

# From the Diocese



There are three Saints who are native-born in the United States: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Katharine Drexel, and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Other saints

associated with America, such as St. Francis Xavier Cabrini and St. John Neumann, were immigrants who came to serve in our country.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who was born in El Paso, Illinois, will become the next native-born saint. The beatification of him will take place on Thursday, September 24, in St. Louis (there wasn't a big enough space in his home diocese of Peoria, Illinois). Eventually, he will be canonized as a saint in Rome.

Sheen made a short visit to our diocese. He visited Manhattan on March 16, 1970, to deliver a speech for the Landon Lecture Series at Kansas State University. He spent some time at the St. Isidore's campus center.

He was known for his award-winning television program Life is Worth Living which drew an estimated 30 million weekly viewers. Here are a couple of his inspiring quotes: "You are infinitely precious because you are loved by God" and "The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."

We are grateful for his "yes" to God!

*+ Gerald L. Vaneke*



## -Upcoming-Events-

— 9/4

Virtual Conference for Consecrated Virginity

— 9/5

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Fiesta

Kanopolis, 4p.m. Mass

— 9/5-7

Jr. CYO Camp

Rock Springs 4-H Camp

— 9/12

Sesquicentennial Celebration

Pfeifer, Holy Cross Charities

— 9/19-20

Journey, New Life in Christ Women's Retreat

St. Mary's, Salina

— 9/26

Called and Gifted Workshop

Leawood

— 9/26-27

Journey, New Life in Christ Men's Retreat

St. Mary's, Salina

## DO YOU KNOW RELIGIOUS SISTERS FROM OUR DIOCESE?



Michaela Sasse, our Director of Consecrated Vocations, needs your help!

She is currently creating a database of women in our diocese that have discerned and entered religious life. If you know someone who has walked this path, please scan the QR code below and fill out the Typeform.

If you do not have the capability to scan a QR code, you may also contact Michaela at: [Michaela.Sasse@SalinaDiocese.org](mailto:Michaela.Sasse@SalinaDiocese.org)

## THE CECILIAN

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# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



St. Francis of Assisi lived many years ago. He was born into a wealthy family, but decided to give up that lifestyle to live simply for Christ. He was a smart man and became a friar to help people. Many people began listening to his teachings and asked for his advice. He started the religious group called the Franciscans!

St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and nature. We celebrate his feast day on Oct. 4th.

He is loved so much that Pope Leo XIV even declared 2026 a Jubilee Year of St. Francis. That means that we get to celebrate his life and ask for his help in a special way all year long!



Assisi is a town in the Umbria region of Italy. It is where St. Francis was born. If you visit, you can go to the Basilica of St. Francis!

## MEET OUR NEW PRIEST!

Fr. Benjamin King was ordained by Bishop Vincke on June 12th. He is looking forward to offering the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Unscramble the words to learn more about him!

- FAVORITE COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ ( ELUR )
- FAVORITE ANIMAL \_\_\_\_\_ ( SOREH )
- FAVORITE SAINT St. \_\_\_\_\_ ( UCLEDA )
- FAVORITE DESSERT \_\_\_\_\_ ( ECPNA IPE )
- AS A KID, HE WANTED TO BE A \_\_\_\_\_ ( OWCOYB )



FR. BEN