



## Event leads to happy campers

### JUNIOR CYO GATHERING HELPS OPEN EYES TO WHAT JESUS OFFERS

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN  
THE REGISTER

Improvising and embracing different opportunities for the youth of the Diocese of Salina has become a norm for Bill Meagher since he took over as director of youth ministry for the diocese two years ago.

When the annual Junior CYO camp had to be moved from its traditional date of Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, Meagher said he was unsure how many would be able to attend this year.

So he was pleased when more than 100 middle schoolers in grades six through eight signed up to participate in the three-day event.

The camp was moved to a different time because of ongoing renovations at Rock Springs Ranch in the Flint Hills of eastern Kansas approximately 15 miles southwest of Junction City.

"This actually gave us some advantages over Memorial Day weekend," Meagher said. "The pool was warmer because it was the end of summer, and since school had already started, this is a great time for them to be able to take some of the things they learned and apply them in their school."

He also noted that this year the Salina diocesan contingent didn't have to split time with other organizations at Rock Springs, which often has two or three different groups taking part in summer programs at the same time.

"Sometimes when there are other groups there, the kids have too much down time," he said. "This time, we were able to keep them busy the entire time."

Youth from 25 different communities in the diocese participated, and Meagher said he is excited about the possibility of growing the event for the diocese on this particular weekend.

The campers had the chance to



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**Luke Friess, a seminarian in the Diocese of Salina, talks to the campers about Our Blessed Mother Mary and the rosary.**

participate in a variety of activities, including rock climbing, horseback riding, archery, rifle shooting and canoeing. An hour was set aside each night for a program that featured speakers.

Meagher and three other adults accompanied the group, with college and high school students serving as counselors.

"They get a chance to be around some great role models who are on fire about their faith and see a different way than social media and TV are promoting," he said.

One of those role models to whom Meagher was referring was Luke Friess, a seminarian in the diocese who is serving a pastoral year at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit.

Friess was one of the counselors for the male campers.

"One of the biggest recommendations I gave to any middle or high school kid is to get rid of your social media," Friess said. "The few things you might miss are so worth being able to live a more fulfilling life, to live in the moment."

Friess said he enjoyed his second



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**Participants at the Junior CYO camp challenge themselves in rock climbing.**

time serving as a counselor for the Junior CYO camp.

"Rock Springs is such a serene place," he said. "And the campers getting to witness the faith that the counselors are living through their college years is such a big inspira-

tion to the younger kids."

The campers also got to spend a little time with Father Gale Hammerschmidt, who said Mass on Sunday morning. Father Gale is pastor at St. Isidore Catholic Student Center at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Emma Roberts, a senior at Sacred Heart High School in Salina, made her first trip to the camp as a counselor. She said she was impressed with "the youthful energy and passion" of the campers.

"I also enjoyed seeing the girls in my cabin make connections with each other," she said, "and hopefully created lasting friendships. I will do what I can to make sure this tradition lasts in our diocese."

That is definitely a goal of Meagher, who has three children in middle and elementary school.

"The kids come back from events like these and have role models who they talk about for months," he said. "For me as a father — and I know other parents feel the same way — there's nothing better than watching young people have such great role models."

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# Family of Good Samaritans

When I was in the seminary, my scripture professor encouraged us to underline our favorite passages in the Bible or even write notes on the side of the pages. At first, I thought it was a little sacrilegious, but I got over that and still write in my Bible today.

Recently, the Ulma family from Marowa, Poland, was beautified by the Catholic Church. The Church found they had underlined the verses of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. We know this story well from Jesus. A man was beaten and left to die by the side of the road. Some walked by and did not help. Moved with compassion, a Samaritan crosses the road, pours oil and wine over his wounds, and takes him to an inn, cares for him and instructs the keeper, to whom he gives two silver coins, to help him too.

How did the Good Samaritan story play out in the Ulma family? In 1942, the Nazis began to implement their “final solution” with the plan to destroy more than 2 million Jewish people living in Poland. There were 120 Jews living in Markowa, a town of 4,500 people, at the time. In the winter of 1942, the Ulma family welcomed a Jewish family to their farmhouse, Saul Goldman and his four sons along with three neighbors. They lived as one family, helping with the daily chores.

Their togetherness on earth ended when a local collaborator betrayed them. At around 4 a.m. March 24, 1944, German officers arrived at their home and murdered the

Jews, three of whom were asleep in the attic. They led the Ulmas out front, where they shot the father, Józef, then the mother, Wiktoria. Before looting the house, they murdered the children: Stasia, 7; Barbara, 6; Wladyslaw, 5; Franciszek, 3; Antoni, 2; and Maria, 1. When locals came to exhumate the bodies for burial, they discovered that

Wiktoria — who was pregnant and near term — had gone into labor during or after her execution. The body of the infant lay next to Jozef and Wiktoria in the grave. The baby was a boy.

For years, people of Markowa remembered the witness of the Ulma family. On

Sept. 10, the Church joined in remembering their witness when it beautified all nine Ulmas, including the unborn baby. It was the first time in the Church a family was designated as blessed, which is the last step before canonization. At the Mass of beautification, Cardinal Marcello Semeraro said it was “a day of joy, because the page of the Gospel written on paper has become a lived reality.”

The Ulmas understood faith was meant to be practiced and lived. When Jesus finished telling the Good Samaritan story, he said, “Go, and do likewise.” The Ulma family did.

In Christ’s service,

*+ Gerald L. Vincke*

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## PRAYING FOR LIFE

As you read the story of the Ulma family, one can see how evil wants to destroy life. We live in a culture that believes it is OK to kill life. October is “Respect Life” month. Join me everyday in praying for the respect

for all life, from the moment of conception to natural death. Also join me in praying for those who support or are involved with destroying life. May their hearts be transformed by God’s merciful love.

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- 5** Year of Mercy, Washington
- 8** St. Thomas More Church Dedication, 4 p.m., Manhattan
- 10-12** Bishop’s Conference on Evangelization, Denver
- 15** Confirmation, 10 a.m., St. Francis Cabrini, Hoxie
- 15** Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
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- 21** Ministry of Lector, Deacon Candidates, St. Fidelis, Victoria
- 22** Year of Mercy, WaKeeney and Collyer
- 28** Year of Mercy, Grinnell
- 29** Year of Mercy, Grainfield
- 29** Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m., St. Nicholas, Hays

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**Hammerschmidt**



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# Couple leaves an enduring legacy

BY OLIVIA AYERS

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Church, family, and responsibility. This was the foundation on which Walter Dechant built his life. Born on April 13, 1926, in Antonino, Walter spent his upbringing tending to his family's farm, located south of Hays in Ellis County. In 1945, he met his wife, Marie. Shortly after, the couple married and welcomed their four children, Steven, Debra, Judith and Glori.

To provide for his growing family, Walter devoted much of his life to working as an oil well pumper, a field in which he was highly regarded and respected. Along with working in the oil industry, Walter worked hard to ensure he kept up his family's farm, which he inherited.

Walter and Marie's daughter, Debra Rippe said her parents' work ethic was something she admired from a young age.

"If my father said he was going to be somewhere, he would be there," Debra said. "Similarly, whatever my mother did, she did to



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**Walter and Marie Dechant have helped provide a lasting legacy with their generous donations to Catholic Charities.**

perfection. She believed that if you committed to something, you stay committed."

Along with hard work,

Walter and Marie taught their children the importance of faith.

"My father was Catholic all the way through," Debra said. "My parents instilled in us from a small age to always pray the rosary and attend Mass."

Throughout their lives, Walter and Marie gave their time, talent and



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**An early picture of Walter and Marie Dechant.**

treasure to organizations and causes they deeply cared about. Walter was an esteemed member of the Schoenchen Third Degree Knights of Columbus Council No. 4166 and the Bishop Cunningham Fourth Degree Assembly No. 282. Marie was a lifetime member of the Daughters of Isabella and a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) teacher at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Antonino.

At the end of their lives, Walter and Marie knew they wanted to leave a lasting impact. They carefully selected a handful of organizations to be the beneficiaries of their estate. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas was among the organizations they chose.

The couple's son, Steven Dechant, said his parents' legacy giving is indicative

of the values they lived their lives by.

"The causes they cared about indicated their priorities," Steven said. "Throughout their lives, my parents donated to the churches and Catholic schools throughout Hays."

Along with charitable giving, Walter imparted the wisdom and philosophy he held by publishing a novel titled, "Oilman: From Farm Field to Oil."

The Dechant family describes the novel as an act of love that serves as a testament to one man's love for family.

Steven hopes his parents are remembered for the values they held most dear to their hearts, faith and family.

"Something Dad said so many times was that he wanted to be good to his family and for his family to have more than he had. That was a high priority," Steven said. "This legacy gift was a shared mission by Mom and Dad. They jointly decided to pass this legacy on so that it could be used by others."

To learn more about Walter and Marie's life and enduring legacy, you can purchase "Oilman: From Farm Field to Oil" on Amazon.

*Olivia Ayres is the communications coordinator for Catholic Charities.*



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## CENTURY FARM AWARDS

BY DAVID AND LINDA EDELL

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

On Aug. 13, the Rural Life Commission celebrated Rural Life Day and presented the Century Farm Awards at St. Joseph Parish in Oakley. Father Luke Thielen served as host for the event and gave the closing prayer. Approximately 40 people were in attendance, consisting of the family members receiving the Century Farm Award and local parishioners.

Century Farms Awards were presented to Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Rawlins County; and Eugene C. and Margaret Wetter, Norton County. The families expressed that their Catholic faith is the reason for many of their blessings.

After the presentations of the Century Farm Awards, Gerald Heim, owner of Hoxie Implement, gave a short presentation about the history of farming implements to those in attendance. Hoxie Implement has been in business since 1962, serving the needs of farmers in the area. This is another example of a Catholic family helping those in their community and beyond.

**Schmidt Family Farm**

Christian Schmidt was born in Germany in 1861. When he was 4, his family sailed to America with the promise of free land and free religion. Upon the ship's arrival in the Gulf of Mexico during the Civil War, they were informed all adult males would be forced to fight for the South if they made landfall. The ship turned and traveled north up the Eastern coast of the United States and landed in Canada. From there, Christian's family lived briefly in Canada and later traveled to Illinois.

When in his 20s, Christian and his brother, Ernest, set out to Kansas to take part in the Homestead Act free land program. The joke of the family was that Christian always said, "the Illinois ground was so wet that I could only raise cockle-burs and mosquitoes."

As Christian and Ernest traveled through Kansas, they kept hoping it would eventually get better. Finally, they decided to make do in Rawlins County. Although disappointed at first, Christian found he could raise just as much dry-land corn along the fertile bottoms of the South Fork Sappa Creek as he could in the wet soils of Illinois.

Christian homesteaded a quarter acre in southeast Rawlins County in 1886. That land was sold in 1896 after he purchased school land a half mile east. The following year, he purchased another quarter just south of the first, where he built a home for his family. More acres were acquired through the years.

Christian married Elizabeth, and the couple had three children: Albert, Ruth and Elmer.

Ruth married and moved to Oberlin, and Elmer joined the Army.

Albert worked the land for his father through the Dirty 30's. He'd work along the creek and would have little warning when the dirt storms blew up. Albert would turn his mules loose to find their way home, and he would hang on to the fence and follow them.

Albert married Leoti, and they had a son, Leroy Schmidt. Leroy took over the farm and married Daisy. Together, they had four children, one of whom was a son



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**The Schmidt Family: Joe and Vicki Schmidt (middle back), pictured with Chuck and Tobina Norris and their children, Josey, Trent and Cord.**



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**The Wetter Family: From left, Jacob Wetter, Abby Wetter, Olivia Lemmer, Michael and Anette Wetter, and Diane Wetter. Holding the award are Eugene and Margaret Wetter.**

named Joe. The couple purchased additional acres and farmed with their children.

Joe and Vicki Schmidt currently farm the land. In fact, they live in a house that sits on the original school land Christian (Joe's great-grandfather) had purchased.

Joe and Vicki were married in 1974 and have four children: Tobina, Mandi, Barry and Tanner. Joe and Vicki worked on the family farm many years before assuming the operation following the death of Joe's parents.

Their son, Tanner and his wife, Wendy, are now partners in the operation. They will ensure the family farm continues for another generation of raising cattle, wheat and dry-land corn.

Throughout the years, Joe and Vicki not only relied on their faith but deepened their relationship with our Lord. Active in Sacred Heart Parish in Atwood, they remain one of the original participants in the Marian devotion Mother Thrice Admirable which began as a pilot project by Bishop Edward Weisenburger in 1915. They practice a daily habit of praying a devotional together and listening to the Mass daily readings before work begins. All 11 of their grandchildren have been baptized in the Catholic Church. Their kids and grandkids gather at home for the annual tradition of harvesting wheat. Faith and farming are interwoven in this family operation and are essential to these current generations of Schmidt's tending the land and providing bread for body and soul.

Sidenote: Vicki's family had deep ties to the family farm before either she or Joe were even born. Her grandparents, Everett and Vivian Barnhart, rented land from Albert and helped both Albert and Christian on the farm and in their home.

**Wetter Family Farm**

Located in Norton County, the Wetter Family Farm began in 1901 with Hubert Joseph Wetter, but everyone called him Joe.

Joe purchased a 160-acre farm for \$4,000 located 4 miles northeast of Norton.

Joe returned to the Hanover community to bring his wife, Catherine Anna Lueken Wetter, and four children by train to their farm. He rode in a freight car with a few household items, some machinery, a few head of cattle and some chickens. The family rode in a passenger car. The house on the farm was one room with a lean-to. They added some sod rooms and a log stable. Later, a wood-frame home was built.

Adjoining land was available for sale, and Joe purchased 160 acres to the east of their home for \$6,500 on Feb. 22, 1923. The reasoning was that as each of the children married, they would have a place to live and ground to farm.

The first family would be the third son, Joe Jr. and Sylvia, who farmed the ground until the fourth son, Ben and Rose took over in 1934. Ben and Rose continued to farm until 1941. Anton and Minnie then purchased the farm Feb. 8, 1941, for \$2,150 from Joe and Catherine.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award is named in honor of Msgr. Weber.

He was born Aug. 10, 1916, in Victoria to Jacob and Rosa (Herrman) Weber. He was ordained May 30, 1943, and celebrated his first Solemn Mass on June 5, 1943, in Park. On Feb. 10, 1960, he was named executive secretary for the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

In June 1963, he was named Papal Chamberlain to Pope John XXIII. In May 1968, he was named Domestic Prelate.

He served in many parishes during his life and retired in Salina where he served as part-time associate pastor at St Mary's Catholic Church and was active at St Mary's Grade School, where the children loved and adored him. He died at age 93 on July 1, 2010.

They lived there until Sept. 2, 1944.

Ben and Rose bought the property in 1944 for \$4,000. It was owned by Ben and Rose until their oldest son, Lawrence and Phyllis Wetter, purchased the land in 1986. Following, in 2004, the second son of Ben and Rose, Eugene and Margaret Wetter, bought the 160 acres and own it to the present day.

Joe was known in the community as a knowledgeable farmer and would be asked for advice from other farmers. In fact, other farmers would wait to plant corn until Joe began planting. The family farmed oats, wheat, corn and barley. As Joe's family got older, the boys could help plant crops and formed a harvest crew of their own. More farm ground was purchased when money was available or was rented from the owner. Most of the crop was used to feed cattle, horses and chickens. Wheat was shocked, then threshed and grain taken to town to be sold. Some of the wheat was ground into flour at the mill near the elevator. Ben remembers his father, Joe, taking 50 to 60 bushels of wheat to town by horse and wagon and having it ground into flour at the mill, brought back in sacks and used for baking.

Some seed was kept for the purpose to plant the next season. Machinery was purchased as they could afford it or was shared by neighbors. Horses were used to pull a plow or a drill for planting. As newer machinery like tractors was available, it was purchased.

The family's Catholic faith was important. Prayers were said by the family at mealtime, the morning offering at breakfast along with the meal prayer. The Angelus was said at noon and the rosary said by all the family in the evening with night prayers. Children attended Catechism classes during the school year and also went to religious summer school in the summer, when religious sisters would teach the two-week session of classes. Family members of Joe and Catherine Wetter through the years to the present were active in parish activities and also as officers of Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Altar Society, CYO, choir, CCD teachers and servers.

*David and Linda Edell serve as Rural Life Commission co-chairs.*



## Our world is hangry

I have a daughter who is the love of my life. She is sweet, cute and lovely almost all of the time, but occasionally, we see a whole different side of her. She turns into what can best be explained as a barely recognizable terror that has us all running for cover.

The problem is she has become hungry but doesn't know it. All she knows is she is upset and doesn't know what will make her happy. Her brothers and I have learned to hide and throw food at her. We aim for her mouth and hope some of it makes its way in. If she eats a little, it is amazing how fast she turns right back into that sweet, cute, lovable little girl we all know and love. Of course, she has no memory of what happened and wants to know why we are all hiding behind things.

I think we have a lot of hangry people in our world. They have a burning hunger for something but

don't know what it is. They are looking to fill that hunger with anything, just searching for a way to end their pain. They fill it with social media, Netflix, sports, sexual relationships, power, money, prestige and even pornography. Their hope is they will finally feel fulfilled and happy if they can get enough of these things. The sad thing is no matter how much they consume, their hunger and pain still exists.

Looking around our world today, you will see many angry people who are frustrated and hungry. Chasing, consuming and trying to quench a thirst that won't disappear. Maybe that even describes what we see when we look at ourselves in the mirror.

When we see this hunger in the people around us, we must help them find what they desire. It is tempting to

run, hide and stay away from these hungry searchers, but instead, we must sprint to them and help them find what they are looking for. They want to know God. They might not know it yet, but they hunger to receive him in the Eucharist. They desire to receive his transforming graces through his body and blood. A gift he freely and willingly gave to satisfy our hunger and fill the void within us. A gift that nourishes our soul, strengthens us for our journey and transforms us to be more like our creator.

As disciples, we cannot stay quiet. We know what they want and where they can get it. We can either watch people keep searching in all the wrong places or gently lead them to Christ and his Church. We can watch them eat trash or ask them to join us at Mass. We can respond to the difficult people

of this world with frustration, or we can show them love, pray for them and bring them Christ.

I often think of the early Church and what drew so many people to Christ, and I hear the familiar words of a song we often sing at Mass. "They will know we are Christian by our love." I think what the early Church did that helped bring others to Christ was they lived the love Christ taught. They prayed for those who persecuted them, forgave those who harmed them and invited all who would listen to follow Christ.

During this parish year of the Eucharist Revival, may we fill the voids within us with Christ through adoration and reception of the Eucharist and be quick to tell others where they can find the satisfaction they so desperately desire.

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## Finding the proper way to fill your cup

My mom called me the other day and shared with me a passage from the book "Women of Grace" by Michaelann Martin. She thought it was beautiful and thought I would also enjoy it as I am in the throes of motherhood with a small child and still adjusting to married life. The passage read:

"Gary Smalley uses the analogy of the 'empty cup.' Some people enter relationships with an empty cup, hoping or expecting others

to fill that cup with affirmation and love, to give a filling of self-worth. But in actuality, your spouse is a hole in your cup, one to love and serve as Christ loves and serves us. Add children, and you are adding more holes. I'd like to expand this image even further and propose that our life is not a cup at all, but a colander or even a beautiful fountain for God. Think of yourself as a fountain of life. Allow yourself to be filled at the

spring of Christ's love and his life-giving water and make your life a beautiful fountain, a masterpiece for God's glory. People let each other down

because we have a fallen nature and the cup is never full or, if it is, it is only for a short while. But Jesus

Christ is the living water and only he can fill and refill our cup. We just need to go to him and ask, and he waits on our every need."

**KATIE Hamel**  
CREATIVE EDITOR



As my mom read the passage to me, I envisioned my favorite rosary and the crucifix on it. The crucifix depicts Jesus on the cross, with Mary standing at his side. She leans into her son's body, embracing him, while at the same time, holding a chalice up to his side, collecting the blood that spilled forth.

I put myself there. I imagined it was me that leaned into the Son of God. I felt the rough, splintery wood. I smelt the blood and sweat that dripped from the body of Christ. I looked up and saw his tired eyes gaze at me with an untold, immeasurable love.

I held a chalice to his side, and his blood, proof of his love and mercy, poured into my cup — filling me with the greatest love I'll ever know. And as my cup was filled to the point of overflowing, Christ's mercy and graces poured over and washed my family, my husband and child, in its flood.

Sometimes, I look for other places or other people to fill my cup. In the high moments of life, it's pretty easy to feel as though my cup is overflowing.

But in the more difficult moments — moments of loneliness, despair, loss or grief — there is no earthly presence that truly fills our cup. Perhaps they can help, but they will never fully satisfy the longing in our hearts.

In our hearts is a space that only the infinite, only the God who made us, can truly fill.

My hope is to live a life that looks to the love of Christ first, before anything else.

I think if I do that, I will always know authentic joy and true hope.

*Katie*

*Katie Hamel is the creative editor for the Diocese of Salina.*

Please Pray For Our Catechists!

### A Prayer for Catechists

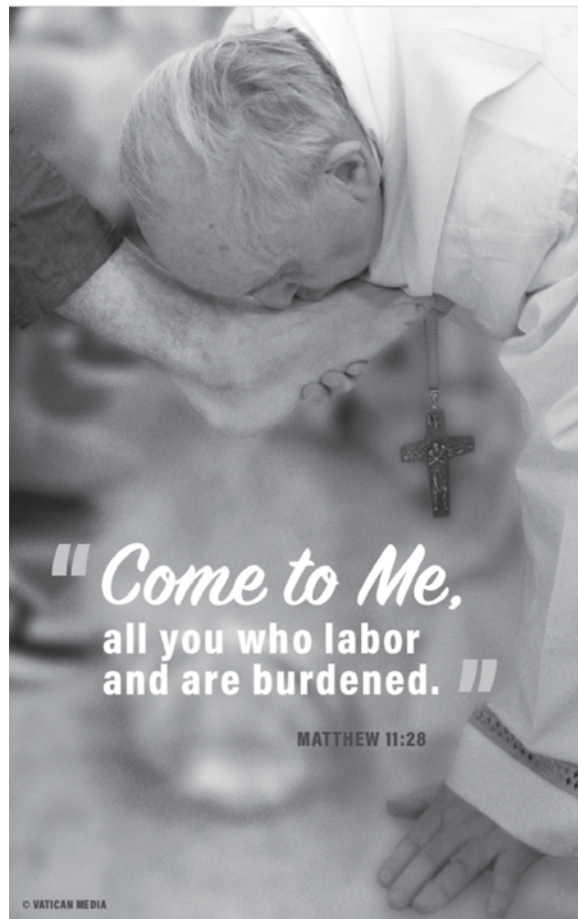
Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

BY THE REGISTER

The Office of Family Life is excited to host the annual diocesan anniversary Masses.

The Masses honor couples celebrating their first anniversary, any anniversary ending in zero or five, or any anniversary over 70 years.

Bishop Jerry Vincke will preside over both Masses.

The first is Oct. 15 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. The second is Oct. 29 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Both Masses are at 3 p.m.

Register at [salinadiocese.org/events](http://salinadiocese.org/events).

Family and friends are welcome to attend, and there is no cost for the event.



# Consider gifting for religious men, women

Recently, the Diocese of Salina celebrated the 10-year anniversary of 10 men who are permanent deacons. You might recall reading more about each deacon in the June Register. (If you haven't read about them, you should really find time to do so.) The permanent diaconate program is just one of the many ministries supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share.

Through their service, deacons contribute to building a stronger and more vibrant faith community within the Diocese of Salina. These men assist the priest with Mass and other sacramental ministries. You'll also find them out in their community serving the homebound, incarcerated, homeless, etc. In a

diocese such as ours, the permanent diaconate program is truly a Godsend. It provides the priests with much needed support in serving the people of their parish community.

At the recent seminarian fundraising dinners, each seminarian was asked to answer a question for the audience. These questions allowed those in the audience to learn more about each seminarian and perhaps provide a glimpse into a future priest. One of those seminarians we got to know better was Kyle Pfeifer. Kyle is attending Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and is in Theology II. During the dinner, Kyle was asked what his greatest hope is for the Diocese of Salina and those he'll be

serving. In his response, Kyle mentioned his hopes for more religious in our diocese. While our priests are on the front lines day in and day out, it's important to have strong support from deacons and religious women in the diocese. These individuals are an

extension of the priests, allowing more people to know and love God through their ministry.

Following the dinner in Salina, I had a chance to visit with Dave DiNuzzo. He is a deacon-candidate slated for ordination in 2025, and his home parish is St. John the Baptist in Beloit. He had keyed in on Kyle's response to his question and mentioning

the need for more religious in the diocese. The deacons play such a crucial role in helping spread the good news and be stewards of service. While he is still a few years away from ordination, I can already tell the sense of honor Dave has in his upcoming role as deacon.

I've always known a priest leads a busy, dynamic life. This is not an 8 to 5 Monday through Friday career. Since joining the staff of the Catholic Foundation, I have been given an even deeper appreciation for the work they do. Many of the priests must juggle schedules for Mass and confession, supervise office staff, attend council meetings, work with local Catholic schools staff and children,

on top of funerals, weddings, baptisms and more. Who knew a priest was also going to have to be a supervisor, accountant, schoolteacher, fundraiser ... and the list goes on. By having a deacon in their parish, they can lessen some of this burden and at

the same time, ensure more encounters with Christ.

Gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share help support vital programs and ministries within our diocese, such as the permanent diaconate program. You can support this program online via the QR code or at [join.salinadiocese.org](http://join.salinadiocese.org).

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**CORRINA Hudsonpillar**  
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## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

BY THE REGISTER

October is commonly known as Respect Life Month. During that time, Catholics are asked to take even greater care to pray for the sacredness of life to be celebrated at every stage, from conception to natural death. The Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office intends to host two events in the month of October to recognize the sanctity of life.

In addition to these two events, registration for the 2024 March for Life opens Oct. 1. More information can be found at [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org). The March for Life is scheduled for Jan. 19. The diocesan pilgrimage will depart from the Chancery in Salina on the morning of Jan. 17, with an expected return of Jan. 23. Consider joining this important pilgrimage. The goal is for every parish in the diocese to have at least one parishioner represent them at the March.

### Rosary Congress

The Rosary Congress will take place Oct. 1 to 7. The hope of the Rosary Congress is to have seven parishes commit to hosting 24 hours of adoration at their parish. Each parish chooses a day to host 24 hours of adoration, with a rosary for the sanctity of life prayed every hour. At the end of the week, at least 168 rosaries will have been prayed in defense of the dignity of human life. For more information, contact Bill Meagher at (785) 827-8746 or email [bill.meagher@salinadiocese.org](mailto:bill.meagher@salinadiocese.org).

### High School Respect Life Conference

For the third time, the diocese will host a respect life conference for Catholic school juniors and seniors. The conference will take place Oct. 11 at Salina Fieldhouse and Sacred Heart Cathedral. Pray for the students in attendance.



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church in Hoxie recently celebrated its 75th anniversary as a parish. Bishop Jerry Vincke was the Mass celebrant for the occasion. Along with Father Vincent Thu Laing, several other area priests were on hand — Hoxie's own Father Mitchel Zimmerman, a priest in the Diocese of Kansas City; Father Brian Lager (Colby), Father James Thomas (Park, Grainfield, Grinnell) and Father Henry Saw Lone (Atwood and Herndon). Sister Rose Marie Weber was also in attendance. She is a Hoxie native and resides in Hays. Seminarian Luke Friess, a Hoxie native, also was present. A Eucharistic procession preceded the Mass, followed by a dinner and dance. More than 250 guests attended.

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## DIOCESE HAPPENINGS

### Healing service set for Oct. 6 in Osborne

BY THE REGISTER

Join Father Daryl Olmstead, Father Leo Blasi and other priests from the Diocese of Salina for a healing service. The Night of Healing Faith will be Oct. 6 at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church, 203 N. Elm, Osborne.

The evening will commence at 6 p.m. with exposition and adoration. Confessions will be heard by the priests. The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary rosary will be led by Father Blasi before benediction and reposi-tion. The healing service for the

sick and those in physical, emotional or spiritual need will begin at approximately 7 p.m. Light refreshments and conversation will follow. For more information, call (785) 346-5582.

### White Mass to honor health care professionals

BY THE REGISTER

Father Keith Weber will celebrate a White Mass for physicians, nurses and other health-care professionals and their families at 1 p.m. Oct. 22 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina.

The White Mass derives its name from the color traditionally

and in many cases still worn by healthcare providers.

"This special Mass is a wonderful opportunity for all who work in healthcare to come together and ask for God's blessing in this healing ministry. It's open to anyone who wears a lab coat, scrubs, a uniform or business attire, as well as their family and friends as we are all one community serving those most in need," said Tracey Biles, chief mission integration officer for Ascension Via Christi.

The Mass is being hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Salina with Ascension Via Christi and Salina Regional Health Center.





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Below is just a sampling of those impacted so far this year by your gifts to the annual appeal.



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**21** DEACONS  
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Katie Hamel, Torrie Gregg, Katie Platten, Corrina Hudsonpillar, Heather Hartman after the seminarian dinner in Hays, KS.

Thank You to all who supported our seminarians at the recent fundraising dinners. We loved seeing so many people from across the diocese. We appreciate your support of these men and our mission!

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# Synod on Synodality: Your questions answered

By COURTNEY MARES  
CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

The Vatican released a new document June 20 outlining key questions for the upcoming 16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, more commonly known as the Synod on Synodality.

Here is what you need to know:

## What is the Synod on Synodality?

The Synod on Synodality, initiated by Pope Francis in October 2021, is a multi-year, worldwide undertaking during which Catholics were asked to submit feedback to their local dioceses on the question “What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our ‘journeying together?’”

The Catholic Church’s massive synodal process has already undergone diocesan, national, and continental stages. It will culminate in two global assemblies at the Vatican. The first will take place Oct. 4–28 and the second in October 2024 to advise the pope on the topic: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.”

## What does synodality mean?

Synodality was defined by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith’s International Theological Commission in 2018 as “the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the people of God.”

The 2021 synod preparatory document described synodality as “the form, the style, and the structure of the Church.”

The latest document published by the Vatican adds that synodality can also be understood as something that “does not derive from the enunciation of a principle, a theory, or a formula but develops from a readiness to enter into a dynamic of constructive, respectful, and prayerful speaking, listening, and dialogue.”

“At the root of this process is the acceptance, both personal and communal, of something that is both a gift and a challenge: to be a Church of sisters and brothers in Christ who listen to one another and who, in so doing, are gradu-

ally transformed by the Spirit,” it says.

## What are the documents of the Synod on Synodality?

On June 20, the Vatican issued a working document called the *Instrumentum Laboris* to guide the discussions at the first global assembly of the Synod on Synodality. It contains 15 worksheets with questions for discernment for delegates participating in the upcoming October meeting.

This new *Instrumentum Laboris*, written by a committee of 22 people, has been presented as a synthesis of the eight final documents produced by the continental assemblies that met in the first months of 2023.

Discussions at the seven continental assemblies were based on an earlier 44-page working document referred to as the DCS (Document for the Continental Stage) published in October 2022 titled “Enlarge the Space of Your Tent.”

The DCS was described by its authors as a summary of the more than 100 summary reports shared with the Vatican by bishops’ conferences, religious congregations, departments of the Roman Curia, lay movements, and other groups and individuals.

Local dioceses organized their synod discussions using the vademecum, or handbook, and the preparatory document issued by the General Secretariat of the Synod in 2021.

## How will the *Instrumentum Laboris* be used in the October synod assembly?

The 50-page *Instrumentum Laboris* is divided into two sections. The first summarizes insights from the continental assemblies and outlines what a synodal Church is and how it should proceed. The second section is a series of 15 worksheets with questions for discernment.

The worksheets will be used to guide the small-group discussions of the October assembly in the Paul VI Hall. The small groups, also called *Circuli Minores*, will alternate with

plenary sessions where all synod participants are together.

The last part of the October gathering will focus on deciding the Church’s next steps and “the necessary in-depth theological and canonical studies in preparation” for a second assembly in October 2024.

## What are the main questions that the Synod on Synodality will try to answer?

Here are the three overarching questions defined by the 2023 *Instrumentum Laboris*:

- How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?
- How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?
- “What processes, struc-

tures, and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?”

The main objective of the first session in October, according to the *Instrumentum Laboris*, will be to design a plan of study in a “synodal style” and to indicate who will be involved in those discussions. Discernment will be “completed” in the 2024 session of the synod.

## What are some of the topics that could be addressed in the synod assembly?

The *Instrumentum Laboris* document guiding the discussions at the October synod assembly suggests discernment on questions regarding some hot-button topics, including women deacons, priestly celibacy, and LGBTQ outreach.

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The document highlights a desire for new institutional bodies to allow for greater participation in decision-making by the “people of God.” One of the proposed questions for discernment for the synod of bishops asks: “What can we learn about the exercise of authority and responsibility from other Churches and ecclesial communities?”

How does the Synod on Synodality differ from past synods of bishops?

A synod is a meeting of bishops gathered to discuss a topic of theological or

pastoral significance in order to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the pope.

For the first time, approximately 21% of the voting delegates in the 2023 Synod of Bishops on Synodality will not be bishops, and 70 delegates will be chosen directly by the pope from among a list of 140 laypeople, priests, consecrated women, and deacons selected by the leadership of this year’s continental synod meetings. The delegates for the October synod assembly have not yet been announced.

The October assembly will be in the Paul VI Hall, instead of the Vatican’s New Synod Hall, with delegates sitting at round tables of about 10 people each.

What other events are happening leading up to the October Vatican assembly?

The 2023 Synod on Synodality assembly at the Vatican will begin with a three-day retreat for the Catholic bishops and participants Oct. 1-3 led by Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe, who has drawn criticism by some for his statements on

homosexuality.

Pope Francis has also announced an ecumenical prayer vigil will take place in St. Peter’s Square as part of the Synod on Synodality on Sept. 30. The prayer vigil, organized by the Taizé Community, will entrust to God the work of the October synod assembly.

How is the participation in the Synod on Synodality?

The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops has reported that the initial diocesan listening phase concluded with the participation of 112 out of 114 of the world’s Catholic bishops’ conferences.

According to a report from the U.S. bishops’ conference, about 700,000 people participated in the diocesan phase of the synod in the U.S. out of 66.8 million Catholics in the country, or about 1%.

What has Pope Francis said about the Synod?

On Pentecost this year, Pope Francis said that he sees the Holy Spirit not only as the “soul of the Church” but also as “the heart of synodality.”

He called to “place the Holy Spirit at the beginning and at the heart of the work of the synod.”

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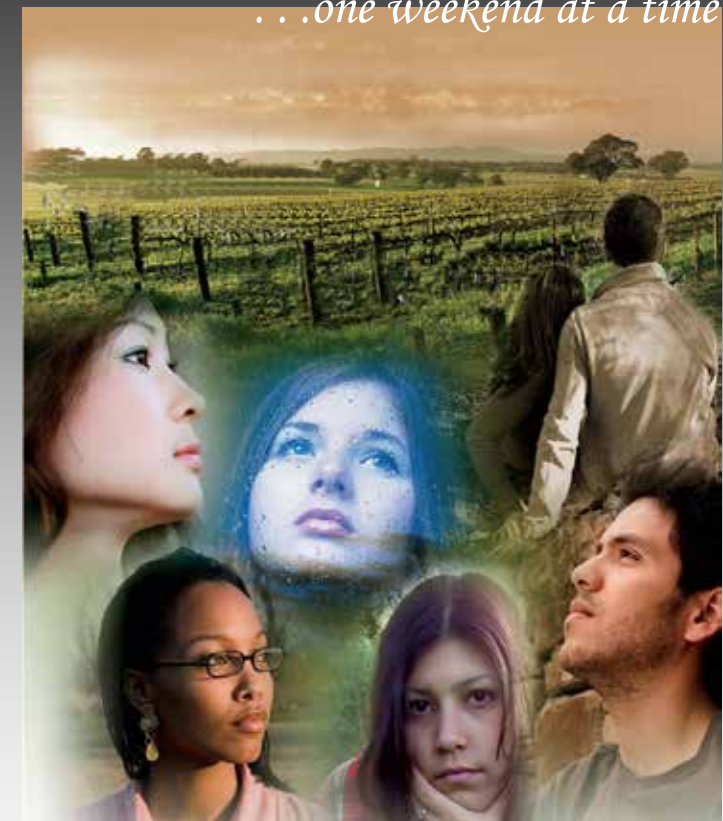


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## USCCB STATEMENT ON MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

In honor of World Day of Migrants and Refugees, celebrated this year on Sept. 24, please read the below document prepared by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops.

### **Catholic ministries serving migrants and refugees**

The subject of immigration is politically divisive in our nation, and it has often been a point of contention throughout American history. Meanwhile, the Catholic Church has long been at the forefront of efforts to welcome immigrants to the United States and promote their successful integration. Recently, these realities have collided, producing a rise in hostility from a limited number of public officials, media outlets, and private organizations toward the longstanding migration-related ministries of the Church. This resource, while not comprehensive in nature or responsive to every aspect of the immigration debate, seeks to address some common misconceptions and questions regarding the Church's role in serving migrants and refugees, as well as the ways in which Catholic social teaching applies to these issues. It also discusses the work of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in this area.

#### **1. Does the Catholic Church advocate for "open borders"?**

No. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption" (no. 2241). This includes a sovereign country's right to uphold its borders.

The Church does maintain, however, that this right is not unlimited. It must always be balanced with the duty to welcome newcomers with charity and respect for the human person, as well as the right to life, "upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop" (Evangelium vitae, no. 101). In their joint pastoral letter from 2003, *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, the Catholic bishops of Mexico and the United States included a country's right to control its borders among five principles of migration derived from Catholic social teaching, which also include the right to migrate to sustain one's life and the lives of one's family members and the right not to migrate, provided that the necessary conditions exist in one's homeland to achieve a full life.

#### **2. What does Catholic teaching say about irregular or illegal immigration and undocumented migrants?**

Regarding an immigrant's obligations, the Catechism states: "Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens" (2241). The Catholic Church affirms the rule of law, encourages the use of lawful immigration pathways, and discourages migration simply for the purpose of advancing one's individual position without regard for the common good in one's country of origin.

Refugees and asylum seekers—forced migrants—pose a particular challenge for society, however, as

their circumstances typically preclude them from pursuing a visa or other advanced benefit on account of life-threatening situations or other serious dangers. It is the element of persecution, threat or danger, or being forcibly displaced that gives rise to a human right to seek protection through irregular means, rather than migrating through ordinary channels (*Strangers No Longer*, no. 31). The Church is also particularly mindful of family separation and the importance of reuniting separated family members, which can be very difficult or even impossible to pursue through the legal pathways available.

Pope Saint John Paul II directly addressed the subject of undocumented migrants in his message for the 82nd World Day of Migrants and Refugees: "In the Church no one is a stranger, and the Church is not foreign to anyone, anywhere. As a sacrament of unity and thus a sign and a binding force for the whole human race, the Church is the place where illegal immigrants are also recognized and accepted as brothers and sisters. It is the task of the various Dioceses actively to ensure that these people, who are obliged to live outside the safety net of civil society, may find a sense of brotherhood in the Christian community. Solidarity means taking responsibility for those in trouble."

#### **3. Why do Catholic organizations serve migrants along the U.S.-Mexico border and elsewhere?**

Catholics serve migrants and other newcomers in accordance with our sincerely held religious beliefs, abiding by the teachings of Jesus Christ, affirming the inalienable rights and dignity of every person, and providing Christian charity as a visible sign of God's love and mercy to those in need.

In the wake of World War II, Pope Pius XII boldly recognized that the "émigré Holy Family of Nazareth, fleeing into Egypt, is the archetype of every refugee family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, living in exile in Egypt to escape the fury of an evil king, are, for all times and all places, the models and protectors of every migrant, alien and refugee of whatever kind who, whether compelled by fear of persecution or by want, is forced to leave his native land, his beloved parents and relatives, his close friends, and to seek a foreign soil" (*Exsul Familia*). More recently, Pope Francis has said that chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel, which calls us to "welcome the stranger," is "a constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door. Consequently, even as we work to ensure that in every case migration is the fruit of a free decision, we are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant; this entails accompanying and managing waves of migration as best we can, constructing bridges and not walls, expanding channels for a safe and regular migration" (Message of Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees).

In *Strangers No Longer*, the U.S. and Mexican bishops also aligned themselves with the "religious and social service providers who, without violating civil law, attempt to respond to the migrant knocking at the door" (no. 4). They explicitly encouraged these "signs of hope" by calling on pastors and lay leaders to ensure support for immigrant families,

urging communities to offer migrant families "hospitality, not hostility," along their journey, commending Church communities that establish migrant shelters that provide appropriate pastoral and social services to migrants, and urging local dioceses to sponsor pertinent social services for newcomers, particularly affordable legal services (no. 42).

#### **4. What services do Catholic organizations provide to migrants and refugees?**

The types of services offered vary, and no two Catholic entities are identical in this regard, but the Church regularly and consistently cooperates in the administration of humanitarian aid with local, state, and federal governments, often at their request.

Catholic organizations along the U.S.-Mexico border, for example, may provide a meal, clean clothes, a shower, medical attention, and temporary shelter for newly arrived migrants. Some Catholic organizations also advise recently arrived migrants on the individual steps they can take to reunite with family or reach the location of their immigration proceedings. Catholic organizations provide resettlement and integration services to newly arrived refugees, helping them to find lawful employment, enroll children in school, learn English, and navigate life in their new communities. Clergy administer the Sacraments to those in immigration detention. Many Catholic organizations across the country provide services to noncitizens who have suffered human trafficking. Catholic organizations also provide affordable immigration legal services, helping qualified individuals to naturalize as U.S. citizens, prepare their cases for immigration court, and more. These programs are designed to assist noncitizens with navigating legal obligations placed upon them by the U.S. immigration system and to promote compliance with applicable laws.

#### **5. Do Catholic organizations encourage unlawful migration by serving people who enter the United States without authorization? By serving these people, are Catholic organizations contributing to the crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border?**

There is no evidence or research to support the claim that the humanitarian and religious services provided by Catholic organizations incentivize unlawful migration. Rather, many studies have concluded that a varied and often complex set of push-pull factors typically influence a person's decision to migrate.

The local Church, wherever located along a person's journey, treats newcomers with love and respect, in accordance with God's law (Leviticus 19:34). This treatment is also in accordance with civil law; immigration laws generally do not forbid such treatment, and if they somehow did, they would run afoul of state and federal Religious Freedom Restoration Acts and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. "As the Church accompanies migrants and refugees on their journey, she seeks to understand the causes of migration, but she also works to overcome its negative effects, and to maximize its positive influence on the communities of origin, transit and destination" (Message of Pope Francis for the 100th World Day of Migrants and Refugees). Moreover,

the Catholic Church does not encourage unnecessary or irregular migration. "Ideally, unnecessary migration ought to be avoided; this entails creating in countries of origin the conditions needed for a dignified life and integral development" (Fratelli tutti, no. 129). In Catholic social teaching, the right to emigrate is generally constrained by the need for "just reasons in favor of it" (*Pacem in terris*, no. 25). Moreover, the Church regularly uplifts the need to address the root causes of migration and provides recommendations in this regard, in addition to the efforts of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, and other Catholic organizations actively working to alleviate adverse conditions in sending countries.

#### **6. Do Catholic ministries serving newcomers support human trafficking or smuggling? What about programs for unaccompanied children?**

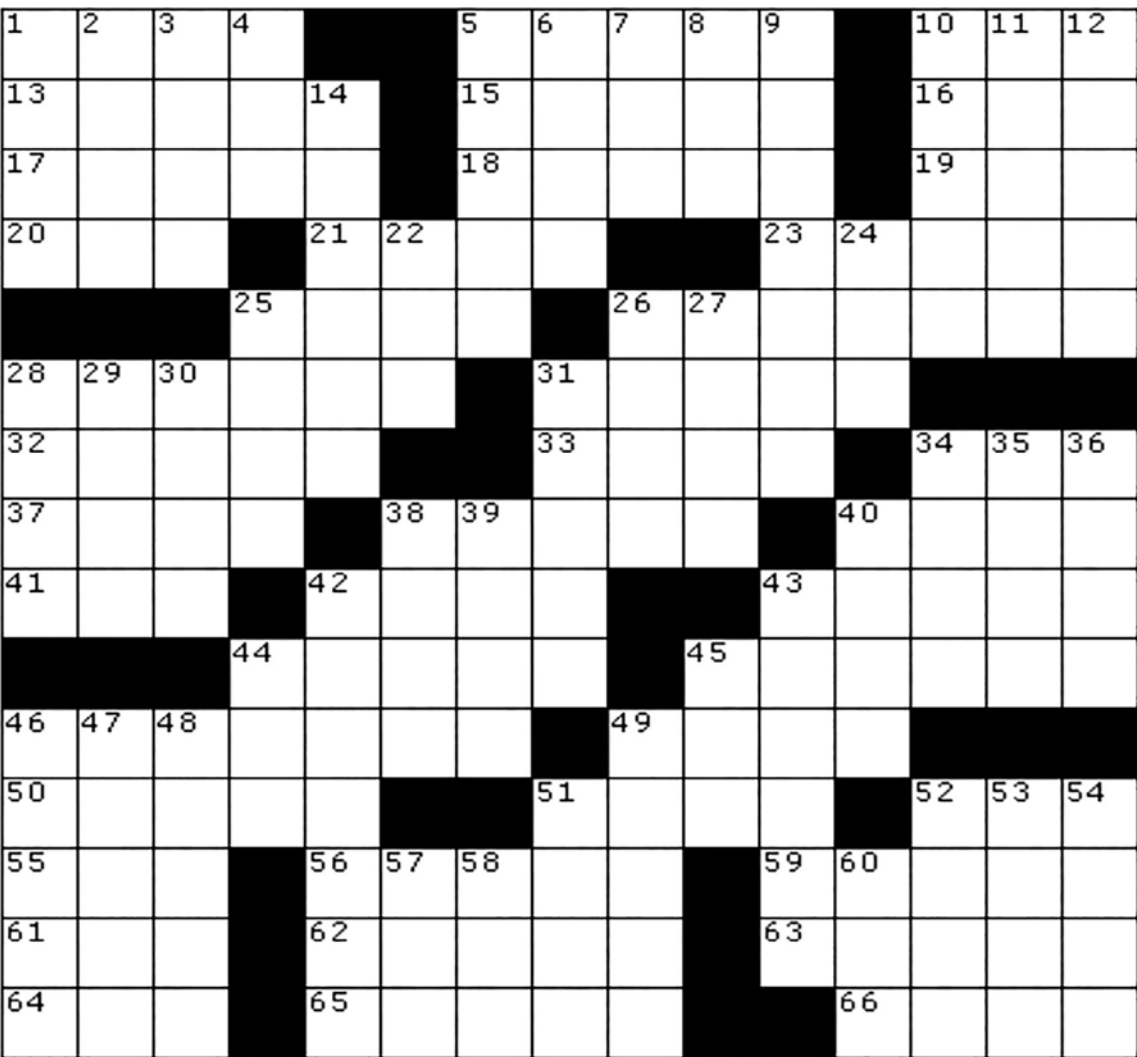
No. On the contrary, the Catholic Church has long played a leading role in anti-trafficking efforts and providing, as well as advocating for, expanded services for victims of human trafficking. The USCCB's programs for unaccompanied migrant children and unaccompanied refugee minors are carried out in strict compliance with applicable laws and policies, prioritizing the best interest and wellbeing of each child.

The USCCB recently endorsed the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 and advocates annually for an increase in funding for programs that serve U.S.-citizen and foreign-national victims of trafficking. Internationally, the Catholic Church is a recognized and prominent force against human trafficking, with Pope Francis referring to it as "an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ" (Address to Participants in the International Conference on Combating Human Trafficking). The USCCB has also advocated for increased access to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as expanded legal pathways and improved processes for economic- and family-based immigrants, as proven ways to undermine predatory smuggling practices.

Unaccompanied children are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking, domestic servitude, and other exploitative situations. The Catholic Church considers it a moral obligation to ensure that all children are protected from such harms, consistent with their God-given dignity. Accordingly, the USCCB regularly advocates for increased protections for these children and opposes measures that would reduce or eliminate existing protections. This includes supporting efforts such as the bipartisan Responsibility for Unaccompanied Minors Act, endorsing the Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act, and calling for an expansion of post-release services for children placed with sponsors in the United States. Additionally, the Catholic Church has opposed recent and ongoing efforts at the state level to exclude experienced Catholic organizations and others serving these children from state licensure and oversight.



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- ACROSS**

  - 1 Alack's partner
  - 5 Workers
  - 10 Possessive pronoun
  - 13 Cavity
  - 15 Eastern religion
  - 16 Unused
  - 17 Pace
  - 18 Communion table
  - 19 Stretch to make do
  - 20 South southeast
  - 21 Short NT book
  - 23 Coaxed
  - 25 Loathe
  - 26 One of Jesus' 12
  - 28 Split
  - 31 Last words of prayers
  - 32 Filthy \_\_
  - 33 Floating ice
  - 34 Tribe of Israel
  - 37 Above
  - 38 Sermon on the
  - 40 Heredity component
  - 41 Lair
  - 42 House pets
  - 43 Rhymers
  - 44 Metric linear unit
  - 45 River of Mesopotamia
  - 46 Person released on parole
  - 49 Farm building
  - 50 Defense
  - 51 Asian bird
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  - 2 Dregs
  - 3 Apex
  - 4 Eat
  - 5 Color
  - 6 Roof covering
  - 7 Picnic pest
  - 8 Food and drug administration (abbr.)
  - 9 Biblical unit of length
  - 10 Inanimate
  - 11 Word interpreted by Daniel
  - 12 A Scandanavian
  - 14 Californian desert
  - 22 Southwestern Indian
  - 24 Ship initials
  - 25 David's musical instrument
  - 26 Last word of a prayer
  - 27 Fresh
- 28** Clothed

**29** Pear shaped stringed instrument

**30** Economics abrv.

**31** Treat badly

**34** Stag

**35** Negative (prefix)

**36** Loch \_\_ monster

**38** Speck of wood, etc. (KJV)

**39** Giant

**40** \_\_ girl

**42** Samson's evil wife

**43** Roman governor

**44** Pack

**45** Can metal

**46** Hesitation

**47** I am the \_\_ and the Omega

**48** Bleacher

**49** Governing group

**51** Short

**52** A Roman emperor

**53** Second letter

**54** Attention-Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (abbr.)

**57** Flightless bird

**58** Dickens' Tiny \_\_

**60** Tail movement

Answers on Page 14

STATEMENT, FROM PAGE 10\_\_

7. What is the USCCB's role in assisting migrants and refugees? Does it profit from its programs for migrants and refugees?

Dating back to its origins as the National Catholic War Council, founded in 1917, the USCCB and each of its predecessor organizations have maintained a strong focus on assisting migrants and refugees. As the episcopal conference of the United States, the USCCB works with and supports Catholic dioceses and communities across the country with well-established expertise in "welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating" newcomers (Message of Pope Francis for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees), consistent with the Gospel, Catholic social teaching, and applicable laws. As part of its cooperation with the U.S. government over many decades, the USCCB does receive federal funding in the form of competitive grants but does not profit from its participation in related programs.

The grants received by the USCCB correspond to its role as a national resettlement agency for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP), established in 1980, and programs for unaccompanied migrant children and unaccompanied refugee minors, which also began in the 1980s. Through these programs, the USCCB partners with local organizations, mainly Catholic Charities agencies operating under the auspices of their local diocese, to serve refugees, asylees, Afghan and Iraqi special immigrants, Cuban-Haitian entrants, and others authorized by law to receive federally-funded services. The vast majority of funding received by the USCCB for these grants is passed on to those local organizations that directly serve these newcomers. However, the USCCB also requires private funding to operate these programs. In particular, USRAP was designed as a public-private partnership, and it includes components such as the Matching Grant Program, through which federal funding is supplemented with private cash and in-kind contributions of goods and services.

8. Does the USCCB advocate for increased refugee resettlement because it has a financial interest in resettling refugees?

No. Beyond federal grants, the USCCB is permitted to retain 25% of the travel loans repaid by the refugees it resettles to offset costs associated with participating in the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, as well as programs for unaccompanied children and victims of trafficking.

The Catholic Church's solidarity with refugees and financial support for refugee

resettlement long precede the creation of USRAP and the existence of travel loans. In 1948, well before USRAP was established and just one year after the National Catholic Resettlement Council (NCRC) was created to coordinate the U.S. Catholic Church's domestic reception and integration efforts for those displaced by World War II, 105 out of 119 Catholic dioceses in the United States at the time had a resettlement director appointed by the local bishop. In the decades following the NCRC's creation, the U.S. Catholic community played a central role in welcoming hundreds of thousands of refugees from the Soviet Union, Hungary, Vietnam, Cuba, and elsewhere, many of whom were fleeing communist persecution. These efforts were preceded by generations of Catholics, especially laypersons and women religious, who welcomed newcomers from around the world to the United States, including non-Catholics.

9. What is the USCCB's position on immigration reform?

The U.S. Catholic bishops are steadfast proponents of federal immigration reform—both a comprehensive reform of U.S. immigration law (e.g., the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013) and incremental reforms to improve specific areas where possible (e.g., the Farm Workforce Modernization Act).

Immigration reform was a major topic of discussion in Strangers No Longer, and the U.S. bishops' Justice for Immigrants campaign was specifically created in 2004 to encourage positive immigration reform. The USCCB has consistently supported increased opportunities for legal immigration and the protection for immigrants' due process rights, while opposing an enforcement-only approach to immigration that prioritizes deterrence and unjust penalties.

10. Does the USCCB oppose all efforts to increase border security?

No. Catholic teaching provides that countries "have the right to take measures against irregular immigration, with due respect for the human rights of all" (Welcoming Christ in Refugees and Forcibly Displaced Persons: Pastoral Guidelines, no. 57). As part of its mission to promote the common good, the USCCB regularly takes positions on legislative proposals before the U.S. Congress and administrative policies that relate to a wide range of issues, including immigration. However, it maintains no blanket policy of opposing all measures designed to increase border security.

150TH ANNIVERSARY



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St. Isidore Parish at Cuba celebrated its 150th anniversary of the church established in 1973. The cornerstone is carved on the existing part of the limestone church still in use. Bishop Jerry Vincke celebrates Mass with Father Henry Baxa. Other former parish priests celebrating are Father Charles Steier, Father Don Zimmerman, Father Steve Heina, Father John Wolesky and Deacon Steve Heiman.



# Bike tour supports churches

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN  
THE REGISTER

The Tour die Kapellen — German for “tour of the churches” — began four years ago when bicyclists from near and far converged on Hays.

Local bicyclist enthusiasts thought it would be a good way to show off some of the beautiful churches in Ellis County and earn a little money for those parishes as well.

Adding a bus tour for non-bicyclists for last year's tour received such a positive response that a second bus was added this year, and a record-number 250 registered bicyclists and 50 bus riders participated.

“We love showing off our churches and sharing our rich heritage with others,” said Kay Werth, one of the main organizers along with Kathy Rome and Ron Leiker.

Bicyclists and bus riders travel to four different churches in the county and are treated to water and healthy snacks — and a little history on the churches and music from talented local musicians.

The bicyclists can choose different routes ranging from 15 to 100 miles, then mingle with others over a meal in a Hays park after-



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**Tour die Kapellen participants were treated to beautiful music at every stop by professional musicians, including harpist Jane Hyde.**

ward.

The first two years, funds from the event went to the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria and St. Catherine Church in Catharine. Last year, it was St. Francis of Assisi in Munjor that was able to make improvements because of the Tour die Kapellen. And this year, the Holy Cross Shrine in Pfeifer was the recipient of the event's proceeds.

Josh Waddell, the point of contact for the St. Francis of Assisi parish, said he has

been impressed with the entire event from start to finish. And his home church now has clean limestone as well as new metal work that needed addressed.

Munjor's parish family is comprised of approximately 250 families, “and we have no problem getting volunteers for the Tour die Kapellen,” Waddell said.

Deb Hoffman, the lead organizer for the Holy Cross Charities — a non-profit organization that



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**Jennifer and Michael Donnelly from Lawrence were able to participate in the Tour die Kapellen together — Jennifer on her bicycle and Michael on the tour bus.**

raises money for the Holy Cross Shrine through fundraisers — had similar success in gathering volunteers.

Hoffman said that now Holy Cross Charities Seal will be able to seal the stained glass windows on the church, which is listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

This year's Tour die Kapellen participants were treated to near-perfect weather and a visit from Bishop Jerry Vincke, who gave the invocation, donned his helmet, jumped on his bike and led the first group down Main Street.

“I love traveling around

the diocese and visiting with our parishioners,” Bishop Vincke said. “What a beautiful day this is for a bike ride and fellowship.”

This year's event was particularly special to one couple — Jennifer and Michael Donnelly from Lawrence, who were able to take part in a bicycling event for the first time.

Jennifer biked the 50-mile route, while husband Michael rode on the tour bus. Michael, wheelchair-bound for the past 46 years after suffering paralysis from a swimming accident as a teenager, was thrilled to take part in such an event with his wife.

“Jennifer saw an ad for this,” Michael said, “and we thought it was great because it was something we could do together. It's been a lot of fun.”

It was a lot of fun for all involved, including those who had to put in a little work to make it happen.

“I love the attitude of the people, the pride of the organizations around the city, donations of their time and their talents and their pride,” Waddell said.

“We're proud to represent our parish, and I'm blown away with the fact that we get to share our community with people from all over.”

## Father Brian gives guest homily at Benedictine

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Each year, Benedictine College in Atchison begins the new school year with an all-school Mass and opening academic convocation. This year, the convocation celebrated record enrollment of more than 2,200 undergraduate students, with keynote address provided by Tim Carney, author and senior political editor at the Washington Examiner.

The Mass, in St. Benedict's Abbey Church, was concelebrated by Sacred Heart Parish pastor and Benedictine College alumnus Father Brian Lager, who delivered the guest homily. Benedictine College President Stephen D. Minnis presented him with a special speaker's award during the convocation.

During his homily, Father Brian spoke of the four pillars of Benedictine College and noted they were key to his development.

“Benedictine College is Catholic. That means it's aligned with a person: Jesus Christ,” he told the packed church. “Second, it's Benedictine. Read the rule of St. Benedict this year and you can learn his



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**Benedictine College President Stephen D. Minnis presents Father Brian Lager with a speaker's award.**

wisdom for your life: Especially the importance of humility, which he puts so much focus on, and hospitality, which is how we greet everyone like Christ. Next is the Liberal Arts pillar. Benedictine College speaks to the whole human person and gives you the tools to seek the truth in all things. The last one is ‘Residential,’ and I'm going to spend the most time on that.

“You will find friends you will have for the rest of your life. When you leave Benedictine College to go into a career, you will find you meet people who know you went to

Benedictine and know they have so much in common with you. And you will develop the greatest friendship, a relationship with Jesus Christ. Lean into that friendship with Christ. That will be the only thing you have when things get difficult.”

Father Brian first heard the call to the priesthood early in his life. In kindergarten, when asked to draw a picture of what he wanted to be when he grew up, he drew a picture of himself as a priest and announced to the whole class he was going to take religious vows.

He didn't think about it much after that, though, and went about his life. He played football as a freshman at Benedictine and was involved with FOCUS, Campus Ministry and the Knights of Columbus while on campus.

He went on to join FOCUS as a missionary and the commitment to a daily Holy Hour opened his heart to hear the call to be a priest. After seminary, he was ordained in 2012 by Bishop Edward Weisenburger at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina and has served as parochial vicar or pastor at numerous parishes

throughout central and western Kansas.

He was the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Hays, and served as chaplain at Comeau Catholic Campus Center at Fort Hays State University prior to his current position as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Colby.

Founded in 1858, Benedictine College is a Catholic, Benedictine, residential, liberal arts college located on the bluffs above the Missouri River in Atchison. The school is honored to have been named one of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report, the best private college in Kansas by the Wall Street Journal, and one of the top Catholic colleges in the nation by First Things magazine and the Newman Guide. It prides itself on outstanding academics, extraordinary faith life, strong athletic programs and an exceptional sense of community and belonging. Benedictine College is dedicated to transforming culture in America through its mission to educate men and women within a community of faith and scholarship.







# Couple shares 'Divine' story to crowds

By ALLISON OCHOA  
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

"There's no limit to what we can accomplish when we give God our fiat and get out of the way," EWTN's Jack Williams told the crowd of 265 attendees at Divine Mercy Radio's 13th annual appreciation banquet in Hays.

Jack, general manager of EWTN Radio, and his wife Johnnette, the founder of the Catholic apostolate Women of Grace, shared the spotlight as the guest speakers at the Sept. 9 event in Hays and a second banquet Sept. 10 in Salina. The couple shared memories of their time with EWTN founder Mother Angelica, personal testimonies about the loss of spouses and a child, and the story of their own courtship. They also spoke of their respective journeys to their current roles at EWTN.

"In 1987 there were only seven Catholic radio stations in the country, and of those, only two were used for evangelization," Johnnette recalled of her early days producing a Catholic radio show.

God paved the way for her to expand to television after Johnnette traveled to Medju-

gorje and filmed hours of raw footage. Upon arriving home, she found she had no money to pay for studio time to edit the material so a friend who knew Mother Angelica asked her to pray for Johnnette to find the money. Mother Angelica responded, "She doesn't need the money. She will come here, and I'll provide my facilities and crew for her to use to edit everything."

The only thing Mother Angelica asked in return was Johnnette write a proposal for a television program. By February 1988, she was working in programming for EWTN.

Jack initially intended to become a veterinarian and was attending school at Iowa State University.

"But I flunked out, so I took the next logical step and got into sports radio," he joked.

After a decade of sports talk-radio programming, Jack began working for an evangelical Christian station in Des Moines that was owned by a Catholic deacon. That station eventually transformed into a Catholic radio station. Jack joined EWTN in 2014.

While they had known and worked with each other



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Jack and Johnnette Williams speak to the crowd gathered at the Divine Mercy Radio event in Salina.

for several years, it wasn't until 2017, several years after they had experienced the loss of their respective spouses to cancer, that Jack and Johnnette began seeing each other in a different light. They shared the story of their courtship, including navigating the tricky waters their roles at the network posed and what it was like to try to keep their relationship under wraps until Jack proposed. The couple was married in 2018.

In their testimony about their marriage, the fruits of individuals offering their fiat to God and the power of Catholic radio, Jack said: "The evil one is no match for God, for Jesus Christ or the

Holy Spirit, but he's not stupid. He knows how to devise a strategy to divide us, and he goes after the family and the Church. But Catholic radio helps combat that. Catholic radio helps tell the truth to combat the darkness. You don't have to have a theology degree. Just tell someone they should listen

to Divine Mercy Radio."

Johnnette echoed the sentiment by reminding the audience God has already provided every spiritual blessing needed to combat the darkness in the world.

"He saw you and me and all of us together in this time," she said. "We are the people who will make his face known in this dark, pessimistic, perverse moment in time. He desires us to allow him into every nook and cranny of our being."

This year's annual banquets in Hays and Salina will be the last with Divine Mercy Radio founder and Executive Director Donetta Robben at the helm of the five-station network. Robben will retire in December. Nathan Lang, the network's current assistant director, will assume executive director duties in January.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Holy Father entrusts the Apostleship of Prayer to publicize his prayer intentions for the good of the world and the Church.

### Pope's prayer intention for October

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle

at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### Diocesan prayer intention for October

For the poor, the homeless, and all who are in need in our world. May they receive love, respect, and the material assistance they need.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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DEATHS

**Tiffany Sue (LeDuc) Andrewjeski**, 44, of Bonner Springs, died June 28, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Clyde.

**Raymond Bennett**, 83, died Aug. 18, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 23 at St.

Franics Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Kerry Ninemire presided. Burial in Kansas Veterans Cemetery in WaKeeney.

Coady presided. Burial in St. Patrick's-Elbow Community in Manhattan.

**Gregory A. Hibberd**, 72, died July 25, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 3 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Kerry Ninemire presided. Burial in Kansas Veterans Cemetery.

**Mary "Lolly" Veronica Hibberd**, 72, died July 26, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 3 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Kerry Ninemire presided. Burial in Kansas Veterans Cemetery.

**Thomas "Tom" Hickert**, 51, of Norton, died Aug. 15, 2023. Inurnment on Aug. 27 in St. Joseph Cemetery in New Almelo. Deacon Brian Kirk presided.

**Genevieve "Jenny" Anna Jones**, 96, of Clyde, died Aug. 20, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 24 at St. John the Baptist Church in Clyde. Father Joseph Kieffer presided. Burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Clyde.

**Lou Mick**, 94, died July 28, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 12 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. Father Daryl Olmstead presided. Burial in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

**Veronica "Fronie" Slothower**, 99, of Osborne, died Aug. 24, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 30 at St. Aloysius Gonzaga in Osborne. Father Daryl Olmstead presided. Burial in St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Cemetery in Osborne.

**Carl Victor Wahlmeier**, 81, died July 17, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 1 at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo. Father Vincent Thu Laing and Father Brian Lager presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in New Almelo.

**Melvin F. Wolf**, 86, of Grinnell, died Aug. 16, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 21 at Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell. Father James M. Thomas presided. Burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Grinnell.

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# What is a plenary indulgence?

BY THE REGISTER

As Christians, our vocation is love – to love God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Sometimes our love falls short and we wound and damage our union with God and his Church through sin. In true sorrow, we take these sins to the confessional and receive the abundant mercy and forgiveness of God. Our sincere confession wipes away (remits) the eternal punishment that is our due and are brought into communion once again.

However, just as when a parent forgives for a broken window but expects some form of restitution to be made, so too, we are bound to pay the penalty due for the wounds we inflict. Our soul remains in need of purification because of the consequences of our actions.

Purification is needed, either while on earth or afterward in purgatory. This is called temporal (for a limited time) punishment.

With the authority given by Christ “to bind and loose,” the Church dispenses and applies the spiritual goods of the Church’s “spiritual treasury.” This spiritual treasury is the infinite, inexhaustible value which Christ’s merits have before God and their manifestation in the saints who followed in His footsteps. In other words, the act of love of one brings about the good of the others; the sacrifice of one profits the others; the holiness of one member is of benefit to the others.

To dispense from this spiritual treasury, the Church attaches to certain actions an indulgence (a pardon – either in full or in part) which releases one from the temporal punishment due. Christ himself, acting through the Church, brings about the healing of

the consequences of sin when a person, with sincerity and devotion, fulfills the indulgenced action.

During this Year of Mercy, the Church has specially granted to the Catholic Diocese of Salina the opportunity for gaining a plenary indulgence at any of our parish churches dedicated to the Year of Mercy. You may visit any of these churches as often as you wish, but a plenary indulgence can be gained

only once a day. You may gain the indulgence for yourself, or for the souls in purgatory, but not for another living person.

Visit one of the churches dedicated to the Year of Mercy in the Diocese of Salina. While there, participate in Mass or pray the divine mercy chaplet for a sufficient amount of time pleading for:

- The United States to be faithful to its Christian vocation.

- Vocations to the priest-

hood and religious life.

- The defense of the human family and respect for life.

- The end of violence and wars.

Conclude with:

- The Lord’s Prayer.
- The Creed.

- Invocations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Pilgrimage sites include:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, 118 N. Ninth, Salina;

visiting hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

- Sacred Heart Parish, 202 Cottonwood, Park; visiting hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

- St. Joseph Parish, 107 Oak, Damar; visiting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

- Seven Dolors Parish, 731 Pierre, Manhattan; visiting hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.



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