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## Annual Health and Safety Summit for Catholic Schools

**What:** Archdiocese of St. Louis Health and Safety Summit

**Where:** John F. Kennedy Catholic High School, 500 Woods Mill Rd., Manchester, MO

**When:** Thursday, June 9, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Program begins at 8:15 a.m. with welcome and prayer.)

**ST. LOUIS** – The Catholic Education Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will host the annual Health and Safety Summit on Thursday, June 9, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Catholic High School (500 Woods Mill Rd., Manchester, MO).

Keynote speaker, Sandra Barker, MSW, LCSW, of Catholic Family Services, from 8:30-9:45 a.m. will present on the topic “Responding to Traumatic Events,” with the purpose of understanding the pressures of life on children, especially the extent of social media and its influences.

Ms. Barker will guide the school staff members in identifying and planning for the most appropriate response in times of any crisis, whether it be in the school, the community, home, or the nation. The response is solution-focused, restores equilibrium, reduces the level of stress and trauma, and supports the overall well-being of students and staff.

The numerous break-out sessions during the conference are intended for a wide-range of attendees including pastors, principals, teachers, Parish School of Religion (PSR) coordinators and catechists, school nurses, maintenance personnel and athletic directors. Morning break-out sessions begin at 9:55 a.m. Afternoon sessions begin at 1:05 p.m.

“We are proud of the commitment to safety in our Catholic schools,” said Dr. David Shelton, Director of Administrative Services at the Catholic Education Office. “Interest in this summit grows every year due to the timeliness and value of the program’s topics. We are excited for another successful event this year.”

More than 350 participants are registered for the summit, representing Catholic school and parish personnel across the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

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