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## Safe Environment Office

**SHEPHERD** 

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 [will lay down my life for the sheep" ~ John 1(): 14-15

Safety Coordinators:

Fall is upon us, the diocesan audit has been completed here at the chancery, and schools and parishes are buzzing with activities.

I want to take another opportunity to thank you for saying yes to this important ministry. The role of the Safety Coordinator, is not always fun nor glamorous, but is an essential part of the Safe Environment Program. If we as the Catholic Church continue to work diligently to train and background check clergy, school, and parish employees and volunteers ministering with minors, and stopping child abuse before it happens, our impact can be profound. We will be viewed as the leader in preventing child sexual abuse. Parents and other community members will turn to the Catholic Church because we are equipped with the knowledge and tools needed to protect children. Your deep commitment to creating and maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools will help our children learn, pray, and grow.

## I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. HE WHO ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM, BEARS MUCH FRUIT; FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING. JOHN 15:5

GUIDE AND PROTECT- Today's predators can be more threatening than ever before. Fathers must safeguard their children from modern dangers with loving discipline and spiritual leadership. Who can be their guide? Thankfully, Catholic Dads have a model, St. Joseph. The Litany of St. Joseph acclaims him as "Joseph most prudent," "Zealous defender of Christ" and "Terror of demons", titles that remind us, as modern fathers, of the need to lead wisely and protect our children. As we continue in this Year of St. Joseph, may he be our intercessor, as we as fathers, carrying out the ultimate mission as fathers, guiding our children to heaven. <u>CLICK</u> here to read more.



Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463 or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official. For the safety of children and healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides Hotline: 866.752.8855 #1067 Website: www. reportandprotect.com Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator.

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



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

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