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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Dec. 11

Monday, December 24

Christmas - Curia Offices Closed Dec 24 - 26

Monday, December 31

New Year's Holiday - 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

Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:30am Given - Marriage Enrichment Retreat in Marshfield

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

National Religious Freedom Day

Pilgrimage for Life - Jan. 16 - 20

Saturday, January 19, 2019

7:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Given Marriage Retreat - Chippewa Falls

8:00am Brains and Brawn - La Crosse

9:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Richland Center

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

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Catholic Schools Week - Jan. 27 - Feb. 2

Friday, February 1, 2019

Diaconate Discernment Retreat - Marathon - Feb. 1 - 2

Monday, February 4, 2019

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

Friday, February 8, 2019

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Chippewa Falls - Feb. 8 - 9

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse - Feb. 8 - 9

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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BEET Grant Application for 2019-2020

Parish Catechetical Leaders: Please consider filling out a grant to help pay for some aspect of Catholic formation where there is financial need. BEET stands for Bishop's Educational Endowment Trust, and the purpose of this trust is to support and assist the mission of the Diocese of La Crosse in providing funds for all aspects of Catholic education.

The grant application instructions and application for the upcoming 2019-2020 year are now available by clicking [here](#). Please read the instructions page to determine if your project meets the grant requirements.

Fully completed applications are due on or before **Friday, February 1, 2019**.

Questions regarding grant applications can be directed to Kimberly Huston at khuston@diolc.org or Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org.

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Office for Communications

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Bishop Callahan's Christmas Video Message and supporting graphics:

Bishop Callahan has recorded his Christmas video message "When Hope Was Born" [available here](#) for you to share on your Facebook page and link to your website.

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

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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GIVEN Marriage Retreat – What is it?

Last week's announcement has generated a lot of interest in the GIVEN marriage retreats. Two questions that have been asked are; "where did this come from?" and "is this part of a larger program?" Good questions.

The concept of a GIVEN marriage enrichment retreat comes to us from the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Like our diocese, they saw a need to develop enrichment for couples in a model that fits into a busy lifestyle. Thru the generosity of the Archdiocese, we have been granted access to their 'model' with permission to tailor it to fit our diocesan needs.

GIVEN retreats are stand alone. They are designed to introduce couples to the joy of spending time together in a retreat format and deepen their desire to attend more in-depth retreat programs that are offered in our diocese.

Our office staff collaborates with the host parish to bring God's beautiful message about marriage to those in attendance.

For a full schedule of the day, click the registration button on the site you want to attend. If you have more questions, please send them to ahinzen@diolc.org.

Safe Haven Sunday – March 10, 2019 | Let's Work Together to End Pornography Exposure

Pornography is more than a world epidemic which brings in an annual revenue of 13.3 billion in the U.S. alone. It is a significant threat to marriage and family life. Recent statistics tell us that 47% of parents in the United States report that pornography is a problem in their home. Statistics show that the average age of first exposure to internet porn is 11 years old. 90% of children between the ages of 8 and 16 have viewed porn while doing homework. 25% of married women and 55% of married men say they view porn at least once a month. Further, in 56% of divorces today, a major contributing factors is one spouse's continued use of pornography... and porn use has been correlated with a 300% increase in infidelity.

Let's do something to end pornography exposure in our diocese. Please click [here](#) to access facts about the ill effects of porn that you can share with your parish.

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Safe Haven Sunday – March 10

In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect their family from the harms of pornography. Why is this important? Let's look at a few facts about youth and pornography. In 2016, a study by the Barna Group discovered among teens age 13-17

- 7% came across porn daily; 8% intentionally sought it out daily.
- 21% came across porn weekly; 18% sought it out weekly.
- 21% came across porn once or twice a month; 11% sought it out.
- In total, 57% of teens sought out porn at least monthly.

Learn more about ending porn exposure on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10.

For your parish bulletin – December 30

Safe Haven Sunday – March 10

In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect their family from the harm of pornography. Did you know the Journal of Adolescent Health has found that prolonged exposure to pornography leads to:

- An exaggerated perception of sexual activity in society.

- Diminished trust between intimate couples.
- The abandonment of the hope of sexual monogamy.
- Belief that promiscuity is the natural state.

How can we stop the exposure to porn? Participate in Safe Haven Sunday initiative on March 10.

For Your Parish Bulletin – December 16, 23, 30

Begin the New Year with Emotionally Mature Children

Do your children test your resolve with their emotional immaturity? Do you need some suggestions on how to moderate the drama in your family? Then plan to attend the Raise Them Well Webinar on emotional maturity, January 7th at 7PM. You can be part of this webinar from the comfort of your own home. Just register and watch the entire presentation on your computer or smartphone. Cost \$5. Register at diolc.org/marriage/webinars/

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Office for Ministries

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Reminder: 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? Are you perhaps called to be a deacon? Talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat to be held at St. Anthony 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.

For Your Parish Bulletin

NEW DIOCESAN LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE class launches in fall of 2019

Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! Registration is now underway for the next two-year cycle that begins in the fall. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at www.diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and consider scheduling a free “guest visit” to a class this spring to see what it’s like! Just contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

Reminder: 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 Pontifical Ceremonies

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Office for Sacred Worship

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RCIA: To Pastors, Pastoral Associates, and RCIA Coordinators

Bishop Callahan wishes to send Christmas greetings and words of encouragement to those currently participating in the RCIA process. Please return [this form](#) by December 14, listing the names of catechumens preparing for entry into the Church at the Easter Vigil and candidates seeking full communion.

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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

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

The Bishop John Paul Basketball Showcase will be Saturday, December 15, 2019, at Viterbo University's Beggs Gymnasium and Aquinas Catholic High Schools Reinhart Center. All seven Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of La Crosse along with Cotter Catholic High School from Winona, MN will be present. All games will feature the varsity teams.

Our schedule for the day –

11:00 Columbus girls vs. Pacelli girls at Viterbo; Newman boys vs. Cotter boys at Aquinas

1:00 Newman girls vs. Cotter girls at Viterbo; Columbus boys vs. Pacelli boys at Aquinas

4:00 Mass at Viterbo University's San Damiano Chapel

6:00 Assumption boys vs. McDonell boys at Viterbo; Regis girls vs. Aquinas girls at Aquinas

8:00 Regis boys vs. Aquinas boys at Viterbo; Assumption girls vs. McDonell girls at Aquinas

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Office for Social Concerns

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

Pastors, Deacons and Parish Respect Life Representatives:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will feature Joseph M. Scheidler, founder of the *Pro-Life Action League*, for a talk in the church on January 22 at 10:00 am. A Mass for Life celebrated by the Friars will follow at 11:00 am, after which there will be a pizza buffet on the lower level of the church (\$5 per person with pre-order required by Jan. 2). For group reservations, call 608-782-5440, ext. 240.

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

March for Life Chicago

The March for Life Chicago is one day only, Jan. 13. Sign up by December 14 at www.prolifewi.org and scroll down to the Chicago link. Buses will be leaving from locations around our diocese.

For Your Bulletin:

U.S. Bishops Raise Social Concerns

The U.S. Bishops invite you to make your voice heard in Washington on a number of issues, including:

- Protection of Catholic adoption and foster care agencies
- Global relief of poverty and hunger
- Protection of the right to seek asylum

For information and action alerts, see diolc.org/social-concerns.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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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.

That young men and women will listen to the Holy Spirit in their hearts and respond to the cry from deep within to vocations of marriage, priesthood and religious life.

For your parish bulletin until the weekend of January 27th

Hearts Open Wide - High School Retreat at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation

Come join other high school women for a weekend retreat designed to help you come to a deeper understanding of God's call for your life. Join the Sisters in prayer, fellowship, activities, and Mass. Attendance does not imply that a girl is in the discernment process. This weekend is just to find out what the life is all about while growing in prayer and having some fun.

When: February 8-10, 2019

Who: Young women currently in high school

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse

Registration and Information: Register by January 30th at www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com

For your parish bulletin until the weekend of March 13th

Children's Come and See Day at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation

Come and See is an opportunity to visit with the Sisters, pray, play and learn more about the Sister's life.

When: March 23, 2019

Who: Girls ages 9-12

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse

Registration and Information: Register by March 13 (or until filled) at www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com

Reminder: The new seminarian prayer books are completed. Please contact Renee at rorth@diolc.org or 608-791-2667 if you would like some!

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

Director: Msgr. David Kunz – 608-791-2689 | tbrown@diolc.org

Upcoming Dates and Events for 2018 & 2019:

Priest Retreat April 29-30 and May 1-3, 2019 @ St. Anthony Spirituality Center - Marathon, WI. Call Susan Hubbard at 715-443-2235 ext. 139 to reserve your spot.

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.

Our office will be closed at noon on December 21 until Thursday, December 27, 2018. Please submit requests for Letters of Suitability prior to December 20 if they are needed for the last week of the year.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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