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Officials

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

The Reverend **Emmanuel Kofi Asamoah Bekoe**, Associate Pastor at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Independence and St. John the Apostle Parish in Whitehall, is released from his assignments in the Diocese of La Crosse in order to accept a temporary assignment in the Diocese of Superior beginning January 17, 2019.

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Events

As of Jan. 15

Wednesday, January 16
National Religious Freedom Day
Pilgrimage for Life - Washington, DC - Jan. 16 - 20
Saturday, January 19
7:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point
9:00am Hispanic Lay Formation Institute - Alma Center
Tuesday, January 22
10:00am Talk by Joseph M. Scheidler, Founder of Pro-Life Action League - La Crosse
Saturday, January 26
Given Marriage Retreat - Chippewa Falls
8:00am Brains and Brawn - La Crosse
9:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Richland Center
9:00am Burning Hearts Theology of the Body - Wausau
Sunday, January 27
Catholic Schools Week - Jan. 27 - Feb. 2
Friday, February 1
Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - Feb. 1 - 2
Diaconate Discernment Retreat - Marathon - Feb. 1 - 2
Saturday, February 2
World Day for Consecrated Life - All Parishes - Feb. 2 - 3
Monday, February 4
7:00pm Webinar - Raise Them Well - Intellectual Maturity
Friday, February 8
Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Chippewa Falls - Feb. 8 - 9
Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse - Feb. 8 - 9
Hispanic Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat - Abbotsford - Feb 8 - 9
Hearts Open Wide High School Retreat - La Crosse - Feb. 8 - 10
Saturday, February 16
8:00am CLOSED Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield
Wednesday, February 20
10:00am Catholic School Presidents' Meeting - Stevens Point
Saturday, February 23
8:30am Given Marriage Retreat - La Crosse

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Pro-life materials for Parishes and Schools

[Click here](#) to access resources for use before and after January 22nd, a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, which marks the disturbing anniversary of Roe v. Wade. [Click here](#) for “9 Days for Life” prayer resources from the US Bishops (USCCB).

How God Guides Us

In recent surveys, 12th grade students have said that they want to learn about how God guides them. 8 sessions are now available in this regard. [Click here](#) and scroll to the 12th grade.

Confirmation Retreat

If your parish will be hosting a Confirmation Retreat, please [click here](#) for the planning guidelines. You will also find plenty of other resources [here](#) on the Confirmation webpage.

Vacation Bible School

If you are looking for materials for a Vacation Bible School, [click here](#) to see all the Catholic programs on the market.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life is on February 2, 2019, and is to be celebrated in parishes the weekend of **February 2-3, 2019**. Please pray for consecrated persons at Holy Mass in the *Prayers of the Faithful* and please include a mention in your parish bulletin. Samples are below and more information [here](#).

Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for those who have answered God’s call to consecrated life. May they always reveal the love and joy of Christ to those they encounter and continue to enrich our world by dedicated lives of prayer and service.

We pray for all those who are discerning their vocation in life, particularly those whom the Lord is calling to consecrated life. May they be given the wisdom to hear God's call and the courage to respond generously.

For your Parish Bulletin

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 2-3, 2019. Please pray for all those in consecrated life, and for many more persons to dedicate themselves joyfully and generously to the vocation of consecrated life.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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GIVEN Retreat: Chippewa Falls 1/26/19

Last week's GIVEN retreat in Marshfield was an overwhelming success. Both the newly married couples and the veteran couples told us it was a day filled with great music, inspiring talks and delicious food.

Space is still available for the next GIVEN retreat that will take place at Notre Dame on Jan. 26th. Please encourage any engaged, married or seriously dating couples to attend.

Registration is taken at diolc.org/marriage/given-marriage-retreat-chippewa-falls/. Download a promotional poster [here](#).

Men's Renewal Retreat

What does it mean to BE A MAN OF THE CROSS? Join us for a one-day retreat that will focus on practical ways to daily live out the Gospel call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We'll receive great insights from Fr. Guiseppe, who was a favorite speaker from the fall Men of the Cross Conference, to embrace our crosses and learn of ways to become the man, father, husband, son that God intended.

Details:

When: February 23, 9am– 3pm

Where: St. John the Baptist, 201 W Blodgett St, Marshfield, WI

Cost: \$20/person (Includes morning snack and lunch) - \$25 at the door

For more information and to register, go to: <http://menofthecross.org/>

Safe Haven Sunday Coming March 10th – Get Ready with these Resources

The Safe Haven Sunday website is up and ready for you. Click [here](#) to view it.

We also have prepared a sample letter that each pastor can use to inform his parish family of Safe Haven Sunday and why this is so important. Click [here](#) to download it.

For Parish Bulletins and Facebook on January 27 - Announcement #6

Safe Haven Sunday is coming on March 10. It will address the need for families to protect their homes from the ill effects of pornography. Why is this important? A 2018 study of youth and sexting revealed:

- Nearly 27% of teens receive sexts

- Around 15% are sending them
- A 2017 study found that about 99% of respondents at least somewhat approved of explicit pics being posted online non-consensually, particularly if a partner had walked out on them.

Learn more about ending porn exposure at diolc.org/shs
Come to church on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10th.

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Office for Ministries

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Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Feb. 1-2, 2019

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church as a deacon? Talk to your pastor about attending the Discernment Retreat to be held at St. Anthony Spirituality Center Feb. 1-2, 2019, and then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Schedule a “guest visit” to sit in on a Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class this spring to see what it’s like! Registration is now underway for the next two-year cycle that begins in fall of 2019. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! View brochures and application forms at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161 for more information.

Reminder: New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in June 2019

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. This is a three-part course of study by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick; conducting a Liturgy of the Word on weekdays when a priest is unavailable (or on Sunday in care facilities or jails); and by leading parishioners in prayer at other times. Applicants must have completed the Lay Formation Institute and be sponsored by their pastor. For more information and to apply, visit www.diolc.org/ministries and click on “Leader of Prayer.”

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Rite of Election Retreat, March 2

In preparation for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion (March 10), many parishes (or groups of parishes) offer retreats for their catechumens and candidates. For those parishes that do not offer a retreat in the parish, there will be three retreats open to catechumens and candidates on the morning of Saturday, March 2: at St. Peter Parish in Stevens Point, St. Mary Parish in Altoona, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Although schedules may vary slightly at each retreat site, the day will include Mass, three spiritual talks, time for reflection, and lunch. A site-specific schedule will be sent upon registration or upon request. Registration form is available [here](#); deadline is February 22. Please encourage those in your RCIA process to reserve this date.

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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. 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 Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@diolc.org

2018-19 Safe Environment reports are due March 1, 2019. If you have any questions or need another form, contact Teresa Brown at (608) 791-2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Reminder: All paid employees and coaches and Janitors regardless if they are paid or not, need to be fingerprinted - there are no exceptions and nobody is grandfathered in anymore. Your report will not be complete until print cards are submitted for those that need to be printed.

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Office for Social Concerns

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“9 Days for Life” and other January Pro-Life Resources

Excellent pro-life resources from the USCCB, including information on the US Bishops’ “9 Days for Life” can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Since Sunday, Jan. 20, closely precedes the sad Jan. 22 anniversary of Roe v. Wade, it would be appropriate for the Prayers of the Faithful in the Sunday Liturgy to reflect our concern for life in the womb.

Reminder: For your Parish Bulletin

Jan. 22 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Joseph M. Scheidler, founder of the *Pro-Life Action League*, will speak in the lower level of the church at 10:00 am. A Mass for Life celebrated by the Friars will follow at 11:00 am.

Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal:

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the “Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life”. [The USCCB has more information and resources here.](#)

NOTE: Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection

Just a reminder that Bishop Callahan has asked parishes to take up the CCHD collection the last weekend of January or the first weekend of February. Parishes should have received the

envelopes and promotional materials from the national CCHD office ([see online here](#)). The week before the collection, the following Bulletin Announcement should be run:

Bulletin Announcement for Weekend before Parish CCHD Collection:

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development.

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Office for Temporalities

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Mr. Aad deLange has submitted his resignation as the Director of the Office for Temporalities and it has been accepted as of January 12, 2019.

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Upcoming Dates and Events for 2019 & 2020:

Priest Retreat April 29-30 and May 1-3, 2019 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center - Marathon, WI. Call Susan Hubbard at 715-443-2235 ext. 139 to reserve your spot. The Speaker is Fr. Sammie Maletta from the Diocese of Gary, Indiana.

Priest Unity Days June 20-22, 2019

Deacons and Wives afternoon with the Bishop - Holy Cross Diocesan Center, August 10, 2019

Fall Clergy Conference October 14-15, 2019.

Fall Clergy Conference October 12-13, 2020.



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Burning Hearts Theology of the Body “Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body: Rediscovering the Meaning of Life, Love, Sex, and Gender.”

Consider attending this day-long seminar where adults will learn and understand the heart of Theology of the Body, and walk away with practical ways to form young people in helping them to understand their dignity and God’s plan for sexuality.

- January 26, 2019 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Wausau, WI

*The day will run from 9:00am-3:45pm. The first 50 people to register are free. Then it’s \$10 per person including lunch. Please register online by going to <http://diolc.org/yya/burning-hearts/> and follow the instructions.

Reminder: Save the date for NCYC 2019! (National Catholic Youth Conference) November 21-24, 2019 - registration deadline is March 25. We are very excited that the planning process has begun for the biannual National Catholic Youth Conference event that brings together more than 20,000 Catholic youth and adults from all over the country for an incredible faith experience! Save the date for November 21-24, 2019. The Diocese of La Crosse is organizing a delegation and we want you to be part of that group!

Please go to our NCYC planning website at <https://diolcncyc.weebly.com/> to get more information and to stay up to date on the latest details! To register your group with us or sign up to receive the latest updates, please go to: <https://diolcncyc.weebly.com/>. The registration deadline is March 25. Stay tuned to future chancery bulletins for further updates!

Save the Date! Adventure Camp 2019 is Happening!

Despite the transition, camp is definitely a go, and we are even looking at increasing the attendance from our diocese! Adventure Camp 2019 will be held at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI.

Over the years, Adventure Camp has been an amazing opportunity for young people to experience their faith in ways they never imagined. For some campers, it is where they really begin to understand that they have a relationship with Christ.

Dates we have reserved are:

Week 1: June 23-28, 2019

Week 2: July 7-12, 2019

Week 3: August 4-9, 2019

More information will be coming out, but please let us know if you have any questions.

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