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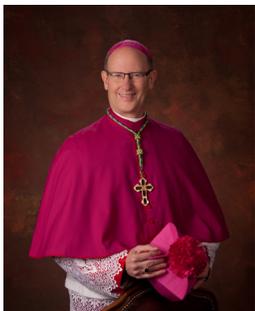
This month, as we wrap up our 125th anniversary year, Catholic Mutual is pleased to feature the Diocese of Lincoln. During our quasiquicentennial, we have celebrated all of the six founding member dioceses that came together to form our organization. Our prior newsletters have featured the Archdiocese of Omaha, the Archdiocese of Kansas City, the Diocese of Sioux Falls, the Diocese of Wichita, and the Diocese of Salina.

Just as in 1889, the year we were founded, it is our members who help us stay true to our mission of service to the Church. ***We invite you to share this newsletter with any staff, clergy or other members of your diocese whom you think would enjoy it.***

Diocese of Lincoln



The Coat of Arms of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lincoln (left), the Coat of Arms of the Most Reverend James D. Conley, Diocese of Lincoln (right)



Most Reverend James D. Conley, Diocese of Lincoln

“No changes, please!” says Marsha Bartek, the insurance and benefits administrator for the Diocese of Lincoln, referring to the long, positive relationship her diocese has with their risk management representative. “He is a great liaison between our locations and Catholic Mutual, and he has a trust with our people.”

Bartek acknowledges that it’s the kind of trust that takes time to establish. “It’s a sensitive thing for a parish to have to make changes to their building or their policies. And then, to have to oversee or enforce those changes. But Catholic Mutual has built good relationships with each of the pastors, and that helps.”

In a diocese that prides itself on the strength of its Catholic schools, those relationships are particularly important. “Our diocese has an excellent compliance with the quarterly school safety survey program -- typically 90-100% participation each school year,” says Bartek. Consequently, “Catholic Mutual provides the majority of resources for all school safety and risk management issues, from playground safety to assistance with creating school security policies and procedures.”



Cathedral of the Risen Christ

In addition to its 33 Catholic schools, the Diocese of Lincoln has 134 parishes, four nursing homes and two seminaries, stretching out over nearly 24,000 square miles. Because they serve in so many different ways, they particularly value the breadth of coverage they receive -- from contract review, to claims, to cash management to building and personnel safety, to many other topics -- and that Catholic Mutual fully understands the special needs of the church.

“We have had four bishops chosen from the Lincoln diocese in the 18 years I’ve worked here,” Bartek says proudly. “All of them have strongly supported CMG and brought them into the dioceses where they were ordained, if Catholic Mutual wasn’t already in place there. Again, I believe that goes back to relationships and trust.”

Bartek, who says she can think of no other vendor with whom they partner so comprehensively, laughs, “We are kind of loyal in that regard!”

We appreciate their loyalty and look forward to the next 125 years of partnership with the Diocese of Lincoln.