



# Southwest Kansas CATHOLIC

**"We sinned for no reason but an  
incomprehensible lack of love, and  
He saved us for no reason but an  
incomprehensible excess of love."**

— PETER KREEFT

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**Most Rev.  
John B. Brungardt**  
Bishop of the Catholic  
Diocese of Dodge City

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+ Bishop John

October 1, 2019

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

**M**y whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my in-  
vincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I  
know it by experience," wrote St. Thérèse of Lisieux. She knew  
much suffering, as St. Thérèse died from tuberculosis at age 24. I ask her  
intercession as we publish the list of priests and seminarians who have  
substantiated allegations of the sexual abuse of children.

I apologize to victim survivors of child sexual abuse, especially those  
who were abused by priests and seminarians of the Catholic Diocese of  
Dodge City. You have suffered from this terrible sin. I beg your forgive-  
ness. I pray our Lord Jesus will give His healing love to you and your fami-  
lies. We hope in Christ: **"... power came forth from [Jesus] and healed  
them all"** (Luke 6:19).

I offer my assistance to the victim survivors and their families. If you  
wish, I will meet personally with you and your support people.

If anyone you know may have been a victim of sexual abuse by clergy,  
seminarian, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City,  
please call local law enforcement, the Kansas Department for Children  
and Families Report Center, or the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. In  
addition to making a report to the civil authorities, you may contact the  
representative from our diocesan Review Board for assistance, and he will  
also offer the help of our Assistance Minister (all contact info is on our  
website and in the *Southwest Kansas Catholic* newspaper).

## Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús...

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1 de octubre de 2019

*Queridos hermanos y hermanas,*

**T**oda mi fuerza está en la oración y el sacrificio, estos son mis  
brazos invencibles; pueden mover los corazones mucho mejor  
que las palabras, lo sé por experiencia», escribió Santa Teresa de  
Lisieux. Ella conocio mucho sufrimiento, ya que Santa Teresa murió de  
tuberculosis a los 24 años. Le pido su intercesión mientras publicamos  
la lista de sacerdotes y seminaristas que tienen acusaciones verosímiles  
de abuso sexual de menores.

Pido disculpas a las víctimas de abuso sexual infantil, especialmente a  
aquellas que fueron abusadas por sacerdotes y seminaristas de la Diócesis  
Católica de Dodge City. Ustedes han sufrido por este terrible pecado. Les  
pido perdón. Rezo para que nuestro Señor Jesús les dé Su amor sanador  
a ustedes y a sus familias. Esperamos en Cristo: **«... porque salía de él  
[Jesús] una fuerza que sanaba a todos»** (Lucas 6,19).

Ofrezco mi ayuda a las víctimas y a sus familias. Si lo desean, me reuniré  
personalmente con ustedes y la gente que los apoya.

Si alguien que usted conoce puede haber sido víctima de abuso sexual  
por parte del clero, seminaristas, empleados o voluntarios de la Diócesis  
de Dodge City, por favor llame a la policía local, al Centro de Denuncias  
del Departamento de Niños y Familias de Kansas, o a la Oficina de Inves-  
tigación de Kansas. Además de hacer una denuncia a las autoridades  
civiles, usted puede contactar al representante de nuestro Consejo de  
Revisión diocesano para asistencia, y también el ofrecerá la ayuda de  
nuestro Ministro de Asistencia (toda la información de contacto está en

## Diocese releases names of priests, seminarians with substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of children

I pray for just punishment, remorse, and conversion of the perpetra-  
tors and concealers of sexual abuse. I thank law enforcement, attorneys,  
judges, health professionals and all who help victims of this heinous  
crime.

I am grateful to Retired Judge Robert J. Schmisser for his careful at-  
tention in auditing our clergy and seminarian files.

I affirm all faithful priests, deacons, and seminarians who are true  
servants of God. It is easy to be discouraged, but we take hope in our  
Savior. Jesus is with us, and will strengthen us.

I encourage everyone to be involved in our Safe Environment pro-  
gram as we learn and implement ways to keep our children protected.  
I appreciate the countless staff and volunteers of this ministry. May all  
organizations that work with minors rededicate themselves to keeping  
children safe.

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, intercede for us as we follow your ex-  
ample of prayer and sacrifice. Let us trust in our Gentle Savior. Jesus **"saw  
a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick"**  
(Matthew 14:14). Jesus is revealing our sufferings, healing our wounds,  
and loving us more than we can ask or imagine.

+ Bishop John B. Brungardt  
Catholic Diocese of Dodge City

## Diócesis publica nombres de sacerdotes, seminaristas con acusaciones verosímiles denuncias de abuso sexual de niños

nuestro sitio web y en el periódico *Southwest Kansas Catholic*).

Rezo para que los autores de abuso sexual y los que lo ocultaron tengan  
un castigo justo, que experimenten el remordimiento y la conversión.  
Agradezco a las fuerzas del orden, abogados, jueces, profesionales de la  
salud y a todos los que ayudan a las víctimas de este crimen atroz.

Agradezco al juez retirado Robert J. Schmisser por su cuidadosa aten-  
ción al auditar los archivos de nuestro clero y seminaristas.

Afirmo a todos los sacerdotes, diáconos y seminaristas fieles que son  
verdaderos siervos de Dios. Es fácil desanimarse, pero tenemos esperanza  
en nuestro Salvador. Jesús está con nosotros, y nos fortalecerá.

Animo a todos a participar en nuestro programa Ambiente Seguro  
mientras aprendemos e implementamos maneras de mantener protegidos  
a nuestros niños. Aprecio al incontable personal y voluntarios de este  
ministerio. Que todas las organizaciones que trabajan con menores se  
dediquen de nuevo a mantener a los niños seguros.

Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, intercede por nosotros, mientras seguimos  
tu ejemplo de oración y sacrificio. Confiemos en nuestro Tierno salvador.  
Jesús **«al ver la gran multitud, sintió lástima y sanó a los enfermos»** (Ma-  
teo 14,14). Jesús está revelando nuestros sufrimientos, sanando nuestras  
heridas y amándonos más de lo que podemos pedir o imaginar.

+ Obispo John B. Brungardt  
Diócesis Católica de Dodge City

## 'The Crusader' and other priests I know

**D**id you know that a priest who recently concluded five years of service here is known in the Philippines for his martial arts skills, and has even earned a gold medal as a National Champion? Not to mention the fact that he has a nickname designed to strike fear into the hearts of his opponents!

Did you also know that several years ago, another one of our priests was piloting a plane across Afghanistan, and before departing, had to be stripped of any personal documentation due to the high likelihood of being shot down by air-to-air missiles?

"That was rather sobering," he told me.

And then there is the priest who, before he began partaking in bringing people closer to Christ and helping form their faith life, he was introducing dogs, cats and other animals to the joys of good health as a veterinarian!

I love these stories, which is why I've been working on a book about our local priests and the priesthood in general, for several months.

I began the book long before the more recent allegations of cleric abuse came to light, but I fill its pages today with as much joy and even more enthusiasm than before.

*Why?*

I'm a pretty cynical person, so like many of you, I had to really examine how I felt about my beloved Church when this sadness came to light.

The victims of cleric abuse are first and foremost in my mind when it comes to offering compassion and prayer. It's heart-breaking. I can't imagine that kind of pain.

And I add to that a prayer for the Church, for the good people in the pews who have been let down. And I pray for all the awesome priests. And I pray for the perpetrators, too, that they face justice.

My joy in writing the book is that I am wanting even more fervently to remind people of the beauty of our Church and its "fishermen". (*A book on our awesome Women Religious will follow.*)

I mean, how many diocese's had a priest known as Father George "The Crusader"

Fajardo?

"Through the FMA (Filipino Martial Arts), I received the Gold Medal as National Champion in 1996. I also was awarded the Silver Medal in 1998," he told me.

As for the pilot flying over Afghanistan?

"Prior to flying in that part of the world," explained Father Mark Brantley, a retired officer with the U.S. Air Force, "we received a rather detailed intelligence briefing describing where they thought air-to-air missiles would be. We had to basically strip our flight suit of anything personal. ...

"That was rather sobering."

*Yikes.*

Although he wasn't taking on combative forces in the martial arts ring, or in combat zones from the sky, Father Jim Dieker spent each day risking being bitten by a startled pooch or kicked by a frightened horse.

"Father John Lavrih was a very seasoned and dedicated pastor who was my pastor in my early days of practicing the profession of Veterinary Medicine," explained Father Dieker. "As a refugee, his life story was compelling, but his charismatic faith was intoxicating. He prayed for vocations constantly. I went to him on a whim to learn German. We never got around to studying German, but discovered my real search was for faith and direction in my personal life.

"The powerful freedom of priesthood to be with people at the most spiritual moments of their lives is the great wonder and blessing of priesthood. It is being an instrument of communion with God and with one another."

I hope you get to know our priests, whether through the book (hopefully it will be done early next year) or by simply taking the time to visit with them for a little while.

And in the meantime, keep the prayers coming. In our precious Lord we can all find healing.



By Dave Myers  
Editor

## Awkward Pauses

**A**wkward Pauses, that's what Dom Eugene Boylan, OSB called them in 1943.

He was referring to the "conversation" we might have with the Lord on our day of judgment. There could be some difficulty then, some embarrassment, some *awkwardness*.

We might be inclined to say too little then: inclined to avoid certain subjects altogether. We will want to give voice to our life of devotion, here, there, and elsewhere, of course. But that voice may not harmonize with the ways we have neglected God, with the ways we have rejected Him even. That voice may end sounding hollow, lips moving, but no sound coming out.

We might be inclined to say too much then: to talk wildly and rapidly in order to rush past some unfortunate memories, best left unmentioned, we think. For we may have made up our minds long since that on certain points we will not give Him what we know He wants. We cannot face him eye-to-eye, with that shy smile of complete surrender. We are not yet ready to give Him that.

There is one thing that many of us just do not get. The extent to which He participates in our life *depends largely on how much we want it*. He will never barge in. He will never overwhelm us. He will never take away our freedom.

And, what of us? We want to work with Him at certain times, that much seems clear, and in certain ways. But we also want to be rid of him at other times, and in other ways. We want Him, to be sure, but *only* and *always* on our own terms.

That's just the trouble. We cannot get rid of the Lord for a time. He is there all the time. We treat Him as a permanent friend, or we will have 'difficulties' in all our relationship.

There will be, well, some *awkward pauses*.



Another Way  
Most Rev. Ronald  
M. Gilmore  
Bishop Emeritus of  
Dodge City

## Pausas incómodas

**P**ausas incómodas, así es como Dom Eugene Boylan, OSB las llamó en 1943.

Se refería a la «conversación» que podríamos tener con el Señor en nuestro día del juicio. Podría haber alguna dificultad entonces, alguna vergüenza, alguna *incomodidad*.

Tal vez estaremos inclinados a decir demasiado poco entonces: inclinados a evitar ciertos temas por completo. Querremos dar voz a nuestra vida de devoción, aquí, allá y en otros lugares, por supuesto. Pero esa voz puede no estar en armonía con las maneras en que hemos descuidado a Dios, con las maneras en que lo hemos rechazado a Él incluso. Esa voz puede terminar sonando hueca, con los labios en movimiento, pero sin que salga ningún sonido.

Tal vez estaremos inclinados a decir demasiado entonces: a hablar salvajemente y rápidamente para pasar rápidamente por alto algunos recuerdos desafortunados, que es mejor no mencionar, creemos. Porque puede que hayamos tomado una decisión desde hace mucho

tiempo, ya que en ciertos puntos no le daremos lo que sabemos que Él quiere. No podemos enfrentarnos a él cara a cara, con esa tímida sonrisa de completa rendición. Todavía no estamos listos para darle eso.

Hay una cosa que muchos de nosotros no entendemos. El grado en que Él participa en nuestra vida *depende en gran medida de cuánto lo deseamos*. Él nunca irrumpirá. Nunca nos abrumará. Él nunca nos quitará nuestra libertad.

Y, ¿qué hay de nosotros? Queremos trabajar con Él en ciertos momentos, eso parece claro, y de ciertas maneras. Pero también queremos deshacernos de él en otros momentos y de otras maneras. Lo queremos a Él, seguramente, pero *siempre y cuando* sea según nuestras propias condiciones.

Ese es el problema. No podemos deshacernos del Señor por un tiempo. Él está ahí todo el tiempo. Lo tratamos como un amigo permanente, o tendremos «dificultades» en toda nuestra relación.

Habrà, bueno, algunas *pausas incómodas*.

## Protecting God's Children

**T**he Catholic Diocese of Dodge City requires all employees and volunteers who work with children to participate in a Protecting God's Children awareness session.

Through the Diocesan Awareness Sessions and other educational efforts of the diocese, all people of the diocese can learn how to discuss different aspects of abuse — including sexual abuse. The next Protecting God's Children awareness session is scheduled for:

**Ulysses – (Spanish language)**

**Sunday, Oct. 27; 2– 5 p.m.; Mary, Queen of Peace, Parish Center, 320 W. Wheat**

**Facilitator: Norma Alvarez 620-225-4802; Contact: Marina Alvarado 620-356-1532**

### IF YOU SUSPECT ABUSE

If you suspect abuse or neglect of a child in Kansas and the child is in immediate danger, call 911 or local law enforcement.

If you have suspicion a child is being abused or neglected, make a confidential report to Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center, 800-922-5330 or to the KBI Hotline, 800-KSCRIME (800-572-7463), or by emailing ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov.

If you suspect sexual abuse by Church personnel, in addition to making a report to the proper civil authorities, please contact Mr. Charles Befort, the diocesan Review Board representative who receives and follows up on reports. His contact information is crbefort@cox.net, 620-285-3219. In addition, Mr. Befort will offer the help of the Assistance Minister whose goal is to be a listening ear and to promote healing.

*The Review Board is a consultative body of lay Catholics and one priest- representative who advises the Bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse, reviews diocesan policies for dealing with sexual abuse of minors and offers advice on all aspects of sexual abuse cases retrospectively and prospectively.*

*The Assistance Minister's role is to aid in the pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused as minors by clergy or other church personnel, whether the abuse was recent or occurred many years in the past.*

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# In Celebration of Diversity



Courtesy photo

They came to the streets of Dodge City as representatives of their culture, their faith, and their community. And they came to honor the Holy Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe. The event was Celebrating Diversity Day, Sept. 15. People from across the community joined to march along city streets—enjoying food, music and dance—in celebration of the diverse mix of cultures that make up our region. The Danza de Tepeyac (a group of dancers from the cathedral parish), left, danced in part to show their cultural heritage, but more so as an expression of faith in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. At center is Sister Angela Erevia, MCDP, Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. Kneeling third from left is dance director Sergio Gutiérrez.

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*Celebrando el regalo de la diversidad de culturas de la Ciudad de Dodge City, KS. Danza de Tepeyac dirigida por Sergio Gutiérrez. es una expresión de nuestra fe. - Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, domingo, 15 de septiembre.*



For the first time in the 20-plus years since the diocese installed the Interactive Television System, the Pastoral Ministry Formation Program presented a bi-lingual class. Hosted by Father Robert Schremmer, the program, “Celebrating Diversity...Cultural and Beyond,” wasn’t so much a class as it was a gathering of people sharing dialog, prayer and stories—all as a way of seeking a way for the many members of our community to become a unified family of brothers and sisters in Christ.



Photos by Coleen Stein

## Come to the table Parishes offer invites to annual dinners

### St. John the Apostle, St. John, Oct. 20

St. John The Apostle Catholic Parish in St. John will present its 33rd Annual Turkey/Ham Dinner in the Catholic Witt Center on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 12-1:30 p.m. The cost for the meal tickets are: Adults - \$10; children ages 5-12, \$5; and children

under the age of five, free. The parish will be serving turkey and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, vegetables, bread and variety of desserts. There will be a raffle drawing with many prizes to be given away at 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

### Daughters of Isabella, Garden City, Nov. 9

On Saturday, Nov. 9, The Daughters of Isabella will host its annual soup supper at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garden City, 205 N. 8th St., from 4-8 p.m. The supper is the largest fund raiser of the year for the Dofl. Homemade chili and chicken noodle soup will be served, and a relish plate, and

cheese and jalapenos will be available. Included will be a silent auction and raffle. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 13 and under, children under at 3 eat for free. If you need more information, contact Betty Brungardt at (620) 275-4836.

### Holy Name Parish, Bushton, Oct. 20

Holy Name Catholic Church of Bushton will host its annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Bushton Community Center on the north side of Bushton. The roast beef dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This year’s event also will include a traditional raffle with more than 50 items

and featuring a queen-size quilt as the grand prize, plus a special children’s raffle featuring a boy’s and girl’s gift basket as the grand prize. In addition, there will be a cake wheel and numerous children’s games. Cost of the meal, including a salad bar and pie, is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 – 12, and free for those age 5 and under.

### St. Bernard Parish, Belpre, Oct. 23

St. Bernard Parish in Belpre will present its 57th Annual Turkey Supper in the parish hall, Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 5 p.m. until the food runs out. The cost for the meal tickets are adult, \$10; children ages 5-12, \$5; and children under five, free. The parish will serve mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, homemade

bread, jello, and a variety of desserts. Included will be a country store, games and raffle. Prizes include a quilt handmade by Cheryl Skalsky; a \$100 bill; a \$75 certificate to Burkhart Meats in Kinsley; Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Tour concert tickets for two at United Wireless in Dodge City; and a Rosewood Wine Cellar gift basket.

## Diocese of Dodge City seeks Diocesan Director of Youth Ministries

The Diocesan Director of Youth Ministries supports and encourages diocesan and parochial ministry to youth and with youth in collaboration with parish ministers and pastors; specifically implementing US Bishops’ document, “Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry”. The director provides direct outreach and development to 47 parishes over 23,000 square miles in our rural, multi-ethnic, mission diocese, as well as, provides diocesan, regional, and national events and gatherings. A successful candidate has a degree in Pastoral Ministry or equivalent, a minimum of 3 years successful diocesan or parish ministry, must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Proficiency in Spanish is a definite plus. Send résumé and cover letter describing applicant’s vision of effective, comprehensive youth ministry to Georgina Paz, Director of the Curia, gpaz@dcdiocese.org, P.O. Box, 137, Dodge City, KS 67801. Position open until filled.

## Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers!

October 6th, 3:00 pm  
Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Dodge City, Kansas

October 26th, 10:00 am  
Catholic Charities Office  
705 Ballinger St, Garden City KS

Teach Basic English.  
Help refugees learn to drive.  
Provide childcare.  
Answer the phone and door.

Come learn about volunteer opportunities, training and more. Together, we’ll find the best fit for you!





## A letter from Father Prakash Kola

**Thank You.**



*Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass*  
*Misa Diocesana de Aniverario de Matrimonios*

3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019  
Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe

3231 North 14th Street, Dodge City

**Couples must register by Monday, Oct. 7**

by going to [www.dcdiocese.org](http://www.dcdiocese.org) and clicking on the Anniversary Mass box,  
by calling 620-227-1525, or by filling out the form below.

*Para inscribirse, por favor complete el formulario y envíelo antes del lunes 7 de octubre.*

The event is open to all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and more years in 2019.

# Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass Registration Form

Fill out and send by Monday, Oct. 7 to: Matrimony Anniversary Mass,  
*Para inscribirse, por favor complete el* 910 Central, P.O. Box 137,  
*formulario y envíelo antes del lunes 8 de octubre:* Dodge City, KS 67801

BE SURE AND PRINT LEGIBLY!    POR FAVOR IMPRIMIR LEGIBLEMENTE

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Husband \_\_\_\_\_ Wife \_\_\_\_\_  
*Esposo* \_\_\_\_\_ *Esposa* \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Domicilio* \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
*Ciudad* \_\_\_\_\_ *Estado* \_\_\_\_\_ *Código Postal* \_\_\_\_\_

Phone *Telefono* \_\_\_\_\_Parish *Parroquia*

Email--Please type "None" if you do not have an email address:  
*Correo Electronico--Por favor indique "ninguno" si no tiene uno:*

Number of Years of Matrimony	Preferred Language of Certificate:	English	Spanish
<i>Numero de Años Casados</i>	<i>Idioma Preferido para Certificado:</i>	<i>ingles</i>	<i>español</i>

Number of Guests (Please include the two of you.)  
*Numero de Invitados (Por favor de incluir dos para usted)* \_\_\_\_\_

# Acts of Kindness

**Editor's Note:** Please send your stories of kindness to the Catholic. Send to [skregister@dcdiocese.org](mailto:skregister@dcdiocese.org), or mail to Southwest Kansas Catholic, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801.

*Read the essay below and other essays on acts of kindness and view videos associated with these essays at [www.thelist.com/81368/stories-kindness-will-make-cry](http://www.thelist.com/81368/stories-kindness-will-make-cry).*

She gave a homeless  
woman her boots

Kelly McGuire and her husband Sean were leaving a Bears game in Chicago when she spotted a homeless woman across the street. The woman held a sign reading "I am in need of winter boots and winter clothing items."

McGuire had a bag of warm clothing with her because she had worn layers for the 30 degree weather, and then took them off while she was eating dinner. She wrote on her Facebook post, "I had everything in that bag that she needed. Shirts, sweatshirts, gloves, scarves, etc."

After giving her the bag of clothing, McGuire sat down next to the woman and removed her boots, intending to walk to the train in her socks. That's when the woman stopped her and offered her the old, dirty boots she had been wearing. McGuire wrote, "She, who had nothing, offered me these boots. Her boots. I wore them all the way home."

Her story received thousands of shares on Facebook and she was invited onto the Ellen Show, where she shared her story again. At the end of the segment, Ellen gave McGuire ten thousand dollars, and instructed her to give a thousand dollars to ten friends, to pay it forward. Then Ellen gave her another ten thousand dollars for herself.

McGuire concluded her Facebook post, "If you have the urge to do something kind for someone, I encourage you to do it."

# Reverse the Ruling Petition is a shining light of Catholic action

The evangelist Saint Luke offers a remarkably compact insight on how followers of Christ should act in the world. “Jesus said to his disciples: ‘No one, after lighting a lamp covers it with a bowl or puts it under a bed; rather he puts it on a lampstand so that people coming in may see the light.’” (Luke 8:16)

One of the “lights” that Jesus speaks about is shining upon and even threatening a core concern of Kansas Catholics. How will we respond?

Preborn babies and mothers in crisis are confronting new and ominous dangers resulting from the landmark Kansas Supreme Court ruling on abortion. The case Hodes & Nauser, MDs v. Schmidt, generated some news coverage last April, with precious little reported since then.

The impact of the ruling is nothing short of horrific. Abortion is now a new “natural right” in our Kansas Constitution. In a stunning development, the Sunflower State ranks alongside New York as among the most pro-abortion in America.

Gruesome live dismemberment abortions continue in Kansas at an average rate of a dozen each week. Additionally, the legal door is now opening for teenage girls seeking an abortion without parental knowledge or consent, partial birth abortions and government-funded abortions.

Although no surgical abortion clinics operate in the Diocese of Dodge City, abortions are very likely happening in our own neighborhoods. Women in crisis pregnancies obtain abortion drugs and, much like the dark scene depicted in the movie Unplanned, the child’s life tragically ends at home. Skyrocketing chemical abortions now account for more than half of all Kansas abortions (KDHE data, 2017).

The decision in Hodes & Nauser, MDs v. Schmidt means Kansas abortion industry is virtually unregulated. A Gallup poll (May 2019) shows that even “pro-choice” people believe there should be at least some limits to abortion.

**OUR CATHOLIC RESPONSE: PRAYER AND CIVIC ACTION**

Legal experts say the only practical solution to this injustice is passage of a state constitutional amendment that reverses the ruling. The Bishops of Kansas are entrusting this intention to Our Lady of Guadalupe, with a particular call to pray the

Rosary as parish communities, families or individually each Thursday. See [www.KansasRosaryCrusade.org](http://www.KansasRosaryCrusade.org)

Specific language of the constitutional amendment will be short and simple. If passed, it will again allow enforcement of reasonable Kansas abortion laws, regulation of clinics and the safeguarding of mother’s health.

Amending the Kansas Constitution has happened 97 times in the history of our state. It is a two-step process.

Step One requires legislative approve of amendment language by a 2/3’s vote in both the Kansas House and the Senate. Once approved, Step Two places the question on the ballot for the people of Kansas to decide by a simple majority during a statewide election.

Your role in Step One is respectfully informing your elected officials—State Representatives and Senators—that you support this constitutional amendment and you want them to support it. One of the most effective ways we can do this is through the REVERSE THE RULING petition.

Respect Life leaders in parishes are working with the Knights of Columbus Council to circulate and gather signatures for the REVERSE THE RULING petition. Petitions on clipboards and postcards featuring a quote from Mother Teresa are being circulated throughout October, Respect Life month. It can also be signed online at [www.KansasCatholic.org](http://www.KansasCatholic.org).

The goal is as many signatures as possible before Thanksgiving Day weekend in anticipation of the 2020 Legislative Session. Let your voice be heard. Let the light of life shine. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Preborn, pray for us!

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By **CHUCK WEBER**  
*Executive Director*  
**Kansas**

## ‘Faithful God — Changing World’

### Oct. 25 Scripture Day welcomes Father Don Senior

The annual Catholic Diocese of Dodge City Scripture Day will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.

Along with two addresses by Father Senior — one titled “Faithful God—Changing World,” and the other titled, “Incarnation and the Cross,” the event will include an interview of Father Senior by Father Terry Klein.



Father Senior is president emeritus of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL, and a leading scholar of the New Testament. He has authored a biography of one of greatest biblical scholars of the 20th century, Raymond E. Brown.

Brown stood at the epicenter of the Catholic Church’s embracing of a study of Sacred Scripture that is still part of the atmosphere of Catholicism today.

Father Terry Klein, a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, is a former seminary administrator and university professor. He presently pastors St. Joseph Parish, Ellinwood; Immaculate Conception Parish, Claflin; and Holy Family Parish, Odin. He is an author and widely read columnist.

Through our diocesan-parish stewardship partnership, this event is free.

**REGISTER FOR LUNCH:**  
[gkirmer@dcdiocese.org](mailto:gkirmer@dcdiocese.org).

**Schedule of events**  
*Friday, October 25*  
**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City**

**10 a.m. – Welcome, Introductions, Prayer**

**10:30a.m. – Father Senior – presentation: “Faithful God – Changing World”**


**11:15 a.m. – Father Senior is interviewed by Father Terry Klein**

**12:15 p.m. – Lunch (during lunch, participants may offer questions for the Q and A to follow)**


**1:15 p.m. – Q and A**

**2 p.m. – Father Senior – presentation: “Incarnation and the Cross”**

**3 p.m. – Final blessing of the event**



“ABORTION IS PROFOUNDLY ANTI-WOMEN. THREE QUARTERS OF ITS VICTIMS ARE WOMEN. HALF THE BABIES & ALL THE WOMEN.”  
MOTHER TERESA



It’s our faith. It’s God’s word. **IT’S YOUR TIME TO TAKE ACTION!**

The impact of the ruling is nothing short of horrific. Abortion is now a new “natural right” in our Kansas Constitution. In a stunning development, the Sunflower State ranks alongside New York as among the most pro-abortion in America.

Petitions on clipboards and postcards featuring a quote (above, left) from Mother Teresa are being circulated throughout October, Respect Life month. It can also be signed online at [www.KansasCatholic.org](http://www.KansasCatholic.org).

PLEASE SIGN THIS CARD IN SUPPORT OF ‘LIFE’.  
Help today to reverse the court’s ruling making Kansas a haven for unrestricted abortion.

The Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited “right” to abortion in Kansas, effectively rolling back decades of enacted life-saving limits on abortion. Sign this card to encourage the Kansas Legislature to reverse the ruling by placing before Kansas voters a state constitutional amendment restoring reasonable abortion limits.

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\*Providing your email or phone number allows only the Kansas Catholic Conference permission to use them to deliver updates. Paid for by the Kansas Catholic Conference, Chuck Weber Executive Director.



# Retired judge completes review/audit of priests, deacons, seminarians

Since 1993, the Dodge City Diocese has had a Review Board and Policies in order to provide a safe environment especially for children and to address sexual abuse by clergy. Over that span of nearly three decades, understanding of the reality of sexual abuse and ways to address it have developed and been refined. Over 8,500 people in the Diocese have participated in training sessions to heighten awareness of signs of abuse, methods and means by which offenders abuse, and steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse.

The Dodge City Diocese and Bishop Brungardt regret and apologize for the hurt that has been inflicted and the pain caused especially to those who were most vulnerable. We ask forgiveness and seek to help those suffering from sexual abuse.

Retired Kansas District Judge Robert J. Schmisser conducted a comprehensive review and audit of all files in the Diocesan Chancery office related to priests, deacons and seminarians. More than 600 files since the beginning of the diocese in 1951 were reviewed during the four-month

audit. The audit included the identification of substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy or a seminarian. The findings of the auditor's report have been shared with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas Attorney General's office. The audit did not reveal any allegations of sexual misconduct that had not previously been made known to the Review Board.

Following the audit and the Diocesan Review Board's review, Bishop Brungardt offers this list of substantiated allegations:

## PRIESTS WITH ALLEGATIONS ARISING IN THE DODGE CITY DIOCESE

**Donald Fiedler (not permitted to function as a priest since 2007)**  
Ordained for the Wichita Diocese May 1959; became a priest of Dodge City Diocese August 1964. Served in the Dodge City Diocese September 1961- January 1988: St. Rose, Great Bend; St. Joan of Arc, Elkhart; St. Helen, Hugoton; St. Alphonsus, Satanta; St. Dominic, Garden City; Mary, Queen of Peace, Ulysses.

Allegations arising from incidents in the Diocese of Dodge City in the mid-1980s. Allegations determined substantiated.

**John Haberthier (deceased)**  
Ordained for the Wichita Diocese May 1948. He became a priest of the Dodge City Diocese when it became a diocese in 1951.

Served in the Dodge City Diocese August

1950-December 1973: Sacred Heart Church/Cathedral, Dodge City; St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend; St. Theresa, Dighton; St. Michael, LaCrosse; St. Timothy, Satanta; Bob Wilson Hospital, Ulysses; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Windthorst; St. Patrick, Plains.

Served in the Pueblo Diocese in Colorado November 1973-July 1977 and in the San Bernardino Diocese in California April 1979-1987.

Allegations arising in the Dodge City Diocese and the Pueblo Diocese for incidents in the late 1960's thru the mid-1970s determined to be substantiated and public announcements were made in the Dodge City Diocese in December 2006.

**Augustine Hanchak, CPPS (deceased)**  
A member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Served in the Dodge City

Diocese August 1963-August 1965 at St. Mary, Garden City.

Recent allegations arising in the Dodge City Diocese for incidents in the 1960's have been reported and determined substantiated.

**Cletus ("Jerry") Stein (no longer a priest)**  
Ordained for the Dodge City Diocese December 1966. Served in the Dodge City Diocese August 1967-September 1972 and April 1975-June 1987: St. Joseph, Ellinwood; Sacred Heart, Pratt; St. John, Hoisington; Sacred Heart Cathedral, Dodge City; St. Rose, Great Bend; St. Joseph, Greensburg; St. George, Bucklin; St. Alphonsus, Satanta; St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City.

Served in the Archdiocese of Denver

Sept. 1972-July 1974.

Served in the Diocese of Amarillo beginning July 1987 and became a priest of Amarillo in 1993.

Allegations determined substantiated.

**Edward Young (deceased)**  
Ordained for the Dodge City Diocese May 1953. Served in the Dodge City Diocese June 1953-August 1970: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Dodge City; Sacred Heart, Pratt; St. John the Evangelist, Hoisington; Dominican Convent, Great Bend; St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend; St. Rose Parish, Great Bend; St. Helen, Hugoton; St. Timothy, Satanta. He became a priest of the Sioux City Diocese in 1974.

Allegations arising in the Dodge City Diocese in the late 1950s-early 1960s. Allegations determined substantiated.

## PRIESTS WHO SERVED IN THE DODGE CITY DIOCESE WITH ALLEGATIONS ARISING OUTSIDE THE DODGE CITY DIOCESE

**Orestes Huerta (priest of the Diocese of Boac, Philippines)**  
Served in the Dodge City Diocese from September 1997 to September 2000 at St. Mary, Garden City and Christ the King, Deerfield.

A report was received of allegations of incidents that occurred in the Boac Diocese after Huerta returned to the Philippines from the Dodge City Diocese. Public announcements were made in the Dodge City Diocese in February 2010. No allegations received from his time in the Dodge City Diocese.

**Mario Islas (no longer a priest)**

Ordained for the El Paso Diocese May 1970. Served in the Dodge City Diocese December 1988-February 1994: St. John the Baptist, Meade; St. Patrick, Plains; St. Anthony, Liberal; Christ the King, Deerfield; St. Mary, Garden City.

He is on the "list of credible accusations" of the El Paso Diocese. Public announcements were made in the Dodge City Diocese in January 2019. No allegations received from his time in the Dodge City Diocese.

**Richard Kolega, CPPS (deceased)**  
A member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Served in the Dodge City

Diocese September 1973-August 1974 and January 1986-October 1991: St. Mary, Garden City; St. Anthony, Lakin; Christ the King, Deerfield; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City.

He is on the "list of credible accusations" of the San Angelo Diocese. No allegations received from his time in the Dodge City.

**Donald Straub (no longer a priest)**  
Ordained for the St. Louis Archdiocese May 1975. He served in the Dodge City Diocese from September 1990-January 1991 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Dodge City.

He is on the "list of substantiated allegations" for the Archdiocese of St.

Louis. When the Archdiocese determined allegations to be substantiated, public announcements were made in the Dodge City Diocese May 2004. No allegations received from his time in the Dodge City.

**Joseph Thiesen (deceased)**  
Ordained a priest for the New York Archdiocese May 1953. Served in the Dodge City Diocese October 1988-May 1989 at the Dominican Convent and Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend.

He is on the "list of credible accusations" for the New York Archdiocese. No allegations received from his time in the Dodge City Diocese.

## DODGE CITY DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS

**Heleodoro ("Leo") de Hoyos**  
Allegation from Oklahoma in 1997 when he was a seminarian of the Dodge City Diocese. He was dismissed as a seminarian.

**Joel McClure**  
Dodge City Diocese cooperated with law enforcement and public announcements were made in the Dodge City Diocese

August 2015. Due to law enforcement investigation and with the cooperation of the Diocese of Dodge City, he was dismissed as a seminarian in August 2015. He

pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of transportation of child pornography in March 2016.

## IF YOU SUSPECT ABUSE

If you suspect abuse or neglect of a child in Kansas and the child is in immediate danger, call 911 or local law enforcement.

If you have suspicion a child is being abused or neglected, make a confidential report to Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center, 800-922-5330 or to the KBI Hotline, 800-KSCRIME (800-572-7463), or by emailing ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov.

If you suspect sexual abuse by Church personnel, in addition to making a report to the proper civil authorities, please contact Mr. Charles Befort, the diocesan Review Board representative who receives and follows up on reports. His contact information is crbefort@cox.net, 620-285-3219. In addition, Mr. Befort will offer the help of the Assistance Minister whose goal is to be a listening ear and to promote healing.

*The Review Board is a consultative body of lay Catholics and one priest- representative who advises the Bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse, reviews diocesan policies for dealing with sexual abuse of minors and offers advice on all aspects of sexual abuse cases retrospectively and prospectively.*

*The Assistance Minister's role is to aid in the pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused as minors by clergy or other church personnel, whether the abuse was recent or occurred many years in the past.*

All allegations are deemed credible. A substantiated allegation is defined as an allegation that, based upon the facts of the claim, meets one or more of the following thresholds: Is not specifically denied or is acknowledged/admitted to by the accused; is corroborated with other evidence or by another source and/or; involves multiple accusations. The facts and circumstances that substantiate an allegation vary from case to case. A finding that an allegation is substantiated is not the equivalent of a finding of guilt in a criminal proceeding or liability in a civil proceeding.

# What is the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City doing to PROTECT OUR CHILDREN?

As we make public the list of priests and seminarians who have substantiated allegations against them, it is my hope the information on this page will provide some measure of confidence in our efforts to keep children and young people safe in the Diocese of Dodge City.

+ Bishop John

### A Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Compassionate God, we pray for victims of sexual abuse. We pray for deep comfort. We pray that you will restore what has been stolen and broken. While you do not alter history, you reveal your love in the present and in the future.

What seems hopelessly shattered, in you can be redeemed. For the many millions who have been defiled in sexual abuse, show yourself to be loving and able—as you are willing—to give back life, and life abundant.

Yes, there is great pain in our world. There is injustice. There is evil. We turn to you and cry out for help and healing. We cannot help but wonder why such horrible abuse happens.

But we turn from “why?” and ask instead, “how?” How now will your perfect goodness and love find expression in the shadow of wickedness?

God, you are good and loving and also all-powerful. Yet you have risked giving humans the right to choose how we live.

Some choose evil. For those who are victims of other’s vile deeds, we ask you for grace and healing. For those who have suffered, come to them tenderly with an overwhelming and powerful love. We join with Jesus and borrow his words, “Be freed from your suffering.” Compassionate God, heal the victims of sexual abuse.

(M. Herringshaw)

**QUESTION. How are the words “credible” and “substantiated” to be understood in terms of the publicized list of priests and seminarians?**

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**Q. What is the Review Board and what does this Board do?**

- The Review Board is a consultative body to the Bishop comprised of at least five persons of outstanding integrity and good judgment who are not employed by the Diocese. The majority of the members are lay persons.
- The responsibilities of the Review Board include advising the Bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse and in his determination of suitability for ministry, reviewing diocesan policies for dealing with sexual abuse of minors, offering advice on all aspects of sexual abuse cases both retrospectively and prospectively, and offering advice on other matters the Bishop wishes to bring to the Board for their counsel.

**Q. What is an Assistance Minister and what is this person’s role?**

- The Assistance Ministers is to aid in the pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused as minors by clergy or other church personnel, whether the abuse was recent or occurred many years in the past. The Assistance Minister will make every effort to reach out to the victims and their families and demonstrate a sincere commitment to their spiritual and emotional well being.

**Q. What steps will be taken if an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is made against a priest or deacon?**

- Outreach to the victim and family, including the offer to meet/talk with the Bishop or his representative and/or the Assistance Minister.
- Encourage and, if necessary, assist with reporting the incident to local law enforcement, Department of Children and Families or the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.
- If the accused priest or deacon is active, remove him from the parish and restrict his faculties pending an investigation by law enforcement or authorized by the Review Board.
- The Review Board will be convened to review the allegation, determine and recommend the appropriate next step (such as the manner of obtaining further information).
- If the allegation is determined to be substantiated, an announcement that an allegation has been received involving the priest or deacon will be made at the parishes the priest or deacon has served.

**Q. What steps will be taken if an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is made against a bishop?**

- In May 2019 Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter entitled “You are the Light of the World” (Vos estis lux mundi) and in June 2019 the Bishop’s of the United States approved Directives to implement the Pope’s document in the United States.
- Encourage and, if necessary, assist with reporting the incident to local law enforcement, Department of Children and Families or the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.
- Outreach to the victim and family by the Assistance Minister.

- In the case of an allegation against a bishop, the report will be made to the ranking bishop (called the Metropolitan) of the geographic region (called a Province). In Kansas, an allegation made against the bishop of Dodge City, Salina or Wichita would be reported to the Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas (presently Archbishop Naumann). An allegation made against the Archbishop of Kansas City would be reported to the senior bishop of the other dioceses of the Province (presently Bishop Brungardt in Dodge City).
- After communication with the Vatican, an investigation will be undertaken.
- Further steps to be taken will be determined by the outcome of the investigation.

**Q. What steps will be taken if an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is made against a lay person?**

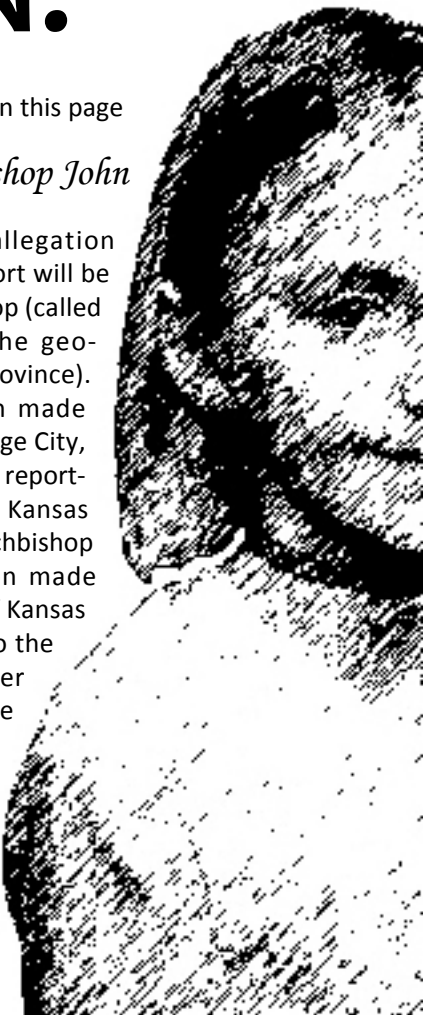
- Outreach to the victim and family, including the offer to meet/talk with the Bishop or his representative and/or the Assistance Minister.
- Encourage and, if necessary, assist with reporting the incident to local law enforcement, Department of Children and Families or the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.
- If the lay person is an employee of the Diocese, the employee may be placed on leave with pay pending a determination of whether such employee should continue to be employed. If allowed to continue his/her job function pending the completion of the investigation by law enforcement or authorized by the Review Board, restrictions may be placed on the lay employee that would limit or eliminate contact with minors while the employee is at work.
- If the lay person is a volunteer or affiliate of the Diocese, the volunteer may not continue to serve in any capacity which involve contact with minors during the pendency of the investigation by law enforcement or authorized by the Review Board.
- At the conclusion of the investigation, any lay employee, volunteer or affiliate of the Diocese who admits to, does not contest, or whom the Review Board determines committed an act of sexual abuse of a minor, shall be terminated.

**Q. What has been done in our diocese to ensure the safety of children ?**

- Protecting God’s Children (PGC) awareness sessions—train adults to become aware of signs in children and youth that may indicate they have been abused. The session also provides steps we can take to create a safe environment for our youth.
- Completed criminal background check of all employees and adults who volunteer with children and youth. (See “Did you Know?” sidebar)
- In 2007 we began offering age-appropriate safety training lessons to our students. Over the subsequent years, a variety of lesson formats have been made available.

**Q. Have monetary gifts of the faithful been used to pay for past settlements?**

- No. Past settlements have been paid by insurance and funds from deceased priest’s legacies.



## Did you know?

- 493 Protecting God’s Children Awareness sessions have been offered in Spanish and English since July 2003, and over 8,500 adults have been trained as of September 15 of this year.
- In July 2018 we changed to a background check vendor who will review newly completed background checks quarterly.
- The names of everyone who has been trained over the years is checked against the Kansas Sex Offender Registry annually.
- Our Code of Pastoral Conduct-Interaction with Children and Young People addresses specific behaviors an adult will and will not have with a minor. For a copy of the Code of Conduct and other documents, go to <https://www.dcdiocese.org/safe-environment/>
- Every issue of the *Southwest Kansas Catholic* provides information (in English and Spanish) on how to report suspected sexual abuse by clergy, an employee or volunteer in the Diocese of Dodge City.



# Your church needs YOU(th) to serve summer ministries

By GENTRY HEIMERMAN

Director, Young Adult Ministry

## Let's do some math!

Imagine that Annie, a third grader at your parish, and Ricardo, a senior at your parish, are both involved with PSR, CCD, Youth Group, Arcoiris, or whatever the appropriate catechetical/formational program is.

Suppose that there are 30 weeks of class sessions and each lasts 1.25 hours. That gives Annie and Ricardo 37.5 total hours of faith formation throughout the year. (Of course, some parishes offer considerably more than this, and some considerably less.)

Now suppose that your parish hosts the Totus Tuus program which has a team of college students teaching classes and preparing little Annie for Mass five days per week at roughly 4.5 hours per day. That gives her an additional 22.5 hours of faith formation and increases her yearly numbers by 60 percent.

Let's suppose that your parish also sends Ricardo and some of his friends to a local community for the Prayer and Action mission trip. He will be lead by a team of college students for at least 5 hours on Sunday and Friday, and roughly 15 hours per day on Monday-Thursday, totaling 80 hours. This would increase his yearly total by 213.33 percent.

This coming summer, the Diocese of Dodge City needs 18 college students who are willing and ready to work tirelessly, lead humbly, and speak boldly. These students will joyfully bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our young people, but first, they have to apply! If you know a student who would be a good candidate, please encourage them to consider a summer of service—a summer of assisting the parents, parishes, and diocese on this mission of evangelization.

The applications are open now, and more information can be found at: <https://www.dcyoungadult.com/summer-missions>.

Our timeline: Applications open August-October.

Interviews begin in November.

Positions are offered by Christmas break - so that the students can go home and assure their parents that they do, in fact, have a plan for the summer.



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Young leaders (including seminarian Carson Haupt at top), are needed to serve the many youth and young adult ministries during the summer.

Photos by Gentry Heimerman

## Tour of Poland to celebrate Saint JP II's 100th birthday

Father Mark Brantley of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, along with Father Russ Mower, will lead a pilgrimage to Poland on Sept. 6-17, 2020.

Limited spaces are available.

The highlight of the trip will be attending the world famous Oberammergau Passion Play. The play has a running time of approximately five hours, with an intermission of three hours for dinner.

The tour will celebrate St. John Paul's II 100th birthday anniversary and will include the Main Marion Shrine in Germany and Prague, and an optional extension to Bratislava and Budapest.

Other regions to be visited include Munich, Germany; Prague; Plzen; Brno; Krakow (including a visit to the St. John Paul Center); Czestechowa (where they will visit the Jasna Gora Monastery); and Auschwitz (where the group will visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp); among other sites.

You may extend your pilgrimage to Sept. 19, adding the locations of Budapest and Bratislava to the itinerary.

The cost of the trip is \$4,895 for land and air transportation from Wichita, plus \$1,099.

For more information, contact Select International Tours, 1-800-842-4842, or write to [susan@select-intl.com](mailto:susan@select-intl.com) or [rebecca@select-intl.com](mailto:rebecca@select-intl.com), or you can visit [selectinternationaltours.com](http://selectinternationaltours.com).

## St. Joseph, Ellinwood, crowns World Egg Toss champs



Egg Toss champs, Heather and Mark Panning

In August, St. Joseph Parish held its annual parish picnic in conjunction with the St. Joseph Catholic School Parents' meeting. Parish members and students enjoyed a potluck meal organized by the Pastoral Council. Parish members mingled with school families while new teachers and new families were welcomed.

The highlight of the evening was annual egg toss competition. This year's competition boasted record participation numbers and the newly crowned champions were Mark and Heather Panning (left).

Following the potluck and egg toss competition, St. Joseph Catholic School parents convened for a brief meeting. Father Terence Klein spoke on the mission of a parish school to assist in the faith formation of children and their families. And while he celebrated the growth of St. Joseph Catholic School, now with 83 students, he reminded parents that we do not exist to be an alternative to the public school, but to evangelize our faith within our parish and our community. School Council members spoke about new fundraising plans for the school year, including a Mardi Gras-themed ball to be held in the spring.

Good food, good fellowship, and growing in faith: The parish potluck was a success.

Reprinted from the parish newsletter.



# STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE 2019

Below is a story based on just one of the many sessions that were held at the August Stewardship Conference, which highlighted everything from human trafficking, to the art of the door-to-door mission, to several presentations on preparing for and contending with disaster. Coverage began in the last issue of the SKC. Other stories will be published in issues to follow.

## Sharing the Gospel message with great joy — *door-to-door*

By DAVE MYERS  
*Southwest Kansas Catholic*

You may have assumed they were Jehovah’s Witnesses. Or perhaps even Mormon Elders.

But if you are a registered member of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, there was another possibility.

“I’d like to share with you what we learned from the biggest endeavor we’ve had in years,” Father Wesley Schawe, cathedral pastor, told participants of the August Stewardship Conference. “We wanted to knock on the door of every registered Catholic, to let them know we were there, and to be the face of Jesus Christ for every Catholic in the parish.”

The endeavor he spoke of is one large ingredient of a five-year pastoral plan the parish recently formed, which is entitled, “Faith Forward; Come to the Table.”

The goal of the five-year pastoral plan is for parishioners to grow as disciples of Jesus, and to joyfully share the Gospel message with others.

And what better way to do that than by

going door to door?

“Our goal was to be that face of Christ, to say we’re here, we love you,” Father Schawe said. “And another goal was to update our records of who we are as a parish.”

What he and a team of volunteers learned is that many of the phone numbers of parishioners are outdated. And that when they send out envelopes, many were going to individuals who had long since moved.

“We probably removed between 15 and 20 percent of our households after the visits. We were sending envelopes to houses when no one was there to receive them.”

While important, the “census” information was beside the point, as is illustrated by the story of one of the volunteers who helped go door-to-door.

Three months after Jane Longmeyer moved to Dodge City from Iowa, she was ready to pack up and move back to the Hawkeye State. Then came a knock to her door.

“They were from Sacred Heart



Photo by Dave Myers

**Father Wesley Schawe and Jane Longmeyer discuss the cathedral parish’s recent endeavor which included attempting to knock on the door of every registered parishioner.**

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Cathedral,” she said.

Long story short, “that was 44 years ago, and we’re still here.”

It may be part of the reason why she was quick to volunteer.

“We were given a packet with names of people to visit,” she said. “We had cards for prayer requests and gave them a ‘Faith Forward’ book,” highlighting the pastoral plan. “The intention wasn’t to sit down and go through the book. I visited an elderly neighbor, and it was very rewarding. I know how important it was to them. One active member kept saying that I really needed to come back again. It planted a seed of hope. Another person said they are no longer in parish, but when I walked back by a little later,

she was outside and wanted to talk more. It was a ray of hope.

“I had one active member give me a hug and say ‘thank you.’ In some instances, it was my personal benefit: Now, when I see them at Mass, I can greet them by name.”

All the effort—both organizational and physical—led to the volunteers and Father Schawe visiting about 75 percent of the parishioners. While it was short of their goal, they reached an abundance of individuals who may not only be encouraged to become involved, but will probably share a little of that spark of faith and hope that they encountered that day.

Which is exactly the point.



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# Juez retirado completa revisión / auditoría de sacerdotes, diáconos, seminaristas

Desde 1993, la Diócesis de Dodge City ha tenido un Consejo de Revisión y Políticas para poder proveer un ambiente seguro, especialmente para niños/as y para manejar el abuso sexual por parte del clero. A lo largo de casi tres décadas, el entendimiento de la realidad de abuso sexual y las formas de tratar con ello han evolucionado y han sido refinadas. Mas de 8,500 personas en la Diócesis han participado en sesiones de concientización para que sepan las señales de abuso, el medio y la manera por el cual perpetradores abusan, y los pasos que uno puede tomar para prevenir el abuso sexual de niños.

La Diócesis de Dodge City y el Obispo Brungardt lamentan y piden perdón por el daño que ha sido infligido y por el dolor causado especialmente a aquellos que eran más vulnerables. Pedimos perdón y buscamos ayudar a los que sufren a causa de abuso sexual.

El jubilado Juez del Distrito de Kansas Robert J. Schmisser llevo a cabo una revisión exhaustiva y auditoría de todos los archivos en la oficina de la Cancillería Católica relacionados con sacerdotes, diáconos y seminaristas. Mas de 600 archivos fueron revisados durante una auditoría de cuatro meses. La auditoría incluyo la identificación de acusaciones verosímiles de abuso sexual de un menor por un miembro del clero o seminarista. Los resultados de esta auditoría han sido compartidos con la Oficina de Investigación de Kansas (KBI) y con la Oficina del Abogado General de Kansas. La auditoría no revelo ninguna acusación de conducta sexual inapropiada que no se le había dado a conocer previamente al Consejo de Revisión.

Después de la auditoría y de la aprobación del Consejo de Revisión Diocesano, el Obispo Brungardt ofrece esta lista de acusaciones verosímiles.

## SACERDOTES CON ACUSACIONES QUE SURGIERON DENTRO DE LA DIOCESIS DE DODGE CITY

<p><b>DONALD FIEDLER</b> (no está permitido funcionar como sacerdote desde el 2007)</p> <p>Ordenado para la Diócesis de Wichita mayo 1959; se convirtió en un sacerdote de la Diócesis de Dodge City agosto 1964. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City septiembre 1961- enero 1988: Santa Rosa, Great Bend; San Juana de Arco, Elkhart; Santa Elena, Hugoton; San Alfonso, Satanta; Santo Domingo, Garden City; María, Reina de la Paz, Ulysses.</p> <p>Acusaciones surgieron de incidentes en la Diócesis de Dodge City a mediados de 1980s. Acusaciones fueron determinadas verosímiles.</p> <p><b>JOHN HABERTHIER</b> (fallecido)</p> <p>Ordenado para la Diócesis de Wichita mayo 1948. Se convirtió en un sacerdote de la Diócesis de Dodge City cuando se fundó la diócesis en 1951. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City agosto 1950-</p>	<p>diciembre 1973: Iglesia/Catedral Sagrado Corazón, Dodge City; Hospital Santa Rosa, Great Bend; Santa Teresa, Dighton; San Miguel, LaCrosse; San Timoteo, Satanta; Hospital Bob Wilson, Ulysses; Inmaculado Corazón de María, Windthorst; San Patricio, Plains.</p> <p>Sirvió en la Diócesis de Pueblo en Colorado noviembre 1973- julio 1977 y en la Diócesis de San Bernardino en California abril 1979-1987.</p> <p>Acusaciones que surgieron de incidentes en la Diócesis de Dodge City y en la Diócesis de Pueblo a fines de los 1960s hasta mediados de los 1970s fueron determinadas verosímiles, y se hicieron anuncios públicos en la Diócesis de Dodge City diciembre 2006.</p> <p><b>AUGUSTINE HANCHAK, CPPS</b> (fallecido)</p> <p>Un miembro de los Misioneros de la</p>	<p>Preciosa Sangre. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City agosto 1963- agosto 1965 en Santa María, Garden City.</p> <p>Recientes acusaciones que surgieron de incidentes en la Diócesis de Dodge City en los 1960s han sido reportadas y se han determinado verosímiles.</p> <p><b>CLETUS ("JERRY") STEIN</b> (ya no es un sacerdote)</p> <p>Ordenado para la Diócesis de Dodge City diciembre 1966. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City agosto 1967 – septiembre 1972 y abril 1975 – junio 1987: San Jose, El-linwood; Sagrado Corazón, Pratt; San Juan, Hoisington; Catedral Sagrado Corazón, Dodge City; Santa Rosa, Great Bend; San Jose, Greensburg; San Jorge, Bucklin; San Alfonso, Satanta; Colegio St. Mary of the Plains, Dodge City.</p> <p>Sirvió en la Arquidiócesis de Denver septiembre 1972- julio 1974.</p>	<p>Sirvió en la Diócesis de Amarillo comenzando julio 1987 y se convirtió en sacerdote de Amarillo en 1993.</p> <p>Acusaciones han sido determinadas verosímiles.</p> <p><b>EDWARD YOUNG</b> (fallecido)</p> <p>Ordenado para la Diócesis de Dodge City mayo 1953. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City junio 1953 – agosto 1970: Catedral Sagrado Corazón, Dodge City; Sagrado Corazón, Pratt; San Juan el Evangelista, Hoisington; Convento Dominicano, Great Bend; Hospital Santa Rosa, Great Bend; Parroquia Santa Rosa, Great Bend; Santa Elena, Hugoton; San Timoteo, Satanta. Se convirtió en sacerdote de la Diócesis de Sioux City en 1974.</p> <p>Acusaciones que surgieron de incidentes en la Diócesis de Dodge City a fines de los 1950s – primeros de los 1960s. Acusaciones han sido determinadas verosímiles.</p>
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## SACERDOTES QUE SIRVIERON EN LA DIOCESIS DE DODGE CITY CON ACUSACIONES QUE SURGIERON FUERA DE LA DIOCESIS DE DODGE CITY

<p><b>ORESTES HUERTA</b> (sacerdote de la Diócesis de Boac, Filipinas)</p> <p>Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City septiembre 1997 - septiembre 2000 en Santa María, Garden City y Cristo el Rey, Deerfield.</p> <p>Un reporte fue recibido de acusaciones de incidentes que ocurrieron en la Diócesis de Boac después de que Huerta regresara a las Filipinas de la Diócesis de Dodge City. Anuncios públicos se hicieron en la Diócesis de Dodge City febrero 2010. No hay acusaciones recibidas del tiempo que estuvo en la Diócesis de Dodge City.</p> <p><b>MARIO ISLAS</b> (ya no es un sacerdote)</p> <p>Ordenado para la Diócesis de El Paso</p>	<p>mayo 1970. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City diciembre 1988 – febrero 1994: San Juan el Bautista, Meade; San Patricio, Plains; San Antonio, Liberal; Cristo el Rey, Deerfield; Santa María, Garden City.</p> <p>Él está en la "lista de acusaciones hechas de buena fe" de la Diócesis de El Paso. Anuncios públicos se hicieron en la Diócesis de Dodge City en enero 2019. No hay acusaciones recibidas del tiempo que estuvo en la Diócesis de Dodge City.</p> <p><b>RICHARD KOLEGA, CPPS</b> (fallecido)</p> <p>Un miembro de los Misioneros de la Preciosa Sangre. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City septiembre 1973- agosto 1974 y enero 1986 – octubre 1991: Santa María,</p>	<p>Garden City; San Antonio, Lakin; Cristo el Rey, Deerfield; Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Dodge City.</p> <p>Él está en la "lista de acusaciones hechas de buena fe" de la Diócesis de San Angelo. No hay acusaciones recibidas de su tiempo en la Diócesis de Dodge City.</p> <p><b>DONALD STRAUB</b> (ya no es un sacerdote)</p> <p>Ordenado para la Arquidiócesis de San Luis mayo 1975. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City septiembre 1990 – enero 1991 en la Catedral Sagrado Corazón, Dodge City.</p> <p>Él está en la "lista de acusaciones verosímiles" de la Arquidiócesis de St. Louis.</p>	<p>Cuando la Arquidiócesis determino que las acusaciones eran verosímiles, anuncios públicos se hicieron en la Diócesis de Dodge City mayo 2004. No hay acusaciones recibidas de su tiempo en la Diócesis de Dodge City.</p> <p><b>JOSEPH THIESEN</b> (fallecido)</p> <p>Ordenado sacerdote para la Arquidiócesis de New York mayo 1953. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City octubre 1988- mayo 1989 en el Convento Dominicano y el Centro Médico de Kansas en Great Bend.</p> <p>Él está en la "lista de acusaciones hechas de buena fe" de la Arquidiócesis de New York. No hay acusaciones recibidas de su tiempo en la Diócesis de Dodge City.</p>
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## SEMINARISTAS DE LA DIOCESIS DE DODGE CITY

<p><b>HELEODORO ("LEO") DE HOYOS</b></p> <p>Acusación de Oklahoma en 1997 cuando era un seminarista de la Diócesis de Dodge</p>	<p>City. Él fue despedido como seminarista.</p> <p><b>JOEL MCCLURE</b></p> <p>A causa de una investigación por parte</p>	<p>de las autoridades de la ley y con la cooperación de la Diócesis de Dodge City, él fue despedido como seminarista agosto 2015.</p>	<p>El mismo se declaró culpable en corte federal a un cargo de transportación de pornografía de menores marzo 2016.</p>
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## SI USTED SOSPECHA ABUSO

<p>Si usted sospecha abuso o descuido de un menor en Kansas y el menor está en un peligro inmediato hable al 911 o al departamento de policía local.</p> <p>Si usted tiene alguna sospecha de que un menor está siendo abusado o descuidado haga un reporte confidencial al Departamento de Kansas Centro de Reportes Para Protección de Niños y Familias, 800-922-5330 o al KBI Hotline, 800-KSCRIME (800-572-7463), o mandando un correo electrónico a clergyabuse@kbi.ks.gov.</p> <p>Si usted sospecha abuso por parte del personal de la</p>	<p>iglesia, aparte de hacer un reporte a las autoridades civiles, por favor comuníquese con el Señor Charles Befort, un representante del Consejo de Revisión que recibe y da seguimiento a los reportes. Su información de contacto es crbefort@cox.net, 620-285-3219. También, el Señor Befort ofrecerá la ayuda del Ministro de Asistencia cuya meta es de ser alguien que escuche y fomente la sanación.</p> <p><i>El Consejo de Revisión está compuesto por católicos laicos y un sacerdote que aconsejan al Obispo en su evaluación de cada acusación de abuso sexual, revisan</i></p>	<p><i>las políticas diocesanas para tratar con el abuso sexual de menores y ofrecen asesoramiento sobre todos aspectos que involucran casos de abuso sexual tanto retrospectiva como prospectivamente.</i></p> <p><i>Un Ministro de Asistencia ayuda con el cuidado pastoral de las personas que afirman haber sido abusadas sexualmente cuando eran menores de edad por un miembro del clero u otro miembro del personal de la iglesia, sin importar que el abuso haya ocurrido recientemente o muchos años atrás.</i></p>
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<p>Todas las acusaciones son consideradas hechas de buena fe. Una acusación verosímil es definida como una acusación que, basada en los hechos de la acusación, cumple uno o más de los siguientes puntos: No es específicamente negada o es aceptada/admitida por el acusado; es corroborada con otra evidencia o por otra fuente y/o; involucra múltiples acusaciones. Los hechos y las circunstancias que hacen que una acusación sea verosímil</p>	<p>pueden variar de caso a caso. La determinación de que una acusación es verosímil no es equivalente a la determinación de culpabilidad en un procedimiento criminal o de responsabilidad en un procedimiento civil.</p>
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# Que esta haciendo la Diócesis Católica de Dodge City para ¿PROTEGER A NUESTROS HIJOS?

Al hacer pública la lista de sacerdotes y seminaristas con acusaciones verosímiles en su contra, es mi esperanza que la información en esta página provea algo de confianza en nuestros esfuerzos para mantener a los niños y jóvenes seguros en la Diócesis de Dodge City. + Monseñor John

## Oración por las víctimas de abuso sexual

*Dios compasivo, oramos por las víctimas de abuso sexual. Oramos por un profundo consuelo. Oramos para que restaures lo que ha sido robado y roto. Si bien no alteras la historia, revelas tu amor en el presente y en el futuro.*

*Lo que parece desesperadamente destrozado, en ti puede ser redimido. Por los muchos millones de personas que han sido profanadas en el abuso sexual, muéstrate amoroso y capaz— como tú quieras— de devolver la vida, y la vida abundante.*

*Sí, hay un gran dolor en nuestro mundo. Hay injusticia. Hay maldad. Nos dirigimos a ti y pedimos a gritos ayuda y sanación. No podemos evitar preguntarnos por qué ocurren esos horribles abusos... Pero dejamos de decir «¿por qué?» y nos preguntamos, «¿cómo?»». ¿Cómo ahora tu perfecta bondad y amor encontrarán expresión en la sombra de la maldad?*

*Dios, eres bueno y amoroso y también todopoderoso. Sin embargo, te has arriesgado a dar a los humanos el derecho a elegir cómo vivir. Algunos eligen el mal. Para aquellos que son víctimas de las viles acciones de otros, te pedimos gracia y sanidad. Para aquellos que han sufrido, ven a ellos tiernamente y con un amor abrumador y poderoso. Nos unimos a Jesús y tomamos prestadas sus palabras: «Sé liberado de tu sufrimiento». Dios compasivo, sana a las víctimas de abuso sexual.*

## ¿Sabía usted?

- 493 Sesiones de Concientización para Proteger a los Niños de Dios han sido ofrecidas en español e inglés desde julio de 2003, y más de 8,500 adultos han sido capacitados hasta el 15 de septiembre de este año.
- En julio de 2018 nos cambiamos a un proveedor de verificación de antecedentes que revisará trimestralmente las verificaciones de antecedentes recién completadas.
- Los nombres de todas las personas que han sido capacitadas a lo largo de los años se comparan anualmente con el Registro de Delincuentes Sexuales de Kansas.
- Nuestro Código de Conducta Pastoral, Interacción con Niños y Jóvenes, aborda comportamientos específicos que un adulto tendrá y no tendrá con un menor. Para obtener una copia del Código de Conducta y otros documentos, visite <https://www.dcdiocese.org/safe-environment/>
- Cada número del *Southwest Kansas Catholic* proporciona información (en inglés y español) sobre cómo denunciar sospechas de abuso sexual por parte de clérigos, empleados o voluntarios en la Diócesis de Dodge City.

## PREGUNTAS: ¿Cómo deben entenderse las palabras «hechas de buena fe» y «verosímiles» de la lista publicada de sacerdotes y seminaristas?

- Todas las acusaciones son consideradas «hechas de buena fe». Una acusación «verosímil» es definida como una acusación que, basada en los hechos de la acusación, cumple uno o más de los siguientes puntos: No es específicamente negada o es aceptada/admitida por el acusado; es corroborada con otra evidencia o por otra fuente y/o; involucra múltiples acusaciones. Los hechos y las circunstancias que hacen que una acusación sea verosímil pueden variar de caso a caso. La determinación de que una acusación es verosímil no es equivalente a la determinación de culpabilidad en un procedimiento criminal o de responsabilidad en un procedimiento civil.

## P. ¿Qué es el Consejo de Revisión y qué hace este Consejo?

- El Consejo de Revisión es un cuerpo consultivo del Obispo compuesto de por lo menos cinco personas de integridad sobresaliente y buen juicio que no están empleadas por la Diócesis. La mayoría de los miembros son laicos.
- Las responsabilidades del Consejo de Revisión incluyen asesorar al Obispo en su evaluación de las acusaciones de abuso sexual y en su determinación de la idoneidad para el ministerio, revisar las políticas diocesanas para tratar el abuso sexual de menores, ofrecer asesoramiento sobre todos los aspectos de los casos de abuso sexual tanto retrospectiva como prospectivamente, y ofrecer asesoramiento sobre otros asuntos que el Obispo desea presentar al Consejo.

## P. ¿Qué es un Ministro de Asistencia y cuál es el papel de esta persona?

- Un Ministro de Asistencia ayuda con el cuidado pastoral de las personas que afirman haber sido abusadas sexualmente cuando eran menores de edad por un miembro del clero u otro miembro del personal de la iglesia, sin importar que el abuso haya ocurrido recientemente o muchos años atrás.
- El Ministro de Asistencia hará todo lo posible por contactar a las víctimas y sus familias y demostrar un compromiso sincero con su bienestar espiritual y emocional.

## P. ¿Qué medidas se tomarán si se hace una acusación de abuso sexual de un menor contra un sacerdote o diácono?

- Llegar a la víctima y su familia, incluyendo el ofrecimiento de reunirse/hablar con el Obispo o su representante y/o el Ministro de Asistencia.
- Animar y, si es necesario, ayudar a denunciar el incidente a las fuerzas del orden, al Departamento de Niños y Familias o a la Oficina de Investigación de Kansas.
- Si el sacerdote o diácono acusado está activo, sacarlo de la parroquia y restringir sus facultades en espera de una investigación por parte de las fuerzas del orden o autorizada por el Consejo de Revisión.
- El Consejo de Revisión será convocado para revisar la acusación, determinar y recomendar el siguiente paso apropiado (como la manera de obtener más información).
- Si se determina que la acusación es verosímil, se hará un anuncio de que se ha recibido una acusación que involucra al sacerdote o diácono en las parroquias que el sacerdote o diácono haya servido.

## P. ¿Qué medidas se tomarán si se presenta una acusación de abuso sexual de un menor contra un obispo?

- En mayo de 2019 el Papa Francisco emitió una Carta Apostólica titulada «Vosotros sois la Luz del Mundo» (Vos estis lux mundi) y en junio de 2019 los Obispos de los Estados Unidos aprobaron las Directrices para implementar el documento del Papa en los Estados Unidos.
- Animar y, si es necesario, ayudar a denunciar el incidente a las fuerzas del orden, al Departamento de Niños y Familias o a la Oficina de Investigación de Kansas.
- Llegar a la víctima y su familia por parte del Ministro de Asistencia.

- En el caso de una acusación contra un obispo, el informe se hará al obispo de rango superior (llamado Metropolitano) de la región geográfica (llamada Provincia). En Kansas, una acusación hecha contra el obispo de Dodge City, Salina o Wichita sería reportada al Arzobispo de Kansas City, Kansas (actualmente el Arzobispo Naumann). Una acusación hecha contra el Arzobispo de Kansas City sería reportada al obispo principal de las otras diócesis de la Provincia (actualmente el Obispo Brungardt en Dodge City).

- Después de la comunicación con el Vaticano, se llevará a cabo una investigación.

- Los pasos siguientes se determinarán en función del resultado de la investigación.

## P. ¿Qué medidas se tomarán si se presenta una denuncia de abuso sexual de un menor contra un laico?

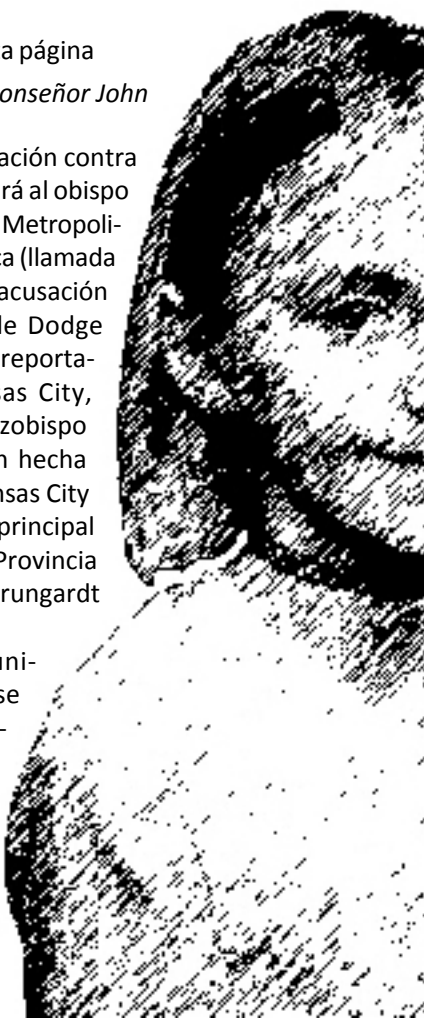
- Llegar a la víctima y su familia, incluyendo el ofrecimiento de reunirse/hablar con el Obispo o su representante y/o el Ministro de Asistencia.
- Animar y, si es necesario, ayudar a denunciar el incidente a las fuerzas del orden, al Departamento de Niños y Familias o a la Oficina de Investigación de Kansas.
- Si el laico es un empleado de la Diócesis, el empleado puede ser puesto en licencia con goce de sueldo hasta que se determine si dicho/a empleado/a debe continuar siendo empleado/a. Si se le permite continuar con su trabajo hasta que las fuerzas del orden o el Consejo de Revisión finalicen la investigación, se pueden imponer restricciones al empleado/a laico que limiten o eliminen el contacto con menores de edad mientras el empleado/a está en el trabajo.
- Si la persona laica es un voluntario/a o afiliado/a de la Diócesis, el voluntario/a no puede continuar sirviendo en ninguna capacidad que implique contacto con menores durante la suspensión de la investigación por parte de las fuerzas del orden o autorizado por el Consejo de Revisión.
- Al final de la investigación, cualquier empleado/a laico, voluntario/a o afiliado/a de la Diócesis que admita, no conteste, o que el Consejo de Revisión determine que ha cometido un acto de abuso sexual de un menor, será despedido/a.

## P. ¿Qué se ha hecho en nuestra diócesis para garantizar la seguridad de los niños?

- Sesiones de concientización «Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios» (PGC): capacitar a los adultos para que se den cuenta de las señales en los niños y jóvenes que pueden indicar que han sido abusados. La sesión también proporciona los pasos que podemos tomar para crear un ambiente seguro para nuestros niños y jóvenes.
- Se completo la verificación antecedentes penales de todos los empleados y adultos trabajan como voluntarios con niños y jóvenes. (Vea el recuadro «¿Sabía usted?».)
- En el 2007 comenzamos a ofrecer lecciones de capacitación de seguridad apropiadas para la edad de nuestros estudiantes. A lo largo de los años siguientes se han desarrallado diversos formatos de lecciones disponibles.

## P. ¿Se han utilizado los dones monetarios de los fieles para pagar los acuerdos anteriores?

- No. Los acuerdos anteriores han sido pagados por el seguro y los fondos de los legados del sacerdote fallecido.





## Got a minute? send a letter of support to our seminarians!



John Stang



Austin Habash



Eric Frieb



Carson Haupt



Esteban Hernandez



Jonathan Lemus



Adam Urban

The people of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City are awesome! Back a few years ago when Father Mark Brantley was in seminary, he had several letters from well-wishers pinned to his bulletin board. Other seminarians from much larger diocese and archdioceses noted how lucky he was to have the prayers and support of the people back home. Please take a moment to send a letter of support to our seminarians who, if it be God's plan, will one day serve as a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City! The seminarians have said on many occasions how much these letters mean to them!

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Sunday, Oct. 6

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14 / LK 17:5-10

#### Monday, Oct. 7: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

JON 1:1-2:1-2, 11 / LK 10:25-37

#### Tuesday, Oct. 8

JON 3:1-10 / LK 10:38-42

#### Wednesday, Oct. 9

JON 4:1-11 / LK 11:1-4

#### Thursday, Oct. 10

MAL 3:13-20B / LK 11:5-13

#### Friday, Oct. 11

JL 1:13-15; 2:1-2 / LK 11:15-26

#### Saturday, Oct. 12

JL 4:12-21 / LK 11:27-28

#### Sunday, Oct. 13

2 KGS 5:14-17 / 2 TM 2:8-13 / LK 17:11-19

#### Monday, Oct. 14

ROM 1:1-7 / LK 11:29-32

#### Tuesday, Oct. 15: Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

ROM 1:16-25 / LK 11:37-41

#### Wednesday, Oct. 16

ROM 2:1-11 / LK 11:42-46

#### Thursday, Oct. 17: Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

ROM 3:21-30 / LK 11:47-54

#### Friday, Oct. 18: Feast of Saint Luke, evangelist

2 TM 4:10-17B / LK 10:1-9

#### Saturday, Oct. 19: Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

ROM 4:13, 16-1 / LK 12:8-12

#### Sunday, Oct. 20

EX 17:8-13 / 2 TM 3:14-4:2 / LK 18:1-8

## Angelus to Xavier Catholic Place Names in Kansas Obvious & Obscure

### Two Catholic Ghost Colonies

#### Saint Brandon's Colony (Reno County)

Father Felix Swembergh announced the establishment of this colony of Irish Catholics in an article in the *Hutchinson Herald* on April 12, 1879. "The Saint Brandon's colony has purchased fifteen sections of land south of Castleton. I feel loth (sic) to part with that pleasing and appropriate name 'Pretty Prairie,' but with true respect to the first European Saint Brandon, and Irish bishop, who discovered America, I am bound to call it 'Saint Brandon's.'"

The colony's sections were closer to Castleton than Pretty Prairie and when the community constructed Saint Agnes Church, it was identified with Castleton.

The land on which the first church stood on the colony land is located two and a half miles south of Castleton at the site of Saint Agnes Cemetery. In 1908, the rural community joined in building a new larger church in the town of Castleton and any faint uses of "Saint Brandon's Colony" grew fewer and fewer.



Father Felix Prosper Swembergh

#### Saint Dominic Colony (Rice County)

Shortly before 1879, this community was established by a group of New Yorkers through the assistance of Father Felix Swembergh, one of the promoters of the Catholic Colonization movement in Kansas. The site of the colony has not been discovered, but the residents used the post office at "Glensharald" (Glen Sharrold) in Farmer Township, Rice County and subscribed to the Cain City News from Ellsworth County.

The residents of Cain City, a Catholic community established by Canadian settlers, received the sacraments at Saint Dominic Colony when Father Werner Emmerich visited that community as a station from Saint Mary Church at Odin in Barton County.

When Holy Name of Jesus Church was constructed at Cain City in 1885, the residents of Saint Dominic Colony attended Mass there. The colony lost its separate identity as the residents became members of the Cain City parish.

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-- Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit* (Christ is Alive)

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**ROBERT KALLAUS**, of St. Nicholas Parish, Kinsley, died Sept. 15, 2019. He is survived by his wife Mary Steele; his children, Curtis Kallaus, Lisa Medina and Leann Domme; his grandchildren, Terah, Morgan, Trey and Carson; his great-grandchild Gabriel; and his siblings, Jerry Kallaus, Ronnie Kallaus, Leona Jantz and Alice Fisher. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**JUDY ANN WONDRA**, 74, of Holy Family Parish, Odin, died Sept. 14, 2019. She married Jerome Anthony Wondra on Oct. 10, 1969. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2019. She was a member of the Altar Society and taught CCD. Judy is survived by five children, Jeff Wondra, John Wondra, Joe Wondra, Jennifer Berens, and Julie Wondra; two sisters, Jeanette Shields and Joan Steiner-Adler; and five grandchildren, Rachel, Ryan, Abby, Aubrey and Gracie. Father Terrance Klein presided.

**PAUL EUGENE NATHER**, 57, of Holy Trinity Parish, Timken, died Friday, Sept. 13, 2019. Survivors include his wife, Sheila Nather; four daughters, Jennifer Roth, Kera Willer, Audra Nuckolls, and Sedonah Schad; one grandson, Riggins Willer; one brother, Ed Nather; two sisters, Annie Pechanec and Linda Hampton; and many nephews and nieces. Father Anselm Eke presided.

**VERNITA "NETER" KAY HODGES**, 69, of Sacred Heart Parish, Larned, died Sept. 13, 2019. She was a Med Aide, LMHT II and a P.A. II, all at the Larned State Hospital for 43 years. Survivors include a son, William Hodges; two brothers, John Fuhr and Mark Fuhr; and three sisters, Judith Garmeson, Norma Carr and Joanne Bortz. Father Bernard Felix presided.

**LLOYD ELDRIDGE WOOD JR.**, 76, of St. Joseph Parish, Ellinwood, died Sept. 17, 2019. A graduate of Kansas City Washington HS and Washburn University, Wood opened Pop'N Shop in Ellinwood in 1976. He is survived by Lynda, his wife of 51 years; children, Lloyd III and Joanna Hohn; grandchildren, Elizabeth and Ryan Hohn; and sisters Shirley Hartshorn and Linda Pittman.

**JANICE A. KOMAREK**, 68, of Ellinwood, died Sept. 17, 2019. She married Tom Komarek on

Nov. 12, 1971. They were married nearly 48 years. Janice worked as a hairstylist and taxidermist in Ellinwood, operating her own shops for both. Survivors include husband, Tom; sons, Travis and Scott; and six grandchildren.

**ED YBARRA**, 79, of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Ulysses, died Sept. 16, 2019. On Nov. 5, 1957, Ed married Corina Velasquez. She survives. Other survivors include one daughter; Debra Maupin; son, Michael Ybarra; one daughter-in-law, Paula Ybarra; two brothers, Candido and Juan; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Father Aneesh Parappanattu, MSFS, presided.

**REBECCA MARIE GARNICA RUVALCABA**, 64, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died Sept. 20, 2019. Rebecca received her cosmetology degree from Dodge City Community College and was a cosmetologist in Dodge City. Survivors include children, Marta Vargas, Michelle Vargas, Micaela Ruvalcaba, Jose Ruvalcaba Jr., and David Ruvalcaba; brothers, Anthony Amaro and Marcial Amaro; 20 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Father Juan Salas presided.

**JASON CARL "JP" PENKA**, 44, of St. Theresa Parish, Dighton, died Sept. 21, 2019. He was a lifelong farmer and also did some part time jobs such as helping Rick Roemer dig graves. He is survived by his father, Larry Penka; brother, Michael; niece, MacKenzie Penka; and seven nephews, Nathan Penka, Trenton Cantrell, Brian Penka, Skyler Cantrell, Mitchell Penka, Quinton LaPointe and Kaleb LaPointe. Father Bernard Felix presided.

**LEONA M. BIRZER**, 84, of St. Joseph Parish, Ellinwood, died Sept. 4, 2019. A lifetime Barton County resident Leona graduated from Odin High School and later married James N. Birzer in Odin on April 30, 1957. Survivors include son, Michael Birzer; daughter, Debora Steinert; sister, Eleanor Zecha; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1997. Father Terrance Klein presided.

**TRELLA ANN BERSCHIEDT**, 75, of Prince of Peace Parish, Great Bend, died Sept. 12, 2019. She married Paul Berscheidt June

23, 1962, at Ellinwood. Survivors include her husband; son, Michael; daughter Kimberly Schenk; brothers, Terry Scheuerman and Clifford Scheuerman. Father Don Bedore officiated.

**BEVERLY ANN FRANKLIN**, 62, of St. Aloysius Parish, Ransom, died Sept. 17, 2019. She married Bruce Franklin in Utica on Aug. 19, 2006. He preceded her in death May 9, 2008. Survivors include: mother, Laura Turner; daughters, Kim Kendall, Amy Engelbert, and Val Klizke; brothers, Gary Turner and Mike Turner; sister Vicki Schmidt; and nine grandchildren. Funeral was celebrated at St. Aloysius Church.

**CLYDE LUKE SCHEFFE**, 89, of St. Mary Parish, Marienthal, died Sept. 18, 2019. On Feb. 19, 1957 he married Inella Marie Baker in Marienthal. Survivors include his wife; children, Clyde Scheffe, Jr., Karen Dierks, Lonnie Scheffe, Curtis Scheffe, Kelly Scheffe, Bryant Scheffe, Dr. Sheila Weaver, and Shane Scheffe; siblings, Gladys Wolf, Marie Vietenheimer, Bernard Scheffe, Bobby Scheffe, Catherine Carlton, Evelyn Scheffe, and Francis Scheffe; 16 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Father Tim Hickey officiated.

**DOROTHY EILEEN PEREZ**, 59, of St. Dominic Parish, Garden City, died Sept. 15, 2019. She was born on Nov. 27, 1959 in Kansas City, Mo. On Sept. 16, 2002 she married Ray Perez in Las Vegas, Nev. He survives. Other survivors include: daughter Theresa Carr; son Robert Anderson; sisters Debbie Darke, Marcy Vassar, and Theresa Stetson; and brother Hank Stetson.

**CATHERINE CECILIA BENDER**, 93, of Chandler, AZ and formerly of Garden City, died Sept. 15, 2019. She was born on Dec. 30, 1925 in Scott City and married Joseph P. Bender on Aug. 6, 1955 at St. Joseph Church. They settled in Garden City where they raised six children. Her husband, Joe, passed away in 1998. Catherine is survived by her children: Fred Bender, Kay Warner, Cindy Long, Steven Bender, Chuck Bender, and Keith Bender; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Andrew Church, Chandler; graveside burial service at Valley

View Cemetery, Garden City.

**JOEL L. HEATH**, 56, of St. Theresa Parish, Dighton, died Sept. 10, 2019. He was born on June 28, 1963 at Garden City the son of Charles and Wilma Jean (Edsall) Heath. He married Trudy L. Weed on Aug. 29, 1992. He is survived by his wife; four step-children: Angela Davis, James Davis, Johnathan Davis and Jacob Davis; brothers, Steve Heath and Brian Heath; sisters, Susan Smeltzer, Betty Haas, Carolyn Dutoit and Marilyn James; and three grandchildren. Father Warren Stecklein officiating

**LOIS J. AVALON**, 71, of St. Dominic Parish, Garden City, died Sept. 23, 2019. On Aug. 22, 1970, she married Manuel Obieta Avalon. He survives. Other survivors include four children

John Avalon, Amy Woods, Russell Avalon, and Earl Avalon; brothers Dale Beckman, Paul Beckman, Roger Beckman, Jim Beckman, and Tom Beckman; two sisters June Racely and Karen Meikle; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**DENNIS J. SCHALLER**, 64, of St. Nicholas Parish, Kinsley, died Sept. 25, 2019. He was born Dec. 13, 1954 to Henry "Dutch" Schaller and Helen Fox Schaller in Kinsley. He grew up on a farm outside of Offerle. He and his former spouse Nora Rodriguez Schaller had three daughters. Survivors include: daughters, Angela Copeland, Michele Schaller, and Amanda Hawkins; his brothers, Daniel Schaller and David Schaller; sister Sondra Johnson; and four grandchildren.

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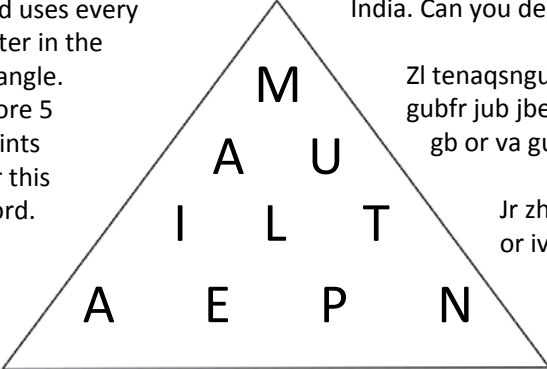
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**ACROSS**  
2 People St. Patrick converted  
6 Catholic horror actor Lugosi  
8 Catholic Brazilian soccer great  
9 Wealthy biblical land  
10 Italian city of St. Clare  
11 "... thy help or sought thy intercession..." (Memorare)  
13 A street in Damascus (Acts 9:11)  
15 "\_\_\_ Fideles"  
17 The Nicene Creed and the Hail Mary  
19 At Mass, the entrance prayers or song  
22 One of the Twelve  
24 Perfumes the altar  
27 \_\_\_ sin  
29 Miracle of the \_\_\_ and fishes  
31 Abbr. for two NT epistles  
32 Grandmother of Timothy  
33 Medieval English monk  
34 Wife of Abram

**DOWN**  
1 Diocese of Honolulu necklaces  
2 Certain vow  
3 \_\_\_ on of hands (abbr.)  
4 Holy Name \_\_\_  
5 Priest for the military  
6 Diocese in the Province of Perth  
7 Eternal \_\_\_  
10 Jesus entered Jerusalem on this type of animal  
12 A parish position  
14 Father of Abram  
16 Reuben or Gad, for example  
18 Turned away from sin  
20 John XXIII's surname  
21 Describes Mary  
22 "Ora \_\_\_ nobis"  
23 Papal emissary  
25 A priest wears a Roman one  
26 Female members of religious orders (abbr.)  
28 \_\_\_ of Christian Initiation  
30 "Sufficient for a day is its own \_\_\_" (Mt 6:24)

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**TEASER THE SECOND:**  
Removing an appendix is called an appendectomy, removing tonsils is called a tonsillectomy. What is it called when they remove a growth from your head?  
**TEASER THE THIRD:**  
What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat and 1/2 goat? (Hint: Write letters)  
**TEASER THE FOURTH:**  
Given below are quotes by Indira Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India. Can you decipher them?  
Zl tenaqsngure bapr gbyq zr gung gurer ner gjb xvaqf bs crbcyr:  
gubfr jub jhex naq gubfr jub gnrx gur perqvg. Ur gbyq zr gb gel gb or va gur svefg tebh; gurer jnf yrff pbzcrvgvba gurer.  
Jr zhfg yrnea gb or fgvyv va gur zvqfg bs npgvivgl naq gb or ivoenagyl nyvir va ercbfr.  
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**HINT:** A=N, E=R, I=V, O=B

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“We must learn to be still in the midst of activity and to be vibrantly alive in repose.”  
“You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.”

**FOURTH:**  
1/2 goat = GO  
2/3 cat = CA  
3/7 chicken = CHI  
THIRD: Chicago.  
SECOND: A haircut.  
A “mind” is an ancient unit of weight. If you knew this, give yourself a million extra points.)

**MANIPULATE (Editor’s Note:**  
palm, plum, tame, team, team; mau, meat, mine, mule, mute, lamp, lump, main, male, mate, FIRST: alum, lama, lame,



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