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Marymount College in Salina recently celebrated its centennial reunion.

A centennial celebration

BY RICH GARRIGAN
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

In 1989, a small liberal arts Catholic college with more than 500 students in Salina closed its doors for good.

Thirty-two years later, nearly 500 alumni, their spouses, guests, faculty, Sisters of St. Joseph and friends returned to celebrate the Marymount College of Kansas centennial reunion and the founding of Marymount College in 1922.

The celebration in Salina featured an opening kickoff social at the Garage Automotive Museum on Oct. 7. The weekend consisted of campus tours, class gatherings, luncheons, a golf outing, Mass celebrated by Bishop Jerry Vincke, a toast to Marymount on campus and the finale – the Marymount centennial banquet. The banquet was hosted at Tony's Pizza Events Center on Oct. 8.

"The response was truly remarkable," said John Arnold, a 1974 graduate. "When we started this process back in December 2021/January 2022, we were more



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Alumni came from many different areas to celebrate during the reunion.

than a bit tentative. Marymount had been closed since 1989. Marymount alumni was on Facebook and the Sisters of St. Joseph Concordia regularly featured alumni information in their quarterly newsletter. There was maybe a total of 50 accurate email address-

es and that was about it."

Arnold chaired a steering committee of approximately a dozen Marymount alumni who went to work. Zoom meetings were scheduled each month to dream, organize and execute an ambitious plan.

"Our team on the steering

committee was simply spectacular," Arnold said. "They not only dug in, but they also dug deep. Whether it was site visits to Salina, running down email addresses, Facebook posts/direct messaging, dedicated and designed email messages, data management, updates, nametags, logistics, music, finances, tours, menus, slide shows, memory books or photos, our steering committee was unbelievable. Attention to detail? Wow."

Committee members knew there was a lot on the line for the special event.

"We had to be committed to being finishers. Finish one thing and move on to the next task at hand. We had to overcompensate," said Leslie Krauledis, a 1973 grad. "Remember, there was no alumni office, no safety net. We were just out there, trusting each other, trusting the process, trusting in the Lord and knowing the Sisters of St. Joseph were in our corner praying for us."

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Listening to one another

During the week of Sept. 19 to 23, the priests of our diocese hosted their convocation at the Savior of the World Pastoral Center in Kansas City. The priests followed the synodal path to discuss, listen and share their ideas about the diocese and the Church. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the discussions the priests were having regarding our diocese. There were a lot of different thoughts, but the results can be broken down into several categories:

1. Parish reorganization: Develop a plan on how to restructure or consolidate the parishes in the diocese.
2. Develop the role of the laity: Ask and invite people to get involved.
3. Support for priests: This discussion focused on the necessity for priests to have spiritual directors and to partake of retreats as well as to make sure of their spiritual and physical well-being.
4. Ministry needs: This included Eucharistic Revival Catechesis to inspire Eucharistic hunger, Family and Marriage life, the future trajectory of Hispanic ministry in the diocese and building up a culture of

vocations.

What do you think? The synodal committee of the diocese will offer additional listening sessions to discuss the above categories or other topics you might want to discuss at the following listening sessions:

- 2 p.m. Oct. 30 at St. Elizabeth Parish in Salina.
- 3 p.m. Oct. 30 at Sacred Heart Parish in Colby.
- 2 p.m. Nov. 6 at St.



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Boniface Parish in Tipton.

- 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Norton.
- 3 p.m. Nov. 13 at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

The first session was Oct. 23 at St. Nicholas Parish in Hays.

The most important thing any of us can do is pray and listen to the Holy Spirit. Please attend one of these sessions if you are able. Thank you.

In Christ's service,

+ Gerald L. Vincke

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BISHOP'S CALENDAR

November

- 1 All Saints Day, Chancery closed
- 3 Holy Family school Mass, 8 a.m., Hays
- 4 TMP-Marian Mass, 8 a.m., Hays
- 4 Annual Adoption Mass, 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
- 6 Confirmation, 3 p.m., St. Francis Cabrini, Hoxie
- 9 Mass and gathering, 5:45 p.m., Comeau Center, Hays
- 10 Memorial Mass for deceased priests, 12:05 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
- 12 CYO Convention, Salina
- 12-17 USCCB General Assembly, Baltimore
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Day, Chancery closed

CLERGY ASSIGNMENTS

Effective Oct. 21, 2022

Father Michael Raj Kothalamuthu, HGN: Appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Hays, with residence in the St. Joseph Parish rectory.

Pope announces decision to extend Synod

BY COURTNEY MARES
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Pope Francis announced recently that the Synod on Synodality will be extended to 2024.

Speaking in his Angelus address Oct. 16, the pope shared his decision to divide the Synod of Bishops into two sessions that will meet in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024.

Pope Francis explained he made the decision "in order to have a more relaxed period of discernment."

The two sessions of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will take place from Oct. 4 to 29, 2023, and in October 2024, bringing together bishops from across the world to discuss and prepare a document to counsel the pope.

Pope Francis launched the Synod on Synodality in October 2021 as a world-

wide undertaking during which Catholics were encouraged to submit feedback to their local dioceses.

The Catholic Church's massive multi-year synodal process has been divided into stages. The initial diocesan listening phase concluded with the participation of 112 out of 114 of the world's Catholic bishops' conferences, according to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops.

According to a report from the U.S. bishops' conference, approximately 700,000 people participated in the diocesan phase of the synod in the U.S. out of 66.8 million Catholics in the country.

The second, continental phase is taking place from September to March 2023. In this stage, Continental Synodal Assemblies will be convened between January

and March of next year.

The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops describes these continental assemblies as a meeting to "reread the journey made and to continue the listening and discernment ... proceeding in accord with the socio-cultural specificities of their respective regions."

An Instrumentum laboris will guide the continental phase discussions. The document is expected to be published by the end of this month or early November and is being drafted by the synod's leadership, advisory committee, and a group of approximately 20 "experts."

The final, universal phase will begin with the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican in October 2023 and continue in October 2024 on the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission."

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As I travel around the diocese, so many people tell me how much they appreciate faith magazine and *The Register*. They are the primary way our diocese can stay connected with faithful in all four corners. We are just about to kick off our Publications Drive, which is a fundraiser that supports the work of our communications office and publications. I hope you consider supporting this drive. Please read the below letter from Katie Hamel, editor of publications, as she shares a little bit more about the important work of telling stories.

In Christ’s service,
+ Gerald L. Vincke
The Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke
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Bishop of Salina

Dear readers,
It’s that time of year when we run our annual publications drive. The generous gifts we receive support the work of our publications and communications office. That work includes social media



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"The diocesan publications are inspirational, contain teaching moments about our Catholic faith and are filled with suggestions about everyday and life-long activities you can do to grow your faith. The articles are honest and sometimes cover hard topics, but there is such a brightness to the publications as they are filled with hope and good news that helps you sustain your faith. It is always fun to see school kids doing well, hear about the success of fundraisers, see how far along our seminarians are, hear about good things our bishop, priests and religious are accomplishing and know what other Catholic families and organizations are doing around the diocese. These publications help bring us together. They make you proud to be Catholic. And when the last page is turned on each of these publications, they make you especially proud to be a Catholic in the Diocese of Salina."

-Norman and Sherrie Kelly, Salina

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presence, the diocesan website, a podcast, monthly paper, quarterly magazine and much more.

The three primary people in the communications office staffed at the diocese include me, Matea Gregg and Diane Gasper-O’Brien.

Matea runs all the diocesan social media, edits the podcasts, creates the videos, photographs the events and manages the website. She brings an artistic eye as well as a passion for finding new ways to communicate with the younger generations.

Diane is new to the team, and her primary role is providing coverage for diocesan events in *The Register*. She comes with a

lifetime of journalism experience and is breathing new life into the paper.

As for me, I’m the editor of *The Register* and *faith* magazine. I, along with Bishop Vincke, choose the direction of our publications and bring them to life through conducting interviews, writing the stories, researching the sacraments and working with our awesome layout team (Nick Schwien from Fort Hays State University designs *The Register*, and Jenny Pomcier of *faith* designs our magazine).

Additionally, we have other Chancery staff who help proofread the paper, manage the ads and control the mailing list.

We are blessed with a phenomenal team of individ-

uals with different strengths and talents. Working with them has been one of my greatest joys.

But the greatest joy comes from witnessing the impact our work has on faithful within the diocese.

We’re storytellers. Diane and I tell stories through print and Matea through social media, but we’re telling stories. But the thing is, as Catholics, every one of us is a storyteller.

If you look at our Catholic faith, the two pillars that make up the way Catholicism is lived out are 1) Sacred Scripture and 2) Sacred Tradition.

Sacred Scripture, the Bible, is the written account of stories of the faith. And Sacred Tradition is the passing down of beliefs and actions, and with that passage comes the verbal story

of how or why we do this. From the very beginning, the legacy of our faith was passed down through stories. Storytelling is transitory, it can be passed from one person to another like the flame of a candle. Stories can inspire greatness in the faith, but they can also inform and educate.

We know from our recent diocesan synod that there is a deep desire in our diocese for further formation and education. Faithful want to know, love and serve God better.

And in a small way, our communications team is seeking to fulfill that desire.

But for us to continue providing this, we need your help. Currently, our publications and online resources are available to all registered Catholics in the diocese for free. That’s more than 15,000 Catholic households, which is approximately 40,000 Catholic persons who are receiving our content.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Katie

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



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Bishop Jerry Vincke at the convocation in Kansas City.

Priests gather in K.C.

BY FATHER DAMIAN RICHARDS
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Last summer, the laity of the Diocese of Salina gathered for the Synod. There they discussed their concerns, hopes and dreams for the future of the Church.

In September, it was time for the priests to do the same thing. The week of Sept. 19 to 23, the priests of the Diocese of Salina had their convocation at the Savior of the World Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kan. Father Bob Schremmer, from the Diocese of Dodge City, led the priests in their synodal discussions. The priests followed the synodal path to discuss and share their ideas about the diocese and the Church.

There was also a presentation by Libby and Brad Dupont of the Archdiocese of Kansas City on “Evermore In Love,” a new marriage preparation program the diocese is looking at. Strong families are at the core of a strong Church. Good marriage preparation helps create strong marriages, which lead to strong families. Strong families mean lay people committed to following Christ. Strong families also provide fertile ground for vocations.

It was also a time for the priests of the diocese to spend time with their brother priests in prayer and fellowship. Given the distances in our diocese and the workload of our priests, it is hard for clergy to just stop by a neighboring parish for a visit. Convocations are essential for helping build up priestly morale and helping priests to connect with their fellow clergy.

Podcast is ‘clean-shaven’

BY THE REGISTER

Recently, the Diocese of Salina added a new series to its From the Heart Podcast titled Three Bald Guys. The three bald men behind the newest podcast are, superintendent of Catholic schools Geoff Andrews, director of youth ministry, family life and religious education Bill Meagher and Father Jarrett Konrade. The podcast is a mix of light-heartedness and deep theological discussions. Don’t miss an episode. Listen on the diocesan website or any streaming service by looking for From the Heart.

Q. What was the reason behind starting Three Bald Guys?

A. Podcasts are a big thing right now with people being able to listen to them as they drive and as they work. We get a chance to see so many awesome things going on around the diocese, and we wanted a way to share those with other people. We wanted to spread some positivity and a few smiles in a world full of negativity.

Q. Why did you name it three bald guys?

A. We were looking for a name that would work for us, and it wasn’t until we all sent our bit emojis to each other that we saw a common theme in our appear-



ance. The name just kind of stuck.

Q. What kinds of things do you discuss?

A. We discuss some current things happening in our diocese, give shout-outs to people who we have encountered who are doing great things, and ask people to pray for intentions with us. We also answer questions from young people in the diocese and get into some of the hot topic current moral issues as an evangelization tool.

Q. What special guests have you had?

A. So far we have only had Bishop Vincke as a guest, but we have talked to a

number of people and hope to get them on a podcast soon. The hardest part is getting all of the schedules to line up.

Q. Why should I listen?

A. That is a great question. If you want some laughs, some positive stories about the world, and some insights into the teachings of the Church, then we would love to have you join us. Some of the podcast is serious, and some is just meant to be fun. It is also a great opportunity to see what the life of a priest looks like as you listen to Father Jarrett talk.

Q. What has been your favorite podcast so far?

A. We really enjoyed making the one with the bishop. Bishop Vincke is just so insightful and brings so much positive energy into the room wherever he goes that it made that podcast fun to make. He left all of us with some great nuggets to think and pray about during that recording.

Q. How will this help me grow in my faith?

A. It is amazing how many things we discuss, and we get a chance to talk about some of the tough teachings of our faith. It is a different way of learning some of the truths of the Catholic faith than what you may have had in the past. We also have a different and special prayer at the end of each podcast that you may really enjoy.

Q. If I have ideas for the podcast, where should I send them to?

A. We love ideas and questions. Please feel free to reach out to us any time. The best way to reach out is call the Chancery office or email bill.meagher@salinadiocese.org.

Q. Anything else you’d like to share?

A. We really appreciate people listening and hope that we bring you some laughs, some insights into the faith, and some things to think about as you go through your day.

Three growing in FertilityCare education

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Three from the Salina Diocese are attending the 45th class for the first phase of the FertilityCare Provider Education Program with the St. Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Neb.

This nine-day training is the beginning of a 13-month program which includes two education phases, two supervised practicums, and will conclude with a comprehensive final exam next November.

Pamela Schroeder, of Colby, has entered the program as a FertilityCare practitioner intern and will begin teaching women and couples throughout the diocese beginning next month.

“I am excited to begin this journey as a FertilityCare practitioner,” she said. “I’m looking forward to working with women and couples and sharing the truth and beauty of fertility and women’s health. I myself have benefited from charting with the Creighton Model and hope to help others in the same way.”

Lindy Meyer, of Concordia, is a certified FertilityCare practitioner and has entered this year’s program as a FertilityCare educator intern. After



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Pamela Schroeder, Lindy Meyer and Dr. Monica Bachamp are attending the FertilityCare Provider Education Program.

this training is complete next November, she will be able to establish an independent FertilityCare education program in the Salina Diocese.

Dr. Monica Bachamp, of Salina, is taking the refresher course for medical consultants after her initial atten-

dance in 2013. Bachamp will continue to integrate this knowledge in her medical practice.

More information about FertilityCare services available in the Salina Diocese can be found at salinafertility-care.org.

CYO convention moves to fall

By DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

High-school students who have a hard time finding an open weekend for spiritual reflection during the ultra-busy spring semester are in luck.

In an effort to make a diocesan event more accessible for its teenagers, the Diocese of Salina has moved its annual CYO spring convention to the fall semester.

Students can register for the two-day event in Salina through their local parish. The 2022 convention is set for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13, in the Sacred Heart High School gymnasium.

The reasons for choosing that particular weekend is twofold, said Bill Meagher, director of religious education, family life and youth ministry for the diocese.

That weekend is part of "buffer week" for high-school sports in Kansas,

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration information: The \$50 fee includes lunch and dinner Saturday and donuts and juice Sunday morning, as well as snacks and drinks at Saturday's dance. Encourage your parish to take a group to partici-

pate in this year's convention. More information, including a registration form, can be found on the diocesan website at salinadiocese.org/office/of-youth-ministry/cyo-convention.

a great opportunity to meet other young people around the diocese."

Meagher also stressed the

switch in dates was to try to build numbers in the diocese, which normally sends between 800 and 900

students to the national conventions.

"We want our young people to be able to build up local relationships," he said, "making the pilgrimage together to the national convention even more impactful."

This year's attendees at the diocesan convention are in for a treat. They will get to hear from a nationally acclaimed speaker as well as



Stepanek



Wasinger

one from their own diocese.

Joel Stepanek is vice president of parish services for Life Teen International, based in Mesa, Ariz. He has traveled the world speaking to groups of all ages and has a passion for supporting youth ministries.

Lexie Wasinger, a native of Hays, is the assistant director of engagement for St. Pius X Parish in Granger, Ind.

Wasinger is a 2015 graduate of Thomas More

Prep-Marian High School in Hays, who stayed close to home for college and graduated from Fort Hays State University in 2019. She then spread her wings and earned her master's in theolo-

gy from the University of Notre Dame.

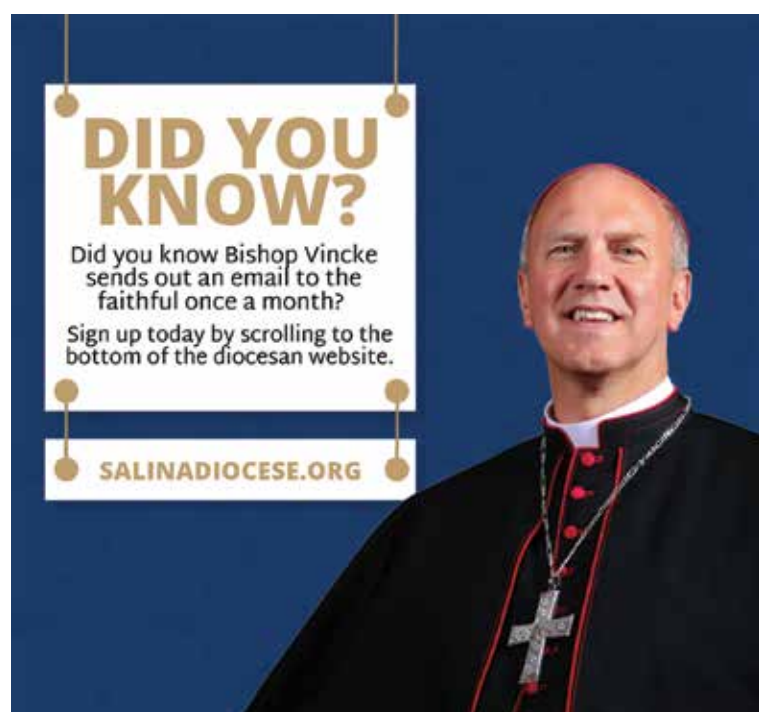
Wasinger also will speak to students at TMP-Marian on Nov. 10 and at the diocesan teacher in-service the next day in Salina.

Included in the CYO convention weekend will be a Mass, adoration, confession, a visit from Bishop Jerry Vincke and a Saturday night dance.

EMPLOYMENT

Hays Catholic Schools Advancement Director

The director is responsible for leading the fundraising efforts of Thomas More Prep-Marian Junior-Senior High School and Holy Family Elementary by maintaining a book of donors under management, ensuring the plan submitted is realistic and achievable. Summary of key areas of skill needed include experience with donor cultivation and enhancing alumni connections. The ability to develop and maintain positive parent relationships is vital for this leadership role. The director will work in conjunction with the superintendent of schools for the diocese, Endowment Board leadership and HCS principals as we develop, maintain and execute our strategic plans. Working daily at leveraging your experience, gifts and talents for the mission of the church will exceed your expectations. See if the time is right for you to make a change. Call Kim Hoelting, director of human resources for the diocese, for a confidential inquiry, to talk about this job or to request a full job description. This is a full-time exempt position with a competitive benefits package. Call (785) 342-0819 or email Kim at kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org. The description is also posted on our website, salinadiocese.org/office/human-resources/.



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Couple filled with hope, prayer

By DAVE MYERS

SOUTHWEST KANSAS CATHOLIC

It is a story born 21 years ago, when a little girl in Ulysses was eagerly awaiting the arrival of her aunt's adopted baby boy.

Through the years, Kayla Hensley's new cousin, Bryce, would become like a brother to her, and Kayla never forgot that it was through Catholic Charities that her aunt and uncle had adopted her cousin and friend (who is now studying architecture at K-State).

More than two decades later, that same little girl who waited excitedly for her new cousin, is eagerly and patiently (and sometimes not so patiently) awaiting, with hope and prayer, the arrival of her own adopted child.

Like her aunt and uncle, she and her husband, Mike, chose Catholic Charities — this time through Southwest Kansas — to aid in the adoption process. The couple recently completed the initial stages in the adoption process, in which they learned just how involved Catholic Charities would be throughout their experience, supporting them all along the journey.

They also learned about "open adoption," a method utilized by Catholic Charities which allows the birth parents, if they choose, to be a part of the child's life after adoption. It not only removes much of the anxiety from the birth parent, but allows the child to grow up without the mystery of wondering about their birth parent or parents.

"We have a bunch of mutual friends who have adopted, working through Catholic Charities," Kayla said. "We went through all the avenues and found that Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas offered the best support for us."

For Kayla and Mike Hensley, that monumental day of adoption has not yet happened, but that doesn't stop the couple from anticipating and preparing for the big day.

"I think our main thing is that we always want to do things together as a family," Kayla said. "Growing up, my mom, dad, sister and myself spent a lot of time together. Everything was about family. We would run errands together, tag along with my dad to the lumber yard and take family vacations. My dad taught me how to build things and use power tools, and my mom taught me how to sew, bake and cook."

"In the fall my grandparents would come to visit, and we would pick corn and spend a day putting it in the freezer for the winter. My family always did everything together. I didn't have a TV in my room; if we watched TV, we did it together."

"Especially now, we realize how special that was."

Mike's upbringing was much the same.

"I was born in Phoenix, Ariz., and lived there until I was 7 years old," Mike said. "My family faced tragedy when our house burned completely down when I was 6 years old. We lost



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike and Kayla Hensley have been assisted in the adoption process by Catholic Charities.

everything and that was when my family decided to move to Kansas. This was just one of several times that forced our family to rally around each other.

"I had a great childhood that was filled with love and fun. We were always outside playing on the trampoline, swimming or finding something to do together. When we weren't outside, we spent time together playing board games and watching movies. My favorite memory is going to drive-in movies when we lived in Arizona."

Mike and Kayla both plan to bring this sense of family unity — and family fun — to their role as parents.

Mike and Kayla reside in Phillipsburg, directly north of Hays and not far from the Nebraska border, where they attend St. Philip and James Parish. The couple relocated to Phillipsburg from Larned a year ago to be closer to Kayla's parents. Both are teachers, Kayla teaching kindergarten and coaching

high school cheerleading, while Mike teaches fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade social studies, and fifth- and sixth-grade physical education. He also coaches football, basketball, track and scholars' bowl.

If that's not enough to convince you of the couple's love for sports, their dog's name is ESPN (pronounced Espin). Their cat's name is "Niner," which may give you a clue to the couple's favorite football team.

When asked what they look forward to most about being a parent, Kayla thought for a moment and responded, "I think ... everything. Nurturing a child and teaching them how the world works; comforting them when they're hurt. Just having someone to love and nurture."

"I look most forward to seeing our child smile and laugh because I want to do everything I can to make them happy," Mike said.

When asked for their

UPCOMING

The Salina Diocese Adoption Mass will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 4 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Visit the Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas adoption program website at www.ccnks.org/adoption.

role models, Kayla responded, "My parents. They have always loved each other through hard times — and have loved us. I can look back and say, 'Wow, they did a really good job.'"

"My parents have been role models in my life because they have been through so much, but they continue to look at life in a positive way," Mike said. "Another role model for me has been AB Stokes. He is such a motivational leader, and I really gravitated into that. Having the opportunity to work with him has greatly impacted my life."

AB Stokes was head football and track coach and wrestling assistant at Larned for six years (2012 to 2017). He currently serves as the head football coach at Bethel College in North Newton.

For more information about Kayla and Mike, see their slideshow presentation at <https://catholiccharitieswks.org/services/adoption/our-waiting-families>.

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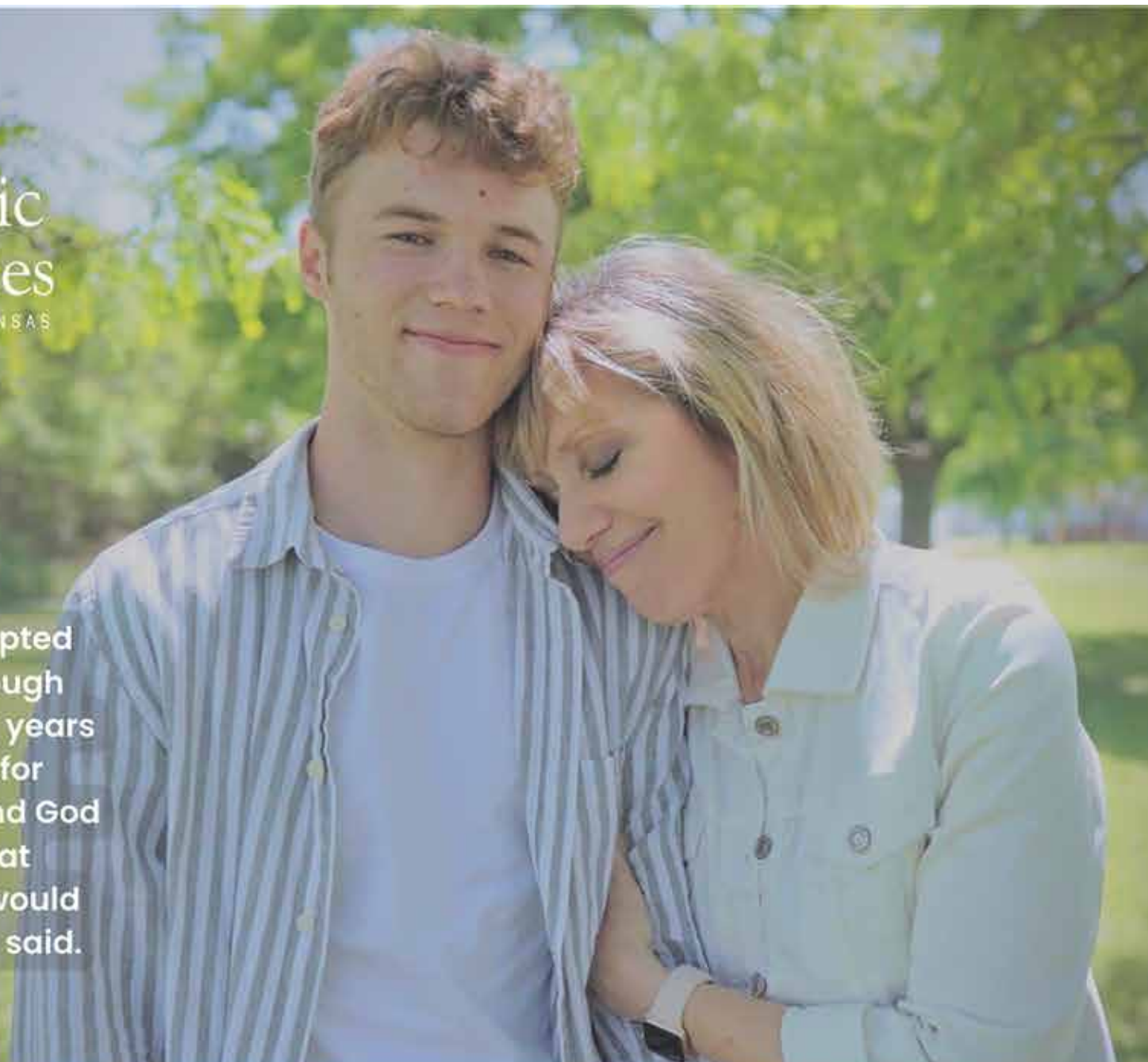
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Mary Hickman adopted her son Bryce through Catholic Charities 21 years ago. "If it was not for Catholic Charities and God orchestrating that connection, Bryce would not be Bryce," Mary said.



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Diocese earns Cognia System of Distinction honor

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The Catholic Schools of the Salina Diocese have been named a 2022 Cognia System of Distinction for excellence in education. Cognia, the global nonprofit school improvement organization, recognized 96 schools/school systems in the United States and Puerto Rico and nine in other countries across the globe as Schools/Systems of Distinction.

The Catholic Diocese of Salina is recognized as a 2022 Cognia System of Distinction a program which recognizes pre-K-12 education institutions that exemplify excellence in education and service to learners. Cognia selected the Salina Diocese as one of the 96 schools and 38 systems out of more than 1,500 institutions that were eligible for its 2022 Cognia Schools and Systems of Distinction.

"All of our school buildings came together to make this possible. The collaborative efforts of our school leaders, council members, teachers and students were far above my



COURTESY PHOTO

Geoff Andrews, left, superintendent of Catholic schools, and Nick Compagnone, former superintendent, accept the honor as a Cognia System of Distinction program.

expectations. We are honored to be named a Cognia System of Distinction," said Geoff Andrews, superintendent of schools.

This cycle was the first time the diocese sought Cognia accreditation as a district. Previous years' accreditation was through individual schools. The district review took place in March 2022. The

Salina Diocese participated in Cognia's rigorous accreditation Engagement Review process, which is based on research-based performance standards. The process includes a third-party review by education experts of evidence, interviews, and classroom observations. The evaluation covers leadership capacity, learning capacity and resource capacity, as well as a demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement.

"Accreditation reflects the progress of a system in five year cycles," said Nick Compagnone, superintendent of schools for the diocese from 1993 to 2020. "That process involves a peer review of the system. We are proud of all our schools, but it is extra special when an external team validates the great work of our Catholic Schools in the Salina Diocese."

"The Catholic Schools of the Salina Diocese are to be commended on their recognition as a System of Distinction," said Mark A. Elgart, president and CEO of Cognia.

"Cognia Accreditation is already a mark of distinction recognized around the world. Being named a System of Distinction further recognizes the commitment to education quality the Salina Diocese has for its learners."

For Cognia Global Network member institutions, Cognia offers an opportunity to be further recognized as a school or system of distinction in the year in which an accreditation engagement review is held. Unlike the typical six-year accreditation cycle, this program recognizes institutions that hosted a Cognia Accreditation Engagement Review within the recognition year 2021-22. Learn more about Cognia membership at Cognia.org.

The Catholic Schools of the Salina Diocese are spread out over 26,000 square miles in north-central and northwest Kansas. There are more than 2,000 students in grades K-12 in 15 schools. To learn more about our schools, visit salinadiocese.org/office/catholic-schools.

The comfort of the Rosary in the final days

BY BARB HEMMERT

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Our mother, Clara Zimmerman, was inspiring in her final days. The Rosary brought her tremendous peace and consolation.

Mom was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cancer Jan. 26, 2021. It was devastating news as she was given three to four weeks to live. We told her others were praying for her and loved her so much.

She replied, "I know they love me because I love them." After a few weeks of gathered family, memories shared, advice given, stories recorded and mom sharing her secret famous cinnamon bread, reality set in.

Mom was dying, and it was going to happen soon. For the most part, she was accepting of death. The only thing that really brought her great agitation was the fact she had several unborn great-grandbabies she would never meet.

On Feb. 11, the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, I was lighting a candle in the church. I felt God speak to my heart to tell mom it was OK for her to go, for as much as she wanted to stay on earth to meet the new grandbabies, her presence in heaven would be more helpful to the delivering mothers.

After an amazing conversation, prayers and love, mom was content. Two days later, she was placed in comfort care. For three days,

we prayed the Rosary almost continuously.

On Feb. 14, mom became irritable. Family gathered around her bedside and prayed the Rosary boldly. "Now and at the hour of our death."

Mom asked to pray another rosary, the Luminous mysteries. She fell asleep and woke up hours later. She was so peaceful and happy. She kept looking up. We asked her, "What do you see?" Her response was, "Angels. Lots of them. So joyous, so beautiful."

We were given one more day with her. One more day of constant rosaries prayed. Mom was so weak, but stated, "Pray for me please, keep praying for me." Her hands were folded in prayer, and dad made sure the Rosary was constantly intertwined in her fingers.

God was so present throughout this entire time. Our family welcomed a new member, mom's great-grandson, seven weeks early. Both momma and baby were happy and healthy, and mom was so happy to have lived long enough to hear the news of at least one of her new great-grandbabies.

She died the next day, Feb. 16, 2021.

Another granddaughter who had asked for one of mom's Rosaries to labor with, had a son the morning of mom's wake. God was so present in the births and

death through the power of prayer, specifically the Rosary.

As we celebrate the Rosary during the month of October and look to the upcoming All

Souls Day, I think of mom who bore her final days with courage and cheerfulness as she clung to her faith and the Rosary and was surrounded by the people she loved and

who loved her.

Barb Hemmert is the daughter of the late Clara Zimmerman. She and her husband are parishioners at St. Joseph Church in Oakley.



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The significance of a lesson learned at Mass

By BILL MEAGHER

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and a gift to us like no other gift in the world. St. John Vianney said, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us."

It is so amazing to think God himself comes to us in the Eucharist to nourish, strengthen, and help us grow in holiness.

Catholics believe in the real presence of the Eucharist. We believe that bread and wine, through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and by the very word of Christ repeated by an ordained priest, become Christ's own body, blood, soul and divinity. We call this transubstantiation and understand that even though the outward appearance is bread and wine, the essence and substance is now the very body and blood of Christ.

Every single crumb from that point is fully God. The Church understands this and takes this very seriously. You will see this in how the Eucharist is treated at Mass, adoration and the tabernacle. Great care is always given to ensure every particle is contained and shown reverence.

I learned this lesson as a young server. I was fortunate enough to be asked to serve at the confirmation Mass at our parish when I was



in high school. We were all nervous since the bishop was there and wanted everything to be done just right.

When it came time to prepare the altar for communion, I noticed the red cross on the corporal was on the side and not on the bottom

as it should be. I quickly (and carelessly) flipped the corporal over until it was where it was supposed to be. I can still remember a look of terror in the eyes of the bishop as he came out of the chair to "help" me.

He sternly, yet with charity, told

me we never know if that corporal had been used at a previous Mass and that we should always treat it as if Jesus himself was wrapped up inside it. I could feel the bishop's love, respect and value for every particle and crumb of each consecrated host. It affected me greatly and helped me better understand the gift of the Eucharist.

When you step back and watch Mass, you get a chance to see how valuable the Church sees the Eucharist. The reverence we have for the Eucharist is why we use gold ciboria and chalices. It is why we use corporals on the altar to catch any crumbs and why we meticulously purify the sacred vessels after communion to ensure every drop and crumb is consumed. It is why we use palls to cover the precious blood and patens in communion lines to catch a host that might be dropped before it can hit the floor. It is the reason why we place the consecrated host in incredibly beautiful and ornate monstrances for adoration, and reserve it in tabernacles built to hold a king. The Church is teaching us the value of what we receive by using all of our senses.

I will always be forever grateful to the bishop for the lesson he taught me that day about the value of every particle of the Eucharist.

Bill Meagher is the director of youth ministry, religious education and family life for the Diocese of Salina.

No costume can thwart the power of Jesus

By FATHER JOSHUA WERTH

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Halloween has definitely become a secular affair that seems far from any Christian heritage, but a historical perspective opens our eyes to the fact it is still a Christian victory over evil.

The Catholic Church has a feast day called All Saints Day, where we celebrate the grace-filled life of Christianity's greatest heroes. These saints are enjoying the heavenly feast with the Holy Trinity, and we honor them on that day and ask them to pray that we may follow their example into the heavenly reward.

This feast day was initially celebrated on May 13 but was later moved to Nov. 1st. It was later declared a worldwide feast by Pope Gregory IV in the 840s.

Some people believe All Saints Day was moved to Nov. 1 to overshadow a pagan festival that had to do with the afterlife and was celebrated on the last day of

October. But there is little evidence for this beyond coincidence. We find no historical writings that indicate this was the intent of any of the popes around this time.

Around 988, another feast day was added to worldwide celebration on Nov. 2. This day was called All Soul's Day, where the living faithful prayed for all the deceased whose souls were in purgatory. Purgatory is a process for souls after they have hopefully passed the Merciful Judgment Seat of Christ. The souls must be cleansed for a society of angels, so they are purged of all imperfections. The living can assist this process with their prayers.

These two days were closely linked together for centuries before another infamous day was added into the mix. In 1605, a Catholic named Guy Fawkes was living in Catholic sacrament-outlawed England where Catholic priests were considered enemies of the crown. Anyone harboring a

priest was crushed under stones until death, and any priest caught was disemboweled and beheaded in the public square.

Fawkes was rightly enraged by this assault on his religion, but he did the unthinkable and tried to blow up the parliament and the king on Nov. 5. That day was known as the Gunpowder plot. Thankfully, it was foiled. Later that same day, Guy Fawkes was killed. But because of this, Nov. 5 became known as Guy Fawkes Day. Effigies of Guy Fawkes and the pope were burned by Anglican merry-makers.

Now, we have a collision of traditions. On Nov. 2, Catholic children would knock on Catholic homes and ask for a "soul-cake" and little "treats" in exchange for prayers for their loved ones, and Anglican kids would also knock on Catholic homes and ask for money to build their effigies of Guy Fawkes to burn on Nov. 5. If the Anglican kids were rebuffed, the home could expect a "trick,"

such as vandalism or other targeting of the home.

So, Catholic homes had to be on the lookout the last days of October and be stocked up for the "trick-or-treaters."

Fast forward to the blending of cultures in America, and we have the Celtic tradition of putting candles in hollowed out onions and French masquerade balls along with some macabre traditions around death because of the Black Plague that swept Europe. All these traditions began to fall together and were celebrated on Oct. 31, which was already called Halloween.

Nov. 1 was called All Hallows' (Saint's) Day. So, Oct. 31 was called All Hallows' evening, which was later shortened to Halloween.

With Nov. 1 being focused on heaven and Nov. 2 looking at purgatory, it almost became inevitable that Halloween would become a night where evil and the powers of darkness are

reckoned with. And as a Catholic priest, I welcome it. I enjoy having a night where we give the devil his due (that he exists) and mock and joke about how weak the power of evil is compared to the infinite power of The Almighty.

Even if the devil had all the villains of history at his disposal, we would get all the saints of God. Joan of Arc as our general, King Louis as our president and Thomas Aquinas as secretary of education. The tyrants of evil would flee from a society and a people with Christ at its center.

So, dress your little ones up as heroes, cute animals and even villains. Let the power of evil be laughable that night, because upon the breaking dawn, Christ will conquer, and how we want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in,

Father Joshua Werth is the pastor of St. Bernard Church in Ellsworth and St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Kanopolis. He is also co-vocations director for the Diocese of Salina.

#iGiveCatholic kicks off soon

BY KATIE HAMEL
THE REGISTER

The Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina will once again sponsor the annual #iGiveCatholic campaign for the diocese. This is the fifth year parishes, schools and other Catholic ministries can take advantage of this exciting fundraising opportunity.

Celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #iGiveCatholic is a Giving Day that kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back.

In 2021, the Diocese of Salina was a high performer with a national rank of fifth place out of 40 participating dioceses and other organizations. #iGiveCatholic was a radical success that far surpassed all previous giving records, with a grand total of \$879,255 raised from 1,090 donors for 34 varying ministries.

This year, advanced giving opens Nov. 14 at midnight. The campaign culminates with the final giving day occurring on #iGiveCatholic Tuesday, which is Nov. 29. Donors can make secure, tax-deductible donations to participating organizations by visiting salina.igivecatholic.org.

Offline gifts of cash and checks are also accepted and should be given directly to the organization of the donor's choice during the same time period.

Donor Advisor Corrina Hudsonpillar and Development Assistant Torrie Gregg of the Foundation are overseeing this year's campaign.

"#iGiveCatholic is a great way to support our parishes, schools and ministries," Hudsonpillar said. "Participating organizations in our diocese have seen such success with #iGiveCatholic that we're excited to see how we do this year as the bar has been set high. One recommendation we have for returning and first-time participants is to secure local matches and to leverage social media to reach more donors."

Statistics have shown that having a match for your participating organization

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*Corrina Hudsonpillar,
donor advisor*

dramatically increases the success of dollars raised. To kickstart this, the Foundation has secured two matches for organizations across the diocese.

Phil Howe has offered a match total of \$80,000, or \$20,000 each for Manhattan Catholic Schools, St.

Thomas More Parish, Seven Dolores Parish and St. Isidore Catholic Student Center. Donations will be matched dollar for dollar while funds last.

24/7 Travel Stores has provided a match for Catholic schools. Participating Catholic schools can

receive up to a \$5,000 match for their school. Donations will be matched dollar for dollar while funds last, with maximum match of \$1,000 per household.

The participating organizations, listed below, are current as of Oct. 6.



Scan the QR code anytime between Nov. 14 to 29 and give to the Catholic ministry of your choosing.

Questions about #iGiveCatholic can be directed to Hudsonpillar at corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org or Gregg at torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org.

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St. Andrew Grade School

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St. Francis Xavier School

St. John's Catholic Schools

St. John the Baptist Parish

St. John's Grade School

St. Joseph School

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St. Mary Grade School

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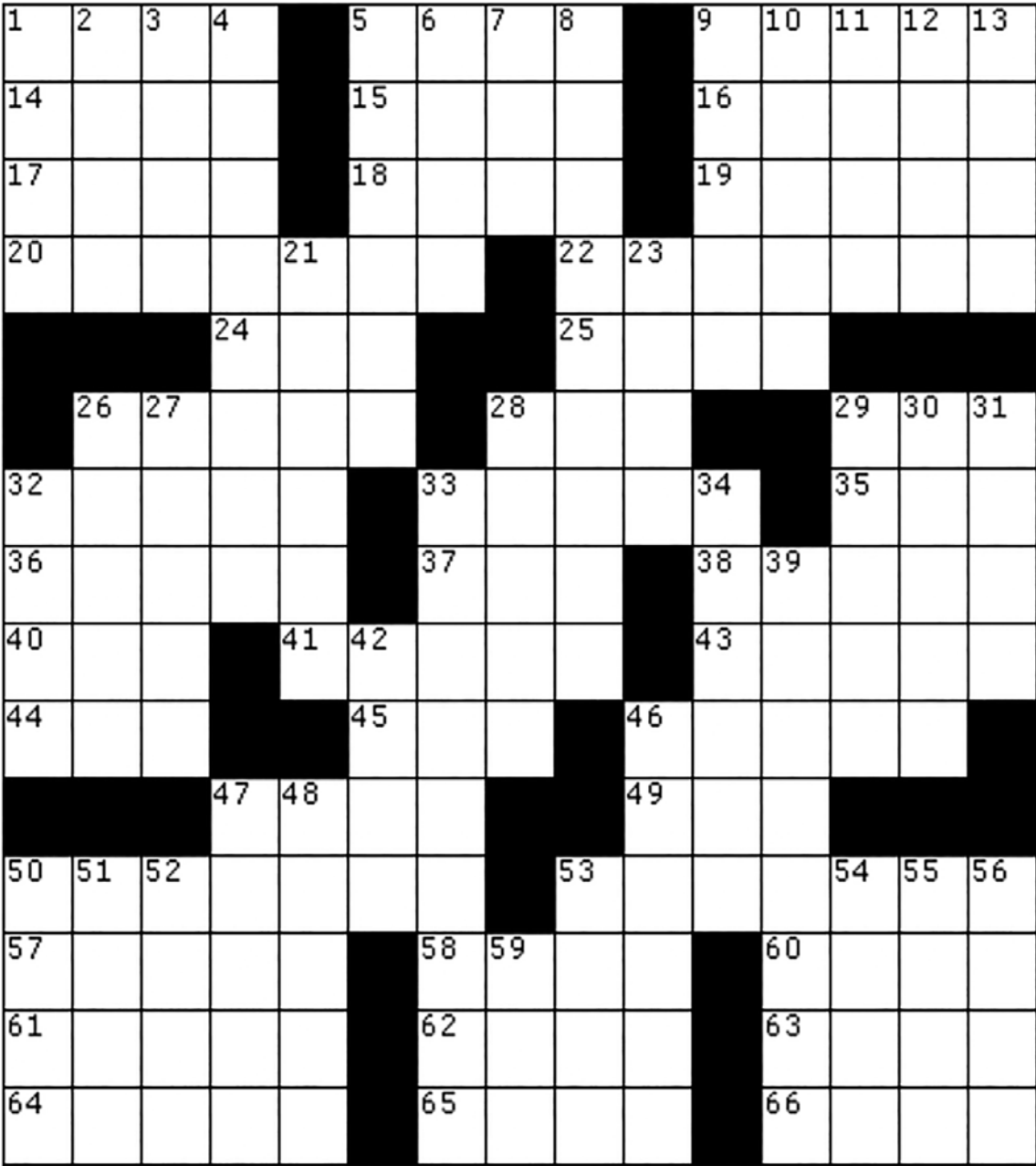
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MARYMOUNT, FROM PAGE 1

“In a certain way, as I look back on the process, it was our way of saying thank you to the Sisters of St. Joseph. Moreover, I think we were evidencing and demonstrating to the sisters that maybe all their hard work paid off. In another way, we were saying ‘Come and see what we can do and do well thanks to your dedication, instruction and high expectations. You set the bar for us.’”

Bishop Vincke celebrated Mass in Marymount College Chapel on that Saturday evening, which was concelebrated by Father Frank Coady. Bishop Vincke’s homily was on giving thanks for the many blessings we have. On this day, he emphasized giving thanks for the blessing of a Marymount College education.

The centennial banquet Saturday evening featured entertainment provided by Marymount alumni featuring songs originally staged and directed by the late Dr. Dennis Denning, several shared memory presentations and a three-course meal. Author Patricia Ackerman was in attendance signing her published history – Marymount College of Kansas: A History.

Sister Marcia Allen, CSJ 1967, delivered the keynote address themed Sedes Sapientiae (Seat of Wisdom) emphasizing the goals of seeking goodness as well as knowledge and becoming people and citizens of both faith and the world. She underscored additional goals in life to seek: the art of living and science of conduct.

Sister Marcia shared a special message to the assembled group stating “... you are our (CSJs) legacy.”

Her presentation was greeted with a standing ovation.

Approximately 300 people attended the Friday evening social at the Garage Automotive Museum in Salina, and roughly 350

people attended the centennial banquet. People traveled from as far away as Germany.

“My husband, my brother-in-law, his wife and I all graduated from Marymount. We all now live in the San Diego area,” said Mary Fleming Kent, a 1971 graduate. “When we heard about the reunion, we thought – let’s just go – didn’t think much about it. With the school closed, no alumni department, we didn’t have any real expectations. We never dreamed that the weekend would turn out to be so great: the venues, communications, hotel accommodations, food, tours, hospitality – just way above our expectations. It was such a great time connecting with classmates and friends along with hearing the powerful message about Marymount’s legacy from the Sisters of St. Joseph as well as everyone who worked on the centennial reunion.”

Mari Schaus MacCallum, who graduated in 1980, served on the steering committee linking a wide range of communications: Facebook, Constant Contact, Information Landing Pages, etc.

“God’s gift of technology played a major role in the success of the centennial reunion,” she said. “Zoom meetings, Facebook, social media all were tools that enabled us to get the word out. We should all be very thankful.”

Attendees also had the opportunity to make financial gifts to the Sisters of St. Joseph in recognition of the Marymount College centennial. For more information on making a donation, contact Ambria Gilliland at agilliland@csjkansas.org.

Reunion photos, shirts and follow-up posts are all on the Marymount Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/217823701630809.

WEDDINGS

Byron Ronnebaum and Ali Stohs were married July 30, 2022, at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Michael and Janet Ronnebaum. Parents of the bride are Kelly and Amy Stohs.

Manuel Mendoza and Kaitlyn Flax were married Sept. 17, 2022, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Father Nicholas Parker witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Mary Kathleen Mendoza and the late Fidencio Mendoza. Parents of the bride are Frederick and Jeanette Flax. Witnesses were Jarrod

Craig and Vivian Leiker

Mark Barnes and Susan Nagel were married Sept. 24, 2022, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Munjor. Father Curtis Carlson, OFM, witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are John and Mary Barnes. Parents of the bride are George and Linda Nagel. Witnesses were Dick Barnes and Laura Illy.

Logan Hoeckelmann and Clara Eilert were married Sept. 17, 2022, at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. Father Austin Bosse witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are John and Pamela Hoeckelmann. Parents of the

bride are Joseph and Kari Eilert. Witnesses were Loren Hoeckelmann and Hannah Eilert.

Aaron Hendrickson and Lexis Stuchlik were married Sept. 10, 2022, at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Stephen and Brenda Hendrickson. Parents of the bride are Kenneth and Joyce Stuchlik.

Evan Lesser and Codi Bliss were married Sept. 3, 2022, at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Richard Lesser witnessed their vows. Witnesses were

Craig Lesser and Carmeron Knipp.

Tanner Chapin and Brittany Dinkel were married Sept. 24, 2022, at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Dana Clark witnessed their vows. Witnesses were Tyler Chapin and Haley Dinkel.

Drake Miller and Isabella Hamel were married Oct. 8, 2022 at St. Joseph Church in Damar. Father Ernest Amoako-Opare witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Erick and Christina Benish. Parents of the bride are Curt and Kelly Hamel. Witnesses were Seth Dorrenbacher and Jylian Lutz.

Hays store finds new home

By DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

Jerome Schmeidler said he knew from the moment he stepped over the threshold of a building in historic downtown Hays that he had found the new location for his family business.

As he glanced across the glistening wooden floors sandwiched between limestone-lined walls, his eyes caught the beautiful oak staircase leading up to an overhead loft.

"I knew I was home, that this is where we needed to be," said Jerome, owner of the Messenger Traditional Catholic Store with his wife, Angela, since 2016.

Now, that wide-open space at 115 W. 10th — the former home of Pioneer Photography — offers traditional Catholic articles and gifts for customers both in the store and online. They have plenty of room to browse the store, something that was difficult at the business' former location in a strip mall on Vine Street.

"We knew we were outgrowing the space in the mall. We didn't have an outside entrance, and our shelves were stacked to the ceiling," Jerome said. "So finding a larger space had been in the back of my mind for a couple of years. Then this opportunity came up. It's just all part of God's plan."

The Messenger is filled with an abundance of Catholic merchandise — and occasionally the sweet sound of young voices and laughter when Schmeidler's five young daughters come to visit Dad.

Angela is now able to bring their daughters, ages 1 to 9, to the store to visit Dad. The older girls even greet customers as they enter the store, and they tape inspirational notes around the store for customers to read.

There are books and greeting cards, rosaries, statues, Baptism gifts and a plethora of other religious articles. There even is a reading area in the loft.

The large open floor space optimizes the displays, as does the loft that features large framed pictures and paintings.

A full basement in the 3,400-square-foot building — which is more than three times larger than the Messenger's former location — provides necessary storage space and room to package articles for its online busi-



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The larger space gives the Messenger ample room to display large framed paintings and photos that are available for purchase.



An overhead view from the loft of the Messenger, whose new location is more than three times larger than its previous site.

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"Online has helped us grow, and if things are slow locally, we are shipping to California, New York, Texas, Australia, Canada," Jerome said. "It's exciting and challenging. Now, with online, you're open 24/7."

Besides taking advantage of the online store, customers often make long drives to

shop in person. The Messenger is the only store of its kind in the Diocese of Salina, which covers more than a third of Kansas.

Tracy Suelter, who grew up in Victoria, now lives near Salina and frequents the Messenger when she is in the Hays area.

"I was raised around the Capuchin monks and the



The Messenger, a Catholic bookstore in Hays, is a family business for the Schmeidlers, from left: Jerome, Antoinette, Magdalene, Celestine, Evangeline, Guinevere, and Angela.

Sisters of St. Agnes — very traditional," she said, "and I like that Jerome's store follows that same concept. If he doesn't have an item in stock that you're interested in, he does everything in his power to find it."

Jerome said the Messenger's theme is definitely traditional.

"We have a passion for keeping books alive; people still like the feel of holding a physical book," he said. "And the store has been an awesome point of evangelization. Sometimes people want to come in and just talk."

Jerome said he has adapted well to the move to downtown Hays.

"We love the atmosphere here. There's so much history down here," he said, mentioning the brick streets and the sound of trains that pass

through on the railroad between Ninth and 10th streets.

Besides providing an excellent venue for their business, the Schmeidlers feel the location is a blessing. A large open area allows the girls to play. Angela, who home-schools their daughters, has dibs on another room where she would like to set up a classroom.

"They love to come visit Dad, and there are opportunities for them to learn so many things here," Angela said. "We are so grateful on how well this all worked out."

The Messenger is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Merchandise can be found online at www.traditionalcatholicstore.com.

Catholics in the Nov. voting booth

As Election Day approaches, Catholics in the Diocese of Salina are invited and encouraged to exercise their right to vote and help bring truth and justice to public policies impacting Kansas. This means taking time to ask questions and investigate candidate stances on key issues.

Most especially during “campaign season,” candidates want to hear from you. Almost certainly you have one or more brochures in your mailbox or email box with contact information from those seeking your vote.

The top Kansas race is for governor, with clear philosophical differences between the two main candidates. Every state representative seat in Kansas is up for election. One U.S. Senate seat will be decided. There are several other state and local elections.

The Catholic Bishops of Kansas have declared the protection of women and their pre-born children as the No. 1, or “preeminent” public policy priority. The recent defeat of the Value Them Both Amendment is a bitter pill to swallow, but Kansas

Catholics will never abandon moms and babies. Our struggle against the ruthless abortion industry continues.

In addition to asking each candidate their position on VTB, inquire if they would support additional funding for pregnancy resource centers — this will be a key legislative priority in the coming session that begins in January. You may also ask: “What is your plan to help solve Kansas’ foster-care crisis?”

Protecting religious liberty and strengthening the family are other top-tier policy priorities.

Does your candidate support policies protecting the right of healthcare professionals, employers and insurers to decline coverage or participation in procedures (like transgender surgery/”treatment”) with which we disagree based on our Catholic faith? Does your candidate support parents choosing the best educational setting for their children — financially and in other ways?

State level candidates should be asked their position on Kansas legislation known as “Save Women’s Sports,” which seeks to ensure women and girls are competing in athletics only against other biological females.

More questions: If the current

political environment is not amenable to Medicaid expansion, what can be done to ensure improved access to health care? What are your ideas and plans for promoting family farms, rural communities and a food system that respects the dignity of labor and workers? What is your plan for addressing the plight of the migrants and refugees from other countries who are now in Kansas? Will you address the massive fraud in Kansas’ unemployment system?

Water is a precious natural resource. Kansas needs a comprehensive water plan that addresses agricultural needs and drinking water now, and into the future. Do you have a plan?

Certain issues are more important than others. Some concern policies, like attacks on human life, that a Catholic can never support. Catholics can legitimately disagree about how to address some other issues. All the issues, however, deserve our attention — and prayers.

Stay up-to-date on key legislative issues by signing up for alerts at kansascatholic.org/take-action/

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ANNIVERSARIES



Victor and Betty (Benoit) Brummer celebrated 65 years of marriage. They were married Oct. 7, 1957, at St. Joseph Church in Esbon. They are parishioners at St. Boniface in Tipton. They have eight children: Lavona (Vern) Miller, Lonnie (Mary) Brummer, Janelle (Lennie) Pacey, Charmaine (Brad) Johnson, Kelli (Kent) Hake, Darin (Stephanie) Brummer, Travis (Brooke) Brummer and Tara Richards. They have 28 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.



Gary and Marilyn (Karlin) Wagner celebrated 50 years of marriage. They were married Sept. 2, 1972, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria. They are parishioners at St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria. They have three children: Melissa (Tom) Page, Jennifer (Adrian) Wagner, and Jared (Rachel) Wagner. They have three grandchildren.

Donald and Karen Weis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 26, 2022. They are parishioners at St. Mary Church in Smith Center.

St. John’s class hosts March for Martyrs in late September

By THE REGISTER

The entrepreneurship class for 11th-graders at St. John High School in Beloit sponsored a local March for the Martyrs on Sept. 24.

Between 80 and 90 residents walked around the block, praying for persecuted Christians. Walkers gathered at the

grotto outside St. John the Baptist Church and began walking at 3 p.m. — the same start time for the March for the Martyrs at the national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Father Andrew Rockers, parochial vicar and chaplain for St. John’s parish, led the group in praying a

rosary along the way.

The entrepreneurship class, under the direction of Alan Holdren, deemed the service project a success. The students and Holdren were pleased with attendance, especially considered several other events were scheduled in the area on the same day.



Walkers of all ages participated in a March for the Martyrs on Sept. 24 in Beloit.



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DEATHS

Dean E. Alexander, 88, died Sept. 29, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 22 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Clifton. Father Joseph Kieffer presided. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Clifton.

Thomas "Tom" D. Bieker, 58, of Concordia, died Sept. 16, 2022. Funeral service was Sept. 30 at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia. Father David Metz officiated. Burial in St. Peter Cemetery in Aurora.

John Ross Boos, 38, of LaCrosse, died Aug. 24, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 29 at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father

Dana Clark presided. Inurnment in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Duane C. Heble, 87, of Colby, died Aug. 20, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 24 at Sacred Heart Church in Colby. Father Brian Lager presided. Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby.

Vernon E. Hecker, 88, died Sept. 19, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 27 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai presided. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Junction City.

Elizabeth "Betty" Jean (Younger) Herl, 91, of Ellis,

died Aug. 28, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 2 at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Dana Clark presided. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Ellis.

John Anthony Hynek, 92, of Hanover, died Aug. 8, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 15 at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

Marilyn (Klaus) Leiker, 80, of Hays, died Sept. 29, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 3 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Anne S. Nielsen, 71, died Sept. 21, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 30 at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady presided. Inurnment in St. Thomas More Memorial Walls in Manhattan.

Robert Lee Nolan Jr., 51, of Hays, died Sept. 13, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 17 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards and Father Bill Surmeier presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Stephen Leroy Reedy, 79, formerly of Hanover, died Aug. 7, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 13 at St. John the Baptist Church

in Hanover. Father Jerome Morgan presided.

Martina (Leiker) Rohr, 95 of Gorham, died Sept. 18, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 21 at St. Mary Help of Christians Church in Gorham. Father Michael Elanjimattathil presided. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery in Gorham.

Anthony "Tony" Straub, 76, of Clay Center, died Sept. 2, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 9 at Ss. Peter and Paul in Clay Center. Father Kerry Ninemire presided. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Clay Center.

Kathleen Ellen Teply, 98 died June 6, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 9 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai presided. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Junction City.

Linden P. Tracy, 66, of Concordia, died Sept. 18, 2022. Private family service and burial was Sept. 24 at St. Concordia Cemetery. Daylene Tracy led the service.

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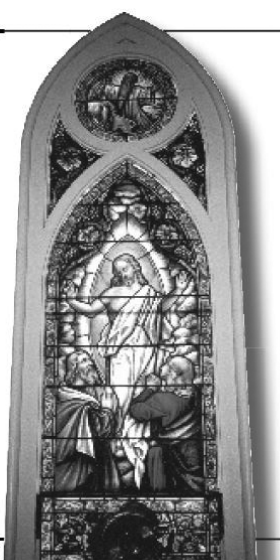
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Retreat teaches students about respect

By **DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN**
THE REGISTER

They hear the phrase “respect life” all the time. It means different things to different people.

Earlier this month, juniors and seniors attending the five Catholic schools in the Diocese of Salina attended a one-day retreat where the word self-respect was heard over and over as the foundation for respecting life.

“Respect yourself first, then you can respect others,” stressed Geoff Andrews, superintendent of schools for the diocese. “We all are a creation of God.”

Andrews organized the retreat along with Rick Binder, director of the diocesan Respect Life office, and Bill Meagher, director of religious education and youth ministry for the diocese.

They chose the spacious Salina Fieldhouse as the venue, where it was easy to separate students into small groups. The first order of business was challenging them to meet at least one person they didn't know.

Students were bused to Salina from Tipton (Tipton Catholic), Hays (Thomas More Prep-Marian), Beloit (St. John's) and Junction City (St. Xavier), joining those from across town at Sacred Heart for a day of listening and reflecting — and even some time for soccer, kickball or dodge-ball on the indoor turf of the fieldhouse.

The philosophy of Respect Life Month every October is to raise awareness of respecting life as a gift from God and that every life is valuable.

Throughout the day, students heard various descriptions of respecting life from several speakers, including missionaries with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students).

A speaker in one FOCUS group told students one of the biggest challenges in college was seeing Christ work through people. Another told them he learned the five people you hang out with the most are who you become and that finding a community that didn't take him away from his faith was difficult.

The keynote speaker was Grant Ginther, a senior at Kansas State University who is set to graduate in December. He has accepted a position as a FOCUS missionary and awaits his

assignment to a college campus, which could be anywhere around the country.

“I find out in November where I'm going, and it's terrifying and exciting at the same time,” he said. “December graduates are sent where the need is greatest, so I'm excited.”

Ginther applauded the students for attending the retreat, something he said he most likely wouldn't have done as a high school senior although he grew up in a Catholic family in Hays and attended Catholic schools his entire life.

“I did what I was told to do growing up, attended Mass and everything,” he said. “My intent after graduating high school was to make it to Mass every Sunday, go to confession once a year, and I'd be good.”

He said he began to change his life goals when he agreed to attend a small-group Bible study one night at K-State.

“I said ‘yes,’ to that invitation, and from there that



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Grant Ginther speaks to the students at the event at Salina Fieldhouse.

was the introduction I needed that my faith can be more,” he said. “It was a small community of guys who made the effort to live out their faith.”

The FOCUS missionaries — who came from K-State and Fort Hays State University — answered questions from students, who listened attentively to the answers.

“When they hear from someone about their own age, they really listen,” Meagher

them to go around their campus, saying hello to everyone they meet with a smile.

“You never know if your ‘hello’ might make someone's day,” he said, telling them how welcome he feels during his school visits around the diocese.

Andrews and Meagher both agreed students and staff alike took something positive with them at the end of the day.

“Was it a success?” Meagher asked. “Absolutely. It was a great day. It's always good to get those kids connected together, and it's just as good for us to listen to the students and see what they need around the diocese. We are here for them.”



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