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A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

My Dear Brothers,

It was good to be with you last week for the Fall Ministry Conference. I am sorry that I could not stay for Tuesday, and thank you all for the support and prayers that you offered for Fr. Michael, my good friend. In my address to you after presenting the letter, I asked you to review with your Parish Pastoral Council [Christi Fideles Laici](#) the post-synodal document of His Holiness Saint Pope John Paul II. I also encouraged you to review the two major Constitutions of Vatican II, [Lumen Gentium](#) and [Gaudium Et Spes](#). I hope that reflecting on these documents we might be reminded of who the Church is and what the Church does and be encouraged to call upon the laity to step forward more powerfully into their proper role in the Church. Here is the [Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) that I ask you to pray on First Fridays.

Thank You for all you do.

In Christ,

+William Patrick Callahan



Officials

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

The Reverend **Francis Thadathil, MSFS**, with the permission of the Reverend George Panthanmackel, Provincial of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales of the Northeast India Province, is appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Eau Claire, with residence at the parish rectory, effective October 11, 2018.

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Events

As of Oct. 16

Tuesday, October 16

10:00am High School Principals' meeting - Eau Claire

6:00pm [What Men & Women Want and How the Church Can Help - La Crosse](#)**Friday, October 19**[Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend retreat - Marathon](#)**Saturday, October 20**7:30am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point \(One Day\)](#)8:30am [Gregorian Chant Workshop - Boyd](#)**Sunday, October 21**

World Mission Sunday

11:00am [Youth and Young Adult Ministry with "177" Project Sesquicentennial Celebration – Stevens Point](#)**Tuesday, October 23**

Presidents' meeting - Chippewa Falls

6:00pm [Gospel of Life Celebration - La Crosse](#)**Wednesday, October 24**11:30am [Rural Life committee](#)**Thursday, October 25**

8:00am NTF Scripture - Plover

Friday, October 26

8:00am NTF Scripture - La Crosse

Saturday, October 27[Men of the Cross Conference 2018 - La Crosse](#)8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marathon - \(One day\)](#)9:30am [Live Stream - Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate](#)9:30am [Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate - La Crosse](#)6:00pm [Mater Redemptoris TRIVIA Fundraiser - La Crosse](#)**Monday, October 29**7:00pm [Raise Them Well - Social Maturity](#)**Thursday, November 1**[Solemnity of All Saints - Holy day of obligation](#)**Saturday, November 3**[Women of Christ Conference - Take Courage | Be The Light - West Bend, WI](#)[<<Top >>](#)**Chancery Office**Chancellor Very Rev. William Dhein – 608-791-2655 | wdhein@diolc.org**Official Catholic Directory**

The Official Catholic Directory (OCD) will be contacting you via e-mail to update your organization's information online through their website www.ocdedits.com. Online updating

began last year as the OCD has transitioned from paper to online updating. We have been told that you will receive an e-mail message from OCD providing clear instructions for accessing the online system and it is not necessary to remember your user ID and password from last year.

Please look for this message in your inbox and respond. We have a number of parishes that have changed their e-mail addresses in the past year; it's not clear to us how those parishes will be contacted. We want to cooperate fully with the new process and make this updating easy for everyone. Only those updates made through www.ocdedits.com will be accepted.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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State-wide Convention in Stevens Point

The Wisconsin Directors of Religious Education Federation (WDREF) Convention is being held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on November 5th and 6th for Parish Catechetical Leaders and Catechists from around the state. Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass on Monday, November 5th at 9 a.m. for convention participants. Jared Dees will be the keynote speaker. For those of you who plan to spend the night at The Holiday Inn and Convention Center, the block of rooms has been extended until October 22. Register early – it's a great price. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

A Diocesan Area Religious Educators (DARE) sponsored preconference presentation by Jared Dees is scheduled for Sunday, November 4th from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. with supper included. Further details and registration for the Sunday event is available by [clicking here](#). The Sunday event is sponsored by DARE and is FREE!

Going Deeper in Prayer

Parents have been extremely receptive to the “Going Deeper in Prayer” initiative and are interested in the additional resources. The materials on the website will now be listed as Parent and Teacher Resources. [Click here](#) for all age-level resources.

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Office for Communications

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ParishSOFT Administration training for staff management - November 14

During the recent Fall Roundtable meetings several people expressed interest in additional census software training. We now have new training for Staff Administration and related Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

Topics to be covered include:

- How to Add and Edit Staff records

- Managing Staff usernames and passwords
- Assignments, Positions and Access Rights
- Ending an Assignment
- Parishioner usernames and passwords

This training will be presented via Zoom webinar on Wednesday, November 14, from 1:30-2:30 pm. Click here to [sign up for the Administration webinar](#). Following signup, you will receive a webinar link and password. Contact [Nick Lichter](#) with any questions.

The updated SOP including Administration materials will be available on diolc.org/PIMS by November 1.

The Handbook for Sacramental records was promulgated on October 4, 2018 and distributed in printed form to Fall Clergy conference attendees. The Handbook offers guidance on proper use of the sacramental registers and is available for download [here](#), and from diolc.org/PIMS.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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No items this week.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Parish Bulletin: Be the Man God intends! Attend the Men's Conference

The 4th Annual Men of the Cross Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th in La Crosse. The day offers inspiring speakers, engaging content and will help you be the husband, father... the man that God made you to be. Your mission, should you choose to accept it: don't go alone. Choose one man, sign him up and invite him to do the same. You will quickly form a MAN TRAIN. For more information go to www.menofthecross.org or email mensmin@diolc.org.

For Your Parish Bulletin: Why Can't You Put Down Your Phone?

The La Crosse Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites you to attend a presentation entitled ***Why Can't You Put Down Your Phone?*** This event will be held on Thursday, November 8th at 7 p.m. at Logan Middle School. The presenter will be Sister Marysia Weber, R.S.M., D.O., M.A.; a religious Sister of Mercy of Alma Michigan.

Sister Marysia Weber, Physician certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, will tell us how cell phones and video games are rewiring the brains of young people and what we, as parents can do to help guide our young children and teens toward healthy intellectual, emotional and spiritual development. Following her presentation, a panel of

professionals will be available to answer your questions. The presentation is open to the public. A free will donation will be accepted.

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Office for Ministries

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For Your Parish Bulletin: Permanent Deacon Ordination Oct. 27

Five men will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Callahan on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. They are Thomas Anderson of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, Kevin Breit of St. Paul Parish in Mosinee, Kent Jacobson of St. Mary Parish in Galesville, Michael Lambrecht of St. Therese Parish in Rothschild, and Richard Skifton of Sacred Heart Parish in Nekoosa. A reception at the La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza, will follow the Mass.

If you are unable to attend the Mass, you can watch live at diolc.org/live

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? Can you see yourself preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, and assisting at the altar? Are you perhaps called to be a deacon? Talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat to be held at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center Feb. 1-2, 2019 and 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 is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

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Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608-791-2676 | wpace@diolc.org

World Mission Sunday is this week-end October 21, 2018!



Be A Mission Voice!

This week-end, with Catholics around the world, we are called to offer at our Eucharistic celebrations our prayers and our generous financial support, through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. This week-end we “speak up” through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions, supporting our mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are

Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing love and peace. Thank you in advance for your compassionate support.

Please visit www.missio.org/resources for bulletin covers, bulletin announcements, general intercessions, and other aids.

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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

Beginning October 15, 2018, all basic background checks that just have “volunteer” marked under position will be returned to your Parish or School for complete information. It is very

important for you to designate what type of volunteer they will be. Examples: lunchroom helper, recess monitor, field trip chaperone, classroom helper.

The 2018-19 yearly report forms for Parishes and Schools will be emailed out this week and will be sent to the contact email given to the Safe Environment Office. If you have updated your contact information, please contact the Office. These forms **must** be returned to the Safe Environment Office by March 1, 2019 unless you contact the office for an extension.

Kudos goes out to Sacred Heart Parish in Wauzeka for sending in their completed form on September 26, 2018. Let's see who will be next!

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Office for Catholic Schools

Superintendent: Thomas Reichenbacher – 608-788-7707 | treichenbacher@diolc.org

Thank you to the communities of Tomah, Plover, Chippewa Falls, and La Crosse for hosting our fall teacher in-services. The teachers and administrators felt a warm welcome from St. Charles Borromeo Parish and McDonell Central Catholic High School in Chippewa Falls, Queen of the Apostles Parish in Tomah, St. Bronislava Parish in Plover, and Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Thank you to everyone who made these in-services special.

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Office for Social Concerns

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608-791-0161 | cruff@diolc.org

Reminder - For Your Bulletin:

Roe v. Wade on the Brink? – Gospel of Life Presentation by Ben Nguyen

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m., Ben Nguyen will keynote the annual [Gospel of Life Celebration](#) at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in La Crosse. Ben, past Chancellor of the Diocese of La Crosse, will explain what we should know about the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling that has been so much in the news with the Brett Kavanaugh confirmation. Ben will answer questions like: How was *Roe v. Wade* decided? How does it square with the Constitution? Is it likely to be overturned? Ben is both a civil and canon lawyer and serves as Chancellor and Canonical Counsel for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church preceding the talk.

Reminder – Pastors and Parish Respect Life Representatives

Flyer/Poster on Gospel of Life talk by Ben Nguyen

Please post prominently in your parish the [flyer/poster on the Oct. 23 Gospel of Life Celebration](#), featuring Ben Nguyen speaking on “*Roe v. Wade* on the Brink?”

For Your Bulletin:

Vote on November 6! Exercise your privilege and responsibility as a Catholic and a citizen.

Election and Candidate Information for Wisconsin voters can be found in many places, both Christian and secular, including:

wisconsinrighttolife.org/vote/ (Wisconsin Right to Life)

prolifewi.org/legislation-and-elections (Prolife Wisconsin)

wifamilyaction.org/election-central/ (Wisconsin Family Action)

my.lwv.org/wisconsin (League of Women Voters)

elections.wi.gov/voters (State of Wisconsin Voter Information Center)

Catholic resources from our Bishops can be accessed (English and Spanish) at

diolc.org/faithful-citizenship. The Diocese of La Crosse does not endorse candidates or parties, but wishes to lend its voice in forming consciences for faithful citizenship.

For Your Bulletin

Assist those Afflicted by Flooding or Hurricane

To assist those afflicted by the flooding in our diocese, or by Hurricane Michael on the East Coast, donate to Catholic Charities. Visit <https://cclse.org/donatecc/> and follow the instructions. You may specify the purpose of your donation.

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Office for Vocations

Director: Fr. Alan Wierzba – 608-791-2667 | awierzba@diolc.org

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

For an up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations for the Diocese of La Crosse from our parish.

Mothers of seminarians meet once a month at Immaculate Conception Parish in Eau Claire to pray for our priests, seminarians and their special intentions. This occurs the second Tuesday

of every month at the 5:30 p.m. Mass which will be followed by a rosary. Please submit any special intentions for these Masses to Renee' at 608-791-2667 or rorth@diolc.org. They will be kept confidential.

Reminder: For Your Bulletin - Trivia Night with the Sisters!

Come, have a "Blast from the Past" at the Mater Redemptoris House of Formation Trivia Night Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and we'll provide the fun, the appetizers and drinks. Brush up on your 40s through 90s Trivia. Categories include literature, sports, movie, inventions, Religion, and the great state of Wisconsin. *Not into trivia? Not to worry!* You can volunteer or donate a basket. For more information and registration, visit www.materredemptoris.org or call Sr. M. Mercedes at 608-788-4530.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Upcoming Dates and Events for 2018 & 2019:

Priest Retreat April 29-30 and May 1-3, 2019

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.

I will be out of the office on November 8-9, 2018. If you need a letter of suitability for the weekend or following week, please send your request in early. Thank you, Teresa.



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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