



Chancery offices, housed in the former convent building (at right) are being expanded into part of the third floor of the former Sacred Heart Grade School building (at left).

## Building for the future

By Doug Weller  
*The Register*

**SALINA** — Office space at the Chancery already was at a premium when work on the new pastoral plan began.

The plan proposes adding three offices to head new or expanded diocesan ministries, but that posed an obvious dilemma: Where would office space be located?

“There was no space in the existing building,” explained Father Randall Weber, vicar general. “We already had people doubled up in offices.”

**THE CHANCERY** AT Ninth and Iron, home to diocesan offices since 1990, was out of room, and so the bishop’s executive committee examined several alternatives.

Expanding into the adjacent grade school building proved to be the most cost efficient, Father Weber said.

“We examined other possibilities, from building new to moving to Marymount College,” he said. The north wing of the closed college’s administration building, now privately owned, has been converted into office space.

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**ABOVE:** Chris Metcalf of Drywall Systems Inc. of Wichita secures lath after removing old plaster during repairs at the Chancery, while Noel McSweeney trowels fresh plaster above a stained glass window. **LEFT:** Dan Groot of Medina Construction of Salina eases file cabinets into niches that once occupied students’ lockers in the Sacred Heart Grade School building.

Photos by Doug Weller / *The Register*

## Veto fight

*Kansans legislators urged to override governor’s veto*

By Joe Bollig  
*The Leaven*

**KANSAS CITY, KAN.** — Pro-life leaders expressed dismay over Gov. Mark Parkinson’s veto of a late-term abortion bill and urged Kansans to contact legislators and ask for a veto override.

On April 15, Parkinson vetoed Senate substitute for House Bill 2115. The bill passed the House 83-36, and the Senate passed it 24-15.

The bill would have required that doctors provide a specific medical diagnosis when they perform an abortion on viable unborn children past 22 weeks of gestation.

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## Father Ralph Aschenbrenner dies at age 74

By Doug Weller  
*The Register*

**WICHITA** — Father Ralph Aschenbrenner, 74, a priest of the Diocese of Salina since 1961, died Tuesday morning at Harry Hines Hospice at Via Christi-St. Francis Hospital.



**Father Ralph Aschenbrenner**

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in his native Colby.

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## In support of life

Kansas State University Students for the Right to Life challenge others on campus during a week of activities.

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## Responding to the crisis

Pope Benedict XVI promises the faithful gathered at St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican that the Church will do everything it can to end sexual abuse by clergy and to aid past victims of abuse.

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## Prayer intentions

Pope Benedict asks us to pray in May for those who are enslaved through human trafficking and for all who minister to have the power of the Holy Spirit.

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## FAITH AND REASONS

## 'Yes' and 'no' regarding cremation

**Q** What are the rules or guidelines of the Catholic Church in regard to cremation?

**A** The Catechism of the Catholic Church goes into depth when speaking about many topics and teachings of the Church. On the topic of cremation, it gives us 20 words: "The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body" (2301).

So, yes, the Church does permit cremation. According to canon law, the Church recommends "the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased." However, it does not prohibit cremation.

Is the funeral Mass allowed in the presence of the cremated remains? The answer to this question also is yes.

"The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites" (Order of Christian Funerals, 413).

Here we are reminded that the Catholic Church prefers that the body be present for the funeral liturgy



**Father Jarett Konrade**

*Diocese of Salina*

because of the symbolism in performing this ritual with the white baptismal pall and the blessing of the casket and body with holy water and other special symbolism. However, when the situation requires, the family is allowed to have a funeral Mass in the presence of the cremated remains.

But is it OK to scatter the ashes? The answer this time is no.

"The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come ... . The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air or on the ground or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (OCF, 417).

There seem to be two reasons for this regulation: because scattering ashes does not seem to show the proper

respect and dignity for the body and because it has been a tradition of Christianity that the deceased be buried or entombed in a spot where they can be memorialized and where an individual or group can gather for prayer.

In the early Church, Christians would celebrate Masses in the catacombs (underground burial chambers) upon the tombs of the martyrs as a memorial and also to ask for their intercession. It is important for us as Catholics to offer prayers for those who have died. These prayers are especially powerful to us in our sensual experience when we can go to a place where we know our friends or relatives are physically buried. If we scatter the remains, we lose the opportunity for a physical place for prayer and memorial.

Lastly, it seemed to be within God's plan for Jesus to be placed in a tomb for three days before his resurrection. There is important symbolism for us as Christians that after we die our bodies are buried or placed in a tomb as we await the second coming and the resurrection of our bodies.

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## BISHOP'S CALENDAR

May 2010

- 1 Knights of Columbus 109th State Convention Banquet, 6 p.m., Wichita
- 2 Knights of Columbus Mass, 4:30 p.m., Wichita
- 4 Clergy Health and Retirement Board, 11:30 a.m., Hall of Bishops, Salina
- Sacred Heart Junior-Senior High School Endowment Board, Salina
- 5 Clergy Health and Retirement Board, 11:30 a.m., St. Fidelis Friary, Victoria
- St. John's Inc. Board of Trustees, Hays
- 8 Confirmation, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Church, Ellis
- Confirmation, 6 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, Hanover
- 9 Confirmation, Immaculate Conception Church, 10 a.m., Minneapolis
- Graduation Mass for Sacred Heart High School, 3 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
- 11 Priests' Council, 9:30 a.m., St. Fidelis Friary, Victoria
- 12 Religious Sisters Appreciation Mass and luncheon, 11 a.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral
- 15 Rural Life Commission, St. Isidore's Day, 10-3 p.m., St. Wenceslaus Parish, Wilson
- 16 Graduation Mass, 10 a.m., Tipton Catholic High School, Tipton
- Confirmation, 3 p.m., Seven Dolours Church, Manhattan
- 20 Serra Club of Salina seminarian potluck, 6 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, Salina (Rosary, 5:30 p.m. in church)
- 22 Priesthood ordination, 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral
- 23 Confirmation, 8:30 a.m., SS. Philip and James Church, Phillipsburg
- Confirmation, 3 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Colby
- 25 Finance Council, 4 p.m., Chancery, Salina
- 26 Confirmation, 6 p.m., St. Edward's Church, Belleville
- 30 Graduation Mass, 10 a.m., Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, Hays
- Golden jubilee for Father Merlin Kieffer, Mass, 4 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, Clyde
- 31 Memorial Day Mass, 9 a.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral

## Funeral Mass scheduled Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral

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A vigil will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the cathedral.

Memorials may be made to the Clergy Health and Retirement Fund of the diocese.

Father Aschenbrenner is survived by a brother, Richard of Lawrence, a sister, Dorothy Stephens of Wichita, and several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers.

Father Aschenbrenner moved to the Catholic Life Center in Bel Aire following his retirement from active priesthood in July 2007.

At the time, he was pastor of the three parishes of Republic County and serving on the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, a role he began in 1972.

**REFLECTING ON HIS** career at the time, Father Aschenbrenner said he had wanted to be a priest since he was a young boy and, as a priest, particularly enjoyed working with youth.

After his appointment to the tribunal, his parish assignments stayed relatively close to Salina, where the tribunal is based.

When he announced his retirement in June 2007, he said health problems were preventing him from properly serving his parishes in

Belleville, Munden and Cuba and that the 130-mile round trip to the Chancery that he made at least once a week was becoming increasingly difficult.

**FATHER ASCHENBRENNER** was born Oct. 1, 1935, in Colby to Philip and Rose (Schuster) Aschenbrenner.

He attended four years of high school and three years of college at Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo., then transferred to Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis for his final year of college and four years of theology school.

He was ordained March 18, 1961, at Sacred Heart Church in Colby by Bishop Frederick Freking.

His assignments in the diocese included:

- 1961, temporary appointments at St. Ann's

Parish in Zurich, St. Edward's in Belleville and St. George's in Munden

- 1961-66, assistant pastor of Seven Dolours in Manhattan

- 1966-68, pastor of SS. Philip and James in Phillipsburg and attended to state sanatorium in Norton

- 1968-69, pastor of St. Aloysius Gonzaga in Osborne

- 1969-71, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Greenleaf and St. Michael's in Kimeo

- 1972-2007, served in various capacities on the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal

- 1971-85, pastor of Im-



**Father Ralph Aschenbrenner in 1961**



**Bishop Frederick Freking ordains Father Ralph Aschenbrenner on March 18, 1961, at Sacred Heart Church in Colby.**

maculate Conception in Minneapolis

- 1985-89, pastor of Immaculate Conception in Solomon and Sacred Heart in Niles

- 1989-2001, pastor of St.

Patrick's in Lincoln and St. Mary's in Glasco

- 2001-07, pastor of St. Edward's in Belleville, St. George's in Munden and St. Isidore's in Cuba

- 2007, retired July 1.

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# Kansas State University students stand up for life

By Paula Glover

The Register

MANHATTAN — Each spring, the Kansas State University Students for the Right to Life host a series of events to engage people in the discussion about life issues.

“The Cemetery of Innocents is my favorite,” said Janet Peak, a student from Scammon, “because you can see visually how many abortions are performed each day.”

The cemetery is an installation of 360 crosses. Each represents 10 lives lost, equalling the average 3,600 abortions that occur every day in the United States.

“People will stop by. It is eye-opening to see the crosses and see what they represent,” Peak said.

The group is spearheaded by Patrick Ptomey, a student from Dallas.

“I was raised a Catholic, but I also did research on the topic,” Ptomey said, explaining how he came to a strong pro-life stance. “I’d heard opinions on both sides, but I did the research to determine how I felt about the issue.”

He finds that even in Kansas, many people are liberal in their abortion views. However, he said, the support for the pro-life stance is “better than you would think.”

ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES during the group’s week-long event asks people to vote if they are pro-life or pro-choice. Ptomey said that most of the views expressed were pro-life, but that could be due to supporters being more likely approaching the display. He said students frequently come to the displays for some discussion, but it is generally civil.

“We might get some laugh-



Photos by Paula Glover / The Register

Kansas State University Students for the Right to Life set up crosses for a “Cemetery of Innocents” on April 23 on the Manhattan campus. Each cross represents 10 abortions to equal the estimated 3,600 that occur every day in the United States.

ing and eye rolling,” Ptomey acknowledged. “But we want the events to be aimed at the student body as a whole, to try to reach everyone.”

Other events during the week included adoption

awareness, the screening of the film “Bella” and a display on fetal development, which included a poll on “How do you define when life begins?” In contrast to previous years, 100 percent of the respon-

dents said “fertilization.” Ptomey said usually there is a wide range of opinions, from fertilization to birth.

PEAK SAID THAT SHE was raised a Catholic and has maintained her faith as a member of St. Isidore Catholic Student Center.

“Pro-life is the way my parents raised me,” she said. Her activities have included the March for Life in Washington and the pro-life rally in Topeka.

Lori Yaussi, a student from Wichita, visited the booth to vote on when life begins, adding her vote for fertilization.

“Education is important to understand there are other options aside from abortion,” she said. “People are

pressured to make bad choices, and it is important to get the word out about what their options are.”

Katherine Wartell, a journalism student from Superior, Colo., chose to do a story on pro-life activism as part of an advanced news writing class. She said she is pro-choice but that she was surprised that pro-life activism took on so many forms, from marching to supporting adoption agencies and providing education.

“There are stereotypes on both sides,” she said. “But doing this story has made me more open-minded about different opinions.”

For more information about the KSU Students for the Right to Life, go to [ksustudents4life.weebly.com](http://ksustudents4life.weebly.com).



Patrick Ptomey, who heads the pro-life group at KSU, talks with Lori Yaussi, a student from Wichita.

## Sister’s book tells stories of growing up in Abilene orphanage

CONCORDIA — As Sister Marie Coleman tells the stories, life for a little girl in the 1920s at an Abilene orphanage was a daily adventure as she discovered the many kindnesses of the Catholic nuns who were in charge.

The stories also make clear this was a different world, at least from a 21st century perspective. Early deaths were not that unusual, hand-me-down clothes were the norm and “begging sisters” helped ensure there was food on the table.

The 24 stories in “The Sisters Who Loved Me” offer Sister Marie’s memories as an orphan in the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, combined with a view of how tough times really were in the years she lived at St. Joseph Home in Abilene.

She was just a year and a half old when she arrived in 1922 after the death of her mother; she would remain at the home until 1934. And the



Sister Marie Coleman

rest of her life story makes it clear that she was shaped by those years: In 1939, she joined the order and received the habit a year later. This year, she celebrates her 70th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia.

Sister Marie, who is now 89 and lives at the congregation’s Motherhouse in Concordia, says she started thinking about gathering the stories from her childhood about 10 years ago. At the urging of Sister Bette Moslander, also of Concordia, she began writing them down.

BUT IT’S ONLY BEEN in the last year or so that the idea developed to gather them into a book. Sister Marie worked with the congregation’s archivist, Sister Bernardine Pacht, to find photographs of each sister to go with her story. She also worked with Sarah Jenkins, the congregation’s communications director, to edit the stories and design and layout the book. Many others in the congregation — including Sister Marcia Allen, the order’s president; Sister Lucy Schneider of Concordia; Sister Jodi Creten of At-

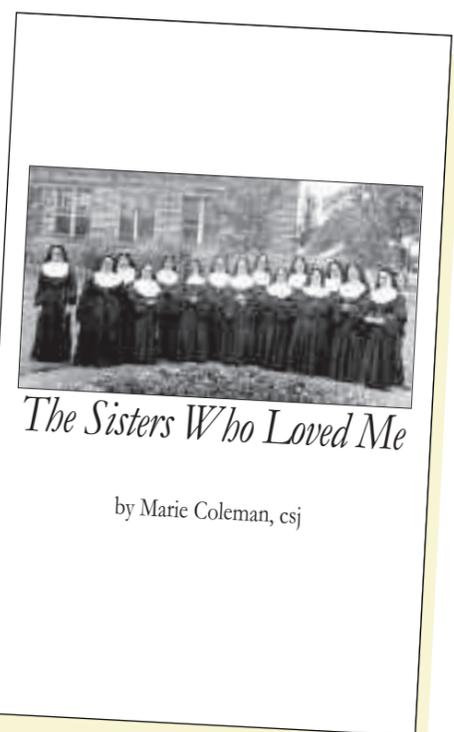
lanta; and Jan McCormick of Chapman — helped with history and factual details.

Sister Marie’s 72-page book is available for \$4 at the Nazareth Gift Shop at the Motherhouse, which is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. An order form is available at [www.csj-kansas.org](http://www.csj-kansas.org).

The Concordia congregation founded what would become St. Joseph Home in 1887, but within a year four sisters at the Abilene school became the nucleus of a new congregation, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita. That congregation operated Mount St. Joseph’s Academy, a school for girls, in Abilene until 1912.

The Catholic Diocese of Concordia (now Salina) purchased the property in 1914 and opened the orphanage a year later. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia operated it until it closed in 1958.

A reunion is planned later this



year for those who lived at the Abilene orphanage.

## High Mass at the National Shrine



Nancy Wiehac / CNS

An altar server assists with the "cappa magna" (great cape) as Bishop Edward Slattery of Tulsa, Okla., arrives Saturday at the sanctuary for a pontifical solemn high Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Celebrated in the traditional Latin rite from the 1962 missal, the Mass honored Pope Benedict XVI on the fifth anniversary of his election. It was the first time in 50 years that Mass in the extraordinary form had been celebrated in the shrine's upper church.

## BRIEFLY

### Vatican supports adult stem-cell project

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican is strongly supporting a new international project for adult stem-cell research but is not directly involved and has made no financial contribution to the initiative, a Vatican spokesman said.

The project, led by the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, established a consortium of researchers from several Italian health institutes, including the Vatican-owned Bambino Gesù Hospital in Rome.

The Church opposes embryonic stem-cell research because it involves the destruction of embryos. It supports adult stem-cell research, which uses undifferentiated cells obtained from adult organs and tissues.

The project will focus on intestinal stem cells, a relatively new field of study.

### Church leaders call for responses to law

WASHINGTON — Bishop Gerald Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., one of many religious leaders criticizing Arizona's new immigration law, said he will ask the general counsel of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to become involved in lawsuits expected to challenge its constitutionality.

Bishop Kicanas said he believes the law needs to be challenged for reasons beyond the constitutional questions that many opponents of the bill have raised. Among his objections are that it "does not address the critical need for border security to confront drug smuggling, weapons smuggling and human trafficking."

Arizona's bishops had called for a veto of the bill and for a more comprehensive approach at the federal level to solve immigration problems.

The law would make it a crime to be in the United States illegally. Federal law treats that as a civil violation.

The law also would require police to make a "reasonable attempt" to determine legal status during "any lawful contact" and require immigrants to carry proof of their legal status.

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# Church will act against sex abuse, pope promises

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Recalling a recent meeting with victims of sex abuse by clergy, Pope Benedict XVI reiterated his promise that the Church was doing everything it could to end abuse.

During his April 17-18 trip to Malta, "I wanted to meet with some people — victims of abuse by some members of clergy," the pope told about 15,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square for his general audience April 21.

The pope privately met April 18 with eight men who had been abused as minors by priests.

"I shared in their suffering and, with emotion, I prayed with them, assuring action on behalf of the Church," he said at the general audience.

ACCORDING TO A Vatican statement released immediately after the pope's 20-minute meeting with victims at the apostolic nunciature in Rabat, Malta, the pope was "deeply moved by their stories and expressed his shame and sorrow over what victims and their families have suffered."

"He prayed with them and assured them that the Church is doing, and will continue to do, all in its power to investigate allegations, to bring to justice those responsible for abuse and to implement effective measures designed to safeguard young people in the future," the statement said.

The pope reviewed the highlights of his trip to Malta during his weekly general audience.

THE POPE'S TWO-DAY trip helped commemorate the 1,950th anniversary of St. Paul's shipwreck on the island, which heralded in the beginnings of Christianity in Malta.

Ever since St. Paul's arrival, Malta has held fast to its Catholic roots, and the pope praised the Mediterranean nation for being faithful to the Gospel for the past two millennia.

It is not always easy for a country to draw inspiration from the Gospel that will help them address complicated, modern-day challenges, he said.

However, the people of Malta have "a Christian vision of life" when they respond to new challenges, he said.



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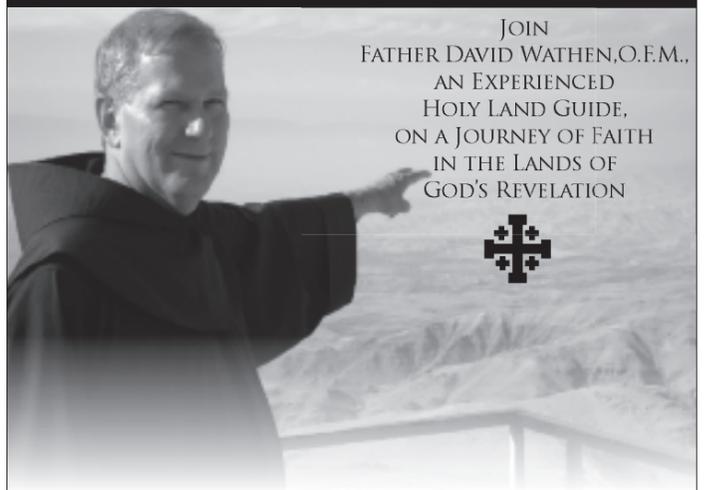


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The world's poor are easy prey for those who wish to profit from the slave market. Many in rich countries like our own purchase women and children to exploit. Slaves are raped, tortured, put to hard labor and even forced to have babies who also are sold as slaves. Pope Benedict XVI asks us to hear the cries of the millions and pray for the end of this shameful and monstrous trafficking in human beings.

The problem is especially difficult because those who are enslaved sometimes cannot or do not understand that they are victims. Desperate because of poverty, war or disaster, they seek to escape the hardship and danger of their circumstances. They are fooled by promises of adoption, marriage and employment. Once sold, they are typically isolated, afraid, ashamed, unable to speak the language of their captors and ignorant of laws and social services that would rescue them and allow them to live in freedom.

As many as 17,000 people are trafficked into the United States each year from Asia, Central and South America and Eastern Europe. The U.S. State Department reports that they are exploited for prostitution, pornography, domestic servitude, sweatshop labor



and migrant agricultural work.

Praying for the pope's intention helps us be aware of the enormity of the problem of human trafficking — awareness we can share with those around us.

### REFLECTION

How can you make others compassionately aware of human trafficking?

## MISSION INTENTION

**PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS, AND COMMITTED LAY PEOPLE.** That priests, religious women and men, and lay people involved in apostolic work may understand how to bring missionary enthusiasm to the communities they serve.

The Holy Father often asks us to pray for a missionary spirit to pervade the entire Church. But this month we are praying specifically for those priests, religious men and women and lay ministers who are actively involved in apostolic work: that they bring a

missionary enthusiasm to their service.

At the Ascension, Jesus told his disciples that when they received the Holy Spirit they would receive the power to be witnesses to him to the very ends of the earth. And they did.

We need that power now — all of us. Have you ever heard some good news that you couldn't wait to tell someone else? You couldn't keep it to yourself.

That's the way it's supposed to be with all of us who have received new life in baptism, especially those who have been called to serve Church ministries.

Church workers are to be so

inspired by the Holy Spirit that they, like the first disciples after Pentecost, cannot keep the Good News to themselves. From a very small beginning, the Gospel has spread to the ends of the earth. And from your parish, it can spread across your city or county, your state and the nation.

### REFLECTION

Do you know someone who ministers to others with "missionary enthusiasm"? Pray specifically that the power of the Holy Spirit may grow in that person.

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Father of all, I ask that you grant freedom and comfort to the millions of women, girls, men, and boys who are enslaved throughout the world. End their exploitation and abuse. Awaken the con-

sciences of those who buy, sell, and hold them as slaves. Make people aware that this violation of human rights is among us and growing, even in the United States. Give wisdom to lawmakers and law enforcement. Help me live in your hope until all God's children are free. Amen.

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**Hays students take part in service day**



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Caleb Pinney (left), Krayton Werth and Andrew Heimann were among students from 35 different groups at Thomas More Prep-Marian High School in Hays who participated in the annual service day. Staff and parents joined them for various assignments for three hours in the morning, followed by a noon break and two more hours in the afternoon.

**Women of Beardsley parish make, donate blankets**



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Jennifer Sabatka (left), Diane Sis, Marilyn Kopriva and Jolene Reeh, Altar Society members at St. John Nepomucene Parish near Beardsley, were among the women who made baby blankets to give to new mothers and their infants at the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home in Hays.

**Junction City students attend water festival**

Hannah Miller (left) and Teresa Balderrama were among fourth-graders from St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Junction City who attended the Dickinson County Water Festival on April 22 near Abilene. The festival was designed to heighten students' awareness about water and other natural resource concerns and define their role in helping to protect them.



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More than 300 people attended the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Schools Auction on April 17 in Junction City.

**Junction City school auction raises \$86,000**

JUNCTION CITY — The St. Francis Xavier Catholic Schools Auction on April 17 drew 336 participants and raised \$86,000.

There were live and silent auctions with a wide variety of items available.

A chuckwagon dinner for 10 "drovers and special guests" donated by Mike and Theresa Ryan and Bill and Frances Hockensmith brought \$7,750. A 2009 Kawasaki Bayou four-wheeler donated by City Cy-

cle Sales went for \$3,400. Participants were served a dinner of roast pork, beef brisket, pizza and a variety of side dishes and desserts provided by local businesses, parishioners, parents and Ladies Circle groups.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina, Confirmation**



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Youth from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hays were confirmed April 17. First row (from left) are Andrew Haines, Korin Koch, Cadie O'Donnell, Emily Steele, Jennifer Gartner, Kathleen Greene and Calli Calahan; second row, Lara Brockway, Jason Martinez, Josh Ferguson, Jordan Weems, Audrey Kinkelaar, Max Kuhn, Maeve Martin and Madison Donatell; and third row, Heather Simon, Nick Zajac, Tyler Howey, Father Frank Coady, Justin Stonebraker, Kayla Pearson, Bishop Paul Coakley, Garrett Mortimer, Bryan Bruckner, Tate Richards and Cole Sauber.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

# Salina music students compete at Lincoln event

**SALINA** — Fifth- and sixth-graders from St. Mary's Grade School competed April 13 in the Lincoln Music Contest at Lincoln High School in Lincoln.

Instructors are Michelle Koerperich and Pat Klenda.

Ratings given are III, II or I, with I+ being the highest.

- Ratings of I+ went to sixth-graders Noah Marcotte (field drum solo) and Ingrid Herrenbruck (piano solo)

- Ratings of I went to the fifth- and sixth-graders percussion trio of Stratton Brown, Noah Marcotte and Thomas Williams, the woodwind ensemble of Elizabeth Anderson, Abby Frazier, Jacey Goetz, Abby Markel, Raven Overkamp, Sarah Rakes and Victoria Williams, and the St. Mary's Band; to fifth-graders Grace Worcester and Sarah Rakes (piano solos), Abby Markel (flute solo), Gabrielle Diederich (trumpet solo), Ashton Richards (trombone solo) and Stratton Brown (snare drum solo); and to sixth-graders Abby Frazier and Elizabeth Anderson (clarinet solos) and Jacey Goetz (flute solo).

- Ratings of I- went to the fifth- and sixth-grade brass and woodwind ensemble of Gabrielle Diederich, Anna Francis, John Paul Jacobs, Alexa Pereyda, Rayne Schmidtberger and Jack Skidmore; to fifth-graders



Sixth-graders competing were, first row, Maddie Gonzolas, Alex Howey and Hud Chapin; second row, Thomas Williams, Abby Frazier, Victoria Williams and Jack Skidmore; and third row, Autumn Denham, Katie Stanley-Lorson, Lydia Hoffman and Makenzie Kack.



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Sixth-graders competing were, first row, Zack Bieberly, Karli Alvarez, Paige Gilliland and Raven Overkamp; second row, Jacey Goetz, Ingrid Herrenbruck, John Paul Jacobs and Chloe Rodenbeck; and third row, Anna Francis, Anthony Panuco, Emily Greene, Nicholas Hernandez and Elizabeth Anderson.



Fifth-graders competing were, first row, John Carter, Rayne Schmidtberger and Sarah Rakes; second row, Christian Bonilla, Ahla Grant, Grace Worcester and Alexa Pereyda; and third row, Andrea Torres, Abby Markel, Rebecca Lathan, Rhiannon Wilcox and Hannah Ochs.

Gabrielle Diederich (piano solo) and Sarah Rakes (flute solo); and to sixth-graders Emily Greene

(piano solo), Thomas Williams (snare drum solo) and John Paul Jacobs (trumpet solo).



Fifth-graders competing were, first row, Fredi Weis, Stratton Brown and Ashton Richards; second row, Gabrielle Diederich, Patricia Campa, Holly Lathan and Hannah Junk; and third row, Christy Pahls, Joana Rodriguez, Zach Gaskill and Grace Ivey.

- Ratings of II+ went to the fifth- and sixth-grade St. Mary's Angel Choir and to sixth-grader John Paul

- Ratings of II went to sixth-grader Hud Chapin (piano solo).

## Antonino First Communion



Youth from Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish in Antonino received their First Communion on April 10. With Capuchin Father Earl Befort are Colton Vajnar (left) and Lucas Kraus. Not pictured is catechist Ella Vajnar.

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## D of I honors Hays woman

**HAYS** — Sandy Herrman was named 2010 Daughter of the Year by members of Daughters of Isabella Circle 254. She will be honored at the mother-daughter breakfast May 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Veterans pins also will be awarded.

Herrman has been a member for 23 years and

currently is regent. She has been vice regent, scribe, recording secretary, auditor and honorary pallbearer.

She is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary, where she serves on ministerial commissions and is a lector and extraordinary minister of holy Communion. She also is an adoration chapel adorer.

## Salina students tour temple, cathedral



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The sixth-grade class at St. Mary's Grade School in Salina recently visited the Buu Quang Buddhist Temple and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita. This year, the fifth- and sixth-graders will perform "The King and I," which incorporates Buddhist traditions. The students, who also are learning about the Middle Ages and the construction of cathedrals, toured the Wichita cathedral with Father John Sherlock, rector.

## DEATHS

**CLEMENTINE DREILING**

A funeral Mass for Clementine M. "Clemie" Dreiling, 78, Hays, was said April 14, 2010, at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. Capuchin Father Michael Scully was celebrant. Burial was in St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria.

Mrs. Dreiling died April 11. She was born June 8, 1931, in Park to Clement and Mary (Zerr) Zerr.

Survivors include two sons, David and wife Marge of Hays and Chris of Victoria; a daughter, Sandy Gottschalk and husband Keith of Hays; two brothers, Leonard Zerr of Quinter and Eddie Zerr of Grainfield; a sister, Marie Kriley of New Braunfels, Texas; and four grandchildren.

**JEROME JANOUSEK**

A funeral Mass for Jerome J. Janousek, 78, of Atwood was said April 12, 2010, at St. John Nepomucene Church near Beardsley. Father Dan Scheetz was celebrant. Burial was in St. John Nepomucene Cemetery.

Mr. Janousek died April 8. He was born Jan. 1, 1932, near Atwood to Joseph and Rosie (Kacirek) Janousek.

Survivors include his wife, Viola; a son, Douglas of Lincoln, Neb.; three daughters, Colleen Smith and husband Rex of Goodland and Zita Mason and husband Mark of Wichita and Natalie Sieber and husband Mike of Ohio, Neb.; two sisters, Rose Marie Faimon of North Platte, Neb., and Beatrice Kanak and husband Joe of Atwood; two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Vrbas of West, Texas, and Alice Vrbas of Stratton, Neb.; a brother-in-law, Ray Stehno of Stratton, Neb.; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Diane Janousek.

**ANTHONY KRAFT**

A funeral Mass for Anthony "Tony" Kraft, 92, of Salina, was said April 21, 2010, at St. Agnes Church in Grainfield. Carmelite Father James Maruthukunnel was celebrant, with Father Kerry Ninemire concelebrating. Burial was in Grainfield Cemetery.

Mr. Kraft died April 18. He was born Dec. 11, 1917, in Hays to Wendelin and Veronica (Haffner) Kraft.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalie, of Salina; four sons, Duane and wife Elaine of Jefferson City, Mo., Leroy and wife Charlotte of Wichita, Jerry and wife Karen of Salina and Gail and wife Janice of Antioch, Calif.; a daughter, Janice Manhart and husband Larry of Grainfield; a brother, Marvin and wife Jeanette of Emporia; 20 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Pat and Eugene.

**SISTER MARY JULIA STEGEMAN**

A funeral Mass for Sister Mary Julia Stegeman, 99, was said April 21, 2010, at the Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel in Concordia. Father Jack Schlaf was celebrant. Burial was in Nazareth Motherhouse Cemetery in Concordia.

Sister Mary Julia died April 17. She was born Sept. 6, 1910, in Selden to John and Cecelia (Mumm) Stegeman and baptized Anna. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia on Feb. 15, 1928. On Aug. 15, 1928, she received the habit and was given the name Sister Mary Julia. She pronounced first vows on Aug. 15, 1930, and final vows on Aug. 15, 1933.



Sister Mary Julia Stegeman

For almost 30 years, Sister Mary Julia took care of the Chapel and laundry duties at Marymount College in Salina. In 1983, she moved to St. Mary's Convent in Grand Island, Neb., where she was a prayerful presence to many home-bound people and the elderly. She retired to the Motherhouse in 1991. She tended to the sunken garden at Marymount College, the gardens at St. Mary's Convent in Grand Island and the greenhouse at Nazareth Motherhouse.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother Edward and three sisters, Sister Louis Marie and Sister Rose Cecilia, both Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, and Sister Ermenilda, a Benedictine Sister of Clyde, Mo.

Memorials may be given to the Sisters of St. Joseph Health Care / Retirement Fund or the Apostolic Works of the Sisters, P.O. Box 279, Concordia, KS 66901.

**STEPHEN TREMBLY**

A funeral Mass for Stephen M. Trembly, 63, of Shawnee was said April 17, 2010, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father Barry Brinkman was celebrant. Burial was in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia with military honors by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Trembly died Dec. 15, 2009. He was born Sept. 6, 1946, in Concordia to Alciend and Nellie (Perkins) Trembly.

Survivors include two brothers, Robert and wife Joyce of Salina and Richard and wife Jeri of Hillsboro, Ore.; and two sisters, Bernice Liedtke of Franklin, Tenn., and Donna Teasley and husband James of Merritt Island, Fla.

## BAPTISMS

**KATHERINE KAY HANSON**, daughter of Brian and Jacquelyn (Micek) Hanson, was baptized April 17, 2010, by Father Dan Scheetz at St. John Nepomucene Church near Beardsley. Godparents were Simon Micek and Kimberly Shirley.

**KENLEY MARIE HOLLE**, daughter of Nikolas Holle and Rashele Hynek, was baptized April 4, 2010, by Father David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Godparents are Tyler Hynek and Megan Holle.

**DALTON WADE SCHMIDTBERGER**, son of Curt and Mary Jo (Rupp) Schmidtberger, was baptized April 17, 2010, by Capuchin Father Michael Scully at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria.

Godparents are Aaron Rome and Debbie Jay.

## WEDDINGS

**JED HYNEK** and **AMY ZARYBNICKY** were married April 17, 2010, at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Father David Metz witnessed their vows.

Parents of the bridegroom are John and Joan Hynek. Parents of the bride are John and Patricia Zarybnicky.

Witnesses were Krista Zarybnicky, Emily Zarybnicky and Jene Hynek.

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# Project adds offices

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"This turned out to be the most economical," Father Weber said of the expansion project that is nearly completed.

Work began at the first of the year to convert four classrooms on the third floor of the former Sacred Heart Grade School building into office space for the Chancery.

At the same time, numerous repairs were made in the main Chancery building. Crews repaired deteriorating plaster walls and resealed the exterior.

The grade school is connected to the Chancery building, which served as the convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia from its construction in 1918 until 1989.

The original part of the grade school was built in 1908, with east and west wings added later. The grade school closed at end of the 2005-06 term, but Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish continues to use it for religious education classes.

The diocese will be leasing the third-floor office space from the parish.

**THE EXPANSION** into the grade school will create seven offices and two clerical areas. Four offices and the clerical areas will be occupied immediately, Father Weber said, with the remainder designed to house proposed offices of evangelization, Hispanic ministry and social concerns.

In addition, there will be a large conference room that will double as an interactive video classroom. The diocese envisions offering long-distance instruction from the new space, with satellite classrooms established throughout the diocese. The conference room will be equipped to handle the new technology when the program begins.

**THE DIOCESE'S** \$15 million capital campaign, which recently began, includes \$750,000 to implement the pastoral plan. Father Weber said part of those funds will be used to pay for the office expansion project and to hire the additional personnel recommended.

The new office areas were expected to be completed this week and will alleviate overcrowding in the main Chancery building.

For instance, Syndi Larez, recently hired as the assistant director of stewardship and development, has not had an office and has been using a storage



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**Brian Swisher of Jones Painting of Salina works in what will be a new conference room and interactive TV classroom located in the former Sacred Heart Grade School building.**

space from which to work, as have two staff members from the Steier Group in Omaha, Neb., which was hired to conduct the capital campaign.

Father Steve Heina, director of the Propagation of the Faith office, and Msgr. James Hake, vicar general, have been sharing an office, and so have Father Jarett Konrade, director of vocations, and Bishop Emeritus George Fitzsimons.

**SOME OF THOSE STAFF** members will move to the new office space, while oth-

ers will occupy newly vacated offices in the original Chancery building.

The Office of Family Life, previously administered by Catholic Charities, is now a diocesan office, but its three employees have remained at the Catholic Charities building pending the addition of new office space at the Chancery, which is located across the street.

Reg and Jan Konrade, directors of the office, and Sheila Marcotte, executive secretary, will move to the newly remodeled space in the grade school building.

# Pro-life activists critical of governor's veto

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The bill also would have tightened requirements for referring physicians, revoked physicians' licenses following convictions on certain misdemeanors and allowed lawsuits by family members against doctors who violate the law.

Kansas bans late-term abortions on viable babies, but allows them with exceptions for serious medical reasons. For years, doctors performing late-term abortions in Kansas have refused to provide specific diagnoses and merely repeated the law's language in order to fulfill reporting requirements.

"It was a very disappointing decision by the governor," said Kansas City, Kan., Archbishop Joseph Naumann. "I think (this legislation) was an effort to ensure that Kansas does not again become a center for late-term abortions in the Midwest. It's difficult to understand the governor's rationale."

**IN HIS VETO MESSAGE,** Parkinson said that Kansas' current late-term abortion law, passed in 1998, "strikes a reasonable balance on a very difficult issue." He further said he supports the current law and believes that "an annual legislative battle over the issue is not in the public's best interest."

"This legislation was geared toward post-viability, late-term abortions," said Michael Schuttloffel, executive director of the Kansas Catholic Conference. "We're talking about unborn children who are (slightly more than) five months. Anyone who has seen a sonogram of a 22-week-old unborn child couldn't be against legislation like this."

Kansas has good late-term, post-viability abortions laws, Archbishop Nau-

mann said, but they have not been enforced.

"We have the strictest law, but we've had the most late-term abortions because our law is not enforceable without this companion legislation," he said.

Ron Kelsey, pro-life consultant for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, agreed that Parkinson's veto statement ignored the problem of non-enforcement.

The governor "ignores the fact that there is no effective enforcement of laws regulating late-term abortions in Kansas," he said. "In other words, there is nothing that prevents late-term abortions in Kansas."

**THE GOVERNOR VETOED** HB 2115 only two days after Nebraska passed two laws restricting abortion. Pro-life leaders fear these actions will give incentive to Nebraska abortionist Leroy Carhart, who worked with the late George Tiller, to establish a practice in Kansas.

For years, Kansas served as a major destination for anyone seeking a no-questions-asked late-term abortion, Schuttloffel said.

"Kansas has developed a reputation as a uniquely hospitable political and legal environment for abortionists that specialize in the kind of grisly, late-term abortions that other states will not allow," he said.

Kelsey urged Kansas to contact their legislators and ask that an attempt be made to override the governor's veto. That would require only one more vote in the House and three in the Senate.

The Legislature returned from recess Wednesday for a roughly two-week-long wrap-up session.

To find an Internet link to the Legislature, go to [www.kscathconf.org](http://www.kscathconf.org).

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Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, Confirmation



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Youth from Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish were confirmed April 18. Pictured with Bishop Paul Coakley are, first row (from left), Aubrey Bieker, Gabriel Guillen, Tony Alvarez, Mary Moore, Karina Rodriguez, Esmeralda Campa, Vanessa Castro, Daniela Rodriguez, Jesus Ruiz, Cindy Castro, Valeria Porras and Patty Dominguez; second row, Courtney Ziegler, Erica Perez, Natalie Deribeaux, Cynthia Garcia, Juan Diaz, Lina Calzadillas, Luis Jimenez, Jaime Melendez, Perla Duran, Alexandra Arias,

Christina Carrazco and Alondra Vargas; third row, Cassandra Esparza, Michelle Pahls, Rhianna Jordan, Haylie Sitton, Madi Varner, Ivan Jimenez, Rodrigo Calzada, Jamie Arias, Benjamin Arias, Erick Arias, Claudia Aranda, Bobby Martinez and Alex Salas; and fourth row, Father Carlos Ruiz, Bishop Paul Coakley, Shayla Martin, Konnor Thompson, Kyler Stover, Jose Panuco, Tymony Bonilla, Marcela Diaz, Juan Segura, Erika Guterrez, Junior Panuco, Stephanie Moreno and Father Allen Scheer.

Sacred Heart Cathedral First Communion



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Youth from Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish received their First Communion. First row (from left) are Derricka Davis, Joslyn Jones, Chloey Bohm, Logan Carter, Mallory Collazo, Johnnie Bonilla and Carlos Torres; second row, T.J. Otey, Christian Carrazco, Kaiden Carter, Matthew Hogan, Sean Morton, Zach Collazo, Nathan Ivey and Oscar Campa; and third row, Father Allen Scheer, David Dougherty, Christiana Carrazco, Naomi Gebhard and Mary Dolan.

Munjor First Communion



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Youth from St. Francis of Assisi Church in Munjor received their First Communion on April 18. First row (from left) are Lauren Kent, Quyn-ton Younker, Lucas Pfannenstiel and Kenna Pfannenstiel and, second row, catechist Jessica Hertel and Father Daryl Olmstead.

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May 4



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## Most don't understand the limits of the papacy

**DURING THE** preparation of the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Pope Paul VI proposed that the constitution's discussion of papal primacy include the affirmation that the pope is "accountable to the Lord alone."

This suggestion was rejected by the Council's Theological Commission, which wrote that "the Roman Pontiff is also bound to revelation itself, to the fundamental structure of the Church, to the sacraments, to the definitions of earlier councils, and other obligations too numerous to mention." Pope Paul quietly dropped his proposal.

Yet the image persists that the Catholic Church is a kind of global corporation, with the pope as CEO, the bishops as branch managers and your parish priest as the local salesman. And according to that image, the pope not only knows what's going on all the way down the line, he gives orders that are immediately obeyed all the way down the line.



**George Weigel**

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Or, to vary the misimpression, the Church is like the U.S. Marine Corps — there, at least according to legend, when the commandant issues an order, everyone from the highest-ranking four-star to the lowliest Parris Island recruit staples a salute to his forehead and does what he's told.

**THIS DISTORTED** and distorting image of the pope as dictatorial CEO or Marine commandant is, admittedly, reinforced by the language of the Code of Canon Law. Thus Canon 331 states that the "Bishop of the Church of Rome ... has supreme, full, immediate and universal ordinary power in the Church, and he can always freely exercise that power." Yet, while both theology and law

tell us that the pope enjoys the fullness of executive, legislative and judicial authority in the Church, his exercise of that power is circumscribed by any number of factors.

It is circumscribed by the authority and prerogatives of local bishops. According to the teaching of Vatican II, bishops are not simply branch managers of Catholic Church Inc. Rather, they are the heads of local churches with both the authority and the responsibility to govern them.

Moreover, the pope, according to the Council, is to govern the Church with the College of Bishops who, with him and under him, share in responsibility for the well-being of the entire people of God, not only for their own local churches.

The pope's capacity for governance also is shaped by the quality of his closest associates and by the accuracy and timeliness of the information he receives from the Roman Curia via

the nuncios and apostolic delegates who represent the Holy See and the pope around the world.

**AN EXAMPLE OF HOW** this fact of ecclesiastical life can impede a pope's ability to respond promptly to situations comes from the American crisis of clerical sexual abuse and episcopal misgovernance in 2002. Because of grossly inadequate reporting from the apostolic nunciature in Washington between January and April 2002 — when the firestorm was at its hottest — Pope John Paul II was about three months behind the news curve in mid-April 2002. What appeared (and was often presented by the press) as papal uninterest in the U.S. crisis was in fact a significant time-lag in the flow of information.

Papal governance also can be undermined by inept subordinates. Thus the image of an uninterested John Paul was reinforced in 2002 by Cardinal Dario Castrillon's disastrous presentation of the

pope's annual Holy Thursday letter to priests that year, during which Castrillon blew off questions about the U.S. crisis by saying that John Paul had more important things to worry about, like peace in the Middle East.

These very real human limits on the exercise of papal power seem almost impossible for some editors and reporters — and indeed for some Catholics — to grasp. Yet the fact remains that the overwhelming responsibility for turning the scandal of clerical sexual abuse into a full-blown Church-wide crisis lays at the feet of irresponsible local bishops and, unfortunately, of bishops who bought the conventional wisdom about therapeutic "cures" for sexual predators.

That underscores the imperative of getting episcopal appointments right and of removing bishops whose failures destroy their capacity to govern.

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## Parents have primary responsibility for children's education

**HOW MANY** "school-homed" kids do you know?

Not "home-schooled," where the parents decide to teach their children at home, but "school-homed."

"School-homed" is where parents let the schools raise their children — when parents forego responsibility about teaching values to their kids and let the schools teach whatever the secular world says is "correct."

The Church, not surprisingly, takes a dim view of "school-homed" kids.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear on this: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children," it says in paragraph 2223.

Parents "bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, re-



**Father Damian Richards**

*Register columnist*

spect, fidelity and disinterested service are the rule."

**DR. RAY GUARENDI'S** book "Back to the Family" is an excellent guidebook for living this out. (Guarendi will be the featured speaker at the Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's biannual convention Au. 28 in Abilene.)

His book is based on interviews with parents named by teachers as having good families. This advice comes from families with real-world experience in forming values in their children.

He says that parents must, first of all, love unconditionally. You discipline as needed.

He points out that if you have great expectations for your children, they will meet those goals. Kids will rise or sink to the levels you set for them. So, while making sure the goals are realistic and suited for that child's talents, set the goals high so they will achieve great things.

He points out that consistency is the greatest strength in discipline. If your "No" means "Not now" or "Maybe later" or "Don't get caught," then why should they take your words seriously?

The best way parents teach, of course, is by the lives they live.

The Catechism says: "Parents have a grave responsibility to give good ex-

ample to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings, parents will be better able to guide and correct them."

Guarendi points out kids will quickly notice if the rule applies to them but not to you. The only value they will learn is "wait 'til you're an adult and you can do whatever you want."

We all know this is true. The worst way to teach is to "Do as I say, not as I do."

But we also know how intimidating this can be.

**PERHAPS THE MOST** encouraging thing in Guarendi's book is the imperfection of the parents who were surveyed. These weren't all two-parent families. Single parents, divorced families and stepfamilies were interviewed. Yet their children's

teachers all said these were exceptional families.

The parents themselves didn't necessarily have ideal childhoods. They were products of alcoholic homes, broken homes and unstable homes.

But they were able to overcome their shortcomings and raise good kids themselves.

"Biology is not destiny," Guarendi writes. Just because your parents were lousy doesn't mean you will be a lousy parent, too.

You can choose to rise above what happened to you. You know what needs to be done, and through Christ and the Sacraments, the strength to do these things lie within your reach.

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## Natural Family Planning is a blueprint for our bodies

**IN THE BEGINNING** of creation, sexual union and reproduction were married. Shortly after the Fall, human beings (especially men) have been trying to divorce the two. Humanity has been working for all of history in order to build a new tower of Babel, but this was not a tower to unite Heaven and Earth but a Berlin Wall to divide sex from reproduction.

This is a difficult column to write, because with previous ones about sexuality, I had much support from the community. Parents would tell me how they would cut out the columns in order to show to their teenaged kids. But I have a feeling this one will be read and then quietly slipped into the trash.

Once, before the 1930s, I could have had the support



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of other Christian ministers, as we all had the same teaching and understanding of human sexuality. Now that support has dwindled into a few, because sexual morality has become for everyone a private pursuit.

But this column had to be written because artificial contraception fits into the diabolical plan of the enemy and has to be exposed. His plan is to first replace the Holy Spirit of Christians with the predatory spirit of pornography, then to give humanity the technology

that grants a divorce between sex and responsibility. Then with the divorce granted, fornication and cohabitation follow.

The enemy has created his own sacrament, and Christians are choosing the simulation of marriage instead of the Sacrament of Marriage that Christ modeled in his sacrifice on the cross.

**HOW HAS CHRIST** modeled for us sexual morality? By the total gift of self on the cross. Was there anything Jesus held back as his own during his Passion? He gave us every bead of sweat, every drop of blood, every scrap of skin. He gave up every stitch of clothing and exposed himself naked to the crowd, as a groom does to his bride on the night of their marriage

consummation. Even his own mother, having served him so well in his life, he gave away; he could not deny her motherhood to us during ours. He held nothing back, certainly not his life-giving grace that is the seed in all of us for eternal life.

If this is the model that Christ gave in order to conceive for us everlasting life, then how can any married couple find the basis to "conceive" — to willfully say to your spouse, "I will not give you everything; I will not give you access to life in my flesh."

Artificial contraception is designed with a sole purpose, just like a bullet. Some might say even a bullet can be used responsibly to defend. But what are we defending ourselves from? Life? No, just as a bullet is

designed to destroy, so, too, is artificial contraception designed to destroy the union between sex and reproduction, to destroy life.

Women are often blamed for handing the forbidden fruit to Adam, but now it is men who are giving to their wives the poisonous pill, which will turn their garden of fertility into a barren wasteland.

If anyone reading these words is sick of the culture of anti-life and wants to learn the truth of our gift of sexuality, contact your local Catholic parish and ask about Natural Family Planning and find out the blueprints about sex and reproduction that God designed into our bodies.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Plainville carnival raises more than \$17,000



PLAINVILLE — Sacred Heart Grade School's annual Home and School Carnival on April 11 raised more than \$17,000 for school textbooks and supplies for next school year.

Students competed for individual prizes by selling carnival raffle tickets, bringing in more than \$13,000 in ticket sales alone. As a reward for meeting their school goals, students earned an all-school ice cream sundae party, an all-school pizza party and an extra day and a half off the school year.

Raffle ticket winners were Ken Dinkel, television; Jolene Karlin, \$400 grocery certificate; and Kermit Schindler, Wii game system.

Event co-chairs were parents Carol VanDyke, Brandy Wilkerson and April LeMarr.



ABOVE: The top three individual ticket sellers for the Sacred Heart Grade School Carnival were Macie LeMarr (left), Johnni Hilbrink and Madison Foss. FAR LEFT: One of the most popular games at the carnival was Father Galen's Dunk Tank. Parents Kim Rounsley and Chris Normand douse fourth-grader Nolan Jones.

Courtesy photos

Grinnell First Communion



Courtesy photo

Cale Prewo, pictured with Carmelite Father James Maruthukunnel, received his First Communion on April 10 at Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell.

Parish staff attend retreat

VICTORIA — "Holiness of Life," the focus of the first phase of "Stewards of Hope: A Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Salina," was the theme of the annual retreat for parish life coordinators, pastoral associates and priest supervisors April 13-15 at the Capuchin Center for Spirituality.

Father Frank Coady led the retreat about the diocesan pastoral plan.

Those attending were Marita Campbell of Chapman, Steve Heiman of Belleville, Arvilla Juene-mann of Selden, Rosie Rundell and Wayne Talbot, both of Manhattan, Father Bill Surmeier of Gorham, Daylene Tracey and Father John Wolesky, both of Solomon, Jane Vanek of Hays and moderator Sister Carolyn Juene-mann of Salina.

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September 2009

Yearbook produces photo caption and page design winners and receives "Partnership in Excellence" recognition from Jostens

October 2009

Girls' Cross Country Team fourth at STATE with 2nd and 15th place medalists  
Boys Soccer Team STATE Bound

Second year for 3-student team placing first at Barton County Community College's Jack Kilby Science Day's Annual Math Bowl

November 2009

Sixteen student musicians selected for the Kansas Music Educators' Association Northwest District Honor Band (No other district school qualified as many musicians)

Students Once Again Best at Fort Hays State University Math Relays (48 schools participated)

February 2010

Boys Swim Medley Relay Team qualifies for STATE

Four wrestlers qualify for STATE, with first and third place medalists

Two students selected for KMEA All-STATE Orchestra

One student selected for KMEA All-STATE Band

One student selected for KMEA All-STATE Choir

Scholars' Bowl Team Wins STATE Championship

Five students qualify in four events for STATE Speech and Forensics Festival (competition is May 1)

Three students qualify in two events for 3A STATE Speech and Drama Championship (competition is May 1)

March 2010

Monarch girls 3A Basketball STATE Champions

Monarchs Awarded KSHSAA Sportsmanship Trophy

Life Smarts (sponsored by Kansas Center for Economic Education) team finishes second at STATE

Three students qualify in two events for STATE Speedi and Forensics Festival (competition is May 1)

Three students qualify in two events for 3A STATE Speech and Drama Championship (competition is May 1)

Individual qualifies for STATE at Constitution Bee, representing the 1st District of Kansas

April 2010

Latin Exam Recognition - two students awarded certificates for Magna Cum Laude, three students awarded certificates and medals for Silver Maxima Cum Laude, and four students awarded certificates for Cum Laude

Two third-place finishes in Personal Finance and Business Communications at STATE competition for Future Business Leaders of America, thus qualifying for National Competition in July

American Enterprise Project Team places 4th, one 9th place finish in Accounting II, and one 10th place finish in Business Calculations at STATE competition for Future Business Leaders of America

Six students take top three places in poetry and three students take second and third places in prose in the Hays Arts Council Annual Creative Writing Contest in Prose and Poetry

Two teams qualify for STATE Personal Finance Challenge (competition is April 21)

21 entries and a total of 35 students qualify for STATE at Regional Music Competition (competition is April 24)

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