must stay in a state of grace at all times," Collins said.

After 42 years in some aspect of law enforcement, from a security guard in the U.S. Army to city police officer to working security part-time in his retirement years, Collins' career came to an end.

However, even more difficult for him was giving up his volunteer duties with the Knights of Columbus. For 30 years, Collins edited and published the St. Mary's Council No. 6984 newslet-

ter, and for the last 16 years, he served as financial secretary. He continues, as best he can, to serve as usher at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

Collins joined the Knights of Columbus several years after converting to the Catholic faith. The Knights gave him a sense of brotherhood and fraternity with like-minded men. In his 40 years as a member of the Knights of Columbus, Collins served as Grand Knight and District Deputy, along with being the chairman of numerous state committees. He also served as Faithful Navigator of Bishop Cunningham's Fourth Degree order.

Being diagnosed with ALS meant many changes for Collins and his wife, Janice. Their house would have to be remodeled to accommodate a wheelchair. A bed-



Front row, Ken Collins. Middle row from left, John Staab, Shaun Linenberger, Ed Harbin and Lester Robben. Back row from left, Timothy Miller, Bob Klaus, Bob Lang and Pat Miller.

room and bathroom would have to be constructed in order for Collins to use it.

As an Army veteran, the Veterans Administration helped remodel the Collins' house. However, there was still work to do on the outside of the house as the fascia was splitting and would soon be rotting if it didn't get replaced.

Members of Knights Council No. 6984 joined forces to give back to a brother Knight who has given them many years of his time and energy. On May 22, they gathered together and tore off the fascia on the Collins' house and outbuilding, replaced and painted it. They also painted the window frames and doors.

Collins, who was having difficulty breathing on the day due to his disease and the high humidity of the Kansas plains, became emotional when asked what the help meant to him.

"This is a great lesson in

fraternity for these men to come out and help a man who can't even change a lightbulb," Collins said.

"It's fulfilling as a Knight," John Staab said as he painted the window pane. "Whether it is helping a brother Knight or anyone in need, it's just great to help others."

"Ken has given and given and given," said Lester Robben, coordinator of the work day. "He has given through the Knights of Columbus, through Boy Scouts, through law enforcement, always in service to others. It's our turn to be of service to him."

It will take several more work days to complete the project on the Collins' house, but the men indicated they were up to the task and more than willing to help out their brother Knight.

Donetta Robben is executive director of Divine Mercy Radio. She lives with her husband, Lester, in Hays.

ORDINATION, FROM PAGE 1

Each person present had been, in some way, impacted by the life and vocation of McCaffrey.

McCaffrey was escorted down the aisle by the Knights of Columbus honor guard and was followed by nearly 60 members of the clergy. Following the readings, he was presented to Bishop Jerry Vincke and found worthy to be called to the order of the priesthood.

Bishop Vincke began his homily.

"First, I want to thank God. Because he chose Brian to be a priest for our diocese. A man who is willing to lay down his life for everyone. So, thank you, God."

Bishop Vincke reminded McCaffrey that he is surrounded by many people who love him, "But the



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Father Brian McCaffrey talks with Bishop Jerry Vincke during the ordination ceremony June 5 in Salina.

person who loves you the most is the one who called you, and that is Jesus. He chose you, and you responded."

McCaffrey was encouraged to emulate the priesthood of St. John Vianney,

patron saint of priests. He was invited to turn to prayer in all things and take the time to know his flock.

He was reminded a priest is not a priest for himself, but for his people.

"Brian, Jesus needs you in

this world that he loves," Bishop Vincke said as he finished his homily. "I, your bishop, need you in this diocese that I love. And I am very happy to bestow the Holy Spirit upon you. His love is better than life. The

priesthood, what a beautiful life."

McCaffrey celebrated his first Mass at his home parish of St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan on June 6. His first assignment will be at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish in Salina, effective July 1.

"It was an incredible and grace-filled day," McCaffrey said. "I was especially glad that so many people from the diocese and presbyterate could attend, especially after being unable to be together for my diaconate ordination. I'm extremely grateful to everyone in the diocese who has been a part of my journey to the priesthood. I am so excited to serve in the coming years."

To watch a highlight video of the ordination, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaYDLQiyvMQ>.

Answering the Call to Share

BY THE REGISTER

Generosity is found in abundance among the faithful of the Salina Diocese. As of June 1, nearly \$1.65 million had been pledged to the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share.

The mission of the Salina Diocese is to be disciples who go out and make disciples through witnessing by faith, hope and love. A gift to the appeal makes it possible for the diocese to succeed in its mission.

By your gift, we bear witness to faith as our seminarians become the priests who will serve in the parishes across our diocese.

By your gift, we bear witness to faith as our retired priests are provided for and can live with peace of mind.

By your gift, we bear witness to hope through evangelization efforts such as Family Life, Hispanic Life and Rural Life ministries.

By your gift, we bear witness to love as the youth of our diocese are equipped to receive the sacraments and fully embrace the faith as they become leaders of our diocese.

By your gift, we bear witness

to love as we provide support to the operations of the diocese that serve the pastors, parishes and lay faithful.

By your gift, we bear witness to love as we provide support to the national collections that serve the poor and destitute of our world.

We bear witness by faith, hope and love. And we do all these things for the sake of the Gospel, that we may share in its blessings (1 Corinthians 9:23).



The goal for the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share is

\$1.85 million. The appeal is one of the primary ways the diocese funds its mission and operations. Every gift to the appeal makes a difference and impacts Catholics of today, along with future generations of Catholics within our diocese.

Gifts can be given any time before Dec. 31. To make a gift online, visit join.salinadiocese.org. For more information or to make a gift of appreciated stocks, IRAs or commodities, contact the Development Office at (785) 827-8746 or email developmentoffice@salinadiocese.org.



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Faith \$675,000

One way faith is transmitted across our diocese is through our current and future priests. We are committed to serving them at all stages of their priestly vocation.

Hope \$605,000

In all things, we grow in holiness. One way that we can grow together is through evangelization and other ministries sponsored by the diocese.

Love \$570,000

One of the best ways we show our love for others is by teaching them how much God loves them. We also express our love through acts of service.



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New faces join Chancery staff

BY KATIE GREENWOOD
THE REGISTER

In the month of May, Chancery staff welcomed two new faces to the Finance Office, Ernie Armstrong and Tyler Greenman.

Armstrong joined the Chancery staff May 3 as the new chief financial officer. Born in San Diego, Armstrong attained his accounting degree from San Diego University. He received his master's degree in business administration and became a certified public accountant in Colorado. He served for 38-plus years in the Archdiocese of Denver, first as a parish business manager and then in the Chancery as the director of parish finance and parish controller.

"I believe the Catholic Church plays a critical role, not just in the salvation of our people, but in bringing our Catholic values into today's culture," Armstrong said. "For me, I'm here to

continue to serve the Church. In managing finances, we must recognize the generosity of the faithful who support the Church, and therefore have a responsibility to use those gifts wisely.

We want to bring transparency as we focus our resources to accomplish our mission, which is to evangelize."

Greenman joined the staff May 17 as the new assistant chief financial officer. A Colorado native, Greenman received his bachelor's degree in finance from Metropolitan State University of Denver in 2013. After working for several years in the industry, Greenman went to University of Colorado in Denver for his master's degree in accounting, which he received in 2018. He began working for a company that coordinated confer-

ences for the financial technology industry.

During this time, he became a certified public accountant in Colorado. But with the COVID on-

slaught, Greenman was forced to look for work elsewhere.

"When COVID hit, the events industry was not a great industry to be a part of," Greenman said.

"I was blessed to find an opportunity here at the Diocese of Salina. I'm so grateful for the chance to finally use my talents for the good of the Church. I couldn't be more excited to raise my family in central Kansas."

Within the Finance Office, both Armstrong and Greenman will assist the bishop in his role as administrator of the temporal goods of the diocese. Services the Finance Office provides include:

- Oversee the profession-

al funds managers who invest diocesan and parish assets.

- Manage the Deposit & Loan program.

- Coordinate and, when appropriate, negotiate all contractual services for renovation, construction and services for the diocese and parishes alike.

- Administer all property and casualty insurance programs, health insurance program and the workers' compensation insurance program.

"We are so grateful to have been able to staff our Finance Office with individuals who have strong, technical knowledge of the field, and who are both dedicated, practicing Catholics," said Kim Hoeltling, director of human resources in the Salina Diocese. "Both men bring a lot to the table with their professional skillset, and we are looking forward to the ways they will enhance our ability to minister to the needs of our 86 parishes."



Armstrong



Greenman



Diocesan events

July

11-16 • Prayer and Action: Beloit
• Totus Tuus: Colby, Osborne, Salina

18-22 • Prayer and Action: Beloit
• Totus Tuus: Goodland, Norton

18-22 • Prayer and Action: Beloit
• Totus Tuus: Oakley

August

1-4 • Supreme Knights of Columbus Convention: Dodge City

12 • Annual Seminarian Fundraising Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Salina Country Club in Salina

14 • Annual Men's Conference: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays

Check out our diocesan events by visiting <https://salinadiocese.org/events>

Men's Conference a life-changing event

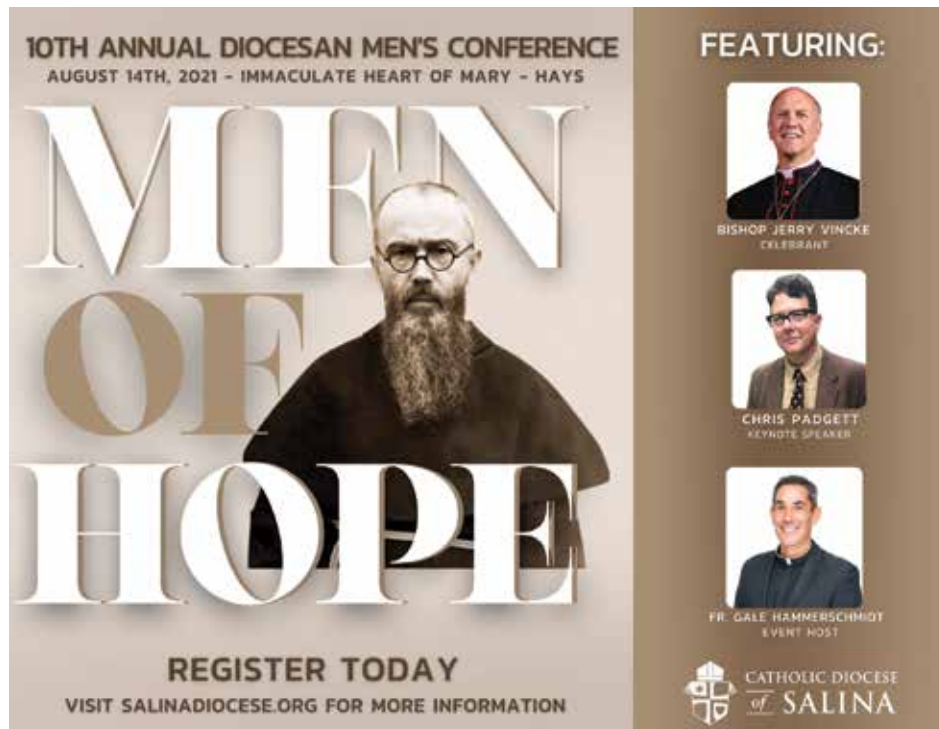
By ALLISON OCHOA
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The annual Men's Conference draws attendees from across the Salina Diocese and beyond. The 10th annual Men's Conference will be Aug. 14 in Hays at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, and among the men who hope to attend is Jim Zarybnicky.

Zarybnicky, a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanoi, has attended the Men's Conference twice. His interest in attending for the first time was sparked primarily by curiosity.

"I recognized some of the speakers they were having because some of them have been on Catholic radio, so I thought it would be nice to put faces to the voices I'd heard," he said.

Zarybnicky, who has attended the conferences with three of his four



sons, said participating has allowed him to hear from those well-known Catholic speakers, but more importantly it has allowed him and his sons to experience the comradery of other Catholic men.

"You feel the importance of guys getting together (to share) their

faith," he said. "When you go, you know you'll run into people you've had previous contact with through the Knights of Columbus, Prayer and Action or the March for Life. You always run into people you recognize so you just kind of get a whole other group of good people

in your life and it helps you think, 'If they can make this happen, so can I.'"

Among Zarybnicky's fondest memories of the conference are the speakers and their presentations about living the Catholic faith in today's culture and being able to spend time with the diocese's priests and seminarians, as well as other Catholic men from across the region.

"You really need to experience it; give it a try," he said of those who might be considering attending. "There are good speakers and good messages. (Often) in my daily life something will happen, and I'll remember something I learned at the Men's Conference. This experience gives you something to fall back on – something that you'll remember and be able to use for the rest of your life."

For more information about the Men's Conference, or to register for the event, visit <https://salinadiocese.org/events/2021-mens-conference/>.

Realizing God's calling for the priesthood

Quinter is my home address, but I went to St. Michael's in Collyer. My parents, Joseph and Martina, were farmers, and their parents were farmers, and their parents were Russian-German immigrants.

I'm the oldest of seven. I tried being bossy. It took me some years to get over that. There are nine years difference between me and the youngest.

I went to the country school for seven years. In seventh grade, we went to Quinter. That's where I got to know the Quinter kids. I'm in touch with many of them to this day. Then, after eighth grade, I went to minor seminary. I was 14.

I would have gone to Victoria, but it was full. So me and one other guy went to St. Francis de Sales in Oklahoma.

My folks had a strong faith. I remember dad suggested one of us boys ought to think about being a priest. I thought about it. I was in sixth grade, and I thought maybe I could do it.

Father Henry Kieffer was the associate at my parish, and he looked like he was happy. I thought maybe I could be happy as well. So I went to Oklahoma. It was a culture shock. Back home, there were less than 20 kids in all eight grades at the country school. In our freshman class, there were

72 of us. It was overwhelming, and it was the first time I was away from home.

My mom was quite supportive of my decision. In the meantime, my dad had suffered a brain tumor. He was unable to do the farm work, so my brothers ended up doing a good portion of that. But I was still in Oklahoma in school.

My dad died that September. So there was a question of if I should stay home or not. But mom said, "Well, whatever you want to do. It's OK." I was 15.

But "Whatever you want to do. It's OK."

Well, I didn't have a clear indication God wanted me to be a priest. But I still wanted to try it. During this time, Vatican II was occurring. So was the Vietnam War. It made things interesting.

In the middle of my second year of college, the Oklahoma seminary closed. I was transferred to Conception.

Conception College was quite different. There were 400 students, and it was the second semester of my sophomore year. My grades had been fine in Oklahoma, but with the change, they dropped to an all-time low. I started to wonder if I was actually supposed to be a priest.

I started to think about a gal from back home and wondered if I was supposed

to be with her. But then I had a counseling session with one of the formators. He gave me the best advice, and I still use it. He said, "Do not make a decision in the midst of a trial or difficulty. Go through it and make a decision in a time of peace."

So I went back the next year, and I graduated.

In seminary, I was studying and I knew about God. But I was starting to have a clearer relationship with him. I

began to look around at the various other models of priesthood. Looking at them made me believe I

could do it. I just continued to follow the yearning for the call.

In my view, there were guys much smarter and more talented than me. At least I judged them to be. But then they would leave. I struggled seeing many people, who I thought were better than me, leaving. I wondered if I was worthy. It helped me to look at the big picture as opposed to singular moments. I tried to think of the ways the Spirit was moving.

I was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1973. I was 26, and Bishop Vogel ordained me at my home parish. Earlier that morning, I was kneeling at the foot of the altar, and I prayed, "God, why am I being called to this?"

DONALD Zimmerman
PASTOR



Even so, it still takes a lot of energy for me to reach out to people. I'm naturally an introvert. Through the years, I've gotten better at reaching out to people. Playing the guitar and singing helped with that, but I still like to play the guitar on my own.

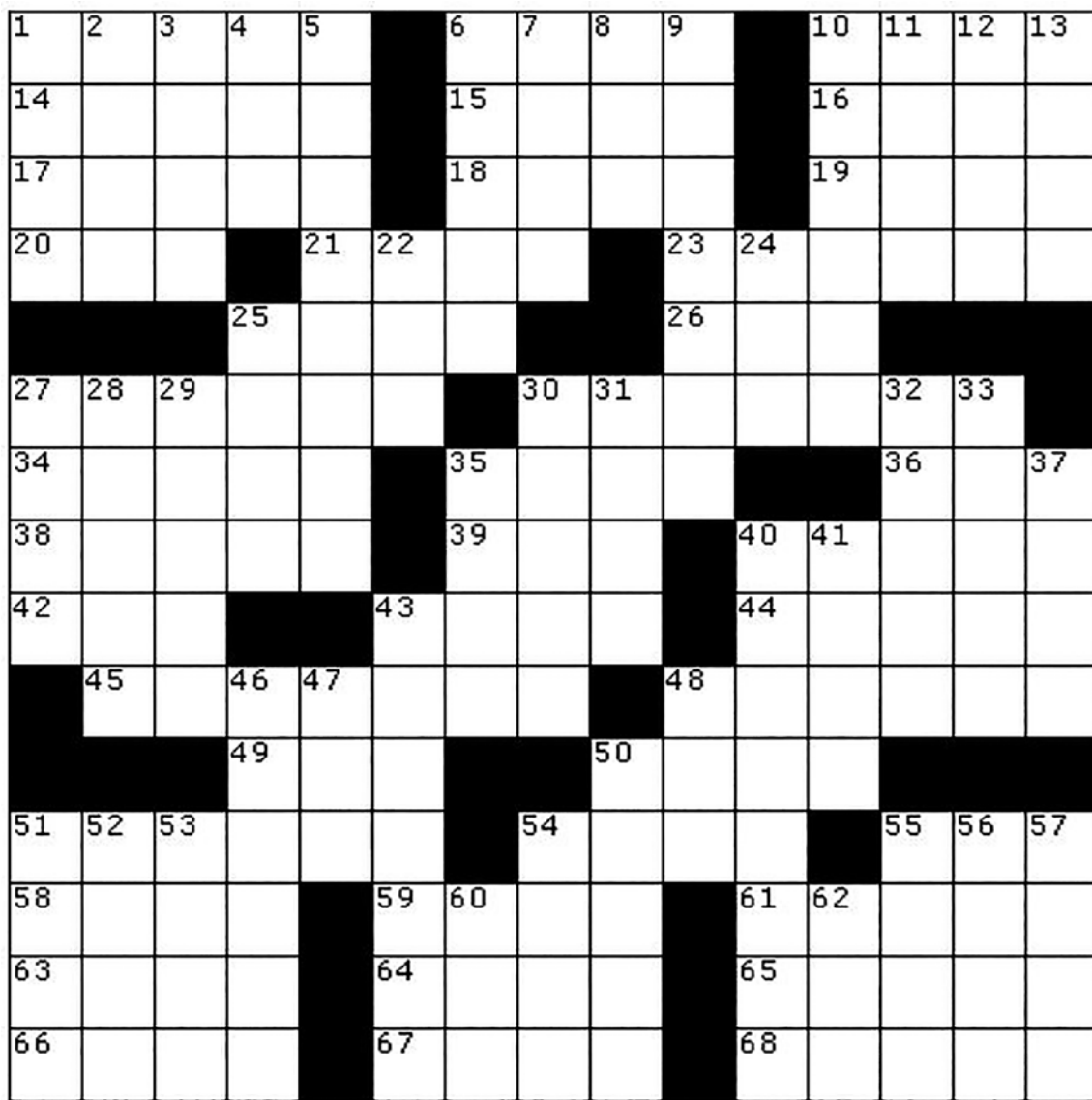
When I was assigned to the Cathedral, I used to sit in the pews at night. I would sit alone with the Lord, playing my guitar and singing. It just filled the space. I used to do that a lot. The Cathedral is so alive, and when the music echoed, I can't describe it.

The Eucharist, by far, is my favorite sacrament. It's a humbling thing. You know, we pray the words, "Lord, I am not worthy ..." It humbles me each time. God loves us so much that he invites us to participate. Why wouldn't we want to be a part of that? To be at Mass and be a part of that gift? I wish more people would appreciate that. It's impossible to fully understand it, but we can still appreciate that great gift.

As a priest, we are so privileged to enter different aspects of people's lives. For me, one thing I really enjoyed doing was Retroville. It's a program that helps couples who have struggles in their marriage. In my experience, there is a high percentage of people who have struggles in their marriage. But this program was a lesson in communication.

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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Removed the bones
- 6 Strike
- 10 Cut
- 14 Ancient Greek market-place
- 15 Wear out
- 16 Fairy tale opener
- 17 Had by Joseph, Joseph and magi
- 18 Sport
- 19 Sun
- 20 Snake like fish
- 21 Billions of years
- 23 Hoofed mammals of S.E. Asia
- 25 Please respond
- 26 Brew
- 27 Cut back
- 30 Sea of ___
- 34 Bye
- 35 Put away
- 36 Drink
- 38 Whey's partners
- 39 Blemish
- 40 Display emotions
- 42 Feign
- 43 Girls
- 44 Serpent
- 45 Pupil (2 wds.)
- 48 Soften

DOWN

- 1 Ordered
- 2 Giant
- 3 Christmas carol
- 4 Time period
- 5 Saul's destination
- 6 Razor sharpener
- 7 Daniel was thrown into the ___s' den
- 8 A limb
- 9 Coach speech (2 wds.)
- 10 Matthew, Mark, Luke or John
- 11 Opposed
- 12 Former wound
- 13 Possessive pronoun

- 22 Adam's wife
- 24 Boxer Muhammad
- 25 Regretted
- 27 Biblical word for You idiot!
- 28 Elicit
- 29 Soiled
- 30 Remorse
- 31 Book after Gospels
- 32 Run away and marry
- 33 Consumed
- 35 Russian ruler
- 37 Saucy
- 40 Evening (KJV)
- 41 Balmy
- 43 Angel
- 46 Cleverness of wit
- 47 "Raven" author
- 48 River (Spanish)
- 50 Skin
- 51 Surrender
- 52 Reverent
- 53 Very large truck
- 54 Supplication
- 55 Poet
- 56 Anger
- 57 Did well
- 60 Change color
- 62 Transgression

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

June 27 is the feast day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the patroness of the Diocese of Salina.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a Byzantine icon that is believed to have its origin sometime during the 13th to 15th century. The icon is known for being miraculous; through the centuries, countless healings and special graces have been attributed to it, so much so that the image has been honored and venerated by many popes.

The image depicts the Virgin Mary, under the title "Mother of God," holding the Child Jesus. The Archangels Michael and Gabriel, hovering in the upper corners, hold the instruments of the Passion. St. Michael (left) holds the spear, the wine-soaked sponge and the crown of thorns. St. Gabriel (right) holds the cross and the nails.

The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of his future Passion. Frightened by the vision, he

runs to his mother for consolation. The anguish he feels is shown by the loss of one of his sandals as he quickly flees into the arms of his mother.

Despite a foreboding vision of suffering, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background as a sign of the glory of the resurrection. The royal crowns on the heads of Jesus and Mary also symbolize their triumph as the King of Kings with his Queen Mother. In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from her as he sees the instruments of his passion. The position of Mary's hands – both holding the Child Jesus and at the same time presenting him to us – convey the reality of our Lord's incarnation, that he is true God who became also true man.

Source: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/the-meaning-behind-the-our-lady-of-perpetual-help-icon/>

Services offer life-changing tools to many

By OLIVIA AYRES
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Mental health struggles are universal. One of the potentially lifesaving treatments for these struggles is therapy.

Josh Humphrey, husband and father from Wichita, had a transformative experience after receiving counseling through Catholic Charities.

Humphrey was having a difficult time processing and communicating his emotions, which was negatively impacting his relationships. He learned of Catholic Charities Counseling Services through his aunt, Claudette Humphrey, director of stabilization services.

"I was at a place where I was not dealing with some things that had happened in my past," Humphrey said. "I was not dealing with my emotions in the correct way. I had a hard time really opening up to anyone about anything that was of importance."

Humphrey started teletherapy with Megan Pfannenstiel, social services case manager and licensed therapist at the Catholic Charities Hays Office. While Humphrey was understandably nervous beginning the process, he soon saw the benefits he was reaping by talking through his struggles.

"Once I started visiting with Megan, it completely changed my whole entire life," Humphrey said. "Before, I would get angry and not want to talk. I would run away from the situation when that was just making it worse. Now, I have learned how to take a step back, breathe and then talk through my problems in a responsible manner."

Learning these vital tools has not only improved Humphrey's emotional health, but his relationship

with his loved ones.

"I communicate more with my wife. We talk way more, which has improved our relationship 100 percent," Humphrey said. "She says I cry too much now, but it is a good thing. I have learned how to open up and deal with my emotions, and that it is OK to be emotional, and it is OK to talk about how you feel. It is amazing."

Pfannenstiel said while it might be uncomfortable at first, everyone can benefit from counseling services.

"I think everyone needs a person who can listen to them, and counseling provides that," she said. "A listening, non-judgmental ear that can be the outside voice to a situation. Counseling is helpful when it comes to many different issues, whether that be adjusting to something in life or an ongoing mental health concern. Counseling can be difficult and uncomfortable for some people, but that isn't a bad thing, and perhaps that means it's working."

Without counseling, Humphrey does not know what his life would be like.

"I think I would still not be open to anyone. I would still hold my anger in," Humphrey said.

"My wife and I's relationship would not be as good as it is today, that is for sure. I would still have a lot of hatred and anger inside me."

For those struggling with their mental health and are apprehensive about seeking help through counseling, Humphrey said taking that first step to talk to someone can change your life.

"I would tell anyone who is considering going to therapy to do it. It will absolutely change your life," he said. "I know it has changed my entire life. Thanks to my aunt and Catholic Charities, my life has done a total 180."

Olivia Ayres is the communications coordinator for Catholic Charities.



Humphrey

The Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, Italy

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

One of the greatest mysteries of the Catholic faith is the Eucharist. However, in 2019, a Pew research study indicated 69% of Catholics do not believe in the True Presence of the Eucharist.

With permission from the Blessed Carlo Acutis Institute, The Register will run a series of authenticated and corroborated Eucharistic miracles that have occurred through the ages. The series was created by Blessed Carlo. Born in 1991, Carlo grew up with a deep faith and devotion to the Eucharist. Additionally, he was an amateur computer programmer. One of his more



well-known accomplishment is documenting Eucharistic miracles from around the world and cataloging them onto a website (<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>) he created before he died of leukemia.

Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, Italy | 1263

The Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena, depicted by Raphael in a well-known fresco in the Vatican Palace, took place in 1263. A German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome.

He was pious, but he found it difficult to accept that Christ was actually present in the consecrated host.

While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina, located in the church named for this martyr, he spoke the words of consecration and immediately blood started to seep from the consecrated host and trickle over his hands and onto the altar.

At first, the priest tried to hide the blood. But eventually, he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto where Pope Urban IV resided.

The pope sent emissaries to investigate. When the facts were ascertained, he ordered the bishop of the diocese to bring the host and linen cloth bearing the stains of blood to him.

He had the relics placed

in the cathedral. The linen bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

Pope Urban IV was prompted by this miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Office for the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours to celebrate the Most Holy Body of the Lord (Corpus Christi). One year after the miracle, in August 1264, Pope Urban IV introduced Aquinas' composition, and by means of a papal bull, instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Resources: Aspiring filmmaker Solenne Santiago, 18, of Bremerton, Wash., produced a short film on this Eucharistic miracle. To view the video, visit: www.FaithPrevailsMovie.com.

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Retrovaille helped me grow in my own sacrament. We discussed how there isn't a guarantee you will always be happy. But happiness isn't the goal, unity with your spouse is. What makes you happy today might not make you happy tomorrow. But if

you strive for unity, one of the many consequences of that is happiness. I found that lesson to be true in my own sacrament.

Sometimes priests lose the fire in the belly. But we grind it out. We go back to waiting for times of peace before making big decisions. We strive for unity and look at the big picture. That's what helped me.

My advice to men discerning the priesthood: When God calls you to something, there are blessings beyond measure. And there is so

much noise in our world from what I want to do or what other people think I should do. But you must strive to hear the voice of the Lord. Strive to be quiet and listen, asking God, "What do you want me to do?"

I can't believe I've been a priest for 48 years. I have no regrets. There are maybe some things I would have done a little different, but in the long run, no regrets.

Father Donald Zimmerman is Pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center and St. Anthony Parish in Miltonvale.

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Mothers find solace in Christ

By KATIE GREENWOOD

THE REGISTER

On May 13, four days after Mother's Day, a memorial Mass for mothers took place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia.

"I feel as though we are on holy ground," said Bishop Jerry Vincke as he stood before a crowd of women.

The women varied in age and background. Some were present with their husbands or close friends. They came from all corners of the diocese. But they all had one thing in common. At some point, they had lost a child.

Bishop Vincke recalled Psalm 130.

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord," he said.

"Today, your heart cries because you have lost a child, perhaps to miscarriage, stillborn, an accident or illness. Your heart cries out because your child was taken away much sooner than expected."

He then reflected on the greatest gift a child can ever receive, the loving gaze of a

mother. For a mother to hold her child as her eyes pierce into theirs is the greatest blessing, because a mother gazes the same way God gazes at each person.

"A mother can honestly say the words, 'This is flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone. This child was knitted in my womb.' So when a child dies, it's like a part of



A mother gently places a rose at the foot of the cross during the memorial Mass for mothers on May 13 in Concordia. The rose symbolizes a child who died.

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the mother goes with them," Bishop Vincke said.

"Today is the Feast of Fatima, and we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary. She lost a child, too," he said.

He compared the wounds of a mother's heart to Mary's. When Jesus died, Mary's heart was pierced by a sword. So too are the hearts of mothers who lose a child. But even through grief, there is hope.

"Jesus said that you will weep and mourn," Bishop Vincke said. "But your grief will be turned to joy. He created your child. He gazes on them with love. He desires to be with them for all eternity."



A mother spends time in prayer during the memorial Mass.

At the end of the homily, Bishop Vincke thanked the mothers for their love and urged them to trust in Jesus' promises, reminding them that Jesus once said, "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Following Holy Communion, the women present

were given a long-stemmed red rose to symbolize the child they had lost. Some women took one, others two, some three and some took even more. They then made their way down the aisle and placed their roses near a statue of Mary, who stood at the foot of the cross.



Mothers attending the event were given roses to symbolize children lost.

The mothers gave their children to Mary, uniting their suffering with hers.

Following Mass, the women were invited to attend a light luncheon. Each woman gave a brief introduction and then shared the name of the child she had lost. The grief in the room was palpable as each woman shared her story. Some lost their children in miscarriage or delivered stillborn babies. Some lost their children in car accidents or to cancer. Some lost their children as early as 6 weeks or as late as 60 years old.

A slideshow with names and images of the children was played, and the women present could be seen offering comforting words and embraces to one another. There was a sense of heavy solidarity amongst them.

But at the end, once again, there was cause for hope. One mother stood up and shared her gratitude to those gathered. She invited them to be joyful.

"I'm sad sometimes because I miss my son," she said. "But at the same time, I am so joyful because my son is with God, and what could be better?"

Event honors sisters in Salina Diocese parishes

By KATIE GREENWOOD

THE REGISTER

Within the Diocese of Salina, there is a consecrated virgin, a hermitess and three groups of religious sisters: Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia (CSJs), Madres from Mexico and the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Israel's Hope.

On May 11, nearly 40 sisters, along with priests, Chancery staff and faithful, gathered at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina to honor the influence and service of the sisters at the annual diocesan Religious Sisters Appreciation Mass.

In his homily, Bishop Jerry Vincke shared the impact religious sisters had on his own life.

"Four of my aunts became Benedictine sisters. They all influenced me," he said.

"When I was a seminarian, my aunt Sister Genevieve wrote me a

letter and recommended I get a spiritual director. She told me to be completely honest and not hide anything. It was the best advice. It allowed me to bring everything into the light so that God can work.

"Also in the seminary, I was on retreat in Idaho where my aunt Sister Josephine was. She gave me a CD on the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola. At that time, I was having doubts about being a priest. I listened to the CD and learned that St. Ignatius frequently wondered if he was good enough. And then one day, God spoke to him and said, 'Leave your sins to me. I need you in the world that I love.' I felt like God was speaking to me."

Bishop Vincke said his aunts made a tremendous impact, much like the sisters of the Diocese of Salina have made an impact on the lives of the people they've touched.

He shared three things he believes the vocation of a religious sister does for the world:

- Tells the world a relationship with God is what matters the most.
- Demonstrates how to love others.
- Bears witness to faith and patience in God.

Following Mass, all present were invited to a special luncheon. The priests served the meal to the sisters as a small gesture of thanking them for their service.

"It was a joy being with all the sisters," said Father Keith Weber, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Salina. "Having been taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph when I was in grade school and high school, they played a significant role in helping to form me in my youth. Being able to concelebrate the Mass in their honor and to help with serving the lunch after Mass was a

small way of saying thank you for all they have done for me and for our diocese."

After the meal, Bishop Vincke invited the sisters to each share a little about themselves. A microphone was passed around the room as the sisters shared their name, hometown, ministries and gratitude for the gift of their vocation.

As the newest order to the diocese, Mother Miriam of the Lamb of God, O.S.B. expressed gratitude for the example of the other sisters, saying, "St. Teresa of Calcutta said, 'We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.' Thank you for your drop in the ocean."

The next Religious Sisters Appreciation Mass is scheduled for 11 a.m. May 17, 2022, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. All are invited.



Foundation goes live July 31

BY THE REGISTER

The new Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina (CFDS) is about to go live. The foundation will accept its first funds July 31. The mission of CFDS is to support all aspects of the Catholic faith in the Diocese of Salina by developing, managing, growing and granting funds using Catholic values and honoring the donor's intent.

"Simply put, we hope to create a circle of support with our donors to ensure that our parishes, schools and ministries are able to continue God's work here in our Salina Diocese," said Foundation CEO Katie Platten.

The new Catholic foundation is independent from the diocese, with Bishop Vincke as a member of the board --allowing for the oversight required by the Code of Canon Law. The remaining board members are mostly laypeople from across the diocese with a wide variety of experience in matters of finance, investments and development.

All current endowment funds held by the diocese and the Catholic Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, will move to CFDS. Foundation staff are currently working with those fundholders to set up new fund agreements in advance of the transition date. This means the new foundation will begin with approximately \$19 million in assets under management.

CFDS will offer endowment and expendable funds for religious organizations and for private individuals who wish to start their own funds to support their favorite Catholic ministries.

Endowment funds are funds in which the principal is perpetually protected while the earnings are used to support today's needs. Expendable funds can be either short-term savings for a particular project or long-term savings for Catholic institutions and ministries.

Funds will be invested in the market to deliver competitive returns, while ensuring they are invested in alignment with our Catholic values.

To encourage all diocesan institutions to have a fund at the CFDS, any parish, Catholic school or other Catholic ministry or organization can open an expendable fund with just \$100. Donors will be able to contribute to these funds online or by more traditional means.

"We are excited about the opportunity that the foundation will bring to our diocesan Catholic community," Platten said. "Our hope is that one day, every organization within the diocese will have an account at CFDS. Our goal is to serve our Catholic donors as we seek to provide for future generations of Catholics."

For more information, contact Platten, katie.platten@salinadiocese.org, or Beth Shearer, beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org, or call (785) 827-8746.



SISTER CELEBRATION



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The jubilee celebration May 23 at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Great Bend included seven jubilarians who were celebrating 60 to 85 years of profession. Front row from left, Sister Teresita Huse, Sister Frances Biernacki and Sister Marie Antoinette Klein. Back row from left, Sister Loretta Podlena, Sister Rose Mary Stein, Sister Francine Schwarzenberger and Sister Joan Ice.

Blessings of the land

BY BOB SCHROEDER
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

On May 14, the Salina Diocese Catholic Rural Life Commission (RLC) hosted its annual St. Isidore's Day observance. It is one of three main events hosted by RLC, the other two being a winter seminar and the Century Farm Award.

The day began with coffee, donuts and an opening prayer by Bishop Jerry Vincke at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Goodland.

The group toured Northwest Kansas Technical College's Precision Agriculture Technology Program. The school hosts a 240-acre research facility with live production, including fields for testing anything from soil pH levels to efficiency of irrigation nozzles to identifying the most effective nitrogen levels for increasing crop performance.

The program stays current with the latest technology, utilizing a drone to spread fertilizers, probes to take water measurements and electromagnetic sleds to identify soil types.

The program harnesses technology to help farmers increase efficiencies while decreasing cost and waste.

"(Our goal is to) put inputs where they will be used most efficiently," said Brad Bergsma, vice president for information technology at Northwest Tech.

That helps farmers and industry leaders be good stewards of the land.

Weston McCarry, Precision Agriculture Technology instructor, emphasized the importance of stewardship.

"I uniquely think we have an obligation to take care of the land," he said. "I don't think we own this land. ... (With) the equipment that we are using ... we can strategically place water, chemical and seed based on what the soil can do. ... We're harnessing the created world to do bigger things."

The group traveled to Brewster for a tour of the AgSun operation. AgSun began in 2004 by owners Phil and Sharron Knox as an effort to produce flaked corn — a more efficient food for cattle as it is easier for them to digest than rolled/ground corn, resulting in a better energy source.

Don Allen, manager of AgSun, led a tour of the facility. Corn seed bought from local farmers is stored in grain bins, which hold a combined maximum of 1.5 million bushels. The corn is then sent through the flaking process and through soak tanks to increase shelf. Once finished, the corn is loaded onto semi trailers and shipped to feedlots and dairies.

Allen, who has been with AgSun since its beginning, explained how the cooked corn flakes allow starches to stay in the corn, which helps fatten cattle.

From AgSun, the group moved on to Colby, stopping at the farm of Kriss and Lisa Schroeder. Bishop Vincke blessed their fields and all

fields in the diocese.

Participants then traveled to the home of J.J. and Lori Denny, where Bishop Vincke blessed their family's 4-H animals. The day concluded with Mass at Sacred Heart Parish in Colby, celebrated by Bishop Vincke, during which he blessed the soil and seeds. Following Mass, the group ate dinner prepared by the Colby Sacred Heart Altar Society.

St. Isidore's life was honored by attendees. Father Rich Daise, RLC moderator, emphasized the diocese is predominantly agricultural and it is important to carry faith into the work.

"A lot of people value their faith, but they think it's just a private thing," he said. "Faith is a part of our life out here. Everybody is dependent upon agriculture. ... (It all) begins with the farmer, the livestock and the crops."

"We are to take what we learn spiritually from our priests (and spiritual leaders) and ... apply it to our daily lives," said Art Befort, RLC president.

That is the goal of St. Isidore's Day, not merely to learn about agriculture, but to learn to allow faith to permeate lives and work. It is about giving glory and thanks to God who has given the land and animals to care for, just as St. Isidore did.

To learn more about the RLC, visit salinadiocese.org/office/rural-life/.

Bob Schroeder lives with his wife in Colby. He is a parishioner at Sacred Heart Parish.

Emcee returns for conference

BY ALLISON OCHOA
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

When the 10th annual diocesan Men's Conference opens Aug. 14, Father Gale Hammerschmidt will return to his role as the event's master of ceremonies. Now in his sixth year as the emcee, Father Hammerschmidt, pastor of St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan, said he anticipates the conference and the fellowship it offers will have a lasting impact on the men in attendance.

"I'm a son of the Salina Diocese, so I love that our very own diocese is putting on such an incredible conference," he said. "Men from other dioceses – Dodge City, Wichita and others – come here because it's a great conference and that inspires me."

Father Hammerschmidt said he continues to be drawn to the Men's Conference each year for many reasons, but primarily because it builds on the Church's mission.

"In the U.S., we look at individualism as this great virtue, but it's never been a Christian theme," he said. "We are called to community – to do things together. This conference is one of the greatest examples of community I've seen."

"I've met a lot of people over the years in our diocese and beyond as a pastor, through Prayer and Action and at other events. People I've known and loved all gather together at this event, and it's a witness to that call to communion which is what we're all about."

During the past 10 years, Father Hammerschmidt said he has seen the fruit of the conference develop in parishes across the diocese as attendees continue to build each other up. He credits the conference's first director, Reg Konrade, for this momentum.

"From the very start, Reg always made sure that in my remarks I encouraged men to continue to get together at the parish level, outside of the conference," he said. "The direct impact of this conference is the great number of men's groups (that have formed) at the parishes throughout our diocese. They've remained solid and steady, and they've allowed men to lean on each other in their faith."

Father Hammerschmidt believes this year's conference theme, Men of Hope, will resonate deeply with the attendees both personally and as ambassadors for Christ.

"It's important to look at where God is so abundantly present and feel great hope," he said. "Hope and joy are vital as we continue to strive to build up the kingdom of God."

"I think men will walk away from this event with added incentive and motivation to evangelize, so take courage and come. Be courageous, say, 'yes,' and come join us at this conference. Everyone I've encouraged to do that in the past has done it and decided to come back. It will be a powerful day."

The value of hard work

Question: Is it problematic to work hard and to take delight in accomplishments?

Answer: No, it's not. Hard work is a value in the human condition, and it is something that resonates with quite a few people in this part of the country. If someone is eager to ignore accomplishments or tries to make you feel guilty or prideful when something positive happens, my invitation is to dig a little deeper on this before resorting to what might be your first inclination.

Let's say you attend a spring music program for one of your kids or grandkids. At the end of each song, everyone claps – even if there were all kinds of mistakes. There is a dimension here of adults conveying that hard work is a positive thing – such as preparing for the program and bringing that to fruition. The students can't help but feel loved and valued when there is an outward acknowledgement of their efforts.

While there are times when it's wise not to show outward approval or when we need to say something challenging to a loved one, the healthy feedback loop of clapping after something good happens is a life-giving message to young people. By no means is such a message somehow prideful or selfish.

You might have observed many instances in the Easter season

when we reflected on the Acts of the Apostles. That book in the New Testament is a go-to for the first reading at Mass between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. It gives us a glimpse of the rhythm in the early Church: their successes, failures, what some of the key moments were and who some of the important missionaries were. The events overlap with a tremendous amount of labor that was done for the sake of the

kingdom. God was answering the prayers for necessary laborers for the harvest

(Matthew 9:38). It was a crucial time since their work set the tone

for the upcoming centuries of missionary activity. When they were in position to be instruments of God working through them, it gave them reason to take delight in many significant accomplishments.

Is it possible to get carried away? Yes, overwork or becoming a workaholic are problems that can lead to many issues. It hurts marriages. It ends up backfiring – since it no longer witnesses the hope or the joy of the Christian life. My invitation is to seek the balance of the right level of work for your circumstances, and to be accountable so you don't slip into subtle forms of desperation or avoidance.

Perhaps you have memories of powerful moments when you completed a major undertaking.

PETER O'Donnell
PASTOR



You remember how good it felt to see the finish line. You enjoyed the companionship of family and friends who were there to help you celebrate. Those can be moments of grace and can encourage us when hope is in short supply. When our head isn't in the game, we can draw upon those experiences as well as the graces from the sacraments to keep us on track. Instead of looking for more work to do or for more excuses, there are times when we need to say "yes" and times when we need to say "no." The search for that wisdom is a lifelong project for most of us. When is the last time someone challenged you to give it all you've got, and you knew there was something profound within that possibility?

In May, we honored the memorial of St. Joseph the worker, a good example of a strong work ethic. The Lord allows us to engage in tangible tasks and projects which are acts of cooperation with His graces. The Lord provides us with the renewal necessary so we agree to the level of work that is proper to our circumstances. Once various forms of labor happens, that gives us reason to celebrate, a reason to take delight in what we are able to accomplish.

Father Peter O'Donnell is associate pastor of Herington, Hope, Elmo and Abilene. He is the judicial vicar and the archivist for the Diocese of Salina. He was ordained a priest in 2010 and received a license in canon law in 2017.

U.S. bishops approve action items at assembly

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

WASHINGTON – The Catholic bishops of the U.S. met June 16 to 18 for their Spring General Assembly in a virtual format. The agenda included votes on nine action items.

Action items 1 and 2: During their meeting, the bishops held a canonical consultation on the causes of beatification and canonization of the servants of God Joseph Verbis Lafleur, diocesan priest, and Marinus (Leonard) LaRue, professed Brother of the Order of Saint Benedict. The bishops expressed support for the advancement of the causes of beatification and canonization of both individuals at the diocesan level.

Action item 3: The conference voted to approve the development of a new formal statement and comprehensive vision for the Native American and Alaska Native Ministry. It was approved 223-6. The plan envisions encompassing the concerns of the Catholic Native Communities but also a dialogue to develop ways for evangelization and matters of Catholic Native social justice.

Action items 4, 5 and 6: The Latin Church members of the Conference voted to approve three translations by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy for use in the dioceses of the United States. They included a vote that concerned materials for the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, which was approved 188-2. This memorial was added to the liturgical calendar in 2018 and is observed on the Monday following Pentecost. The second vote was on a collection of intercessions and prayers for the Liturgy of the Hours, which was likewise approved 186-3, with one abstention. The retranslation of the Liturgy of the Hours is a large and ongoing project, and there are several groups of texts that will need to be approved by the bishops in the coming years before the entire project can be completed. The bishops approved a new translation of the Order of

Penance, 182-6, with two abstentions. This liturgical book is usually not needed for individual confessions but is particularly useful in the planning of parish penitential services. The votes for these three texts required affirmation by two-thirds of the Latin Church members and are subject to the confirmation of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Action item 7: The full body of bishops also voted to task the Committee on Doctrine to move forward with the drafting of a formal statement on the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. Requiring a simple majority vote for approval, the action item passed with 168-55, with six abstentions.

Action item 8: Following the Vatican's 2018 synod on young people, faith and vocational discernment, Pope Francis issued a post-synodal apostolic exhortation on young people, *Christus Vivit*. The bishops voted with 222-7 to approve the drafting of a National Pastoral Framework for Youth and Young Adults that would be the United States' response to the implementation of *Christus Vivit*. Considering this movement in the Church of engagement of young people, and in the wake of the COVID pandemic which continues to impact life in the world, the bishops believe is an opportune time for this framework to guide the Church's efforts in the coming years.

Action item 9: The bishops voted to approve a National Pastoral Framework for Marriage and Family Life Ministry in the United States: Called to the Joy of Love, that was proposed by the Committee for Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth. The framework is intended to assist dioceses as local pastoral planning and implementation continues to take place since the publication of the 2016 apostolic exhortation on the family, *Amoris Laetitia*. It provides guidelines for the pastoral accompaniment of married couples and families in every phase of life, drawing upon the teachings and recommendations contained in the apostolic exhortation. The proposal was approved 212-13, with four abstentions.

2021 Kansas Legislative Report Card comes into focus

THE REGISTER

The Kansas Catholic Conference — the public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Kansas — is giving the recently concluded 2021 legislative session a mostly positive report card. Legislation protecting mothers and their babies headed the list of achievements, along with expanded educational opportunity.

“Passing the Value Them Both state constitutional amendment for life, thereby placing it on the ballot for a vote of the people, was by far the most significant accomplishment of the 2021 session,” said Chuck Weber, executive director of the Kansas Catholic Conference.

“Every registered voter in the state will now have a voice when it comes to regulating the abortion

industry. Without Value Them Both (a title recognizing the fundamental value of both mothers and their preborn children), the abortion industry will conduct business with virtually no legal safeguards. That will be a disaster.”

Value Them Both became necessary after the Kansas Supreme Court issued a ruling in an abortion case in April 2019. If allowed to stand unchallenged, more than 20 current pro-life Kansas laws protecting mothers and babies will likely be overturned.

Those laws include bans on taxpayer funded abortion, late-term abortions and parental consent for minors seeking an abortion. The only viable response to the court ruling is the constitutional amend-

ment and approval in a statewide vote. Supermajority margins in both the House and Senate were needed to first place Value Them Both on the ballot.

Every Republican legislator in Kansas voted yes on Value Them Both. Every Democratic legislator voted no. The Value Them Both vote is set for Aug. 2, 2022.

In addition to Value Them Both, Weber praised the 2021 Kansas Legislature for passing educational opportunity legislation designed to provide options for lower-income families and students who might not be having their classroom needs met.

The low-income tax credit scholarship program will allow an estimated 150,000 more students

statewide to access privately funded scholarships of up to \$8,000 each. The scholarships can be used to attend Catholic or other non-public schools. The legislation, known as HB 2134, also fully funded public schools at historic high levels.

The biggest disappointment of the 2021 session, according to Weber, was failure to pass the Fairness in Women’s Sports Act, which would have ensured biological girls and women would only compete in athletics against other biological females. The legislation passed but was vetoed by Gov. Laura Kelly.

For a comprehensive review of the 2021 Kansas legislative session, go to www.KansasCatholic.org. Chuck Weber can be reached at Chuck@KansasCatholic.org.

Appreciating the sacrifice of our priests

BY THE REGISTER

In May, the annual Clergy Health and Retirement Board meetings took place.

These meetings provide an opportunity for the clergy aged 65 and above to gather for fraternity, but also to discuss matters pertaining to health and retirement.

At this time, we would like to share our appreciation for the retired priests who continue to minister as they are able, and for the many priests who are past retirement age and continue to serve our diocese and our parishes.

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Father Frank Coady
Father Rich Daise

Father Norbert Dlabal
Father Beryl Gibson*
Father James Grennan*
Monsignor James Hake*
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Father Charlie Steier
Father Bill Surmeier*
Father Basil Torrez*
Father Alvin Werth*
Father John Wolesky
Father Don Zimmerman
(*Retired)



Victoria Clergy Health and Retirement Meeting
Front row from left, Father Jerome Morgan, Father James Grennan, Father Bill Surmeier and Father Rich Daise. Back row from left, Father Norbert Dlabal, Father Alvin Werth, Bishop Jerry Vincke and Father Dan Scheetz.

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Salina Clergy Health and Retirement Meeting
Front row from left, Father Daryl Olmstead, Father John Wolesky, Father Jerome Morgan, Father Henry Baxa, Father Merlin Kieffer, Monsignor James Hake, Father LeRoy Metro and Father James Hoover. Back row from left, Father Don Zimmerman, Father Rich Daise, Father Mark Wesely, Father Kerry Ninemire, Bishop Jerry Vincke, Father Joseph Kieffer, Father Steve Heina, Father Frank Coady and Father Keith Weber.

Honoring Father Kapaun

BY CORIE LYNN
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Father Emil Kapaun died in a prisoner of war camp in Korea in 1951. Originally from Pilsen and previously serving as a priest in the Diocese of Wichita, the Kansan was known for his sacrifice for and service to his fellow soldiers.

Many people have worked to honor Kapaun, including having him canonized as a saint and posthumously presenting him with the Medal of Honor. Most recently, Congressman Tracey Mann of Kansas’s Big First District introduced legislation to recognize his service.

The decision to write the legislation came after Kapaun’s remains were found in March.

“So he was repatriated to the U.S., and, you know, he’ll be only the second Medal of Honor recipient to have his remains repatriated once he’s brought to his final resting place here in Kansas,” Mann said.

Mann, who grew up in Quinter and now lives in Salina, said continuing to honor Kapaun is important for his work during his lifetime but also because he represents what it means to be a servant-leader.

“Look at his life, how he cared for others, how he was so selfless, the example he lived,” Mann said. “We need to be holding up these positive examples to inspire and encourage all of us.”

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By THE REGISTER

The Holy See has granted a plenary indulgence for the faithful who make a pilgrimage to the sacred places named for St. Joseph within the Diocese of Wichita.

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soph/pilgrimage/.

While there is no plenary indulgence in place for the Diocese of Salina, in honor of the Year of St. Joseph, those in the diocese should feel free to visit the St. Joseph parishes found in Bird City, Brookville, Damar, Dorrance, Hays, New Almelo and Oakley.

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The legislation also includes a clause to identify and honor POWs and soldiers missing in action from the country's conflicts. The hope is to acknowledge that Kapaun was one of many serving soldiers who fell into these categories.

Mann is co-sponsoring a second piece of legislation with the Kansas delegation. While he does not know when the resolution would pass, it would rename the Herington Post Office to Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building. Kapaun grew up in Pilsen, just south of Herington.

"We think of how we serve people in large and small ways in our families, in our communities, in the state, in the country," he said. "So holding up positive

examples sort of shows the way for all of us, and that's a good thing."



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DEATHS

Patricia Ann Ashland, 66, of Concordia, died May 17, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was May 21 at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia. Father David Metz officiated. Burial was in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia.

Sister Bernita Marie Leiker, ASC, 97, of Antonino, died May 19, 2021. She had been a professed Adorer of the Blood of Christ for 80 years. Funeral Mass was celebrat-

ed May 22. Father Tom Welk, CPPS, presided. Burial was in Wichita Center Cemetery. **Agnes Shoemaker Lyon**, 95, of Norton, died Jan. 13, 2021.

Funeral Mass was celebrated May 8 at St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo. Father Jose Kumlumkal, CMI, presided. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

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Mary Margaret Richard, 90, of Miltonvale, died May 10, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 15 at St. Anthony Parish in Miltonvale. Father Don Zimmerman presided. Inurnment was in Miltonvale Cemetery in Miltonvale.

Paul A. Richard, 77, of Edinburg, Texas, died Jan. 19, 2021. Private graveside service with military honors was May 27 at St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia. Father David Metz presided.

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Bonita (Linenberger) Schulte, 77, died March 8, 2021. Funeral Mass was March 11 at the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria. Father Ryan McCandless presided. Burial was in St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria.

Virgil Schuster, 77, of Ellis, died May 5, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 8 at St. Mary Parish in Ellis. Father Dana Clark presided. Burial was in the parish cemetery in Ellis.

Sonia A. Seehafer, 83, died May 2, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 13 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit. Father Jarett Konrade presided. Burial was in Round Springs Cemetery near Hunter.

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BAPTISMS

Lylee Maire Bell, daughter of Brandon and Haley Bell, was baptized April 18, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays.

Mallory DiAnn Cox, daughter of Ethan and Britny (Pfannenstiel) Cox, was baptized May 23, 2021, by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Parish in Ellis.

Grayson Michael Danehey, son of Ryan and Page Danehey, was baptized May 2, 2021, by Deacon Wayne Talbot at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

Paxton Thor Davis, son of Justin and Jennifer (Beims) Davis, was baptized May 20, 2021 by Father Norbert Dlabal at Sacred Heart Parish in Atwood.

Jade Aloysius Drohman, daughter of Jess Drohman and Natalie Taylor, was baptized May 2, 2021, by Father Ryan McCandless at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

Mary Josephine Strathman, daughter of Doug and Valerie Strathman, was baptized May

16, 2021, by Father Jarett Konrade at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit.

Olivia Ann Whisman, daughter of Davis and Karen (Martin) Whisman, was baptized May 30, 2021, by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary

Parish in Ellis.

Mason Abel Windholz, son of Michael and Nicole Windholz, was baptized April 25, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays.

Marcilyn Claire Zellmer,

daughter of Andrew and Olivia (Davenport) Zellmer, was baptized May 22, 2021, by

Father Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

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WEDDINGS

Matthew Cunningham and Jenna Lang were married May 22, 2021, at St. Mary Parish in Ellis. Father Dana Clark witnessed their vows. Witnesses were Dillon Kinderknecht and Brittany Lang.

Colton Corwin and Shannon Toll were married May 1, 2021, at St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo. Father Jose Kumbumkal, CMI, witnesses their vows. Parents of the bride-groom are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Corwin. Parents of the bride are Gerry Toll and the late Todd Toll. Witnesses were Tate and Kathryn Tremblay.

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