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Officials

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

The Very Reverend **Kevin C. Louis**, Pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Big River, *vicar forane* of the Durand Deanery and Director of Spiritual Formation for the Permanent Diaconate Program, is released from his responsibilities as Director of Spiritual Formation for the Permanent Diaconate Program effective July 25, 2017. He retains his other appointments.

The Very Reverend **Justin J. Kizewski**, Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Chippewa Falls and St. Bridget Parish in Springfield, and *vicar forane* of the Chippewa Falls Deanery, is also appointed Director of Spiritual Formation of the Permanent Diaconate Program, effective July 25, 2017.

The Reverend **Michael DiRocco**, with the permission of Abbot Damien Toilodo, OSB of the St. Andrew's Benedictine Abbey in Valyermo, California, is appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie, with residence at the parish rectory, effective August 8, 2017.



Events

As of Aug. 1

Sunday, August 6

50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebration - Plover, WI

Peace Day

Monday, August 7

New Administrators' Orientation 7 am-6 pm - La Crosse

10:00am Annual Appeal Meeting - Menomonie

2:00pm Annual Appeal Meeting - Eau Claire

Tuesday, August 8

New Teacher Formation - Teaching as a Ministry - La Crosse

Wednesday, August 9

10:00am Annual Appeal Meeting - Marshfield

2:00pm Annual Appeal Meeting - Stevens Point

Thursday, August 10

10:00am Annual Appeal Meeting - Marathon

2:00pm Annual Appeal Meeting - Loyal

Friday, August 11

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marathon - August 11-12

Anniversary of the installation of Bishop William Patrick Callahan as La Crosse's 10th Bishop

10:30am Basic Principles for Healing the Culture; La Crosse - Aug 11-12

Sunday, August 13

50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebration - La Crosse WI

Tuesday, August 15

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Wausau - Aug 15-19

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BEATIFICATION MASS OF FATHER SOLANUS CASEY

On May 4, 2017, Pope Francis announced that Friar Solanus Casey would be elevated to the status of “Blessed”. The Beatification Mass will take place November 18, 2017, at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan. Join the Very Reverend William Dhein on pilgrimage from the Diocese of La Crosse to Detroit to attend this special occasion. Originating from the Diocese of La Crosse, Fr. Casey was baptized in Prescott, WI and attended Mass at St. Mary’s, Big River. [Click here](#) for further details. To register contact Debbie Brannon at 608-791-2686 or dbrannon@diolc.org.

RELICS OF SAINT PADRE PIO

Celebrating the 130th anniversary of Saint Padre Pio's birth, and the 15th anniversary of his canonization, relics of Saint Padre Pio will be available for public veneration in the Diocese of La Crosse on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main

Street, La Crosse. The relics will be available for veneration from 9:00 am until 6:30 pm. Mass will be offered at 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm. The 7:00 pm Mass will be in honor of Saint Padre Po and will be celebrated by the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan. Confession will also be available thorough out the day.


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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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BULLETIN INSERT for the weekend of August 13 – [click here](#)

	<p>Relationship with GOD More than Just SUNDAY</p>
<p>What does the Church teach about Mary's Assumption into Heaven?</p>	
<p>light of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's messages at Fatima, it is helpful to examine Church teaching about Mary. August 15th, the Church celebrates the Feast of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. Let us examine the evidence with which the Church assures us of the truth of this revealed teaching and try to understand its great significance and the</p>	<p>advance, the fruit of that freedom from sin: a glorified body and an immediate union of her whole being (body and soul) with God at the end of her earthly life.</p> <p>The Scriptural foundation for Mary's Assumption is Genesis 3:15. As the papal document of Pope Pius XII explains, this Scripture foretells Mary as intimately sharing in the same</p>

“What does the Church Teach about Mary’s Assumption into Heaven” is the fourth 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 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. The insert is also in preparation for August 15, the Feast of the Assumption.

The Four Levels of Happiness and Basic Catholic Principles to Live that Happiness

There are 10 Basic Catholic Principles that are the foundation needed to live the 4 Levels of Happiness in a balanced way. Every adult needs this proper understanding, more than ever today, amidst the confusion of our culture. With ongoing inquiries about this important Conference on August 11-12, registration will be open until Friday, August 4th. [Click here](#) for details and online registration.

Correction: New Catechetical Leader Training – August 22

There will be a day of training for new Directors, Coordinators and Youth Ministers who direct programs in the parishes. [Click here](#) for details and registration form. It is extremely helpful for new parish catechetical leaders to meet us, to know the assistance and resources that are available and to get answers to their questions.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Domestic Church Retreat – September 14-17:

Pastors, the second Domestic Church retreat will be held at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center beginning at 7PM on September 14th and ending at noon on September 17th. This retreat is for Sacramentally married couples who want to enrich their marriage and fill it with joy.

Please *personally* share this information with couples in your parish. Here is a [brochure](#) you can hand couples that provides additional information.

Retrouvaille Retreat – August 11-13

Pastors, a Retrouvaille weekend will be held at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center August 11-13. This weekend is designed for married couples who are at the brink of separation or divorce. Please share this information with your parish family. Register and request more information [here](#).

Like Us on Facebook

Have you visited the [Marriage and Family Life website lately](#)? New articles are posted to Facebook and our blog each week. We address topics relevant to spouses and parents, catechists and school teachers, clergy and laity. Check us out and then “like us” to get regular updates from our staff.

Men's Conference near Madison

St John the Baptist Parish, Waunakee, WI, in the Diocese of Madison is hosting the **Becoming Better Men** conference Saturday, **September 16th**. The keynote speaker will be Steve Bollman, founder of the **That Man Is You** program. For more information visit us online at www.becomingbettermen.net or call 608-849-5121, ext. 118.

\$25 before Aug 31: \$30 after Sept 1

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Fall Confirmations will begin in September. Pastors of parishes hosting Confirmations are kindly asked to watch their email inbox for detailed information beginning in August. Any questions in regards to the liturgical celebration can be directed to the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies. Questions about the Confirmation *schedule* should be directed to Debbie Brannon in the Office of the Diocesan Bishop – dbrannon@diolc.org.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Calendar of Teachings and Liturgies

Please find a 9-month calendar of teachings, retreats, and liturgies for the RCIA [here](#), while a 15 month calendar is available [here](#).

Have you Considered the 15-month RCIA Process?

The RCIA is a process of conversion that is meant to form and prepare adults to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ and courageous witnesses to the Catholic Faith. After experiencing both the 15-month and two year processes, there is really no comparison to the 9-month model. [Here's why](#).

Liturgical Calendar Dates

August 6 (Sunday): Peace Day, Diocese of La Crosse.

August 11 (Friday): Anniversary of the installation of Bishop William Patrick Callahan as La Crosse's 10th Bishop.

August 15 (Tuesday): Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Holy Day of Obligation in 2017.

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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. 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. **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.

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Pastors and Social Concerns Representatives:

Catholic leaders from across the country met in Orlando for the [Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America](#) from July 1-4. There are over 32 [videos](#) available on the USCCB website, including an informative keynote by [Dr. Hosffman Espino](#) on the changing ethnic landscape of the Church in the U.S., particularly with the large Hispanic component. Well worth watching.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Final Update: 2016-2017 *Sharing the Promise of Mercy*

Thank you again for your hard work in the making this past year's Diocesan Annual Appeal a success. This week we are mailing out the final rebate checks for the appeal. Over \$750,000 this year is being returned to the parishes. Remember your donor giving is available through the GivingTrend reporting. <https://diolc.givingtrend.com>

However, it is more than the money collected and rebated; it is the countless number of lives that we as a community of Catholics are impacting for the better here and inspiring hope in our diocese and around the world that is beyond measure and the real fruits of the Appeal.

2017- 2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal - Stewards of Hope

Now is the time to encourage your supporters to help get an early start on the new Diocesan Annual Appeal – Stewards of Hope. An easy and secure way to promote giving is by informing your parishioners of the online giving portal at <https://diolc.org/donate-online/>. It is quick, safe, secure, and easy to use.

Urge your parishioners to begin supporting the Appeal through a Sustaining Gift. Sustaining Gifts provide a recurring monthly contribution through Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT), or credit card charges. A Sustaining Gift will continue until the donor gives notice of their wish to stop transfers. Contact Sarah Komperud by email at skomperud@diolc.org or by phone 08.791.2653, for more information.

REMINDER: Parish Appeal Meetings

Parish appeal meetings begin Monday, August 7, 2017, at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph's in Menomonie. We have set up 12 meeting around our diocese for your convenience. We have made several important changes that we will be discussing. Please register by going our Google form either by clicking the following link or copy and pasting it in your browser <https://goo.gl/forms/O8G0RIO9u5waTMkf2>

REMINDER: A registration form has been setup for selecting the Diocesan Annual Appeal Sunday that best fits your parish schedule. Please register your parish for either Sunday, September 24, 2017, or October 15, 2017, by going our Google form either by clicking the following link or copy and pasting it in your browser <https://goo.gl/forms/8vYt7yaRuCorpR612>

REMINDER: A registration form has been setup for your parish to register the 2017-2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal contacts. Please register your parish's appeal contacts by going our Google form either by clicking the following link or copy and pasting it in your browser <https://goo.gl/forms/my7Hh4B2lpjhfeX52>

If you have any question or concerns regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal or Stewardship and Development practices, please contact our office at the number or email above.

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Office for Temporalities

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Annual Reports

The Annual Report forms are now available. Please use the forms that are provided here as there have been many updates made. Please note these reports are **due August 31**. Here are the links to the following reports: [Annual Report Information](#), [Annual Report](#), [Society-Organization Report](#), [On Consultation in the Parish](#), and [Catholic Mutual Financial Review Verification](#).

Capital Improvement Projects

Any parish, school or school system wishing to begin a capital campaign for a building project must notify the Bishop in writing to request permission. Please copy this request letter to the **Office of Temporalities** and **Chancery Office** so that the offices involved are aware of your project and can help keep the project moving. Without the Bishop's or his authorities' written permission, a project may not proceed. **Please note that granting permission does not establish final approval of a project.** Regarding funding guidelines for any Building Improvement, the institution needs 80% of the funds on deposit with St. Ambrose Financial Services or 125% in Pledges. Other justifying circumstances (building safety emergencies, donors, etc.) would require additional consideration.

For further assistance with Diocesan Capital Improvement Projects, please use the "[Checklist for Diocesan Capital Improvement Projects](#)" as a reference.

Building Demolition and Renovation

All building demolitions and major renovations require notifying the Bishop in writing to request permission. Please copy this request letter to the **Office of Temporalities** and **Chancery Office** so that the offices involved are aware of your project and can help keep the project moving. Please contact **the Office of Diocesan Buildings and Grounds** before demolition or renovation, as these projects have State and Federal requirements that help identify, handle and dispose of hazardous materials.

Contractor Insurance

All contractors must carry liability insurance. When using a contractor please request a Certificate of Insurance. The contractor certificate must carry liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance. If there is no worker's compensation insurance, they can complete an [Independent Contractor Status](#) form or Adult Hold Harmless Waiver. Please be sure that the wording on the certificate of insurance states in the box titled DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/ VEHICLES/SPECIAL ITEMS: **Additional Insured is the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop William Patrick Callahan and (Insert name of Parish/School, and City).**

Building Project Submissions

Please submit your building projects with a signed Improvement Authorization, a contract and the contractor's certificate of insurance. All building project contract reviews should be sent directly to the **Office of Diocesan Buildings and Grounds**, Attention: Kathy Haverland. If you have any questions regarding coordinating your contracts for review or any requested paperwork, please contact Kathy Haverland at 608-791-2692 or khaverland@diolc.org

Updates from St. Ambrose Financial Services

Endowment Trust Annual Report

Please see the link for the [Endowment Trust Annual Report](#) due by August 31st.

Here are the instructions:

1. Open document
2. Save to your computer
3. Complete the form
4. Save to your computer
5. Send completed form to dherricks@stambrosefinancial.com

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Office for Vocations

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REMINDER MARSHFIELD VOCATIONS GUILD DINNER – August 8, 2017 Our Lady of Peace Parish - Marshfield

Help us to thank God for the priests who have come from our own community (most recently Father Chris Krall, Father Matthew Marshall and Father Aaron Becker) as well as to financially support the formation of our future priests. Did you know that it costs over a million dollars each year to educate and form our seminarians to be our future priests? God has blessed the La Crosse Diocese with 29 seminarians. The Marshfield Deanery would like to kick off the formation of a Diocesan-wide Seminarian Support Guild with our prayers and financial support. The Catholic priests in Marshfield have set the goal of having 20 families or groups provide an annual gift of \$1,000 for five years to help our seminarians prepare for the priesthood. The seminarians have answered the call to serve the Lord, please consider helping them so our children and grandchildren will have priests.

Tickets are \$25 each. Please RSVP to: Diocese of La Crosse Office of Vocations, 3710 East Avenue South | La Crosse, WI 54602-4004 – or contact Renee Orth (rorth@diolc.org) 608-791-2667

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