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Officials

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

The Reverend **Arul Joseph Visuvasam**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Madurai, having been granted by the Most Reverend Dr. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of Madurai, a letter of excardination on March 10, 2018, was definitively incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of La Crosse on March 27, 2018.



Events

As of April 10

Thursday, April 12

8:00am New Teacher Formation - Scripture - Eau Claire

Friday, April 13

8:00am New Teacher Formation - Scripture - La Crosse

Tuesday, April 17

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Imitate the Holy Family

Wednesday, April 18

10:00am BEET Board Meeting - La Crosse

Sunday, April 22

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday, April 23

Spring Faith Teachers' Conference - Wisconsin Rapids

Tuesday, April 24

Spring Faith Teachers' Conference - La Crosse

Wednesday, April 25

Spring Faith Teachers' Conference - Chippewa Falls

Thursday, April 26

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat - April 26-29

Tuesday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker, principal patron of the Diocese

10:00am School Advisory Council meeting - Durand

Thursday, May 3

School Presidents' Meeting - Wisconsin Dells - May 3-4

Monday, May 7

Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

Tuesday, May 8

8:00am New Teacher Formation - Prayer and Sacraments - La Crosse

Saturday, May 12

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marathon - May 12

Sunday, May 13

Solemnity of the Ascension

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Do you want a Practical and Inexpensive way to form parishioners?

Do you have willing people in your parish but who do not feel qualified to teach the Faith? Then this is for you! On **June 1st**, Dr. Petroc Willey, an outstanding presenter, and his team from the Catechetical Institute, will provide a day of training at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. After a Dean took this back, the CRE and catechists at one of our rural parishes are greatly appreciating ongoing formation as a group and in their own homes. There is no cost for the day but registration is necessary. Bishop Callahan is encouraging everyone in parish leadership to attend. [Click here](#) for details. For those wishing to be present for the June 1st and June 2nd training, the Catechetical Institute will cover your lodging.

RCIA Training – June 2

Join us as Dr. Petroc Willey and Bill Keimig help those involved with RCIA (or who will be involved) to take the RCIA process at your parish to the next level. There are tracks for beginner and advanced levels of experience. [Click here](#) for the brochure.

Teach Children to See Jesus at Mass

We want to help children, young people and their parents encounter Jesus Christ in the Sacraments. Dr. James Pauley, a long-time practitioner and author of a book with real-life examples and practical, concrete suggestions with this aim in mind, will be the keynote presenter at the annual Witnesses for Christ Conference. If you hand on the Faith, please come and bring others [August 10-11](#) at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse. Further details coming soon.

First Holy Communion

As children are prepared to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, please remember to practice what they are to do after they return to their pew. So many things can distract the children from thanking Jesus for coming into their heart, praying an Our Father or other prayer and asking Him to bless their family. Closing their eyes during this precious time allows them to stay focused on Jesus. See guidelines and other resources [here](#).

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Parish Census Software

Many of you know that we have been working on determining how to transition from the Desktop version of ParishSOFT Family Directory. Since last summer we have been studying our current and future needs as well as other available software options. We formed an Implementation Committee to help with the decision. After much study and several meetings, the committee recommended upgrading our remaining parishes to the ParishSOFT ConnectNow version of Family Directory for our census management. We will be discussing

the particulars of this transition in the coming weeks at our spring Parish Round Table meetings. Thank you for your input, study and persistence during this time of transition!

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Bulletin Announcement

Webinar on Conflict Resolution – Tuesday April 17 at 7PM

Every parent knows how difficult it is to follow God's will and maintain harmony within the home. There always seems to be something that causes disruption. And when that happens, family life becomes tense and irritating.

Join Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen, co-authors of the Teaching the Way of Love parenting series for an engaging one-hour discussion on how to handle conflict in the home. They will offer several practical steps that restore unity and reestablish communion when division happens. Register online at diolc.org/webinars. For more information, call 608-791-2673.

MEN OF THE CROSS CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2018

You will not want to miss out on the 2018 conference, which will be taking place at Logan Middle School, located in La Crosse, WI. Stay tuned for more information at

menofthecross.org

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Office for Missions

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REMINDER: Mission Coop Program (MCP) Summer 2018: The assignments for parishes and mission dioceses and religious orders are now completed. The information should be in the hands of both the parish pastors and the coordinating missionaries. Please take time to read the complete information, especially the instructions regarding the collection and handling of MCP funds. Here are a few notes regarding frequently asked questions:

1. Please schedule the Mission Coop weekend as soon as possible. This is especially important where there are anticipated assignment changes. You will help the arriving pastor by scheduling now and making sure that staff is informed and prepared. Waiting until the new pastor arrives makes it more difficult for everyone involved.
2. If it is necessary to schedule a Mission Coop appeal outside of the normally expected summer months, it may NOT be scheduled on WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Oct. 20-21, 2018). All proceeds collected on World Mission Sunday are sent to the Pontifical Mission Societies and shared with over 1,100 mission areas around the world.
3. No Mission Coop Program appeals should be scheduled on weekends which would interfere with the Diocesan Annual Appeal kick offs in the fall.

If there are any further questions regarding the Mission Coop Program, please contact the Mission Office. We appreciate all the work that our parishes do so that God's kingdom may be made stronger through the missionaries you generously welcome and support.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Spring Confirmation(s) season is upon us! Pastors of parishes hosting Confirmations are kindly asked to watch their email inbox for detailed information. Please remember to complete all forms in full and return them no later than one week before the anticipated date of the ceremony. Any questions in regards to the liturgical celebration can be directed to the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies. A parish that is only hosting a Confirmation liturgy (*with no candidates of their own*) are to request one of the participating parishes to be the principal contact for that Confirmation liturgy. That parish should provide all requested information to the Diocesan Office for Pontifical Ceremonies. Questions about the Confirmation *schedule* should be directed to Debbie Brannon in the Office of the Diocesan Bishop – dbrannon@diolc.org.

Ceremonial Updates to Confirmation: Please be sure to read all the information sent in regards to the *Rite of Confirmation Liturgy* - most importantly the *Emcee Letter* and the *Ceremonial Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation*. Both of these documents include new and updated information that will help make your Confirmation Liturgy go smoothly and with proper solemnity. One new guideline pertains to the reception of the gifts during the Offertory.

150th Banner at Pontifical Liturgies: During the Sesquicentennial Year, parishes that will be hosting Bishop Callahan are asked to display in their sanctuary, or other proper area if the celebration is outside of Holy Mass, the Diocesan 150th banner or tri-fold display board. If your parish does not have one, please contact the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies

and one will be provided for the celebration. All parishes can order their own banner or display board at www.diolc.org/150.

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Office for Safe Environment

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Parish and School Yearly Reports are now due- call if you need an extension.
Schools - all Spring Coaches need to be included in this Yearly Report.

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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Attention Pastors: Collect Rice Bowl Donations

If you have not already done so, please invite all parishioners, schools, etc. to turn in their Rice Bowl donations to your parish. Then please write a check for the total amount, payable to the Diocese of La Crosse, with “Rice Bowl” on the memo line. Send your check to Jen Mickschl, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. (Note: Please do not confuse funds for the “Mite Boxes” with those for the Rice Bowl.)

Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns & Respect Life Representatives

(Also Eau Claire Area Parish Bulletins):

You are Invited to the Eau Claire Deanery Social Ministry Fair

Monday, April 30, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 PM – Regis High School Gym, 2100 Fenwick Ave., Eau Claire. Many area social service agencies will be on hand to answer questions.

Special Guest Speaker – Sarah Ferber, organizer for the Chippewa Valley Chapter of Ex-Incarcerated Prisoners Organizing (EXPO), which helps those released from jail to make a healthy and successful reentry into the community. Free and open to the public.

Parish Social Concerns Representatives (Optional for Parish Bulletins):

Human Trafficking Conference – June 20-22 in St. Paul, MN

[Shared Hope](#), a leading expert on the issue of anti-trafficking legislation, education and service provision, is hosting a national 3-day conference in St. Paul, Minnesota, to equip, connect and inspire faith leaders and communities. The [JuST Faith Summit](#) will be held June 20-22 at Bethel University and will include nearly 50 plenary sessions and workshops with leading experts from across the nation, featuring a keynote address by Eric Metaxas, radio host and New York Times #1 bestselling author. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.justconference.org/faith-summit/>.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Farmers’ Hotline

With historically high numbers of farmers declaring bankruptcy, there is also a high amount of distress. There is HELP.

We offer two helplines:

The Farmers' Hotline in Madison is 800-942-2474

Organic Valley farmer hotline number is: 888-809-9297

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Office for Temporalities

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Parish Finance Seminar – Registration now OPEN

The Parish Finance Seminar will be Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Three Bears Lodge in Warrens. Please see the agenda and registration form at www.diolc.org/temporalities. For your convenience, there is an option to pay by credit card.

It is very important that a representative from each parish/school attend the Parish Finance Seminar. This is a great place to network with the other parishes/schools. There will be time for open questions again. Please send me any questions/topics that you would like to have a discussion on. **Registrations are due by April 23, 2018**

Updates from St. Ambrose Financial Services

The interest rates have changed effective April 3, 2018 increasing by 35 basis points.

- Deposits will now earn 1.75%
- Loans will accrue interest at 2.50%
- Lines of Credit will accrue interest 4.50%.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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~The Office for Vicar for Clergy will be closed April 26-27, 2018. If you need a letter of suitability, please submit them early to be sure you get them on time for your travels.~

Reminder: Upcoming Dates and Events for 2018:

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

Presentation by Fr. Michael Berry, O.C.D.

Please call St. Antony's Retreat Center to register @ 715-443-2236

The retreat begins Monday April 9 at 5pm and concludes Friday April 13 after lunch.

Please bring Alb and white and red stole for concelebration.

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

Deacons 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

Deacons 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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