

## CtK Welcomes Cecilia!



Hello, everyone! My name is Cecilia Allen, and I am the new Director of Music Ministry for Christ the King parish. Born and raised in Wisconsin, I moved to Montana a year ago to be near my (at the time) fiancé, whom I married this past May. I have fallen in love with the mountains and love going on walks with my husband and our little corgi, Windsor.

I am so excited about this opportunity to work with you and for you to help contribute beauty to the liturgy through music. I have spent many years involved in church music, having joined a church choir when I was 11 years old. From there, I auditioned into an advanced church choir, began cantoring regularly for Masses and funerals, and also helped lead the children's choir. I have played the piano since I was 7 years old, and also possess some experience with organ.

I absolutely love music, and am delighted to use my musical knowledge in the service and worship of God. If you have musical abilities, I ask that you prayerfully consider joining the choir. We would absolutely love to have you!

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Our Diocese has partnered with an organization called Communio – a nonprofit ministry that equips parishes with outreach tools and ministry strategies to evangelize and discipleship people through their marriages and relationships.

They are helping the Diocese set some ambitious ministry outcomes and ministry activities to achieve those outcomes. But, before we launch this initiative, our first big step is to understand the unique relationship needs of our parishioners. This will help us create a pathway forward in the coming months and years.

We're calling on everyone to help us! This month, we will distribute an anonymous, mobile-based relationship health survey to everyone 18 or older. You will have an opportunity to complete the quick 90-second survey on your smartphone during the announcements at all weekend Masses. The questions in the survey were developed by academic experts in the field of relationship education and health studies. The greater survey participation, the better insights the Diocese will have to craft an evangelization strategy to address felt needs of ALL our single, engaged, and married parishioners. If you miss the survey during announcements, you can access it by: scanning this unique QR code or texting MissoulaDeanery to 406-686-8268. Thank you!

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## **Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Montana on the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act (LR-131)**

This coming November, Montana voters will have an opportunity to stand up for some of the most defenseless and vulnerable members of the human family—infants born alive following an abortion. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are compelled to always safeguard human dignity and witness to the sacredness of every human life from the moment of conception through natural death. These foundational principles must serve as the bedrock of every just and moral society.

This recognition of the inherent dignity enjoyed by all persons informs our understanding of the basic rights and protections to which all human beings are entitled. Children born alive following an abortion are among the most vulnerable and voiceless members of the human family and they deserve legal protection of the highest degree.

The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act (LR-131) reiterates the law as stated in the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act passed by Congress in 2002—that a newborn, regardless of the circumstances of his or her birth, is to be legally recognized as a person from the moment of birth if the infant shows any sign of life. However, the 2002 law passed by Congress did not provide specific measures for enforcing protection of these helpless infants and failed to specify that a born-alive infant is entitled to medically appropriate care and treatment. If approved by the voters of Montana, LR-131 will help to rectify this omission and strengthen the protections currently afforded to those children who are born alive following an abortion.

The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act is the epitome of common-sense legislation. It is intended to safeguard those infants who, through no fault of their own, are born into some of the most difficult and challenging circumstances imaginable. These children, having somehow survived a violent attack on their life in utero, should never face a similar threat once born.

We pray for healing for those whose lives have been scarred by the scourge of abortion and join with other pro-life voices around Montana in urging voters to support the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act and vote “YES” on LR-131.

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*Bishop of Great Falls-Billings*

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*Coadjutor Bishop of Great Falls-Billings*