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Officials

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

The following priests have been appointed to the College of Consultors for a five-year term, effective February 8, 2018:

The Reverend Monsignor **Joseph G. Diermeier**, V.G.

The Reverend Monsignor **Michael J. Gorman**, V.G.

The Very Reverend **William A. Dhein**, V.G.

The Reverend **William P. Felix**

The Reverend **Robert M. Letona**

The Reverend **William G. Menzel**

The Reverend **Daniel L. Thelen**

The Reverend **Michael DiRocco, OSB**, Associate Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie and St. Luke Parish in Boyceville, is released from his responsibilities at the parishes and is released to the care of his religious community, effective February 15, 2018.

The Reverend **Leo Joseph Stanislaus**, with the permission of the Most Reverend Antony Devotta, Bishop of Tamilnadu, is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie and St. Luke Parish in Boyceville, with residence at St. Joseph Parish rectory in Menomonie, effective February 16, 2018.

The Reverend Monsignor **Delbert J. Malin** is released from his responsibilities as Vicar for Senior Priests, effective July 5, 2018

The Reverend **Brian D. Konopa**, Pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse, is also appointed Vicar for Senior Priests, effective July 5, 2018.



Events

As of Feb. 13

Tuesday, February 13

7:00pm Webinar - True Intimacy of Marriage

Wednesday, February 14

40 Days for Life Campaign - Stevens Point - Feb. 14-March 25

Ash Wednesday

Friday, February 16

4:00pm High School Come and See - La Crosse - Feb. 16-18

Saturday, February 17

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield (One Day)

Sunday, February 18

2:00pm Rite of Election - La Crosse

Tuesday, February 20

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Develop Virtue

Friday, February 23

Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church needs

Thursday, March 1

10:00am School Advisory Council meeting - Plover

Friday, March 2

10:00am Sesquicentennial School Mass for Prairie du Chien and Richland Center Deaneries - Richland Center

6:00pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Independence - March 2-3

Saturday, March 3

10:00am Sesquicentennial Opening Celebration Mass - Prairie du Chien

10:00am Live Stream - St Gabriel Church - Prairie du Chien – Sesquicentennial Opening Mass

Friday, March 9

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Friday night thru Sunday

5:30pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - March 9-10

6:00pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marathon - March 9-10

Saturday, March 10

National Marriage Encounter Weekend - Two Day Event

Tuesday, March 13

Curriculum Work Day - Stevens Point

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Student Lenten Prayer Commitments for use in the Home [Click here](#)

There have been requests for student Prayer Commitments for use during Lent. Prayer Commitments have been developed and are available for Pre-Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade. The specific prayer for each grade level was decided upon after consultation with attendees at the 2017 Catechetical Conference and with Catholic School teachers.

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Office for Communications

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Reminder: Bishop Callahan's Lenten Message and supporting graphics

Bishop Callahan's Lenten video greeting is available [here http://youtu.be/ucuPDwGMks0](http://youtu.be/ucuPDwGMks0)
Please share his message on your Facebook and your parish website.

Lenten website and Facebook banners are available for your use at the [diocesan media resources page](#).

Reminder: For your parish bulletin:

Diocesan Sesquicentennial Opening Mass

To celebrate the opening of our diocesan sesquicentennial, Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at St. Gabriel Church in Prairie du Chien on Saturday, March 3, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Reception to follow at St. John Church in Prairie du Chien. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend the Mass you can view it via live stream at diolc.org/live.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Support Marriage in Your Parish with Ease!

Here's a simple and easy way to support marriages in your parish. Connect them to the ForYourMarriage.org website which offers numerous resources on the meaning and beauty of marriage in God's plan and provides support to couples at every stage of their journey. There are sections dedicated to dating, marriage preparation, mixed marriages, parenting and family, natural family planning, the stages of marriage, among others. A marriage resource section offers daily marriage tips, marriage help and support links, and solutions to common challenges. Finally, questions specific to planning a Catholic wedding as well as related Church documents and teachings are available on the website.

Encourage Family Spirituality with this Simple Resource

The Knights of Columbus have developed monthly meditations to help families become fully alive in Christ. February's theme is on Marriage. Click [here](#) to find the on-line resource. Or click [here](#) to download the resource for distribution.

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Office for Ministries

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For your Parish Bulletin:

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7

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 – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. 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 (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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U.S. Bishops Conference Offers Resources to Observe Lent

A variety of resources to help Catholics observe Lent are being provided by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Resources include a new set of daily suggestions for reading, reflection, prayer and action, and a downloadable reflection calendar. The downloadable Lent calendar with quotes from Pope Francis, Scripture, and Church fathers, is available in both English and Spanish. The daily suggestions and downloadable calendar offer teachings and suggestions for taking an active approach to the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. See www.usccb.org/lent.

Rite of Election, February 18

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, February 18, at 2:00. It is an occasion that marks entry into the period of Purification and Enlightenment (for newly-named “elect”) that coincides with Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and catechumens to see the larger Church, meet Bishop Callahan, be introduced to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the Rite. The registration form for Rite of Election is available [here](#).

RCIA Conference, June 2—Save the date!

The RCIA process is the Church’s privileged place to form new Catholics in their relationship with Christ and his Church. As the Diocese of La Crosse celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2018, we look ahead to what is the best way to continue fostering faith and conversion. Featuring Dr. Petroc Willey and Bill Keimig from the Catechetical Institute, Franciscan University of Steubenville, “RCIA: Renewing the Parish,” will help any RCIA process form disciples in the years to come. June 2, 2018, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse. Save the date—more details soon!

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Office for Safe Environment

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Reminder: Yearly reports are due March 1, 2018 – please contact this Office if you need an extension.

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

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Office for Social Concerns

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For your Parish Bulletin:

“Share the Journey” campaign to encounter Migrants and Refugees

The two-year “Share the Journey” campaign launched by Pope Francis last fall seeks to encourage Catholics to learn about and encounter migrants and refugees, building bridges. Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services and the U.S. Bishops’ Conference are part of a global network participating in the campaign. Visit www.sharejourney.org for inspiring articles and Lenten resources, and to see how you can make a difference in the lives of migrants and refugees in the U.S. and globally.

Reminder: For your Parish Bulletin:

Volunteer for mission trip to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey

A group of volunteers from St. Henry Watermark Mission, an ecumenical initiative out of St. Henry Parish in Eau Galle, will be traveling to Houston, TX this spring to help rebuilding efforts of residents most in need in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. They will assist with carpentry, sheetrock, mud, tape, insulation, some electrical/plumbing, paint, flooring, finish

work, and landscaping. For more information, contact Gary Asher at 715.283.4451 or rasher@wwt.net.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal

We continue to be ahead of last year for the same period. Thank you for all your efforts. New donors comprise 4% of all donors. These are our people in the pew who could be newly registered or have just not been engaged in giving to the appeal previously. We also have 8% of our donors who have re-engaged in providing to the Annual Appeal. These donors have given to the appeal in the past but did not participate last year. Both of these sets of donors are indicators of active growth numbers at a time when most diocesan appeals are declining and or struggling to meet their goal. These new and re-engaged numbers are a credit to your efforts.

The letter for our Holy Week mailing is on the Appeal Portal for your review. If your parish would like to add a message or submit their own letter from the pastor, please review the Holy Week mailing letter and send your letter by March 8. Click here for the letter <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Bishops-Letter-lenten-Appeal-Letter.pdf> This letter will go out to anyone who has given in the past but has not yet given this year (LYBUNT & SYBUNT). We also send the initial mailing to anyone who has newly registered in our parishes since January 26, 2018.

Lent is a great time to offer the Annual Appeal as a venue for increased stewardship. Make time to provide some additional support, show the video, do an in-pew drive, and speak openly on the important works that the Appeal supports. Lent is a time of fasting and stewardship. Stewardship is the giving of substance requiring one to forego their own needs and wants.

Tax Statements are in the homes of those who gave last year to the Appeal or and had other gifts processed by the Office for Stewardship and Development. If you have a parishioner who has not received theirs, please contact our office as soon as possible.

Annual Appeal Rebates for the month of February are being processed on February 13th. Watch for them in your mailboxes next week. Also, donor reminders will be mailed on the 15th. If you have a parishioner who does not receive a reminder, please contact our office.

Exploring the idea of a Capital Campaign, Strategic Planning or wanting to become a stewardship parish? If you need some ideas to reinvigorate your stewardship journey, or maybe you would like to share your successes and trials; give our office a call-we love the opportunity to serve.

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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 our parish community will nurture marriage and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.

Reminder: Bulletin Announcement: for February 18th:

Arise! A Come and See Day with the Sisters!

Who: Girls ages 9 - 13, who are interested spending some time with the Sisters and others who enjoy spiritual things, while finding out more about religious life.

When: Saturday, March 17, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](#)

Cost: Donations accepted

Register: Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530)

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Upcoming Dates and Events for 2018:

International Priest Meeting and Luncheon - Holy Cross Diocesan Center, March 7 @ 11:30
rsvp by February 28, 2018 to Teresa Brown 608-791-2679 or tbrown@diolc.org

Priest Retreat at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI, April 9-13, 2018

Priest Unity Days at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, June 28-30, 2018

Deacon and Wives afternoon with the Bishop - Holy Cross Diocesan Center, August 11, 2018

Fall Clergy Conference at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center October 8-9, 2018

2019 Dates and Events:

Priest Retreat April 29-30 and May 1-3, 2019

Priest Unity Days June 20-22, 2019

Deacon and Wives afternoon with the Bishop at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, August 10, 2019

Fall Clergy Conference October 14-15, 2019

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