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### Officials

No officials this week.



### Events

As of June 6

**Tuesday, June 6**

8:00am Personal and Team Development: Grace Given - Marathon

**Wednesday, June 7**

8:00am Personal and Team Development: Grace Given - La Crosse

**Sunday, June 11**

LifeTeen Youth Ministry Convention - Scottsdale, AZ - June 11-18

Totus Tuus - Wausau - June 11-17

**Tuesday, June 13**

Curriculum Workshop - Marathon - June 13-15

**Friday, June 16**

Dare To Follow - La Crosse - June 16-18

**Sunday, June 18**

Adventure Camp (Week 1) - Mason, WI - June 18-23

Totus Tuus - Chippewa Falls - June 18-24

**Thursday, June 22**

Priest Unity Days

**Friday, June 23**

Priest Unity Days

**Saturday, June 24**

Priest Unity Days

10:30am Priestly Ordination - La Crosse - June 24

10:30am PRIESTLY ORDINATION - Live Stream

**Sunday, June 25**

Totus Tuus - Altoona, WI - June 25 to July 1

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**Office for Catechesis & Evangelization**

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**BULLETIN INSERT for the weekend of June 18<sup>th</sup>** [click here](#)



## Relationship with GOD

More than Just SUNDAY

### What does the Church teach about Mary as Mother of God?

The early Christians, prompted by the Holy Spirit, came to honor and eventually address Mary as the Mother of God. *Theotokos* in Greek (literally "God-bearer"). This title, declared definitively at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., states that Mary is Mother of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity made Man.

We can arrive at a very logical conclusion from the Council's declaration:

1. Jesus is God
2. Mary is the mother of Jesus and, *therefore*...
3. Mary is the Mother of God

History has born witness that this title has more to say regarding the divinity of Christ than it does the reverence due Mary because of her relationship with Him. Any "less" of a title for her would deny the preeminent revelation of Jesus' divinity. Authentic Mariology, which is the study of the life and prerogatives of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her place in God's plan of salvation, and authentic Christology, which is the study of the Person of Jesus Christ, especially in the mystery of the union of His divine and human natures, are always compatible; they always relate to and safeguard each other.

Having said this, we must never forget that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity dwelt in utero in Mary for nine months. For nine months in time and space there was only one way to

"What does the Church Teach about Mary as Mother of God" is the second in a series of six bulletin inserts to help readers recognize Mary's important role in God's plan for salvation. This series is in conjunction with the bulletin inserts regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, Portugal.

The first insert in the series on Mary entitled "What does the Church Really Teach about Mary" is available by [clicking here](#).

### Performance Evaluation for a Catechetical Leader (DRE, CRE, Youth Minister)

It is beneficial to complete a performance evaluation for every catechetical leader. However, it is necessary for a catechetical leader to have a written job description in order to conduct a performance evaluation. [Click here](#) for a simple evaluation form, pertinent for both the employee and the supervisor.

### Catechetical Leader of the Year Award

Pastors and DRE/CRE/Youth Minister's may nominate a catechetical leader to receive the distinguished recognition of Catechetical Leader of the Year Award. The form is available by [clicking here](#). The nominee must have served in the Diocese of La Crosse for at least five years. Return completed form by June 23, 2017.

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## Office for Communications

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### REMINDER: 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 collected and digitized numerous historical photos and documents. These materials are available for your use in your parish communications. If you have not done so already, email Danelle Bjornson at [dbjornson@diolc.org](mailto:dbjornson@diolc.org) for a link to your parish's information.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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### Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter for June

The last newsletter for the 2016/17 cycle is ready for distribution. This issue provides ideas on how provide authentic love and standards within your home. [Click here](#) to download a copy. Thank you for sharing this with the families you serve.

### NFP National Awareness Week – Get your resources now

2017 National NFP Awareness Week will be celebrated on July 23-29. This year's slogan is: **It's time! Say "Yes" to God's plan for Marriage!** Natural Family Planning. The slogan focuses on God's gift of the nature of marriage to husband and wife. Natural Family Planning is presented as a support for married couples to honor God's plan. [Check out the USCCB](#) resources available with posters (English and Spanish), couples' stories, church teachings and many other great ideas to help you promote "God's plan for marriages" in your parish community.

### Retrouvaille Retreat – August 11-13

The next Retrouvaille retreat in our diocese will be held at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center on August 11-13. Retrouvaille is program designed to give a married couple the tools needed to keep their marriage together. The program consists of a weekend and seven follow-up sessions. It is all about communication between spouses and you are not asked to share information with anyone but each other. Retrouvaille (Retro-vi) is an opportunity to rediscover each other and to reopen communication with a positive new perspective. For confidential information or to register call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673), or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### Retrouvaille Resources to Use at your Parish

[Click here](#) to download a letter about Retrouvaille that includes **bulletin inserts** that will help you promote this vital retreat at your parish.

[Click here](#) to download a **poster** that you can display at your parish.

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## Office for Missions

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The Mission Coop Program has already begun. Thank you to all the pastors and parishes for your active participation in this mission of the church. The personal presence of the missionaries and the stories they tell help us to deepen our experience of the universality of the Catholic Church. The resources that you are able to share are often the only funds that reach corners of the world suffering under extreme poverty and pressures against the faith. Your support means a great deal. If there are any questions that arise during the summer, please let us know.

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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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The 2017 Fortnight for Freedom is June 21-July 4, with “Freedom for Mission” as its theme. Explore a wealth of parish and personal resources, including [Current News & Bishops’ Statements](#), [Prayers of the Faithful](#), [How to Talk about Religious Liberty](#), short [Pray-Reflect-Act](#) pieces, a [Holy Hour template](#), [High School Lesson Plans](#), and more. Be sure to visit the [USCCB website for the Fortnight for Freedom](#).

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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### Diocesan Annual Appeal

The year-end for the Diocesan Annual Appeal: *Sharing the Promise of Mercy* is June 30, 2017. **The Office for Stewardship and Development must receive the gift by June 30, 2017, to be included this year’s annual appeal.** We will credit all gifts received on or after July 01, 2017 to next year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal.

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.

Last week, we mailed our last reminders and solicitations for the appeal year. For parishes that were less than 90% of goal or were more than \$1,000 below goal we focused all people who have never given to the appeal, and anyone who has given in the past but not this year "SYBUNTS" (Some Year But Not This year). We also asked all new parishioners who have not yet given to the annual appeal, regardless of where the parish stands in meeting their annual appeal goal, to support the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

**Reminder:** Online Giving is available for Diocesan Annual Appeal on the web page of the Office for Stewardship and Development at <https://diolc.org/donate-online/>. Feel free to post this link on your website and in your bulletin.

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## Office for Vocations

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**REMINDER:** High School Immersion Retreat for Girls at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation - June 19-23, 2017

Take a step back from your busy summer! Join others your age for a week with Sisters for a time of prayer, service, food and fun!

To register and for more information go to [www.materredemptoris.org](http://www.materredemptoris.org).

Registration closes on May 29th

**REMINDER:** Come, Follow Days for Girls ages 9-13 at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation - July 18-19, 2017

Are you interested in learning more about prayer and religious life, not to mention hanging out with fun Sisters and playing games?

To register and for more information go to [www.materredemptoris.org](http://www.materredemptoris.org).

Registration closes on July 1st or when capacity is reached.

**REMINDER:** June 16-18 Dare To Follow weekend. This is for boys going into 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grades to learn more about their Catholic faith, talk about the vocation of priesthood, and HAVE FUN!

**REMINDER:** June 24 – 10:30AM – Priestly Ordination (Aaron Becker, Peter Kieffer, Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar) at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Reception following at La Crosse Center. Please keep the ordinandi in your prayers.

**REMINDER:** July 14-16 – THRESHOLD RETREAT. Three days of prayer, conversation, and reflections on the priesthood – as well as plenty of recreation. This is geared towards young men aged 17-20.

**REMINDER:** Mark Your Calendars - July 30 – Priest for Tomorrow fundraiser in La Crosse.

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