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Officials

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

The Reverend **Amalraj Antony**, with the permission of the Most Reverend Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of Madurai, is appointed Parochial Administrator at St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick and St. Ansgar Parish in Blair, effective February 1, 2018.

The Reverend **Wesley Janowski**, Pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in Cazenovia, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Keyesville, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lone Rock, is appointed Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Necedah and Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Castle Rock Lake, effective February 1, 2018.

The Reverend **Joseph Okine-Quartey**, Parochial Administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum City and St. Joseph Parish in Arkansaw, is appointed Pastor, effective February 1, 2018.



Events

As of Jan. 24

Wednesday, January 24

6:00pm **Dr. Paul Byrne, Founder of the Life Guardian Foundation - La Crosse**

Thursday, January 25

7:00pm Webinar - Before You Leave Your Marriage - Join Us

Saturday, January 27

Brains and Brawn Middle School Competition - La Crosse

8:30am **Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Richland Center (One Day)**

Monday, January 29

Catholic Schools Week - Jan 29-Feb 2

Friday, February 2

World Day for Consecrated Life

Thursday, February 8

7:00pm Webinar - Surviving Valentine's Day

Friday, February 9

Deacon Retreat - Marathon - Feb. 9-11

Saturday, February 10

9:30am **Rite of Election Retreat - La Crosse**

Tuesday, February 13

7:00pm Webinar - True Intimacy of Marriage

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Saturday, February 17

8:00am **Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield (One Day)**

Sunday, February 18

2:00pm **Rite of Election - La Crosse**

Tuesday, February 20

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Develop Virtue

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Remembering the history of the Diocese of La Crosse is important. “Defending the Catholic Faith against the Ku Klux Klan” tells the true story of the incredible courage of Fr. Peter Minwegen in Cornell.

BEET Grants due Feb. 2nd. [Click here](#) for instructions and application form.

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Office for Communications

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For your parish bulletin:

Diocesan Sesquicentennial opening Mass

To celebrate the opening of our diocesan sesquicentennial, Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at St. Gabriel Church in Prairie du Chien on Saturday, March 3, 2018, beginning at 10 AM. Reception to follow at St. John Church in Prairie du Chien. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend the Mass you can view it via live stream at diolc.org/live.

For your parish bulletin:

5th Anniversary Mass – Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski

On Sunday, March 18, there will be a Mass honoring the Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the opening of his Cause for Canonization. The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse at 10:30 AM. All are welcome. Learn more at frjoesguild.org.

For your parish bulletin:

Looking for a close by Fish Fry?

With Lent quickly approaching, it’s time to think about enjoying a parish fish fry. You can use the diocesan [Fish Frynder](#), where you will find Lenten meals listed by parish with the location, the times and detailed information about the meal. diolc.org/fishfrynder

Reminder: Promoting your parish Lenten meals.

With Lent quickly approaching, it’s time to start promoting your parish Lenten meals. We are again using the diocesan website to host the [Fish Frynder](#), a place where people can find when and where a fish fry, or other parish Lenten meal is taking place throughout the diocese. To get your parish event listed, please contact Pam Willer at datebook@diolc.org. As we get requests, we will add them to the Fish Frynder page listing your parish, the location, the times and the detailed information about the dinner including food options, as provided.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Reminder: World Day for Consecrated Life

The annual World Day for Consecrated Life is on February 2, 2018, and is to be celebrated in parishes on February 3-4, 2018. 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 can be found [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. Lord hear us...

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. Lord hear us...

For your Parish Bulletin:

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2018, and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Please pray for all those in consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Reminder: National Marriage Week

In just two weeks the diocese will celebrate the observance of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14, 2018) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018). This is a perfect opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love with a pulpit message on the beauty and significance of marriage. Please click [here](#) to download resources to help you prepare your homilies during this week.

Want Direct Access to the Latest from our Office?

Our staff is posting the latest webinars, resources and articles of interest on our Facebook page [@marriedloveandlife](#). To access what's current from our office, follow us today. Click [here](#) to find our feed.

Catholic Women's Retreat: Embracing Your Call to Holiness – March 3

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, in collaboration with the Eau Claire Council of Catholic Women, are hosting a retreat on March 3rd at the St. Mary's Community Center in Altoona. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to download the flier that can be distributed widely in your parish.

50th Jubilee Celebrations – Second Request for Names

Each year, we ask for your help in securing the names, addresses and phone numbers of those couples in your parish who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during this calendar year of 2018. As you work to gather this information please ask for the

assistance of your parish staff. Click [here](#) for more information and to download the form used to submit names.

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Office for Ministries

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For your Parish Bulletin:

LENTEN RESOURCE: New Book on the Beatitudes

Christopher Ruff has written a new book for small group or individual use, titled *Blessed Are You*, centered on the Beatitudes. Like the previous books in the Discipleship Series, each of its six sessions include Scripture, prayer and stories of people who exemplify each theme. It also incorporates questions for reflection and a modest service component to put faith in action. To order (\$10 each), call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 or email ministries@diolc.org. Visit www.diolc.org/faith-alive to preview a sample from the book.

For your Parish Bulletin:

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7

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 – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. Then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

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Office for Missions

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MCA Mite Box Collection: The mite boxes for Missionary Childhood Association are soon arriving for all Catholic Schools and Parish CCD and Religious Education Programs. We appreciate the cooperation from those who sent in the box count requests and those who are able to work with combined shipping for different buildings. That helped us save time and shipping expense. A letter explaining changes to the Mite Box Program should arrive this week. Or you can [follow this link](#) to find [the letter posted on our website](#). We hope this clarifies some of the questions that may have arisen after the presentations at the beginning of the academic year. We pray that the coming season of Lent is a fruitful one for you as well as your students and families.

Mission Co-op Program summer 2018: We are still missing some information from priest coordinators for dioceses and/or religious orders with representatives among the clergy

serving in our diocese. As soon as we have collected all necessary information, summer assignments can be made. We hope to send the assignments out toward the end of February. Information will go out to both pastors in the parishes and missionaries assigned to them. If there are special requests among the pastors, please let us know. We typically look to send out a few sisters or lay missionaries, so if pastors are willing to offer the Mass in conjunction with the Mission Co-op presentations, that is also helpful information to have. As always, we are so appreciative of the work that parishes do on behalf of the universal mission of the Catholic Church. The summer program is commendable in receiving the support of pastors and the generosity of the parishioners. God has blessed us richly. Thank you.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Rite of Election Retreat, February 10

In preparation for the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion (February 18), 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 a retreat open to catechumens and candidates on Saturday, February 10, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Registration begins at 9:00, and the day will conclude at 2:30. Contents will include: spiritual talks on 1) the meaning of Lent as a time of preparation for participating in the Paschal Mystery, 2) the meaning of the Apostolic Church and the Church today (in light of their meeting Bishop Callahan, a successor to the apostles), and 3) participating in the Rite of Election, focusing on the questions and prayers it contains; time for private prayer and reflection; Mass and group prayer. Registration form is available [here](#); deadline for registration is Friday, February 2.

Rite of Election, February 18

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, February 18, at 2:00. It is an occasion that marks entry into the period of Purification and Enlightenment (for newly-named “elect”) that coincides with Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and catechumens to see the larger Church, meet Bishop Callahan, be introduced to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the Rite. The registration form for Rite of Election is available [here](#); please submit its information by Friday, February 9.

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Masses During Lent

Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, during the Easter Triduum, or on Sundays of Lent (GIRM, n. 380). Ritual Masses are prohibited on Ash Wednesday, during Holy Week, and on Sundays of Lent (GIRM, n. 372). When marriages are celebrated during Lent, they are to reflect the special nature of this season (*Rite of Marriage*, n. 32).

Infant Baptism During Lent

The baptism of infants is allowed during the season of Lent, as norms from the Rite for the Baptism of Children suggest: "An infant should be baptized within the first weeks after birth" (n.8.3). But if circumstances would allow, the Easter Vigil is a most appropriate time to celebrate even infant baptism: "To bring out the paschal character of baptism, it is recommended that the sacrament be celebrated during the Easter Vigil or on Sunday, when the Church commemorates the Lord's resurrection" (n.9).

Distribution of Ashes

The Book of Blessings, number 1659, states: "This rite [for the blessing and distribution of ashes] may be celebrated by a priest or deacon who may be assisted by lay ministers in the distribution of the ashes. The blessing of the ashes, however, is reserved to a priest or deacon."

Time of the Easter Vigil

The Roman Missal states that the entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night: the vigil should not begin before nightfall, and it should end before daybreak on Sunday. The *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship in 1988, notes that "the very concept of the vigil has almost come to be forgotten in some places, with the result that it is celebrated as if it were an evening Mass, in the same way and at the same time as the Mass celebrated on Saturday evening in anticipation of the Sunday."

The *Circular Letter*, no. 78, adds that "this rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses."

Sunset in La Crosse on Saturday, March 31 is to be at 7:30 p.m. So that the Vigil may begin in darkness, 8:00 should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil, while after 8:15 is ideal.

Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27, beginning at 10:30.

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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 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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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. 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/cchd/collection.

Rice Bowl and Mite Boxes

Confusion sometimes arises regarding Mites Boxes and the Rice Bowl program. **The Mite Box program** is an outreach from the Missionary Childhood Association, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. It is a mandatory annual program in our Catholic Schools, CCD and Religious Education programs for children and youth. **The Rice Bowl program** is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Rice Bowl is an elective program that has a Lenten focus but could also be held at another time of year if desired. In any case, it is not to conflict with or replace the Mite Box program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the [Mission Office](#) or the [Office for Ministries and Social Concerns](#).

For your parish bulletin:

Volunteer for mission trip to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey

A group of volunteers from St. Henry Watermark Mission, an ecumenical initiative from St. Henry Parish in Eau Galle, will be traveling to Houston, TX, this spring to help with rebuilding efforts for residents most in need in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The group will assist with carpentry, sheetrock, mud, tape, insulation, some electrical/plumbing, paint, flooring, finish work, and landscaping. For more information, contact Gary Asher at 715.283.4451 or rasher@wwt.net.

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Office for Vocations

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Please include the following intercession for vocations for your Sunday prayers of the faithful.

For an increase in vocations to Marriage, the Priesthood and Consecrated Life; especially that more young men and women will have the courage to follow a call from God to serve in the Church.

Reminder: Bulletin Announcement: for weekends starting January 27th through February 11th:

You are invited! Come spend a weekend with the Sisters!

Who: Girls who are still in high school and are interested in learning more about prayer and religious life.

When: February 16-18, 2018
4:00 PM Friday - 11:00 AM Sunday

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](#)

Cost: \$30.00, includes meals.

Register: Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530)

Bulletin Announcement: for weekends starting January 27th through February 18th:

Arise! A Come and See Day with the Sisters!

Who: Girls ages 9 - 13, who are interested spending some time with the Sisters and others who enjoy spiritual things, while finding out more about religious life.

When: Saturday, March 17, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](#)

Cost: Donations accepted

Register: Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530)

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