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October 1, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible 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 seminarists 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 seminarists of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. You have suffered from this terrible sin. I beg your forgiveness. I pray our Lord Jesus will give His healing love to you and your families. 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).

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I pray for just punishment, remorse, and conversion of the perpetrators 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 attention in auditing our clergy and seminarian files. I affirm all faithful priests, deacons, and seminarists 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 program 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 example 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.

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Todavía 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 conocía 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 [Jesus] 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 Investigación 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 la ofrecerá la ayuda de nuestro Ministerio de Asistencia (toda la información de contacto está en 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.

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Diócesis Católica de Dodge City
Awkward Pauses

Awkward 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.

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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.

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In Celebration of Diversity

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.

Cultivando 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.

Come to the table
Parishes offer invites to annual dinners

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

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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 DofI.

Homemade chili and chicken noodle soup will be served, and a relish plate, and cheese and jalapeños 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.

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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.

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Diocesan Director of Youth Ministries

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Dodge City, Kansas

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

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

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A happy fall to all

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

I wish you a very Happy Autumn. September was a time of transition. We wind down our summer and prepare for the fall; falling leaves are summer waving goodbye; children gone back to school beginning afresh and start new phases of their education; the temperature begins to cool off bringing comfort and warmth to our days and nights.

Life will soon speed up, days will get busy, work will begin to accumulate; anxieties, tensions and other slings and arrows will come our way.

In anticipation of the fall season and all its added stress, I invite you to plan one-minute vacations, make five-minute meditations, or take five-minute breaks that will allow you to take a few deep breaths and calm your being. Bless yourself and give yourself permission to stop and be still.

The scriptures remind us to “be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10) When you are burdened with much work and hectic activities, and you have become totally absorbed in work and failed to take care of yourself, your family or those you work with, take a one-minute vacation and slow down just as the earth slows down in the fall season and allows her soil to rest.

Take a deep breath, ease the pounding of your heart, still your mind, steady your hurried pace, listen to the music of nature amid the confusion of the day and allow the season of fall to bless you.

Listen to the joyful music of creation. The psalmist in Psalm 19 exclaims, “The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”

When you encounter mean, unfriendly and ugly people and situations, make a five-minute meditation and quietly and gently look at the beautiful, amazing colors of the fall season and allow them to bless you with joy. Let them challenge you to stay focused on the decent, friendly and beautiful people and situations in your life.

Surround yourself with decent, friendly, good and noble people and be blessed by their presence in your life. Be grateful for all the blessings of the world around you.

When your days are not that great, when you have messed up a few things, when you fall short of your ideals, when you meet with failures, take a five-minute break and walk quietly among the fallen leaves.

Allow the fallen leaves to bless you and teach you about the power and value they hold. They will soon decompose and nurture the earth; they will become food for the trees and plants that they came from.

In a similar fashion, your “falls,” the fallen leaves of your life and activities carry energy, power and value. Allow them to teach, bless and energize you. Never go under them, quietly walk among them just as you walk among the fallen leaves.

Bless the fall season and may the fall season bless you. Happy October. Happy Fall.

Thank You.

Father Prakash Kola

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**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 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.

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**Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass Registration Form**

Fill out and send by Monday, Oct. 7 to: Matrimony Anniversary Mass, 910 Central, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801

Para inscribirse, por favor complete el formulario y envíelo antes del lunes 8 de octubre:

BE SURE AND PRINT LEGIBLY! POR FAVOR IMPRIMIR LEGIBLEMENTE

Last Name ____________ Husband ____________ Wife ____________

Mailing Address

Domicilio

City __________________ State _______ Zip Code ____________

Ciudad __________________ Estado _______ Codigo Postal _____________

Phone Telefono ____________

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 ____________

Numéro de Años Casados ____________

Preferred Language of Certificate: English Spanish

Idioma Preferido para Certificado: ingles español

Number of Guests (Please include the two of you.)

Numero de Invitados (Por favor de incluir dos para usted) ____________

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**Acts of Kindness**

**Editor’s Note:** Please send your stories of kindness to the Catholic. Send to 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.

**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 & Nauer, 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 & Nauer, 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

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 approval 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.

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!

Chuck Weber is the Executive Director of the Kansas Catholic Conference. You may reach him at Chuck@Kansascatholic.org

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By ELIZABETH KELLY

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.

NAME
ADDRESS
City
State
ZIP
PHONE (Home)
EMAIL (optional)

(forms only)

The Kansas Catholic Conference, Executive Director, Kansas Rosary Crusade

Commentary

‘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.

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

10:30 a.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
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. Schmisseur 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 1961 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 Habertthier (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.


Allegations arising in the Dodge City Diocese and the Pueblo Diocese for incidents in the late 1960’s thru the mid-1970’s 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 from September 1990-January 1991 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Dodge City.

Ordained for the El Paso Diocese May 1975. He served in the Dodge City Diocese August 1975-1986; Sacred Heart Church/ Cathedral, Dodge City; Sacred Heart Church, Garden City; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Garden City.

He is on the “list of credible accusations” of the San Angelo Diocese. No allegations received from his time in the 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 Diocese.

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 Diocese.

Joseph Thiesen (deceased)


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

**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 incest, make a confidential report to Kansas 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 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 Diocese.

He is on the “list of credible accusations” of the Pueblo Diocese.

Joel McClure

Served in the Diocese of Amarillo between July 1987 and became a priest of the Dodge City Diocese 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, Pampa; Sta. Genevieve, El Paso; Sacred Heart Church/San Jose, Santa Fe; Sacred Heart Church, Garden City; Sacred Heart Church, Princeville.

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 Diocese.

**DODGE CITY DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS**

Heleodoro (“Leo”) de Hoyos

Ordained for the Wichita 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 Diocese of Amarillo June 1953-1980: 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.


Olegario (“Oleg”) Robles

Allegations arising in the Pueblo Diocese for incidents in the 1960’s 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.

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**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 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.

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 pain can be restored. 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 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 an with overwhelming and powerful love. We join with Jesus and borrow his words, “Be free from your suffering.” Compassionate God, heal the victims of sexual abuse.

(M. Herringshaw)

Did you know?

• 693 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 version that 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.dcdioocese.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.
• 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 Bruner-gardt 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?
• The online 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.
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.

Tour of Poland to celebrate Saint JPII’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); Czestochowa (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 or rebecca@select-intl.com, or you can visit selectinternationaltours.com.

St. Joseph, Ellinwood, crowns World Egg Toss champs

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.
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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.

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.

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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.”

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And what better way to do that than by going door to door?

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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.

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“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.

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

De 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 reforzadas. Más 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.

**SACERDOTES CON ACUSACIONES QUE SURGIERON DENTRO DE LA DIÓCESIS DE DODGE CITY**

**DONALD FIEDLER** (no está permitido funcionar como sacerdote desde el 2007) 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 Juan de Arco, Elkhart; Santa Elena, Hugocon; San Alfonso, Satanta; Santo Domingo, Garden City; María, Reina de la Paz, Ulysses.

Acusaciones surgieron de incidentes en la Diócesis de Dodge City a mediados de 1980s. Acusaciones fueron determinadas verosímiles.

**JOHN HABERTHER (fallecido)** 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-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 Patrício, Plains.


Acusaciones que surgieron de incidentes en la Diócesis de Dodge City y en la Diócesis de Pueblo a fines de los 1970s hasta mediados de los 1980s fueron determinadas verosímiles, y se hicieron anuncios públicos en la Diócesis de Dodge City diciembre 2006.

**AUGUSTINE HANCHAK, CPPS (fallecido)** Un miembro de los Misioneros de la Preciosa Sangre. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City agosto 1963- agosto 1965 en Santa María, Garden City. Recientes acusaciones que surgieron de incidentes en la Diócesis de Dodge City en los 1960s han sido reportadas y se han determinado verosímiles.

**CELTUS ("JERRY") STEIN (ya no es un sacerdote)** 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, Elinwood; Sagrado Corazón, Pratt; San Juan, Hoisington; Catedral Sagrado Corazón, Dodge City; San Rosa, Great Bend; San Jose, Greensburg; San Jorge, Bucklin; San Alfonso, Satanta; Colegio St. Mary of the Plains, Dodge City. Sirvió en la Arquidiócesis de Denver septiembre 1972-julio 1974.

Sirvió en la Diócesis de Amarillo conociendo julio 1987 y se convirtió en sacerdote de Amarillo en 1993.

Acusaciones han sido determinadas verosímiles.

**EDWARD YOUNG (fallecido)** 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, Hugocon; San Timoteo, Satanta. Se convirtió en sacerdote de la Diócesis de Sioux City en 1974.

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.

**ORESTES HUERTA (sacerdote de la Diócesis de Boac, Filipinas)**

Sirvió en la Diócesis de Dodge City septiembre 1997 - septiembre 2000 en Santa María, Garden City y Cristo el Rey, Deerfield.

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.

**MARIO ISLAS (ya no es un sacerdote)** Ordenado para la Diócesis de El Paso 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.

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.


Cuando la Arquidiócesis determinó que las personas 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.


El 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.

**HELEODORO ("LEO") DE HOYOS**

Acusación de Oklahoma en 1997 cuando era un seminarista de la Diócesis de Dodge City. Él fue despedido como seminarista.

**JOEL MCCLURE** A causa de una investigación por parte de las autoridades de la ley y con la cooperación de la Diócesis de Dodge City, él fue despedido como seminarista agosto 2015.

El mismo se declaró culpable en corte federal a un cargo de transporte de pornografía de menores marzo 2016.

**SI USTED SOSPETA ABUSO**

Si usted sospecha abuso o desacuido de un menor en Kansas y el menor está en el territorio inmediato hable al 911 o al departamento de policía local.

Si usted tiene alguna sospecha de que un menor está siendo abusado o desacuidado haga un reporte confidencial al Departamento de Kansas Centro de Reportes para Protección de Niños y Familias, 800-922-5330 o al KBI Hotline, 800-272-4763 (KBI), enviando un correo electrónico a crbefort@cox.net, 620-312-3219. También, el Señor Beafort ofrecerá ayuda del Ministerio de Asistencia cuya meta es de ser alguien que escuche y fomente la sanación. Es un sacerdote de la Diócesis de Dodge City.

Si usted sospecha abuso por parte del personal de la 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, 620-312-3219. También, el Señor Beafort ofrecerá ayuda del Ministerio de Asistencia cuya meta es de ser alguien que escuche y fomente la sanación. Es un sacerdote de la Diócesis de Dodge City.

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Que esta haciendo la Diócesis Católica de Dodge City para ¿PROTEGER A NUESTROS HIJOS?

A hacer pública la lista de sacerdotes y seminaristas con acusaciones verosimil de abuso en contra, es mi esperanza que la información en esta página aporte algo de confianza en nuestros esfuerzos para mantener a los niños y jóvenes seguros en la Diócesis de Dodge City.

Oración por las víctimas de abuso sexual

Dios compasivo, oramos por las víctimas de abuso sexual. Oramos por un profundo consuelo. Oramos para que refuercen lo que ha sido robado y roto. Si bien no alterarás la historia, revelas tu amor en el presente y en el futuro. Lo que parece desesperadamente destruido, en ti puede ser redimido. Por los muchos millones de personas que han sido profanadas en el abuso sexual, muéstrales amoroso y capaz—como tu quieras—de devolver la vida y la bondad abundante. Sí, hay un gran dolar 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 prestados sus palabras: «Sé liberado de tu sufrimiento». Dios compasivo, sana a las víctimas de abuso sexual.

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

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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 sobre-saliente y buen juicio que no están empleadas por la Diócesis. La mayoría de los miembros son laicos.

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 Ministerio 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.

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

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- 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 análisis de que se ha recibido una acusación que involucra al sacerdote o diácono en las parroquias que el sacerdote o diácono haya servido.

P. ¿Sabía usted?

- 493 Sesiones de Concienciación 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 2003, y más de 8,500 adultos han sido ofrecidas en español e inglés desde julio de 2003. Los números 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 prestados sus palabras: “Sé liberado de tu sufrimiento”. Dios compasivo, sana a las víctimas de abuso sexual.

- 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 comuni-cación con el Vaticano, se llevará a cabo una investigación.
- Las decisiones que se tomarán se determinarán en función del resultado de la investigación.

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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.

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 “Glensharrald” (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.

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

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FRIDAY, OCT. 11


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N 4:12-21 / Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY, OCT. 13

2 KGSG 5:14-17 / 2 TM 2:8-13 / Lk 17:11-19

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!

Available now at Amazon.com and Catholic/Christian bookstores. Mail order available through the Cathedral gift store by contacting the author at twenzl@dcdiocese.org.

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

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“Just as you try not to lose your connection to the internet, make sure that you stay connected with the Lord.”

— Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation Christus Vivit (Christ is Alive)
OBITUARIES

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

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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
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
11 A parish position (abbr.)
12 A parish position for the military
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 Christianty (Mt 6:24)
30 “Sufficient for a day is its own ___” (Mt 6:24)

St. Martin’s Mind Teasers

TEASER THE FIRST:
Spell 4-letter words that use one letter from each row. They do not have to connect. Score 1 point for each 4-letter word you form. Spell one 10-letter word that begins with the top letter in the triangle and uses every letter in the triangle. Score 5 points for this word.

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 tenaqsnungur bapr gbyq zr gung gurer ner gjb xvaqf bs crbcyr: gubfr jub jbex naq gubfr jub gnxr gur perqvg. Ur gbyq zr gb gel gb or va gur svefg tebhc; gurer jnf yrff pbzcrgvgvba gurer. Jr zhfg yrnea gb or fgvyy va gur zvqfg bs npgvivgl naq gb or ivoenagyl nyvir va ercbfr.

Lbh pnaabg funxr unaqf jvgu n pyrapurq svfg.

HINT: A=N, E=R, I=V, O=B

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 Sudoku grid containing areas surrounded by gray or dotted lines. The object is to fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear exactly once in each row, column and 3x3 box, and the sum of the numbers in each area is equal to the clue in the area’s top-left corner.

Reglas De Sudoku:
Cada fila debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9. Cada columna debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9. Cada cuadrado 3x3 debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9.

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ANSWERS

FIRST:
SECOND:
THIRD:
FOURTH:

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— Bishop John

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