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### Officials

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcement:

The Reverend **Paul E. Hoffman**, Pastor of St. Olaf Parish in Eau Claire, upon his request, is granted the status of senior priest, effective July 5, 2018.



### Events

As of Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

**Wednesday, November 1**

Solemnity of All Saints - Curia Offices Closed

**Friday, November 3**

5:30pm Casa Hogar Benefit Dinner

**Saturday, November 4**

National Marriage Encounter Weekend - Eau Claire - Nov. 4-5

8:00am -- CLOSED -- Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield -- CLOSED --

**Wednesday, November 8**

10:00am School Advisory Council Meeting - Marshfield

**Thursday, November 9**

7:00pm Webinar - Surviving Divorce

**Friday, November 10**

Immersion Retreat - Wisconsin Dells - Nov. 10-12

**Tuesday, November 14**

Curriculum Work Day - Eau Claire

**Friday, November 17**

Final Iowa Testing Date open

**Tuesday, November 21**

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Become Family

**Wednesday, November 22**

Final UPS pick up date for Iowa Testing

**Thursday, November 23**

Thanksgiving-- Curia Offices Closed

**Friday, November 24**

Day after Thanksgiving - Curia Offices Closed

**Sunday, November 26**

Solemnity of Christ the King

**Friday, December 8**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Curia Offices Closed

**Tuesday, December 12**

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Choose Charity

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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### The main focus of Faith Formation

The definitive aim of our efforts in Parish Faith Formation Programs is to put children and young people “not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.” (On Catechesis in our Time, Pope John Paul II, n. 5) One of the most important aspects of preparation as catechetical leaders and catechists is our commitment to daily prayer. We can only help others to deepen their friendship with Jesus if we are taking adequate time each day to be with and grow in our relationship with Him.

### Welcoming People on Christmas

It’s often the case on Christmas that there are many more people at Mass. This can be a time to welcome them to your parish by having a customized card available in the pew. To view a few options [click here](#). The back of the card includes a Scripture verse and the words: “We’re glad that you attended Mass here. Please let us know how we may serve you” and a place where the person can fill in their name, contact information and comments. This portion can be torn off and given to an usher or put in the collection basket. Minimum order is 200.

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## Office for Communications

Director: Jack Felsheim – 608-791-2663 | [jfelsheim@diolc.org](mailto:jfelsheim@diolc.org)

For Your Bulletin:

### Send a prayer intention to Bishop Callahan

On Thursday December 7, 2017, Bishop Callahan will be inviting you to share a prayer intention via an automated phone message. If you have a particular intention for which you would like him to pray, follow the prompts at the end of his message. If you miss the call or would like to leave an intention at a later date call 608-352-9565 or visit [www.diolc.org/pray](http://www.diolc.org/pray) to submit your prayer intention online.

### myParish App Tip:

myParish app is used to communicate with your parishioner’s mobile devices. The myParish app is a free tool available to every parish in our diocese. The app is not only a resource for prayers and daily readings, but it allows you to send messages to your parishioners. Use this page to [relaunch your parish’s app](#). It will walk you through the process step by step. If you have any questions, please call myParish App at **1 (800) 997-8805** or contact our office for more information.

### Thank you for attending the Diocesan Communication Workshops

We hope the training was beneficial and the ideas presented will help you more effectively communicate with your parishioners. If you were unable to attend, the handouts are available using the **myParish app**. Open the app, change your parish to “**comday**” and tap the

“**Handouts**” button. If you don’t have the app, text “app” to 88202 for a link to download the app to your device.

### **Customized Parish School Marketing materials available**

The Communications Office has created marketing materials to be used to help promote your parish school. [Here are samples.](#) If you would like to freshen up your school materials or increase visibility in your community, these materials can help. We can also help you plan a marketing campaign. Please contact Danelle Bjornson [dbjornson@diolc.org](mailto:dbjornson@diolc.org) or Monica Organ [morgan@diolc.org](mailto:morgan@diolc.org) to learn more.

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### **Office for Consecrated Life**

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### **Office for Marriage & Family Life**

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### **NFP Mandate FAQ**

What class or what NFP methods fulfill the NFP mandate that begins December 3, 2017? Couples may take classes from any NFP method that has been approved by the USCCB. They are encouraged to visit <http://diolc.org/marriage/natural-family-planning/> to learn more about NFP and what methods are available. Then, they are free to choose the method that is best suited to their situation. A link to class registration is [found here](#): .

### **NFPandMore.org – Have you been contacted by them?**

Many pastors have reached out asking if the classes offered by NFPandMore.org fulfill the NFP mandate for the Diocese of La Crosse. The answer is no. This program is not approved by the USCCB and should not be offered as an option to your couples.

### **For Your Bulletin:**

Webinar - How Do You Survive Divorce?

It doesn’t matter if you wanted the divorce or not, are the one who left or filed, or were abandoned ... the wounds are deep. Rose Sweet, a leading expert in the pastoral issues surrounding separation, divorce, Catholic Decree of Nullity, remarriage, and blended families will be featured in a free webinar on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. To register go to [diolc.org/marriage/webinars/](http://diolc.org/marriage/webinars/).

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## Office for Ministries

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## Office for Missions

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### **Mass Stipends:**

All Souls Day, November 2 is an annual reminder of our sacred privilege and serious obligation to pray for the dead. This Spiritual Work of Mercy follows the example of Judah when he took up a collection and prayed for his fallen soldiers (2 Maccabees 12:43-46). It also attests to the purifying power of God's mercy and the prayer of the Church. Already in the Early Church, Masses were offered for the repose of the Christian soul. Today we offer Masses with a recommended stipend of \$10.00 for an intention. The parish is the primary place for such Masses to take place. If, however, the number of stipends collected exceeds the ability of the local church to meet the intentions within a reasonable time, the Mission Office can forward the Mass stipends and accompanying intentions to dioceses, religious orders and other priests for the sake of gaining the benefit of the offering as soon as possible. This is appreciated especially in areas of the world which struggle under great poverty. If you have any questions about how this is done, please let us know.

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## Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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## Office for Safe Environment

## DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or [kbecker@cclse.org](mailto:kbecker@cclse.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: [www.diolc.org](http://www.diolc.org). **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or [dkunz@diolc.org](mailto:dkunz@diolc.org).

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### Office for Catholic Schools

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### Office for Social Concerns

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#### For Your Bulletin:

**Advocate for pending pro-life legislation** on both the state and federal level. Great opportunities lie before us. Make your voice heard. Visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life) to learn how.

#### For Your Bulletin:

**“Share the Journey”**: Pope Francis has launched a two-year “Share the Journey” campaign aimed to encourage Catholics to learn about and encounter migrants and refugees, breaking down barriers of fear and building bridges. To learn more, visit [www.diolc.org/social-concerns](http://www.diolc.org/social-concerns).

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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### Diocesan Annual Appeal – *Stewards of Hope*

We are still working with GivingTrend to get the reporting site back online entirely. Some of the changes are available but still incomplete, and we have not verified and reconciled the data. **Please refer to the [Appeal Portal](#) for continuing progress updates.**

Some Highlights Year to Date: (As of 10/30/2017)

- We have 4 parishes exceeding goal
- New Donors: There are 285 new donors who have given \$41,009.
- SYBUNT Donors (people who gave to the appeal in the past but did not give to last year's appeal) We have 469 donors who have re-engaged in giving \$59,439.
- We are up 13.4% in dollars given and have raised 48% of our goal.
- For the same period last year, the number of donors participating is up 14.5%

The LYBUNT follow-up mailing for September launch parishes went to print last week. The LYBUNT follow-up for October launch parishes is scheduled for the end of November. A LYBUNT donor is a donor who gave last year but not yet given this year. We also mailed a first letter to every parishioner new to our database this fall.

Essential elements for the success of the Diocesan Annual Appeal are supportive clergy, an engaged appeal committee, and knowledgeable parish staff. Thank you for continually communicating the value and progress of the appeal at your parish.

### Bishop's Advent Prayer Request

**Automated calls to be placed on December 7, 2017**

Please double check the phone numbers for your parishioners in ParishSOFT Family Directory. We will be using these phone numbers to assemble the call list. Last year the response of prayer requests that came in was overwhelming. As a result of these calls, we are still receiving prayer requests on a regular basis.

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## Office for Vocations

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Please include the following prayer for vocation intercession this Sunday.

**November 5 - 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

For an up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations for the Diocese of La Crosse from our parish.

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