

# THE SHEPHERD

Safe Environment Office- Catholic Diocese of Salina

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND I KNOW MINE AND MINE KNOW ME, JUST AS THE FATHER KNOWS ME AND I KNOW THE FATHER; AND I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP"  
-JOHN 10: 14-15

## Safety Coordinator Recognition Award 2021

I would just like to take this opportunity to share something new we started in the Safe Environment Office this year. We have initiated a Safety Coordinator Recognition Award. This award will be given out each year in the month of April (Child Abuse Prevention Month) to a site Safety Coordinator who demonstrates full competence of the Safe Environment Program for the Diocese of Salina and is fully committed to the protection of children.

I am happy to announce this year's winner...

## Sandy Losey



L-R Chad Meitner, Sandy Losey, Wendy Backes, Troy Ruda

The role of the Safety Coordinator is no small task. It is of great importance and each one serves as an extension of the Safe Environment Office at the Diocese as well as at the USCCB. Sandy is very deserving of this award and is an invaluable member of the Safety Coordinator team at the Chancery and to the faculty, parents, and students at TMP Marian-Hays! Please join me in congratulating Sandy Losey.

*Never waiver in your faith that the work you do falls under the shadow of the Almighty. You are hand-picked by Him to help His little children (young and old) heal their broken heartedness and to protect them.*



Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463 or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official.

For the safety of children and healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides Hotline: 866.752.8855 #1067 Website: [www.reportandprotect.com](http://www.reportandprotect.com) Email: [reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto:reportabuse@salinadiocese.org) Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator.

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



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To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides Hotline: 800.276.1562 Website: [reportbishopabuse.org](http://reportbishopabuse.org)

All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

# Preventing Abuse: Minimizing the Risk

When it comes to child sexual abuse, minimizing the opportunity for abuse before it happens will go a long way. Always pay attention to your surroundings. An area you *thought* was safe, may not be. It's well known that an estimated 80 percent of child sexual abuse often occurs in 1:1 situations where the abuser and victim are of out sight of others. In some cases the abuse happens with someone the victim (and the family) trusts.

Identifying your surroundings, knowing the situation and avoiding isolation of children can greatly reduce the risk of child sexual abuse.

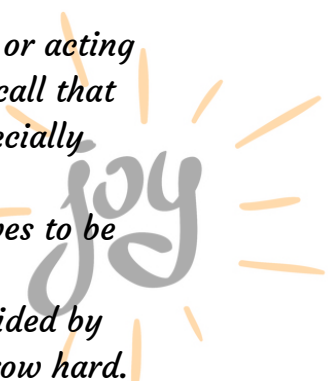
Be vigilant, be aware, and communicate with your children, early and often.

We all have a stake in protecting children. It is our hope that raising awareness, and with extra prevention efforts taking place, we can continue to fight child abuse before it ever occurs.

*Christian joy does not arise on the fringes of reality, by ignoring it or acting as if it did not exist. Christian joy is born from a call – the same call that Saint Joseph received – to embrace and protect human life, especially that of the holy innocents of our own day.*

*Let us not allow them to be robbed of joy. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of joy, but guard it and nourish its growth.*

*May we do this with the paternal fidelity of Saint Joseph and guided by Mary, Mother of tender love, so that our own hearts may never grow hard.*



-From the Vatican, 28 December 2016, Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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