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A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

May the Lord give you peace.

The bishops of the United States are joining together in a commitment of prayer and reparation leading up to our General Assembly, where we will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. With my brother bishops across the nation, I will be dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting, from Monday, 5 November, through Sunday, 11 November.

The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- *For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse*
- *For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse*
- *For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading our sheep from all harm.*

If you feel called to do so, you are welcome to join me in praying for these intentions. I would also be grateful for any prayers for me and my brother bishops during our general assembly, that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, as well.

Sincerely in Christ,
+William Patrick Callahan
Bishop of La Crosse



Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Nov. 6

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| Thursday, November 8 |
| 7:00pm Why Can't You Put Down Your Cell Phone? - La Crosse |
| Friday, November 9 |
| Immersion Retreat - November 9-11 |
| Tuesday, November 13 |
| 9:00am Curriculum Work Day - Marshfield |
| 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 |
| Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 9:00am Burning Hearts Theology of the Body - Eau Claire |
| 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 |
| Saturday, January 12, 2019 |
| 9:00am Burning Hearts Theology of the Body - Tomah |
| Wednesday, January 16, 2019 |
| National Religious Freedom Day |
| Pilgrimage for Life |
| Saturday, January 19, 2019 |
| 7:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point |
| Saturday, January 26, 2019 |
| Brains and Brawn - La Crosse |
| 9:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Richland Center |

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The Official Catholic Directory

What is the Official Catholic Directory (OCD)?

The OCD was first published in 1817 by P.J. Kennedy & Sons as a Catholic reference resource listing Catholic institutions and clergy in the dioceses of the United States. The OCD works with the USCCB regarding the tax exempt status of our institutions. When you receive an e-mail notification from the OCD, please do not disregard it. To learn more about the OCD, please check out this link: <http://www.officialcatholicdirectory.com/OCD/about-us> .

The Official Catholic Directory 2019 Edition Online Updating Notification

The Official Catholic Directory (OCD) 2019 Edition online updating site is now live. You will **not** receive a printed copy to update. The OCD has sent an e-mail to all entities within our diocese for which they have an e-mail contact. Last year many contact persons created accounts to view the online update site. Since then, many e-mail addresses have changed, so contact persons may not have received a message. If you are an OCD Contact Person, please carefully review, update, and submit your listing for inclusion in the 2019 Edition.

- To avoid confusion over account access and old usernames/passwords, all user accounts have been cleared. Therefore, you will need to create a new OCD Account. To do so, please visit the OCD Online Update System at www.ocdedits.com and click the REGISTER button.
- After completing all required fields, press the REGISTER button at the bottom of the screen.
- You will then be invited to watch a brief video from one of the OCD sponsors.
- From the video screen, you can click the “Continue to Organization Search’ button beneath the video to proceed with updating.

If you have any questions or technical issues, please contact *The Official Catholic Directory* for assistance toll-free at 844-592-4197 option 3 or ocdedits@nrpdirect.com. Please be logged in when you call for greater efficiency with your questions.

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BULLETIN INSERT for November 18 [click here](#)

In the week of Thanksgiving, our focus needs to be on the most important reason that we need to be thankful to God.

Links to Dr. Carole Brown's talks

Dr. Carole Brown spoke at the Fall Clergy Conference in 2017 about a framework of conversion based upon key evangelization documents and real life experience, and a tool that works in all types of settings. Priests have requested that her talks be recorded so that they could share them with their staff. [Click here](#) for 6 short recordings that lay out a compelling plan.

Webinar - Christmas is a time for coming home – especially to the Church.

Learn practical tips and strategies to accompany and encourage more of your Christmas visitors to become full-time members of your parish. [Click here](#) and register with the USCCB Communications Office to receive a copy of the recording.

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The Parish Census Software [Standard Operating Procedures](#) (SOP) has been updated to include the Administration section (8 pages of new material). This new section includes these topics:

- How to Add and Edit Staff records
- Managing Staff usernames and passwords
- Assignments, Positions and Access Rights
- Ending a Staff Assignment

Visit diolc.org/PIMS for more resources.

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

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual parish collection for the national Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for the weekend of December 8-9. In the weeks before the collection, please promote the campaign in your parish bulletin and, on the weekend itself, please include a petition for retired religious in your General Intercessions at holy Mass (sample texts are below).

For your parish bulletin

Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. All of us, in some way or another, have benefitted from their many years of service in Catholic schools,

hospitals, and parishes. Your gift to the national Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medication, nursing care, and more. The collection for this campaign will be at Holy Mass the weekend of December 8-9. Thank you for your support! *Roughly 94 percent of donations to the fund directly aid senior religious and their communities.*

Sample Petition for Holy Mass (for Masses the weekend of December 8-9)

We pray for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, especially those who have served others over many years and are now in need themselves.

For more information and further resources: [Retirement Fund for Religious](#)

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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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.

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Liturgical Calendar Dates for 2018

Click [here](#) for a listing of significant dates in the 2019 liturgical year.

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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. If only volunteer is marked, the background check will not be submitted until it is updated.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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September Counts

The nine early childhood centers and the fifty-eight Catholic Schools in the Diocese of La Crosse are serving more than 6,600 students according to the third Friday September count.

Curriculum Work Day - Marshfield

Diocesan Religion and Fine Arts teachers will work on their respective curriculums at St. John the Baptist School in Marshfield, on November 13th. We will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m.

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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.

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

In thanksgiving for those marriages, priests, sisters, and brothers who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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No items this week.

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