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Officials

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

The Reverend **Savarimuthu Selvaraj**, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Marshfield and Corpus Christi Parish in Bakerville, will be returning to his home diocese at the request of his Bishop, effective July 5, 2018.



Events

As of Feb. 27

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](#)

8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Tomah \(One Day\)](#)

Tuesday, March 13

Curriculum Work Day - Stevens Point

Saturday, March 17

7:30am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point \(One Day\)](#)

8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Thorp \(One Day\)](#)

9:00am [Children's Come & See \(girls ages 9-13\) - La Crosse](#)

Sunday, March 18

10:30am [Live Stream - 5th Anniversary Mass of the Opening of the Cause for Father Joe - La Crosse](#)

Tuesday, March 20

10:00am Middle School Principals' meeting

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Foster Faith

Tuesday, March 27

10:30am [Live Stream - Chrism Mass](#)

10:30am [Chrism Mass - La Crosse](#)

Saturday, March 31

[Easter Vigil](#)

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Bishop William Patrick Callahan extends his appreciation to Deacon Bryan Hilts for his ministry as Director of St. Anthony Retreat Center. He will be retiring from this position this Spring. If you, or someone you know, is interested in this ministry please visit their website for more information: <http://sarcenter.com/employment-opportunities/center-director/>

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Save the Date: Friday, June 1st, 2018

A new online learning system will be explained to all Catechetical Leaders, Deacons and all those in leadership roles on Friday, June 1st at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. There will be no cost for this day of training, lunch will be provided. Further details will be sent in the mail soon.

Reminder: For your Parish Bulletin:

Immaculée - March 7, Eau Claire - Powerful Story of Faith and Forgiveness

Immaculée Illibagiza is coming March 7 to St. Patrick Church in Eau Claire. Internationally acclaimed speaker and survivor of the Rwanda genocide in 1994, Immaculée will share her incredible story. She and 7 other women hid in a tiny bathroom for 91 days as machete-wielding killers hunted for them. An amazing story of faith and the power of prayer and forgiveness. This is a rare opportunity – come early. 6:30 pm, St. Patrick Church, 311 Fulton St., Eau Claire. Free will offering.

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Office for Communications

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Reminder:

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.

Parish Round Table Meetings

The Office for Communications is hosting Parish Information Round Table discussions this spring. Pre-registration is preferred; all meetings are 2 hours. To register please contact Margot Lorraine at mlorraine@diolc.org or 608-791-2695.

Date	Parish	City	Time	Details
April 11	St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral	La Crosse	9 - 11am	Meet in the undercroft
April 11	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Richland Center	2 - 4pm	Meet in the old convent, 789 N Central Ave
April 12	St. Joseph	Menomonie	9:30 – 11:30 am	School conference room

April 12	Holy Family	Arcadia	2 – 4 pm	Meet in the church basement
April 18	St. Patrick	Mauston	9:30 – 11:30am	
April 18	St. John the Baptist	Marshfield	1:30 – 3:30pm	Meet downstairs
April 19	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Marathon	9 - 11am	
April 19	Our Lady Queen of Heaven	Wisconsin Rapids	1 – 3pm	Meet in the cafeteria

Below is the meeting agenda. We will gladly address any concerns or questions you wish to bring to our attention. Diocese of La Crosse PIMS website <http://www.dioc.org/pims>

1. Review of the parish census software selection process and outcome.
2. Standard Operating Procedures for recording census data (SOP)
3. Transition schedule and change management for parish census software upgrade
 - Orientation – benefits and challenges. What stays the same, what changes and how you'll know the difference.
 - Data Conversion – how to prepare your data for transition.
 - Training – what is available online, in your deanery, from the vendor and from curia.
 - Scheduling your go-live date- what to expect and what to watch out for and who to contact for support.
4. Chancery Bulletin feedback and local SPAM checking
5. Safe Environment forms and procedures
6. Social Media for your parish
7. Questions

These meetings are open to administrative assistants, pastors, and other parish staff who work with parish data. We hope to see you at one of these meetings. To register please contact Margot Lorraine at mlorraine@dioc.org or 608-791-2695.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter for March

Click [here](#) to either read the January newsletter or download a PDF of the document for distribution. Thank you for sharing this widely with your parents.

For Your Bulletin: March 3, 10, 17

Learn to Love your Spouse as God Does – Attend the Domestic Church Retreat

A Domestic Church retreat gives sacramentally married couples real, concrete help so they can tap into what God has in store for them. It helps spouses find true joy in the midst of the daily demands of marriage and family life.

This is your opportunity to begin a spiritual journey together (or deepen what already exists). It is also an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church circle. Register at diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/. Scholarships are available. For more information about Domestic Church, go to domesticchurchfamilies.com.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Opening Celebration of the Sesquicentennial Year: Clergy from the Diocese have been invited to participate in the celebration of the Opening Program and Holy Mass for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church in Prairie du Chien this Saturday, March 3, at 10:00 am. Priests that wish to concelebrate the Holy Mass or Deacons that wish to attend and participate in the liturgy are asked to contact the Diocesan Office for Pontifical Ceremonies by Thursday, March 1 so proper arrangements can be made.

TV Mass Recordings during the Sesquicentennial Year: If your parish has been invited to participate in the Diocesan TV Mass Ministry during the Sesquicentennial year (March 3 to October 7) it is kindly asked to have the Sesquicentennial banner displayed somewhere in or near the sanctuary so it can be captured during the filming. If your parish does not have a

banner, please contact Michael Haight so one can be brought. All parishes can order a banner and stand or a tri-fold table top display at www.dioc.org/150. Special intercessions have been added to help those at home pray for the anniversary.

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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.dioc.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@dioc.org.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal

GivingTrend is your information source of active giving to the appeal. We continue to process all gifts on a daily basis. GivingTrend is reporting all activity that was processed by the end of the previous business day. We will continue to use the Appeal Portal to give you additional reporting and analysis. If you want further analysis or reporting, please contact our office, we will work to get you what you need to help you be successful.

To date, we have over 700 new participants in the Annual Appeal and nearly 1,575 SYBUNT (given Some Year But Unfortunately Not This year) donors who have re-engaged with the appeal this year. These folks represent about 12% of the active donors and 6% of the money given to the appeal. The gifts received from this group of donors has more than offset the cost of our annual appeal. These are great signs of growth and participation in our parishes. As the old saying goes “if you are not growing, you are dying.”

We are working on a report that will identify all new givers to this year’s annual appeal. This report will show by parish whether they are a registered parishioner or not. If they are not registered at your parish, we would like you to thank them for their support and ask them to become a new member of your parish family and our diocesan family. Using this report, you will have an excellent way to reach out to your new appeal donors and help them to grow more deeply within their parish and their relationship with Christ.

Reminder: If your parish is going to add or replace the letter for the Holy Week mailing that will be delivered to anyone who has given to the annual appeal in the past but has not yet given this year, the deadline is March 8. The deadline to include someone in the mailing is March 15th. We will also be mailing a welcome packet to all new parishioners who have registered since January 23, the last newly registered mailing.

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 through our vocations to marriage, priesthood and religious life, we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world.

Reminder: Bulletin Announcement:

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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Reminder: 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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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Adventure Camp

All information for Adventure Camp is available on our website at <http://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>. There are spaces open in each of our 3 weeks!

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