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A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Pilgrimage to
Lourdes, Lyon & Paris
with Bob Dolan & Bishop William Patrick Callahan
Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse

About our host

- Former Milwaukee TV sportscaster/radio talk-show host
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- Brother of Cardinal Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York

Bob Dolan
Our Host

Bishop William Patrick Callahan
Our Chaplain

May 27 - June 4, 2019

Please join me on a nine-day pilgrimage to Lourdes, Lyon and Paris. On this all-inclusive pilgrimage you will experience sites such as the Grotto of Massabielle and the pilgrim's path to Compostela, the Carmelite Monastery of St. Therese, the "Little Flower", Omaha Beach, and the City of Light, Paris, plus many more. Each guest will enjoy 4-star hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, as well as an opportunity for daily Mass and spiritual activities. For more information, contact my office at 608-788-7700 or call Ashley at Canterbury Pilgrimages at 800-653-0017.



Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Nov. 20

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving - Curia Offices Closed - Nov 22 and 23

Sunday, November 25

Solemnity of Christ the King

Tuesday, November 27

Giving Tuesday

Saturday, December 1

9:00am Burning Hearts Theology of the Body - Plover

Saturday, December 8

Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection - Dec. 8-9

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Burning Hearts Theology of the Body - Eau Claire

Monday, December 24

Christmas - Curia Offices Closed Dec 24-26

Monday, December 31

New Year's Day Curia offices Closed - Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Monday, January 7, 2019

7:00pm Webinar - Raise Them Well - Emotional Maturity

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

8:30am Winter Administrators' Meeting - La Crosse

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

8:30am New Administrators' Meeting - La Crosse

Friday, January 11, 2019

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - Jan. 11-12

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Chancery Bulletin Distribution Schedule. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not be distributing a Chancery Bulletin on Tuesday, November 27. The next edition will be sent on Tuesday, December 4.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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BULLETIN INSERT for December 2 [click here](#)

Experiencing Advent Deeply offers a new way to live out this holy season during days that are often very busy.

Planning a Confirmation Retreat?

On the Confirmation webpage, there are many useful resources, including a recording of a teaching on the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit by Msgr. Hirsch, [click here](#).

For a helpful brochure about planning a Confirmation Retreat and the components that need to be included, [click here](#).

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Office for Communications

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Attention Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries:

Parish Message Lines for the back cover of the January/February issue of Catholic Life magazine are due by Monday, November 26. Please direct any questions to Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org.

Bishop Callahan's Advent Video Message and supporting graphics:

Bishop Callahan has recorded his Advent video message, which is available [here](#) for you to share on your Facebook page and link to your website.

Advent website and Facebook banners have also been created and are available for your use at the [diocesan media resources page](#).

For Your Bulletin:

Bishop Callahan's Advent Prayer Request Automated Phone Message - Dec. 6

Bishop Callahan will be sending out his Advent Prayer Request via an automated call originating from 608-352-9565 on December 6, 2018. To submit an intention, just leave it as a message when you receive the call. Alternatively, you can call 608-352-9565, or you can go to diolc.org/pray to submit your request. All intentions will be presented and prayed for at his Christmas Masses.

La Crosse Diocesan Center phone system issues

We are happy to let you know that on Friday, November 30, our new phone system will be in place, including voice mail. All direct numbers and extensions will remain the same on our new system. Thank you for your patience during this time of conversion.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Feast of the Holy Family – Dec. 30th : Prepare Your Families to Celebrate

On the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. In preparation for the Feast day, include the following in your Bulletin next week.

For Your Bulletin:

Families – Your Feast Day is Almost Here!

Dec. 30th is the feast of the Holy Family. It is the day when families celebrate their ability to imitate the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) who showed us how to create a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect and faithfulness exist. What will your family do on the 30th to celebrate your feast day? For ideas go to: www.catholicicing.com.

How do you know that a couple has completed the NFP course requirement?

The only way that you can be sure that an engaged couple has completed their NFP requirement is to receive a certificate of completion from them. The certificate is issued by their instructor at the end of the course. It, not a receipt for payment for the course, ensures that the couple actually took the course. Please get into the habit of asking for a certificate from your couples.

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Office for Ministries

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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 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 is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

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, possibly with distribution of Communion, on weekdays when a priest is unavailable (or on Sunday in an emergency, or in care facilities or jails); and by leading parishioners in prayer at times of illness or death. 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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Office for Sacred Worship

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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

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Office for Catholic Schools

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The Office for Catholic Schools thanks Jeff Heinzen for his service as president for the McDonell Area Catholic Schools in Chippewa Falls. Jeff is retiring at the end of this school year. He has done an excellent job leading the Catholics Schools for the McDonell community.

Anyone interested in more information or to apply for the McDonell Area Catholic Schools' president position, he or she should review the job posting - http://www.mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/editoruploads/files/18_president.pdf. Or, he or she can contact Jenna Mattice, Human Resource director for MACS, at 715-723-0538.

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Bulletin:

Two Marches for Life – Washington, D.C. or Chicago

There are two excellent opportunities to march for life once again this year. The Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, runs Jan. 16-20, 2019. Visit www.diolc.org/yya and click on "Pilgrimage for Life" to sign up.

The March for Life Chicago is one day only, Jan. 13, and you can sign up by visiting www.prolifewi.org and scrolling down to the link. Both pro-life marches have buses leaving from locations around our diocese.

For Your Bulletin:

Video of Ben Nguyen's talk, "Roe v. Wade on the Brink"

Watch Ben Nguyen's Oct. 23 talk, "Roe v. Wade on the Brink." Visit www.dioc.org/respect-life. Ben gives a compelling account of the legal and human tragedies intertwined in the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Pastors and Bulletin Editors:

Bulletin Notices on Human Trafficking

Brief bulletin notices for the next 12 months on the fight against human trafficking can be found in [English and Spanish here](#). Help raise awareness and involvement in this cause. The notices are in MS Word format to be easily copied and pasted.

Urge Congress to Aid the Fight against Global Hunger

Congress is back in session and is expected to work on finalizing the Farm Bill. Now is a critical time to emphasize its role in global hunger relief. Send a [personalized message](#) to Congress about the Farm Bill now.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Office for Temporalities

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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.

That those who feel a call to and desire for marriage, for priesthood and for religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them.

Fall/Winter 2018 Vocations Newsletter

You can download the [Fall/Winter 2018 Vocations Newsletter here](#). Please link or upload this newsletter to your website and/or print to distribute at your parish

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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For Your Bulletin

Burning Hearts Disciples

“Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body: Rediscovering the Meaning of Life, Love, Sex, and Gender.” This will be a time when adults come to 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. The dates and locations are:

- December 1, 2018 at St. Bronislava Catholic Church in Plover, WI
- December 8m 2018 at Regis Catholic High School in Eau Claire, WI
- January 12, 2019 at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church in Tomah, WI
- January 26, 2019 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Wausau, WI

*Each day will run 9:00am-3:45pm.

The first 50 people to register at each site are free. Then it’s \$10 per person including lunch. Please register online by going to <http://diolc.org/vya/burning-hearts/> and follow the instructions.

For Your Bulletin

March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC registration is open

Consider joining other pilgrims from the Diocese of La Crosse traveling to Washington DC on January 16 returning on January 20, 2019. The annual Pilgrimage for Life is open to all people ages 13 and up. Either join the group from your parish or contact the diocesan Office for Youth & Young Adult at 608-791-2652 or visit our website at diolc.org/m4l-reg

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