



Diocese of LaCrosse  
OFFICE OF MINISTRIES AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

## CENTURY FARM RECOGNITION

Rural Life Day is an annual diocesan celebration observed on the fourth Wednesday of September. This year the celebration will take place on Friday, October 7 (due to conflicts in the Bishops calendar) and hosted by St. Joseph parish in Menomonie of the Durand Deanery. This is a day to highlight the uniqueness of rural life values and to rejoice in the way that rural life contributes to the Church at large.

As part of this annual celebration, farmers in the Durand Deanery whose farm lands have been in continuous family ownership for 100 years or more will be recognized. All farmers who qualify as Century Farm owners are invited to submit their names for this recognition. A list has been enclosed which names those farms on record with the state of Wisconsin as verified Century Farms.

**A 2016 Century Farm application is enclosed.** This application can be duplicated or additional applications are available from the Office of Ministries and Social Concerns. The applications are **due** at the address below by **September 1, 2016.**

The Office of Ministries and Social Concerns  
Diocese of LaCrosse  
P.O. Box 4004  
LaCrosse, WI 54602-4004  
(608) 791-0161

## 2016 CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

To qualify as a Century Farm the farm must have been in continuous family ownership for 100 years or more. This continuous ownership of property by the family can be determined from an abstract of title or records such as an original deed. A blood relative of the original owner or a legally adopted child of a descendant must hold the title of the century property.

**Please print or type all information completely and accurately.**

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ DEANERY DURAND

### **PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP (check one of the following):**

1. \_\_\_ Our farm is listed on the State of Wisconsin Century Farm listing. Complete information below.
2. \_\_\_ Our farm is not listed on the State Century Farm listing. Complete information on back side.

Owner's name as it should appear on the certificate: (Be sure to **print legibly.**)

\_\_\_\_\_

> Will you be present at Rural Life Day on Oct. 7 to receive your award from the Bishop? YES NO  
 YES  NO  CIRCLE ONE

> We want to display a picture of your farm. Can you email a digital copy of a picture of your farm to [yministry@frontier.com](mailto:yministry@frontier.com) YES NO  
 YES  NO  CIRCLE ONE

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Route Town Zip

Please return this form to the Office of Ministries and Social Concerns, Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54601 no later than **September 1, 2016**

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Owners' s Name	Dates of Ownership (Mo-Day-Yr)	Blood Relationship to Previous Owner
(Owner in 190__ or before)	From _____ To _____	
(Next Owner)	From _____ To _____	
(Next Owner)	From _____ To _____	
(Next Owner)	From _____ To _____	
(Next Owner)	From _____ To _____	
(Present Owner)	From _____ To _____	

The above evidence of continuous family ownership for the past 100 years is taken from one or more of the following records: (Check those that apply or explain on back of this sheet.)

- Abstract                     
  Land patent                     
  Original deed                     
  County land records