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### Officials

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

The Reverend **Paul G. Czerwonka**, Parochial Administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum City and St. Joseph Parish in Arkansaw, is released from his responsibilities and is granted disability leave, effective April 3, 2017.

The Reverend **Joseph Okine-Quartey**, with the permission of the Most Reverend John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSp, Bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum City and St. Joseph Parish in Arkansaw, effective April 3, 2017.



### Events

As of March 28

**Thursday, March 30**

Curia Day of Reflection

**Saturday, April 1**

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Prairie Du Chien

**Saturday, April 8**

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Marshfield

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Wisconsin Rapids

**Tuesday, April 11**

10:30am Chrism Mass - La Crosse

**Friday, April 14**

Good Friday

**Saturday, April 15**

Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 16**

Easter

12:00am Mite Box collection ends

**Monday, April 17**

Easter Monday

**Sunday, April 23**

12:00am Mite box collections to be sent in - thank you.

**Monday, April 24**

4:00pm Priest Spring Retreat

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## Chancery Office

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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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# Relationship with GOD

More than Just SUNDAY

## Entering into Holy Week

**T**he events of Holy Week changed the world and are, therefore, the holiest days of the year. The sacred liturgies observed during this week remember and make present again the passing of Jesus from death to new life—what is called the Paschal Mystery. You will want to go through the entire week with Christ, dying to selfishness and sin in order to rise to new life along with Him.

**Palm Sunday** Time:

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, which commences with the blessing of palms and the reading of the Gospel somewhere outside the nave. A procession into church, with people holding blessed palm branches and singing festive songs follows, in imitation of the triumphant entrance of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem. Immediately afterwards, the theme of triumph changes

three days. On this first day the Church commemorates the events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution by Christ of the Holy Eucharist. At the Last Supper Jesus was with His Apostles celebrating the Passover, the annual memorial of the mystery of the Jews' escape from Egypt, and the "passing over" of the angel of death. The Passover was an exodus, or passage, from the oppression of slavery to spiritual freedom. On this night before His crucifixion, Jesus commanded that this Passover be celebrated in a new way as an unbloody representation of His sacrificial and saving death that would take place the next day on the cross. This was (is) the new Passover of the Lord in which we are freed from slavery to sin and death through our cooperation with His divine life of grace received in Holy Communion.

A solemn ritual of washing of feet takes place in imitation of Jesus who humbly served His Apostles by washing their

“Entering into Holy Week” explains the holiest days of the Church year and how we can actively participate in them. Beside each day, there is an activated box to fill in the times of the liturgy and in the activated box at the end, to include the name of the parish.

### **FOR YOUR BULLETIN:**

**[Basic Evangelization Training April 28-29 \(Fri. 7 pm - Sat. 4 pm\)](#)**

**Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse**

Adam Janke, Program Director of St. Paul Evangelization Ministries, will provide a two-day immersion into the fundamentals of evangelization. Gain the skills and confidence to share your faith wherever you may be! Real-world practicality and an exciting opportunity for any Catholic. Perfect for starting or energizing a parish evangelization team, this training has been given to thousands around the U.S., Canada and beyond. Complete info, brochure and [online registration](#) at [www.dioc.org/basic-evangelization](http://www.dioc.org/basic-evangelization).

### **Diocesan Religion Assessments**

We have the great privilege of partnering with parents to bring the life, teachings and message of Jesus into the lives of our youth where they can experience Him in a personal relationship. The Religion Assessments are an essential tool that the parishes, schools and the diocesan offices use to monitor a student's growth in coming to know Jesus and growing in relationship with Him as a disciple.

Reports mailed to the parishes provide valuable information that can serve as a baseline for the parish to see what is being done well and what might need to improve. This can lead to evaluating the approach and methods in evangelizing and catechizing young people as well as to assess, strengthen and improve catechist formation.

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**Office for Communications**

### **Request your Parish's Church and Historical Pictures**

In preparation for the sesquicentennial, the Office for Communications has taken current photos of your parish, and have collected and digitized numerous historical photos and documents. These materials are available for your use in your own parish communications. If you would like access to these images, please email Danelle Bjornson at [dbjornson@diolc.org](mailto:dbjornson@diolc.org) for a link to your parish's information.

### **Catholic Life Hits Mailboxes This Week**

The April Issue of Catholic Life is being mailed this week. Parish bulk copies have been sent last week. To adjust the number of issues sent to your parish, contact Sr. Donna Krzmarzick at [dkrzmarzick@diolc.org](mailto:dkrzmarzick@diolc.org). To view the articles online or get a link to the flipbook, go to [www.catholiclife.diolc.org](http://www.catholiclife.diolc.org). Share articles on your parish Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/catholiclifediolc>.

### **For Your Bulletin**

#### **Watch Chrism Mass LIVE!**

Please join us from 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral for the annual Chrism Mass, celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan. If you are unable to attend in person, the Mass will be available to watch live at [www.diolc.org/live](http://www.diolc.org/live). Please share this link with your parishioners on your website and through your parish social media channels.

### **For Your Bulletin**

#### **"A Pencil In Our Lords Hand" Life of Fr. Joseph Walijewski to air in April**

The film documenting the life of Father Joseph Walijewski, a priest of our diocese whose Cause for Canonization is in process, will air on EWTN on Saturday, April 8 at 9 p.m. CT. Catholic TV and Salt and Light times are yet to be announced.

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

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### **Learn More about the Domestic Church Movement**

The Office for Marriage and Family Life has produced a short video that you can watch to learn more about the Domestic Church Movement. Just click on the image below to view the video.



### ***For Your Bulletin***

#### **Want more love and joy in your Marriage and Family?**

The Domestic Church movement is coming to the Diocese of La Crosse. It is a lay led ministry for sacramentally married couples that enhances marriage and family life by opening the treasures of the Church's teachings on love and life.

We invite all couples to take part in this initiative. The first step is to attend the evangelization retreat that will be held at St. Anthony Spirituality Retreat Center on May 18-21 (Thursday evening through Sunday at noon). Couples who attend the retreat tell us how wonderful it is to experience the love of Christ together as spouses.

If you need more information about this movement, please call 608-791-2673 or email [ahenzen@diolc.org](mailto:ahenzen@diolc.org). To register online go to: <http://diolc.org/marriage/> and click on marriage enrichment.

#### **Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter - April: Download and Distribute Widely**

The April Newsletter will help parents share God's plan for the creation of men and women as equal in dignity yet distinctly different. It is a must read for parents who have children moving from childhood into adulthood. View the newsletter [here](#) or download it by clicking [here](#).

#### **Request for Information: Who is the Men's Ministry Contact for your Parish?**

We are getting ready to release information on the 2017 Men of the Cross Conference. We would like to send information directly to the Men's Ministry Contact at your parish. Please email [mberg@diolc.org](mailto:mberg@diolc.org) and give her the name and email address of the person the information should go to. Deadline: March 30th, 2017.

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**Office for Ministries**

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## **FOR YOUR BULLETIN:**

### **NEW Class for LEADER OF PRAYER Begins July 14-15, 2017**

**Applications are now open** for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. These classes are comprised of a three-part course of study meeting Friday evening and all day Saturday. Lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes in a variety of ways, including: bringing Holy Communion to the sick, conducting a Liturgy of the Word, possibly assisting with distribution of Communion on weekdays when a priest is unavailable (or on Sunday in an emergency) and leading parishioners in prayer at times of illness or death. In nursing homes or healthcare facilities, when no priest is available, they may conduct a *Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest*. For more information or to register visit [www.dioc.org/ministries](http://www.dioc.org/ministries) and click on "Leaders of Prayer," or contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns – [ministries@dioc.org](mailto:ministries@dioc.org), or 608-791-0161.

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### **Office for Pontifical Ceremonies**

Director: Michael Haight – 608-791-2697 | [ceremonies@dioc.org](mailto:ceremonies@dioc.org)

**Spring Confirmations:** The spring Confirmation season is just around the corner! Those parishes who will participate in these Confirmations are asked to watch their email in-box for the *Letter of Anticipation* and liturgy forms. The host parish is asked to complete these forms in a timely manner and return them no later than one full week prior to the anticipated date of the Confirmation Mass. The Office of Pontifical Ceremonies is here to assist you with any questions you or your planning team have to help make these liturgies a beautiful moment in the life of your parish and of those receiving the Sacrament.

**Letter of Suitability:** If a Diocesan priest, deacon, or parish office is advised a visiting cleric from outside of our Diocese is planning to attend a Confirmation Mass or other liturgical ceremony, please have them forward a *Letter of Suitability* to the Diocesan Office of the Vicar for Clergy at their earliest convenience. In turn that office will inform the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies of their intent to concelebrate/assist.

**Priest/Deacon Funeral Mass:** To better assist in the preparations for priest/deacon funerals please respond to the email invitation sent from the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies. Deans are kindly asked to contact the senior priests and senior deacons in their deanery to assist in their participation in attending the funeral. This helps ensure the proper

number of vestments will be available and will also assist the host parish in the area of reserved seating needed for visiting clergy.

**Disposal of Old or Unused Liturgical Appointments:** The Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies would be happy to receive statues, vestments, ritual books, altar cloths, candlesticks, or other forms of stationary that are no longer used, but in usable condition. Likewise, if you're looking for religious appointments feel free to contact us on availability. This program is working very well and many diocesan institutions are grateful for this effort.

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## Office for Sacred Worship

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### Foot Washing

Pope Francis has decreed that the rubric for the Mass of the Lord's Supper which read "The men who have been chosen are led by the ministers..." to be changed to "Those who are chosen from amongst the people of God are led by the ministers..." (HT, 11). If the pastor chooses the optional foot washing, "it is for [him] to choose a small group of persons who are representative of the entire people of God – lay, ordained ministers, married, single, religious, healthy, sick, children, young people and the elderly – and not just one category or condition" (CDWDS letter of January 6, 2016). For the complete text of the CDWDS's Decree, see [this link](#); for a brief history of the foot washing and catechesis from the same Congregation, see [this link](#).

### Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11, beginning at 10:30. The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan will be the principal celebrant; the deans will be principal concelebrants. All deacons and concelebrating priests are asked to bring an alb; dalmatics, chasubles, and stoles will be provided. Deans will vest in the cathedral sacristy, while deacons and all other priests who wish to concelebrate will vest in the Cathedral entrance off the parking lot. Please be ready to form the procession by 10:15 a.m. Priests will attend a luncheon with Bishop Callahan following the Mass, while for all others a lunch will still be served in the Cathedral undercroft.

### The Holy Oils

All priests are reminded that the Holy Oils are to be renewed annually and are not to be kept from year to year. They are to dispose of the old oil in an appropriate manner, and the oil stocks are to be cleaned *before* being brought to the Bishop's Vestry prior to the Chrism Mass. Please do not bring vessels other than the appropriate containers to be filled. Filled stocks will be available for pick-up immediately after Mass in the Cathedral Sacristy. When it is necessary to replenish the supply of blessed oil during the year, please contact the Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman (608-782-0322), where the blessed oil is kept.

### Some Liturgical Reminders

*5th Sunday of Lent*

- In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

#### *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

- Altar may be decorated with flowers. (Rubric for Holy Thursday [=HT], 5)
- At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there may be a procession of the faithful in which gifts for the poor may be presented with the bread and wine. (HT, 14)
- Adoration is not to take place in a monstrance: "The Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a closed tabernacle or pyx. Under no circumstances may it be exposed in a monstrance." (*Paschales Solemnitatis*, n.55)
- Holy water stoups are emptied after Mass.

#### *Good Friday*

- Good Friday liturgy may not be celebrated in the absence of a priest. (Rubric for Good Friday [=GF], 4)
- Only one cross may be used for adoration. (GF, 19)

#### *Easter Vigil*

- The Paschal Candle is to be replaced each year: "The paschal candle should be prepared, which for effective symbolism must be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size so that it may evoke the truth that Christ is the light of the world." (*Paschales Solemnitatis*, n.82)
- If a deacon is not present to carry the Paschal Candle in the procession, the candle is carried by another minister and not the priest. (Rubric for the Easter Vigil [=EV], 15 and following)
- Lights turned on when Paschal Candle is placed in stand at front of church at end of procession. (EV, 17)
- If possible, the Priest intones triple Alleluia (EV, 34)
- It is appropriate for the baptism of infants to take place at the Easter Vigil (*Rite of Baptism for Children*, n.9; also Roman Missal, Easter Vigil rubric n.38)

#### **Faculties for Adult Confirmation**

Presently, a priest has the permission, either in virtue of universal Church law or by grant of the diocesan bishop, to confirm the following persons:

- those persons who are no longer infants and whom he baptizes (cf. Cann. 530, 1°; 566, §1; 882; 883, 2° and 885, §2; *RCIA*, Nos. 14, 24, 215 and 305);
- those persons who have attained the use of reason but already have been baptized in another church or ecclesial communion, when they are received by him into full communion with the Catholic Church (cf. Cann. 883, 2° and 885, §2; *RCIA*, No. 481; *NSC*, No. 35);
- the baptized Catholic who has been an apostate from the faith (cf. Can. 883, 2 ; *NSC*, No. 28);
- the baptized Catholic who through no fault of his or her own has been raised in a non-Catholic religion or joined a non-Catholic religion (*ibid*);



(e) the baptized Catholic who through no fault of his or her own never put the faith into practice. (cf. Can. 884, §1; NSC, No. 29).

(f) those who are in danger of death (cf. Cann. 566 §1 and 833, 3°)

If, however, a priest wishes to confirm a baptized Catholic who has been practicing the faith (that is, he or she is not in the circumstances described above), permission for the faculty to do so must be requested from the diocesan bishop (Can. 882, Can. 884, §1). If you have any questions about this faculty, please call the Office of Sacred Worship at (608) 791-2674.

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## Office for Safe Environment

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### 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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### Wanted – Catholic School Educators

If you know an individual who is prayerfully considering teaching in a Catholic School, please have him or her contact the Office for Catholic Schools.

We will need teachers throughout the Diocese for the 2017-2018 school year.

We know at this time we need principals for:

McDonell Area Catholic Elementary Schools

St. Anthony's in Athens

St. Anthony's in Loyal

St. Francis's in Ellsworth  
St. Joseph's in Stratford  
St. Mary's in Marathon  
St. Patrick's in Mauston  
Thorp Catholic School

### **Parish Subsidy Grant Information**

The letter from Bishop Callahan inviting parishes that support Catholic Schools to apply for the Parish Subsidy Grant was mailed to each pastor on March 16, 2017. As stated in the letter the allocation for the awards will be based on two factors: your school expense as a percent of your total parish expense and the percent of your Diocesan Annual Appeal goal that you achieved. The information contained in your 2015-16 Annual Report and your parishes performance in the 2015-16 Diocesan Annual Appeal will be used to allocate the grant for this fiscal year, 2016-17.

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### **Office for Social Concerns**

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#### **FOR YOUR BULLETIN:**

#### **U.S. Bishops and Justice for Immigrants and Refugees**

At this time of fear and uncertainty in our immigrant and refugee communities, visit [www.diolc.org/social-concerns](http://www.diolc.org/social-concerns). There you will find a statement by Bishop Callahan and a link to the U.S. Bishops' collaborator, Justice for Immigrants (JFI). JFI provides updates on government policy, action alerts and Catholic social teaching and statements. You will also find a link to Catholic Relief Services, where you can learn about and assist refugees fleeing the Middle East, especially Syria.

#### **FOR YOUR BULLETIN:**

#### **Pro-Life Action Alerts**

This is a pivotal moment for stopping the flow of taxpayer money to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers, as well as achieving other pro-life goals. See how to make your voice heard: visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life) and click on "Take Action Now."

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### **Office for Stewardship & Development**

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#### **Strategic Parish Stewardship**

#### **Building on Solid Rock – View sessions on-demand**

Did you miss the strategic planning workshops? Maybe you just want to review the day again. We now have the videos of the seminars and workshops online. Now you can watch and

learn on demand. Please, refer to the website <http://www.diolc.org/stewardship/rock>. Included are the PowerPoints and handouts.

### **Save the Date: Coming in June 5-7**

In February, we established the importance of strategic planning as part of good Stewardship. A key element of strategic planning is strong servant leadership and talented teams.

Jim Collin in his book *Good to Great*, found that not only is “good the enemy of great,” but that greatness is a conscious decision. His research and studies into great organizations concluded that the leadership has “a down-to-earth, pragmatic, committed-to-excellence process,” “a steadfast discipline,” but for an organization to be great, it first needs “the right people on the bus.” This June, we will learn some essential tools and techniques for identifying personal strengths and talents to uncover and create high functioning ministry teams. On June 5, 6, and 7, 2017 [Leisa Anslinger Director of Catholic Life and Faith](#) will lead us through a day of reflection with tips and techniques for identifying and discerning the strengths and talents God has blessed upon others and ourselves.

[Catholic Life and Faith](#) is a pastoral resource center supporting parishes and diocesan evangelization and stewardship leaders. Leisa Anslinger brings extensive experience in Catholic parishes and schools to her ministry as an author and speaker. She is the author of several books for pastoral leaders and numerous e-Resources on catechesis and stewardship. She is a regular keynote presenter on evangelization, stewardship, and catechesis at the International Catholic Stewardship Conference, as well as many other national and diocesan gatherings.

### **International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC)**

The Office for Stewardship and Development is looking for interested individuals to who want to attend this incredible three-day stewardship event. Space is limited! Hundreds of fellow Catholics from around the world attend this event. By joining the Diocesan group, you can leverage our membership pricing.

This invitation is open to all interested parties.

Contact Jeff Reiter Director of Stewardship and Development for more details. Email: [jreiter@diolc.org](mailto:jreiter@diolc.org) or call direct at 608.791.2685 or by visiting our signup page at <https://goo.gl/forms/OZNZSFHIOZ5zcFl33>

Not only will the conference be celebrating its 55th annual meeting, but this year's theme also celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the USCCB Pastoral Letter: *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*

Some of the incredible benefits of attending this conference include

- Parishes find/learn how to build resources to carry out their mission and ministries
- Recharge personal batteries and attendees return energized to instill new life and positive energy into their parishes and dioceses
- Participants will learn methods for bringing parishioners closer to the Lord.

- Attendees have an opportunity to compare notes with others after workshops, at breaks, meals, and the regional meetings held during the conference.
- Workshops are pertinent, practical and relevant to the day-to-day challenges in a parish and Diocese.
- Sessions geared for those involved in all areas of stewardship and development in a parish or Diocese, whether they are just beginning, or have taught the concepts for years
- Attendees find the power and positive impact stewardship conversion has in a parish and Diocese, and they learn the nuts and bolts of how to do this.

#### **Cost and other details**

- Dates: September 17-20, 2017
  - (Begins 3:30 pm on Sunday, 9/17 and ends at 11:30 am on Wednesday, 9/20)
- Registration Fee:
  - Lenten Discount rate for members is \$449 until April 17
  - Early Bird Registration of \$499 until July 31.
  - After July 31, the rate for members is \$599.
  - Non-member price is \$1,199 per person.
- Location – Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 65 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia
- Hotel cost per evening - \$199 + taxes
- Continental breakfasts provided Monday and Tuesday, Lunch on Tuesday afternoon.
- Airfare and travel separate

### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

#### **2016-2017**

We have returned over \$425,000 in parish rebates this year so far. The number of our parishes going over target continues to grow, daily. Keep up the great work promoting the Annual Appeal. An Annual Appeal is a community event; the funding helps provide the means for all the different supported ministries to live the mission of Jesus Christ, locally, throughout the diocese, and the Church worldwide.

We are preparing a “Some Year But Unfortunately, Not This year” (SYBUNT) appeal that we will mail so that it will be in parishioners homes during Holy Week. We have looked back five years and compiled a mailing list of those who have given to the Diocesan Annual Appeal in the last five years but who have not yet given this year. If you have questions or concerns, regarding the SYBUNT mailing, please contact our office.

#### **2017-2018**

Next year's theme will center on Hope and how the Church is *The Steward of Hope*. In 2018, we will be celebrating 150 years as a diocese, the generations whose shoulders we stand upon came to this area and built a diocesan community based on their hope in Jesus Christ.

We are looking for inspiring stories of hope to develop and share with our brothers and sisters in our diocesan community. Know of someone who because of or through the ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal is an inspiration of hope? Please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development.

## Process Changes

To streamline and speed up our gift processing, we are discontinuing the use of the lockbox services in Milwaukee. The Office for Stewardship and Development staff will do all gift processing in-house. If your parish receives any Diocesan Annual Appeal gifts or pledges, please be sure to forward them all directly to our office:

Office of Stewardship and Development  
PO Box 4004  
La Crosse, WI 54602-4004.

All parishioner and donor mailings have had the La Crosse address as a return address for a couple of months.

## The Diocesan Annual Appeal Parish Progress Reporting Tool – GivingTrend

Do you still need your GivingTrend reporting sign-on credentials? Complete the registration form found linked on the Appeal Portal web page: [diolc.org/appeal](http://diolc.org/appeal). There you can also watch a recorded version of one of the training sessions linked on our Appeal Portal web page.

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### Office for Temporalities

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### Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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### **Contacting Our Office**

Please contact Teresa Brown, Secretary for the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for any inquiries about upcoming events and scheduling visits from our office. Teresa is awesome and you will enjoy working with her! Teresa's contact information is 608-791-2652 and [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org)

### **Youth Talks**

Chris Rogers is happy to come to your parish and speak to your youth group, CCD class, etc. Call 608-791-2652 if you would like to schedule a date.

### **Adventure Camp**

There are spots still available in all three weeks. Don't miss this awesome opportunity for students in grades 6-12! For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Week 1: June 18-23, 2017

Week 2: June 25-30, 2017

Week 3: July 9-14, 2017

\*NOTE\* The LDCCW has scholarship money to help students attend Adventure Camp. We very much appreciate their generosity! Go to <http://www.ldccw.org/grants-and-scholarships.html> to find out more information.

### **Franciscan CORE**

A five-day summer, residential program for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students which offers education, reflection, and experience on Catholic Social Teaching themes and principles using St. Francis of Assisi as a model for action. The dates are June 11-16, 2017. For more information, please follow this [link](#).

### **Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN**

We will be taking a trip to Gatlinburg, TN July 5-13, 2017 to assist in their recovery from wildfires. This trip is for all rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and outgoing 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Late last year, wildfires destroyed many homes and businesses in Gatlinburg. There are many groups coming in to help with clean up and recovery, and we know there will be plenty of work for us to do, we just don't know the details yet. However, as soon as we have them, we will post them on our website. If you are interested in going, please contact Teresa Brown at 608-791-2652 to be added to the list. Please know spots will fill up quickly.

### **Totus Tuus**

If you know of any young adult, male or female, who has been out of high school for at least one year, and who would like to apply to be on our Totus Tuus Team, please direct them to Chris Rogers: [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

### **Regional Youth Rallies and Retreats**

- The Rally in Eau Galle will be held Sunday, May 7, 2017.  
For more information about this awesome event, please follow this [link](#).

### **NET Retreats**

We have confirmed that the NET Team will be in our diocese September 23-28, 2017. More information will be coming soon. Once we do have more information, you may find it by going to this [link](#).

### **Immersion Retreat**

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Immersion retreat will be held November 10-12, 2017 at the Wintergreen Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. More information will be available on our website as details are finalized.

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