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## Not a golfer? Not a problem! You can still be a part of the CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction!

On Friday, August 13th, over 280 golfers will take part in the 14th Annual Catholic Social Services Memorial Golf Classic & Auction. All net proceeds from this event will go to the needy across southern Nebraska. But if you don't golf, you can still be a part of this very important fundraiser for CSS! Here are four ways you, your family, parish or parish organization can participate:

**Hole Sponsor.** The \$200 donation places your name at a tee-box and a listing in the tournament program and ad appearing in the *Southern Nebraska Register*.

**Priest Sponsor.** The \$75 donation underwrites the cost for a priest to play in the tournament and you will receive recognition in the tournament program and ad appearing in the *Southern Nebraska Register*.

**Auction Item.** Your business could donate items to be given away as flag or door prizes or placed on the Auction that will take place after the tournament. You will be recognized in the tournament program and ad in the *Southern Nebraska Register*.

**Memorial Gift.** You can make a memorial gift to the event in memory of a loved one.

To participate, just fill out the form below and return it in the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

**Yes, I would like to participate in the CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction!**

\_\_Hole Sponsor -name to go on sign\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_Priest Sponsor \_\_Auction Item (description)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_Memorial Gift in honor of\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# Via Satoris

## WAY OF THE SOWER

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**Saint Christopher Magallanes**

## In persona Christi

The name Christopher means 'Christ bearer' which is an appropriate name for this man whom we honor in our monthly Via Satoris newsletter. He literally brought Christ to the faithful when the practice of the Catholic faith was outlawed in his native land. It should cause us to pause because it happened not long ago.

Christopher Magallanes was born in Totatiche, Jalisco, Mexico on July 30, 1869 to a farming family. Prior to enrolling in the seminary, he spent his youth as a shepherd. Not long after his ordination to the priesthood at the age of 30 he was assigned as pastor of his hometown parish in Totatiche. It was there he helped start schools, carpentry shops and even the dam of La Candelaria. He took special interest in the education and evangelization of the poor, especially the indigenous Huichol people.

When the government outlawed the practice of the Catholic faith in 1914, he opened a clandestine seminary with the blessings of the

Archbishop of Guadalajara. Soon after opening he had 17 students and a small group of faculty members.

He was eventually arrested on May 21, 1927 and was falsely accused of supporting an armed rebellion against the government. He was condemned and sentenced to death without a trial, and forgave his killers while giving them his belongings and even absolution. He died saying, "I die innocent, and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican brethren."

Not only did St. Christopher stand in the person of Christ (in persona Christi) by virtue of his ordination as another Christ, he was committed to the formation of future priests so they could bring the saving actions of Christ to the faithful via the sacraments of Penance and the most Holy Eucharist. This is what he lived for, risked his life for, and ultimately died for.

He was beatified on November 22, 1992 by Pope John Paul II and was canonized by the same supreme pontiff on May 21, 2000. His feast day is celebrated on the same day- May 21.

Let us look to St. Christopher Magallanes for inspiration while relying on the graces from the Most Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of Penance to grow in holiness. This will lead to an increased love of our neighbor- especially for those who are poor not only materially but spiritually as well. St. Christopher, pray for us!

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Agency Update- May 2010

The poor will always be with us

Dear Friend in Christ:

Hello from Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska! As I send these letters of request and sign thank you notes, poor and needy families continue coming to us. It is then that I am reminded of these words of Jesus Christ, "You always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me"(Mt 26:11).

As we continue to help those in need, let us be comforted by these consoling words of Jesus Christ, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

For God's sake, please consider helping us spiritually with your prayers, materially with items around the

house that are not needed, and a financial donation according to your means. Because you will be doing it for the Lord, your reward in heaven will be great!

Know that you will remain in our prayers at Catholic Social Services!!

Sincerely yours in the risen Lord Jesus Christ,

Fr. Christopher Kubat

Fr. Christopher Kubat Executive Director

Social Services

CSS Is US! used furniture and appliance drive set for June 11th-12th

Providing for the material needs of thousands of Nebraskans across the diocese can be a logistical challenge. Thousands are served across southern Nebraska through our direct services, our Gift & Thrift Stores and our Rolling Thrift Stores. In March, we opened the St. Isidore Gift & Thrift in Imperial, to go along with our stores in Hastings, Auburn and Lincoln. One of our most important ways we replenish our supply of used furniture and appliances is by holding our "CSS Is US! Used Furniture and Appliance Drive". Our next used furniture and appliance drive is scheduled for Friday, June 11th from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm and Saturday, June 12th from 8:00 am until noon. In the past, we have primarily held these drives at our Hastings and Lincoln locations. This year's drive will be held at all four of our store locations at Imperial, Hastings, Auburn and Lincoln. You are invited to drop off your good, used furniture and appliances at our locations. However, if you have no way of transporting your items, we can schedule a time for one of our trucks to come by and pick up the items. Items collected from the drives will be used by giving it to the needy or selling it in our thrift stores with proceeds going to the support of our Emergency Services programs. Watch the Southern Nebraska Register for more information, or check out our website at www.cssisus.org or our Facebook page for more information. Thank you to all who assist us with the drives... CSS IS Us!



GRAND RE-OPENING!



St. Louise Gift & Thrift

Our newly remodeled store is now open for business! New paint! New lighting! New carpet! Same great values! You'll find a great selection of:

- Clothing Collectibles Quality furniture
Housewares Antiques



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Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am-6:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am-1:00 pm



Our next Catholic Social Services' First Friday Fish Fry will be Friday, June 4th! All net proceeds will go to support our St. Gianna Women's Homes. Come enjoy a great meal for a great cause! Outside seating will be available, weather permitting!

Take Out



Available! From 5 pm-7pm on the east side of our building at 23rd & O!

Friday, June 4th
2241 "O" Street
5:00 pm-8:00 pm
\$8 per person
\$30 per family
All you can eat! (Dine-in only)



A brief look at the history of

The persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico

During the 1920's and 30's, the Catholic Church was severely persecuted in Mexico. The 1910 revolution placed people in power who greatly distrusted the Church. Their 1917 constitution included five articles that put great restrictions on the Church. For example, Article 3 allowed only secular education in the schools, Article 5 banned monastic orders, Article 24 allowed public worship only inside churches and Article 130 deprived clergy members of basic rights, making them second-class citizens. Priests and nuns were forbidden to wear clerical attire and were not allowed to vote.

In 1926, Mexico's new president started enforcing these articles, and added some anti-Catholic laws of his own. The Church did not cooperate, and the Cristero rebellion began. The Cristeros' battle cry was ¡Viva Cristo Rey! ("Long live Christ the King!")

The Mexican Episcopate suspended all public worship in Mexico on July 11, 1926. The suspension took effect August 1. The Cristero rebellion continued for almost three years. On June 21, 1929, an agreement that became known as the arreglos, or arrangements, allowed religious instruction in churches, and gave Catholics two other minor concessions.

Catholics didn't stop practicing their faith, and Mexico's secular government was unrelenting in its persecution of the Church. By the end of the 1930's, approximately 40,000 Catholics were dead, killed or martyred, including 90 priests. Open hostility toward the Church largely ended with the election of Manuel Ávila Camacho in 1940. In exchange for the Church's efforts to maintain peace, Camacho basically agreed to not enforce most of the anticlerical provisions, with the exception of Article 130, Section 9, which deprived the Church of the right of political speech, the right to vote, and the right of free political association. In 1991, President Salinas proposed the removal of most of the anticlerical provisions from the constitution, a move which passed the legislature in 1992.



The execution of Blessed Miguel Pro