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A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Dear Friends and Families:

The Joyous news of Christmas is about to explode all around us. I would like to be among the first to thank you for the genuine way in which you make the living Christ present to me. While this has been a trying year for many of us, we have never lost the sense of Christ with us! Good work-even more-good Christian work! I say this many times, and even more at this time of the year, the People of God expect to *see, hear* and *experience* Jesus in and through us! (Each of us probably has the same expectations from one another when you come to think...).

My sincere prayers and best wishes are with all of you for a very happy and blessed Christmas! Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,
Bishop William

Bishop Callahan's Christmas Video Greeting for posting on your parish website or sharing on your Facebook <https://youtu.be/PR2slqW3Olc>



Officials

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

The Reverend **Daniel H. Hackel**, Pastor of St. James Parish in Amherst, Immaculate Conception

Parish in Custer and St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish in Fancher, is also appointed interim Dean of the Stevens Point Deanery, effective January 9 through May 31, 2017, during the sabbatical of the Very Reverend Thomas J. Lindner.

Deacon **Larry Agema** has submitted his resignation as permanent deacon at Sacred Heart-St. Patrick Parish in Eau Claire. It has been accepted and he is granted the status of Senior Deacon effective December 13, 2016.



Events

Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday, December 25

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. Holy day of obligation

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 7, 2017

6:00pm 10th Annual Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner - Chippewa Falls

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

9:00am Mid-Winter Administrators' Conference

Friday, January 13, 2017

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - St. Olaf Parish, Eau Claire

Saturday, January 14, 2017

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Sunday, January 15, 2017

2:00pm March for Life - Chicago, IL

Monday, January 16, 2017

National Religious Freedom Day

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Friday, January 20, 2017

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat January 20-22 - Stevens Point

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Chancery Office

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Due to the holiday schedule we will not be sending a Chancery Bulletin on Tuesday, December 27. The next issue will be sent on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Diocesan Curia Offices Closed on the Following Days.

The offices of the Diocesan Curia will be closed on Monday, December 26 for Christmas and Monday, January 2 for the New Year's Holiday.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Office for Communications

Director: Jack Felsheim – 608-791-2663 | jfelsheim@diolc.org

Send in Photos of Your Parish Nativity Scenes

The Communications' office is collecting pictures of parish nativity scenes from across the diocese. If you would like to have your parish included, please email a digital photo of your parish nativity with a short description that can include significant details about the set-up, the people involved and/or the overall creation of it, to jfelsheim@diolc.org. Please have your pictures in by January 9, 2017. We will be using the images and descriptions for upcoming Communications' initiatives.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Office for Ministries

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

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

Diaconate Discernment Retreat February 3-4, 2017

NEW Class for Deacon Formation Begins in Fall of 2017

A Discernment Retreat for men who feel they may be called to the permanent diaconate will be held Friday-Saturday, February 3-4 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center. For information and a registration form, visit www.diolc.org/deacon-discernment. See general information about the Permanent Diaconate on the diocesan [website](#). For more information, contact Christopher Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, at cruff@diolc.org or (608) 791-2664. The Discernment Retreat is mandatory for those considering applying for the class beginning fall 2017.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

NEW Class for Lay Formation Institute Begins in Fall of 2017

Renew your parish, energize leadership!

Registration is now underway for the next two-year cycle of the Lay Formation Institute. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at www.diolc.org/lay-formation. Questions? – Contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at cruff@diolc.org or (608) 791-2664.

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Office for Missions

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

Mission Coop Summer 2017: Preparation for this year's Mission Coop program for the summer of 2017 is soon underway. Many applications have already come in. Coordinators for home dioceses or religious orders are reminded to submit request letters from you bishop or superior. For pastors it is too early to schedule particular dates, but please let us know if there are special requests. Some accommodations may be possible. As always, we appreciate the generous support of time and talent our visiting missionaries have received from pastors and parishioners in the diocese.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Office for Safe Environment

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

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. 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 Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or dkunz@diolc.org.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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Jan. 7 – Tenth Annual Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Featuring Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy (www.chaliceofmercy.org), a

charitable and pro-life mission to Ukraine, and two very special guest speakers, 6:00-8:30 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, 236 Pumphouse Rd, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. For flyer with complete information, visit www.diolc.org/respect-life and click on "Events."

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

March for Life: Chicago January 15

Gather with others from around the Diocese and the Midwest for the **March for Life: Chicago!** - Sunday, January 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m. -- Federal Plaza - 50 W. Adams - Chicago, IL.

Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses for transportation to/from Wausau, Plover, La Crosse and Sparta. For information and to register, visit www.prolifewi.org and click on "Chicago March."

For a complete Respect Life Calendar of Events, visit www.diolc.org/respectlife.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

Struggling After Abortion? January 20-22 Retreat.

If you or someone you love are having difficulty after an abortion (your own, or someone else's) Rachel's Vineyard can help. Our caring team will support you in finding healing, in a compassionate, confidential setting. Our next retreat is scheduled for January 20 - 22, 2017. Please call [715-204-9561](tel:715-204-9561), or email rvstevenspoint@gmail.com, for more information.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

Help Middle East Refugees – Give to Catholic Relief Services

As conflict worsens in the Middle East, millions of displaced families need our support. Catholic Relief Services is supporting hundreds of thousands of families who have been displaced or forced to flee their homes because of conflicts, civil strife and economic conditions in the Middle East and other regions. To donate, visit www.crs.org and scroll down to "Syria Crisis."

CCHD Collection last weekend of January or first weekend of February

Bishop Callahan has asked that parishes take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) on the weekend of January 28-29 or the weekend of February 4-5. All parishes should have received the necessary collection envelopes and publicity. A bulletin announcement will be shared in next week's Chancery Bulletin.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Office for Temporalities

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END OF YEAR GIVING

Just a reminder that all gifts for end of year giving need to be deposited in the bank by 12/30/16. The weekend mass offering of 12/31/16 and 1/1/17 will be the first offering of the year for 2017.

ParishSOFT Licensing for 2017

The annual ParishSOFT licensing and maintenance fees will be billed on January 16, 2017. The Office for Communications and Public Relations continues to pay ParishSOFT for the licensing and maintenance fees, of which the Office for Temporalities accordingly re-bills each parish.

If you receive a message alerting you that your subscription is about to expire, please know that payment to ParishSOFT has been made. Once they release the new licensing for 2017, the messages will stop.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to be in communication with either me or Jack Felsheim at jfelsheim@diolc.org.

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Office for Vocations

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

ADMISSIONS BOARDS were Monday, December 19. We had 5 new applicants for seminary and 3 who are applying for Theology. Please keep them in your prayers.

WINTER SEMINARIAN GATHERING begins at the House of Formation on Wednesday, December 28. It concludes with the Seminarian Christmas Party on Friday evening, December 30. Please RSVP to rorth@diolc.org or call 608-791-2667.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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