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#### OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** is Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. In most years this is a Holy Day of Obligation, however when the Solemnity falls on a Saturday, as it will in 2022, or a Monday, as it will in 2024, the obligation is dispensed in accord with canon 1246 §2 of the *Code of Canon Law* and the <u>USCCB Complementary Norms</u>. While the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed, Masses will still be held in many parishes of the diocese, and I encourage you to celebrate this very special Solemnity dedicated to our Holy Mother.

**CLERGY RENEWAL** Days are scheduled for January 10-13.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY is Monday, January 17. The Chancery will be closed.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE is Friday, January 21st in Washington D.C.

**IGNITE** Annual Pro-Life Event is Thursday, January 25th in Topeka. Part of the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and the Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life. See the Respect Life Section for more details.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** is January 30 – February 4. The theme is *Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.* Thank you to all the pastors, teachers, parents and students who support our schools.

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** inserts for the parish bulletin:

**January** - Respect for the Dignity of persons is a Principle of Catholic Social Teaching and one ignored by traffickers who treat persons as commodities. Join us in abolishing this horrific crime. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

**Enero** - El respeto por la dignidad de las personas es un principio de la doctrina social católica y es ignorado por los traficantes que tratan a las personas como mercancías. Únase a nosotros para abolir este horrible crimen. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** es una organización 501 c (3), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

#### OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CYO CONVENTION: The Convention will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be sending out registration for the CYO Convention on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will also be available on our website. The theme this year is "Come Holy Spirit!"

**LEADERS FOR OUR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS:** We are holding interviews for our summer leadership positions in January. We are so excited by this group of applicants. The Salina Diocese is blessed to have so many good young people willing to serve others.

**PRAYER AND ACTION:** We are starting preparation for our summer programs and need a host community on the western side of the diocese. If your community would be willing to host, please let us know. We will begin taking registrations for Prayer and Action after we finalize our second location. Stay tuned to the website for more information.

**TOTUS TUUS:** We still have one spot open for Totus Tuus signups. The week we still have an opening is June 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Please get in touch with us to reserve that spot for your parish.

#### **OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

**STUDENTS IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** were engaged in activities during the Christmas season which reminded them of the true meaning of Christmas. Schools continue to work diligently towards accreditation on our final year of a five-year cycle. Each school will be visited in the spring to assess progress. This is the first time that the schools have worked together towards accreditation as a diocese.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU!** Our diocese wants to wish Dr. Nick Compagnone, principal at St. Mary's Grade School in Salina, congratulations on his retirement which will be effective on July 31st of 2022! He has served our diocese in various capacities for 44 years, including superintendent. "Dr. Compagnone's commitment to the schools in the Salina Diocese over his career is incredible. His knowledge of Catholic education and his willingness to help all private schools across the state is a great example of servant leadership."-Geoff Andrews, Superintendent

**RELIGION TEACHERS**: Junior high and high school religion teachers from the Catholic schools of the Salina Diocese will be coming together Monday, January 17 for a day of professional development with education and theology professors from Benedictine College.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** will be celebrated January 30 – February 4. Bishop will be traveling the diocese to celebrate Mass with all our students.

#### **OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS**

**ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS:** Please share stories and photos from your parish or Catholic school to Katie at <a href="mailto:theregister@salinadiocese.org">theregister@salinadiocese.org</a>

January paper Content due: January 7

February paper Content due: January 30 (note the early due date – I'll be taking vacation

the second and third week of February.)

Thank you for your help with providing content for our publications. I really rely on your assistance to make our publications enjoyable for our readers.

**ADVERTISEMENTS:** If you know of local business interested in advertising in our publications, please direct them to <a href="mailto:theregister@salinadiocese.org">theregister@salinadiocese.org</a> or 785-827-8746

#### **OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**CHRISTMAS PHOTOS**: If your parish is decorated for Christmas, please send us photos to share on our social media to communications.office@salinadiocese.org

**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 website (salinadiocese.org) or clicking this link: https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/Og6aB42a

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 website salinadiocese.org or clicking this link: https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/kTH1yRoS

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YouTube: Salina Diocese or www.youtube.com/salinadioceseks

#### CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA



**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** Thank you for your continued support and promotion of the appeal. As of December 21, we have \$1,967,706.11 pledged from 4,046 donors.

**SWITCHING GEARS TO 2022** - Be sure to watch your emails as Katie G. will soon be sending an electronic version of the parish resource manual and bishop homily. You will also receive hard copies of these, along with the appeal poster.

February 19-20 Kick-off weekend – Bishop's message will be played this weekend April 2-3 Participation weekend – envelopes will be put in the pews

Last year, we started a new "parish champion" project. It was well-received, and we'd like to try again. If there are individuals/families in your parish who are active Catholics and support the appeal, please send their names and contact information to Katie G. (Katherine.greenwood@salinadiocese.org).

**#iGIVECATHOLIC:** Yet again, #iGiveCatholic campaign was a radical success for entities within the Salina Diocese. Raising a grand total of \$879,255 from 1,090 donors for 34 varying ministries, the 2021 #iGC campaign far surpasses the 2020 grand total of \$492,558 from 826 donors for 32 organizations. As a whole, the high-performing Salina Diocese was nationally ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of 40 dioceses and archdioceses participating in #iGiveCatholic. Organizations ranked in the top 100 nationwide:

- 9 Manhattan Catholic Schools, Manhattan \$152,294.00
- 11 St. Mary, Queen of the Universe Church, Salina \$147,324.29
- 26 St. John the Baptist Church, Beloit \$80,921.82
- 32 St. Andrew Grade School, Abilene \$67,871.32
- 44 St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan \$55,925.98
- 59 St. Andrew Church, Abilene \$45,656.68
- 77 Comeau Catholic Campus Center, Hays \$35,081.00
- 78 St. Francis Xavier Church, Junction City \$34,738.00
- 84 St. John the Baptist Catholic Schools, Beloit \$33,210.00
- 88 St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Junction City \$32,490.00

Congratulations to these and all parishes, schools and organizations who promoted their causes on #iGiveCatholic on November 30. Your hard work paid off well for your organizations.

**YEAR-END GIFTS:** As 2021 ends, your parishioners are moved by the birth of Jesus, the season of giving and tax incentives to donate to the charities close to their heart. Tis the season of giving! Last minute gifts can be made to any of our ministries by going to <a href="https://www.salinadiocese.org">www.salinadiocese.org</a>.

Remember, there are many tax incentives available this year for donors who support their parish, school, Call to Share or other Catholic ministry. Click <u>here</u> to view an article explaining these benefits. If you have questions, please contact Beth Shearer at beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org or 785-827-8746.

**REMOTE:** Katie G. will be getting married in February. She'll be moving out to the big city of Lenora, KS after the wedding. She will continue in her role for the diocese/foundation; however, she will be a full-time remote employee beginning January 31, 2022. She is currently partial remote (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) and partial in the office (Wednesday and Thursday). The best way to contact her is through email (<u>Katherine.greenwood@salinadiocese.org</u>) or cellphone (785-534-9479).

#### OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM has policies, procedures, requirements and expectations that need to be followed. Please be mindful of those as our safe environment programs are in place to assist parents, children, parish members, teachers, community members and all those who work with children in securing a safe environment for our young people where they can grow to full and human Christian maturity. Thank you again for all your hard work this past year. And as St. Teresa of Calcutta often said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

**STATISTICS** – Please see the attached one-page summary of the 2020 annual report on the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Prevention, Protection and Accountability, creating a safe environment for all.

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

**COMPLIANCE** – Safety coordinators, as we begin a new calendar year, please ensure that your parish/school is in compliance with the requirements set forth from the Safe Environment Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 785-827-8746 #24

#### **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE**

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER** has marriage prep weekends scheduled for Feb. 11-13, 2022, April 1-3, 2022 and June 8-10, 2022, at the Spiritual Life Center in Victoria, KS. Registration available online at the diocesan website under Offices/Family Life/marriage prep. Please encourage engaged couples to participate and register early to allow for planning time. Registration fee has increased to \$300 per couple for the weekend due to increased cost of using the Spiritual Life Center.

Mass for Parents of a deceased child will be Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If your parish is interested in hosting this Mass, please contact the diocesan Family Life Office.

World Marriage Week 2022 will be celebrated Feb. 7th-13<sup>th</sup>, culminating with World Marriage Day, Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Go to USCCB Family Life page to find resources for your parish to promote the Sacrament of Marriage.

#### **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

**2022 MARCH FOR LIFE!** The annual pilgrimage will depart from Salina the morning of Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. and return home late afternoon Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**2022 TOPEKA RESPECT LIFE RALLY Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022!** The doors open at 8:30 a.m. Praise and worship music will begin at 9:00 a.m. and keynote speaker, Kristan Hawkins, President of

#### **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE (cont.)**

Students for Life will give a dynamic pro-life presentation. Three Bishops from Kansas, Archbishop Naumann, Bishop Kemme and Bishop Vincke, will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Following Mass, everyone will march to the State Capitol for the Rally for Life. This is a great alternative to those unable to make the pilgrimage to D.C. To register or for more details, go to <a href="https://archkck.org/prolife/activities/ignite/">https://archkck.org/prolife/activities/ignite/</a>

**"VALUE THEM BOTH"**: By now, many of you have heard of the "VALUE THEM BOTH" legislation. The Kansas Primary Election slated for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, may be the most important election of our times. A YES vote for "Value Them Both" is critical and 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 <a href="Chuck@kansascatholic.org">Chuck@kansascatholic.org</a> at the Kansas Catholic Conference or the Respect Life Office of the diocese (785-827-8746).

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** - This Christmas season, we have been blown away by the outpouring of love the Salina Diocese has shown to Catholic Charities. Because of YOUR generosity, those struggling throughout our diocese will be wrapped in the warmth of Christ's love. May the new year bring you and your loved one's happy tidings, good health and abundant blessings!

**OUTREACH SERVICES:** Catholic Charities Outreach Services will be serving several additional locations in 2022! New communities include Belleville, Smith Center, Hoxie, Oberlin, and Phillipsburg. Thank you to the parishes in these communities for your partnership.

The Outreach Vans travel on Wednesdays each month, bringing boxes of food and hygiene items, as well as diapers, laundry detergent, and other necessities to families in Abilene, Beloit, Beverly, Belleville, Chapman, Clay Center, Concordia, Ellsworth, Herington, Hoxie, Junction City, Lincoln, Mankato, Minneapolis, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, Smith Center, WaKeeney, and Washington. View the January mobile outreach schedule at www.ccnks.org/outreach.

**STORM RECOVERY:** Our prayers remain with the many in our diocese whose lives have been deeply impacted by the recent fires and windstorms. Catholic Charities is here to assist with recovery efforts. Those needing assistance can call the Catholic Charities office nearest them or visit **www.ccnks.org/disaster**.

If you wish to help those impacted by these events, the best way to help is by donating to the Catholic Charities Local Disaster Relief Fund at **www.ccnks.org/disasterfund** or mail a check to PO Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402-1366 and write Disaster Relief Fund in the memo line. All donations will assist with disaster recovery efforts in the 31 counties of our diocese.

**ANNUAL APPEAL:** We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the "Together, We Can!" 2021 Annual Appeal. Because of YOU, the vital needs of those struggling within our diocese will be met this Christmas season. It is not too late to make your impact! To donate to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal, visit **www.ccnks.org/annualappeal**.

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)**

**MANHATTAN BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** The Manhattan-Area Baby Bottle Campaign takes place January 1 - February 5 and supports Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Programs. If you belong to a participating parish, you can collect your bottle the weekend of January 1-2 and fill it with change, cash, or checks. Return the bottle to your parish the weekend of February 5-6. You can also donate online at <a href="https://www.ccnks.org/babybottle">www.ccnks.org/babybottle</a>.

**HOLIDAY HOURS:** All Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas locations in Salina, Hays, and Manhattan will be closed from December 24 until January 2. Normal operations will resume Monday, January 3. Please visit <a href="https://ccnks.org/contact">https://ccnks.org/contact</a> to contact us while offices are closed to ensure your message is received. Thank you and have a safe, blessed Christmas and New Year!

#### WE'RE HERE TO HELP NORTHERN KANSAS!

On December 15, 2021, Northwest Kansas experienced devastating winds and wildfires. Many throughout our 31-county service area were impacted and suffered significant loss. Our hearts and prayers are with all who have experienced loss, especially this close to Christmas. Moments like these are especially disruptive for families living "on the edge," as unexpected repairs and deductibles can deplete any savings they may have and drive them further into poverty. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is here to help on the journey to recovery.

#### For those seeking financial assistance:

If you know of anyone in need of assistance, please direct them to our website for an online application: <a href="https://ccnks.org/decemberdisaster">https://ccnks.org/decemberdisaster</a>

This is the best way to get the process started. Our case managers will then follow up as they are able.

Depending on the availability of funds, Catholic Charities can provide financial assistance to individuals and families who have been directly affected by these damaging winds and devastating fires. The amount and type of assistance Catholic Charities provides is based on household size, the severity of loss, and gross annual income. The goal is to stabilize families as they move forward with their lives.

Approved applicants may qualify for the following types of services:

- Emergency Financial Assistance: Utilities/Utility Deposits, Prescription Assistance, Rent/Rent Deposits, Mortgage Payments, Personal property replacement (for renters), Property Repair/Clean-up Services (for homeowners)
- Basic Needs: Food/Hygiene/Diapers, Bus Passes, Car Repairs, Furniture/Appliances, Household Items

General questions may be directed to your local Catholic Charities office. We are glad to help answer any questions you may have!

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)**

#### How you can help:

Right now, financial donations to the Catholic Charities local disaster relief fund are most helpful as needs are assessed. We want to help as many families as possible throughout the diocese and know that needs will continue to arise in the week and months to come as lives are rebuilt. Recovery will be a marathon, not a sprint!

Donate online: www.ccnks.org/disasterfund

#### Mail donations to:

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas c/o Disaster Relief Fund PO Box 1366 Salina, KS 67402-1366

God, bless each and every person affected by this storm and surround them with Your love, protection, and angels. Let them know there are thousands of us out here praying for them and their loved ones. We give You all the praise and glory forever, Lord, and know that even in the darkest hours, You are always with us. Amen.

# **FEBRUARY 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Catholic Schools wk Jan. 30 to Feb. 5th		Mass-St. Joseph, Oakley & S.H. Colby, noon, @ Oakley	Catholic Schools Mass combined TMP-M/HFE, St. Mary-Ellis, S.HPlainville, 10am @ IHM-Hays	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Grandparents Day at St. Mary's Grade School, Salina World Marriage Week, Feb. 7- 13					St. Andrew School Mass & Benefit Auction,
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
World Marriage Sunday						Bishop's Annual Appeal Kick-Off
20 Bishop's Annual Appeal Kick-Off	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

# Summary of the 2020 Annual Report



Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People



**OUTREACH** rendered to victim survivors and families, such as counseling, spiritual direction, or other services.

**572** Newly identified victim survivors and families

**1,886** Continued support for individuals identified in previous years



## **PROTECTION**

Training Children 3,100,151
Training Adults 2,538,413

Background Checks 2,557,934



## **ALLEGATIONS**

Current minors 22
Historical reports 4228
Total allegations 4250





**COSTS** 

\$44,416,089 Safeguarding and Protection (12% increase over 2019)

**\$311,980,666** Settlements, legal fees, outreach services, other expenses

\$356,396,755 Total

# THE SHEPHERD

2022 HAPPY NEW YEAR "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

### MAY THE YEAR AHEAD SEE YOU BLESSED WITH ALL THE GOOD THINGS GOD HAS TO GIVE

#### **Safety Coordinators:**

As we begin a new calendar year,we want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the work you do in the Diocese of Salina, and share with you a letter Bishop Vincke received from StoneBridge Partners this fall. This letter represents true commitment and dedication to the Charter; promise to protect, pledge to heal.

#### Dear Bishop Vincke:

Based on the results our recently performed on-site audit of the Diocese of Salina, the Diocese has been found compliant with all audited Articles within the Charter for the Protecton of Children and Young People for the audit period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. The conclusions reached as to the compliance of your diocese are based upon inquiry, observation, and the review of specifically requested documentation turned in to StoneBridge Partners during the course of this audit. Thank you for your cooperation during this process. Sincerely,

StoneBridge Business Partners

We sincerely thank you for your ministry as you continue to faithfully implement the Safe Environment Program in your parishes and schools. We will not have another on-site audit until 2024, but, we will have to submit data for the data collection requirements to StoneBridge Business Partners in 2022. Please continue to be vigilant and attentive to the efforts of protecting children and maintaining safe environments so our children can learn, pray and grow.



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

ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov
The Diocese of Salina fully
participates in all criminal
investigations related to
abuse perpetrated by a member
of the clergy or other church official.

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

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



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

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

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#### NEWS AND NOTES

#### from the Safe Environment Office

As the world continues to deal with the stresses of the pandemic, it is important for adults (especially parents) to manage their own stress effectively and allow themselves to continue functioning when faced with challenges, adversities, and trauma.

Parents being the most important people in a child's world, let us be sure our own homes are safe havens for our children.

#### Easy ways to prevent abuse from happening in our homes:

- Learn what is age appropriate. Having realistic expectations of what children can handle will help avoid frustration and anger at normal childhood behavior.
- Develop new parenting skills. Learn appropriate discipline techniques and how to set clear boundaries for your children. Parenting classes, books, and seminars offer this information.
- Take care of yourself. The worst tends to come out of us, parents or not, when we are overwhelmed, stressed or anxious. Connecting with other people, getting enough sleep, eating well and regular exercise are excellent ways to take care of yourself.
- Get help when needed. If you were abused or neglected as a child or find yourself feeling overwhelmed and would like to talk to someone, call our Victim Assistance Coordinator 866-752-8855 #1067

#### Facts about child abuse and neglect:

- There is more than one type of child abuse. Child abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional or neglect. Signs of abuse may not always be obvious.
- Abuse and neglect don't just happen in poor families or "bad" neighborhoods. Child abuse crosses all racial, economic, and cultural lines.
- Most abusers are family members or others close to the family.
- Many abusive parents are victims of abuse themselves and don't know any other way to parent. Others may be struggling with mental health issues or substance abuse problems.

The church is the Body of Christ. All members of the Church are linked to one another. We ALL have a responsibility to ensure the safety of children in our parishes, schools, families and local communities. The Diocese of Salina has taken great strides in fulfilling our promise to protect children, educate our communities, and bring healing to those who have suffered abuse.

Are there people who sit next to you at mass each week who do not currently minister to minors, but could benefit from being educated on how to protect children? Please encourage them to contact the Safe Environment Office - 785-827-8746.

The more people who are educated on child sexual abuse, the safer our children will be!

