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Officials

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

The Reverend **Anandan Rajendran**, Pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Eastman and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Wauzeka, was definitively incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of La Crosse on October 8, 2018.

The Reverend **Paul R. Gitter**, Formator-Spiritual Director at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, was provided a letter of excardination from the presyberate of the Diocese of La Crosse on August 17, 2018 and has definitively been incardinated as a member of the presbyterate of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis on September 14, 2018.

The Reverend **Alan T. Burkhardt** is appointed Pastor of Mary, Mother of Good Help Parish in Wausau, effective October 14, 2018.



Events

As of Oct. 9

Saturday, October 13

Annual Appeal Kickoff 2 - Oct. 13-14

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

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6:00pm Mater Redemptoris TRIVIA Fundraiser - La Crosse

Monday, October 29

7:00pm Raise Them Well - Social Maturity

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The Wisconsin Directors of Religious Education Federation will be hosting their Convention Nov. 5-6, 2018 in Stevens Point. Jared Dees will be the keynote speaker. Pre-Convention will be Sunday, Nov. 4th at St. Joseph Parish. Dinner at 4:00 p.m. and Presentation by Jared Dees entitled “From Education to Encounter” at 5:15 p.m. Free for all catechetical leaders and catechists. For further details [click here](#).

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Office for Communications

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The Diocese of La Crosse Handbook for Sacramental Records has been promulgated effective October 4, 2018. This document will assist pastors and those they designate in keeping sacramental registers. A printed copy has been distributed to pastors attending the Fall Clergy Conference. Additional printed copies are available by request from the Chancery Office. The Handbook is also available for reference, or download, from the [Chancery](#) and [PIMS](#) websites.

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Office for Ministries

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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 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

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Office for Missions

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Fall Confirmation season is here! Pastors of parishes hosting Confirmations are kindly asked to watch their email inbox for detailed information. Please remember to complete all forms in full and return them no later than one week before the anticipated date of the ceremony. 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 – dbrannon@diolc.org in the Office of the Bishop.

Ceremonial Updates to Confirmation: Please be sure to read all the information sent in regards to the *Rite of Confirmation Liturgy* - most importantly the *Emcee Letter* and the *Ceremonial Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation*. Both of these documents include new and updated information that will help make your Confirmation Liturgy go smoothly and with proper solemnity. Updated guidelines are in place in regards to the seating of candidates and sponsors, as well as how photographs are to be taken.

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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

Go to the Safe Environment website to print the most current [forms](#). The basic background check form was updated on July 1, 2018. If you need fingerprint cards or if you are unable to print from the website, please contact Teresa Brown at 608-791-2679. All forms, posters, pamphlets or books can be mailed to your parish or school as needed.

The [Safe Environment Page](#) on the Diocese of La Crosse's website has been updated. To use the [online training](#), click on Program Training and pick your ministry group. Then click Complete the Safe Environment Training to go to the online training link.

All Safe Environment forms are now located in one spot- in the Library under [Safe Environment Forms](#).

The age requirement has changed on Basic Background checks beginning July 1, 2018. Anyone age **16** or older who works or volunteers at a School or Parish must be background checked. This is a change; the previous age requirement was 14.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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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.

Reminder – Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns and Respect Life Representatives Faithful Citizenship Resources

The Bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference have prepared a set of excellent, concise resources on Forming Catholics for Faithful Citizenship. The principles outlined are especially important as we enter another election season. The resources – in both English and Spanish – can be accessed at diolc.org/faithful-citizenship. Consider linking to your parish website, and also the possibility of using them as bulletin inserts.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Annual Appeal

Hispanic materials are now available, included are brochures, banners, prayer cards and In-pew pledge cards. Please contact Sarah Komperud if you would like to order Hispanic material, skomperud@diolc.org or 608-791-2653.

Is your parish exploring the idea of a Capital Campaign, Strategic Planning, interested in Planned Giving, or want to become a Stewardship Parish? If you need ideas to reinvigorate your stewardship journey or would like to share your successes and trials, please give our office a call - we would love the opportunity to serve you.

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Office for Temporalities

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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 a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness.

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

Mass Stipend Change:

Did you know that as of July 1, 2018, there was a change in the Mass Stipend paid to priests helping out at your parish? Weekend and Holy Day Masses have increased from \$35.00 to \$40.00, Weekday Mass have changed from \$10.00 to \$25.00.



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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150th Celebration for Youth

The deadline for this event has been extended to October 15. Please consider bringing your youth group to this amazing event! See our website for more details:

<http://diolc.org/yya/150celebration/>

Immersion Retreat

The Immersion Retreat is just around the corner and we want to see you there! Please see our website for all the details: <http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/immersion-retreat/>

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