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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

THANK YOU to all who participated in the many events held in August! The seminarian dinner in Salina, the Runnin' Revs Game and 10th Annual Men's Conference in Hays, the Rural Life Day in Tipton and the many parish festivals and activities around the diocese!

LABOR DAY is Monday, September 6. The Chancery will be closed.

DIVINE MERCY RADIO APPRECIATION BANQUETS will be held on September 11 at 6:00 P.M. at The Strand in Hays; and September 12 at 6:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall of Bishops in Salina. Thank you for your support of Catholic Radio. This year's guest is a good friend, Fr. John Ricardo.

ANNUAL PRIESTS RETREAT will be held in Wichita at the Spiritual Life Center September 13-16. Please pray for the priests as we gather during this time.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY is on September 19, under the theme of "*Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed*." For more information, please see the <u>USCCB website</u>.

ANNUAL DEACONS RETREAT will be held in Wichita at the Spiritual Life Center September 24-26. Please pray for the permanent deacons as they gather during this time.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING inserts for the bulletin are found below:

<u>SEPTEMBER</u> – Think about it...some children are not in school because they are being trafficked. Once they are found, in order to be helped to become survivors and thrivers, they need proper housing -- very much lacking in the U.S. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

<u>SEPTIEMBRE</u> - Piénselo... algunos niños no están en la escuela porque están siendo víctimas de trata. Una vez que se encuentran, para que se les ayude a convertirse en sobrevivientes y prosperadores, necesitan una vivienda adecuada, muy carentes en nuestro país. Las Hermanas Católicas de los Estados Unidos contra la Trata de Personas es una organización 501 © (3) (sistersagainsttrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

PARISH CORPORATION LETTERS were mailed on August 26. Each parish will have two documents that require the pastor, parish administrator or priest supervisor's signature. Please sign and return the documents to the Chancery by September 8. If you are assigned more than one parish, you will receive documents for each parish in a separate mailing. If you have any questions, please contact Corey Lyon.

OFFICE OF THE VICAR OF CLERGY

RETREAT: The Annual Retreat for Priests will be September 13-16 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Please plan to arrive o/a 4:00 P.M. on Monday, September 13. Our Retreat Master is Fr. John Burns from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He has had much experience with retreats. Monday evening with be the banquet. We will begin Tuesday morning with Morning Prayer and breakfast, followed by our first session. Mass and lunch with a break after lunch until the afternoon session, evening prayer, dinner and an evening session. The retreat will conclude with lunch on Thursday.

This will be my last retreat as Education Committee Chairman. Fr. Nick Parker will be assuming the duties at the retreat, and he will be organizing the Renewal Days in January and the Convocation in Kansas City next September.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

NCYC PLANS are continuing with 800 participants represented by 47 parishes. NCYC is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 18-20, and the theme this year is Ablaze – Enciende el Fuego. The Salina Diocese is currently sending the largest delegation in the nation. Meetings for adult sponsors are scheduled for the fall.

Hays – St. Nicolas of Myra - Parish Hall – Tuesday, October 21 - 6:00 P.M.
Manhattan – St. Thomas More – Room A – Monday, October 25 - 6:00 P.M.
Colby – Sacred Heart – Parish Hall – Tuesday, November 2 - 6:00 P.M.
Salina – TBA
*Final payments are due September 12. Paperwork needs to be turned in immediately.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

SCHOOLS: The school year is off to a great start across the diocese. This is the final year of a five-year accreditation cycle. The schools are working together on accreditation with goals in the following areas:

- Promoting Viable Catholic Schools
- Integration of Technology
- Individual Plans of Study for 8-12 grade students

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER will have their next weekend in Victoria September 17th – 19th. Registration is available online at the diocesan website. Please encourage your couples to participate in these weekends.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES celebrated by Bishop Vincke are scheduled. Please consider running the following bulletin announcement:

Mark your calendars! Bishop Vincke and the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary and ALL OTHER wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 in 2021. Masses will be celebrated at 3:00 P.M., October 24th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays; and 3:00 P.M., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church in Salina on Sunday, November 7th. Registration is available beginning September 1st online at <u>salinadiocese.org</u> or by calling the Family Life Office at (785) 827-8746.

OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS: Please share stories and photos from your parish or Catholic school to Katie at <u>theregister@salinadiocese.org</u>

September paper	Content due: September 3
October paper	Content due: October 1

ADVERTISEMENTS: If you know of local businesses interested in advertising in our publications, please direct them to <u>theregister@salinadiocese.org</u> or (785) 827-8746

OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE

CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE DAY was Sunday, Aug. 15, at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton.

The highlight of the observance was the presentation of the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Awards for Catholic families who owned or operated a farm for 100 years or more. This year, we had 6 families who received the award.

The stories of the families for the Century Farm Award reflect the growth of the faith and the Church in the diocese. The family story affects and reflects the story of their local parish as well. Rural Life Day will be in the West Central Deanery next August. If your parish (in the West Central Deanery) is interested in hosting Rural Life Day 2022, please contact Fr. Rich at (785) 625-7356 or email frrich@sacredheartcolby.com.

Following the awards, some of the youngsters were shooting baskets. Bishop Vincke made a shot from the 3-point line – nothing but net!

THE RURAL LIFE COMMISION serves the mission of the Church by promoting the care of God's creation and the welfare of the people who depend on it.

St. Isidore's Day, May 15, 2022, will be in the East Deanery. Since May 15th is a Sunday, we may move the observance to Monday, May 16th. If your parish (in the East Deanery) is interested in hosting our observance, please contact Fr. Rich at (785) 625-7356 or email <u>frrich@sacredheartcolby.com</u>.

OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE (cont.)

RURAL LIFE PRAYER: Growing up in Northwest Kansas, September 10th was always the key date for planting (drilling) wheat. Recent advances in wheat strains have permitted a wider range in planting times. But you might consider a Blessing for Seed Wheat on the weekend of September 4-5 as well as September 11-12.

From the Rural Life Prayer Book:

- V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- R: Who has made heaven and earth,
- V: The Lord be with you,
- R: And with your spirit.

Let us pray

Holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, we beg and pray You to be so kind as to turn Your calm eyes and happy countenance upon these crops and seeds. You testified to Your servant Moses in the land of Egypt, saying:

"Tell the sons of Israel that when they have entered the land of promise which I shall give them, they should offer their first fruits to the priests, and they shall be blessed." Now we ask You, Lord, by the aid of Your mercy, to send the blessing of Your right hand upon these crops, which You have been so kind as to give us to present to You. Grant that no hail may crush them, nor violent winds destroy them, but may they ever remain unharmed. Be so kind as to bring them to great abundance and ripeness for the use of body and soul. You live and are King in the perfect Trinity for ever and ever. R: Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, Sower and nourisher of the heavenly Word, You till the ground of Our hearts with spiritual tools. Hear our prayers, please, and pour Your great blessing upon the fields that have been sown, and by the grace of Your protection, turn away from them the force of every storm. Let all these fruits be filled with Your blessing and be brought to storehouse without

trouble, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and is King and God with You in the unity

of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

R: Amen

(Sprinkle with holy water, and if possible, incense.)

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

PARISH EVENTS: If you have any parish events you would like to have added to our diocese website calendar, please submit it by clicking "Submit Event" in the Quick links at the bottom of the diocese website salinadiocese.org or clicking this link: <u>https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/Og6aB42a</u>

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS (cont.)

MASS TIMES: If you have any Mass or confession times that have recently changed, please submit a directory change by clicking "Directory Update" in the Quick links at the bottom of the diocese website salinadiocese.org or clicking this link: https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/kTH1yRoS

DIOCESAN MAPS: We are excited to share our new maps that show all our parishes and schools across the diocese. The PDFs are attached and are also available in the news and updates section on the website.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

2022 MARCH FOR LIFE planning is underway. The pilgrimage will depart from Salina the morning of Wednesday, January 19th and return home on Sunday, January 23rd. Registration will be available online beginning the week of September 13th with a registration deadline of December 1st. More information and details of the pilgrimage will be available when registration opens in September. We want every parish in the diocese represented so please consider recruiting and sponsoring at least one person/couple from your parish to attend the 2022 March for Life.

2022 TOPEKA RESPECT LIFE RALLY planning is also underway. This is a great alternative to those unable to make the pilgrimage to D.C. This is a one-day event held in Topeka featuring Mass, youth rally and peaceful march to the Capitol. More details to come.

"VALUE THEM BOTH": By now, many of you have heard of the "VALUE THEM BOTH" legislation. The Kansas Primary Election slated for August 2nd, 2022, may be the most important election of our times. A YES vote for "Value Them Both" is critical. For it to be successful, we need every registered voter of our Catholic Community to get out and vote "YES" next August. If you would like to schedule a speaker to visit your parish to inform and encourage your parishioners to vote yes, contact Chuck Weber at Chuck@kansascatholic.org at the Kansas Catholic Conference, or the Respect Life Office of the diocese (785) 827-8746.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA



FOUNDATION IS LIVE! We are so pleased to announce that the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina is live! A special thank you to our board members, as well as the many parishes, schools and individuals who have funds invested with us. To read more about the Foundation, check out the 8/27 issue of The Register or visit the Foundation page on salinadiocese.org. If you have any questions or are interested in opening an account with us, please contact Katie Platten or Beth Shearer.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA (cont.)

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you for your continued support and promotion of the appeal. As of August 24, we have \$1,829,999.46 pledged from 3,691 donors.

The donors who gave last year but not yet this year, have recently received a letter asking them to continue their gift. Your positive comments help to reinforce that request.

Melanie/Laurie will continue to send goal reports on Tuesday afternoons. Thank you for sharing your parish progress towards goal with your parishioners. They are responding generously!

SEMINARIAN DINNER AND COLLECTION: The seminarian fundraising events were very successful. We had a \$50,000 anonymous match, which has been completely used up! Over 170 people attended the dinner, many of whom shared with our staff that they had a wonderful time and cannot wait for next year!

For parishes still needing to submit the Seminarian Collection check to the Chancery, please make sure you email Melanie (melanie.melander@salinadiocese.org) with the following information.

- First Name
- Last Name
- Parish
- Dollar Amount given by each donor

#iGIVECATHOLIC: Again, this year, we will be participating in #iGiveCatholic.

Advanced giving: November 15, 2021 #iGC day: November 30, 2021

To participate in #iGC, you MUST register your parish/school. Deadline to register is October 29. On August 13, Melanie sent out an email with instructions on how to register. If you did not receive this email, please let her know.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

PARISH/SCHOOL SAFETY COORDINATORS – The Fall Zoom Meetings were a great success. Thank you for your continued support as you maintain compliance and continue providing safe environments in your parishes and schools.

CMGCONNECT- With the start of the new academic year, many volunteers, employees, and educators are completing or renewing SE training and background checks. Mistakenly, some users are completing the curriculum video only or background check only. These curriculums do not meet the full safe environment training for the Diocese of Salina. When assigning the curriculum to volunteers, educators and employees, please be sure to assign *Safe Environment Curriculum-Salina*. After assigning this curriculum, please follow up **AND** verify in CMGConnect (under Connect Trainings) they completed the required curriculum. If the required curriculum is not completed when assigned, it could delay the start of their ministry. Along with that, please remind your users of the importance of registering as an employee, volunteer or educator. If by chance there is an error in that process, please go into the database and edit their account to keep records as accurate and up to date as possible.

ON-SITE PARISH/SCHOOL AUDITS – The schedule has been finalized. If for some reason we have to proceed differently because of the pandemic, I will contact Safety Coordinators through email. An agenda and checklist will be forthcoming.

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Sunda	ay	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						RESPECT LIFE MONTH	Diocesan Rosary Congress, Oct. 2-8th
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Confirmation-Im Leoville, along v Selden & S.HO 10:30 am	vith S.H	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi services: St. Francis, 7:30 am Norton, noon Munjor, 5:30 pm		Respect Life Youth Conference			
10		11	12	13	14	15	16
Fall Festival, St. Salina, 2 pm	Elizabeth's,	Columbus Day	Made for More- Christopher West, STMP, Manhattan, 7 pm			Deacon Formation, Dominican Motherhouse, Great Bend, Oct. 15-17th	
17		18	19	20	21	22	23
Opening Mass for Diocesan Synod					NCYC meeting, West Central Deanery, 6 pm, St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays		World Mission Sunday Collection
24 Anniv. Mass, IHM, Hays, 3 pm		25	26	27	28	29	30
Confirmation, St. Francis, Hoxie, 10 am		NCYC mtg., East Deanery, 6 pm, St. Thomas More, Manhattan					
World Mission Sunday	Halloween 31						

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







