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### Officials

No officials this week.



### Events

As of April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday, April 8**

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Marshfield

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Wisconsin Rapids

**Tuesday, April 11**

10:30am Chrism Mass - La Crosse

**Friday, April 14**

Good Friday-- Curia Office Closed

**Saturday, April 15**

Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 16**

Easter

12:00am Mite Box collection ends

**Monday, April 17**

Easter Monday-- Curia Office Closed

**Sunday, April 23**

12:00am Mite box collections to be sent in - thank you.

**Monday, April 24**

4:00pm Priest Spring Retreat

**Tuesday, April 25**

Priest Spring Retreat

**Wednesday, April 26**

Priest Spring Retreat

**Thursday, April 27**

Priest Spring Retreat

**Friday, April 28**

» 1:30pm Priest Spring Retreat

6:00pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse Deanery

6:30pm Basic Evangelization Training - La Crosse

**Saturday, April 29**

» 6:00pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse Deanery

» 4:00pm Basic Evangelization Training - La Crosse

**Monday, May 1**

Solemnity of Saint Joseph the Workman, principal patron of the Diocese

**Friday, May 5**

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Eau Claire WI

**Saturday, May 6**

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Eau Claire WI

9:00am Transitional Diaconate Ordination

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**Chancery Office**

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No items this week.

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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Director: Ann Lankford – 608-791-2658 | [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org)

### **VIDEO Introducing April 28-29 Basic Evangelization Training – 2 Minutes**



#### **Catechist Years of Recognition Certificate**

Please [click here](#) to download the form to fill out the names of the catechists who have taught in your parish for at least five, ten, fifteen, twenty years or more. Note: This is to be given to catechists who have served at least five years or more – in increments of five years. Certificates will be issued for you to distribute to your staff shortly after this form is received.

#### **Employment Contract for Catechetical Leaders**

There are two formats of the Employment Contract for the parish DRE, CRE and/or Youth Minister. [Click here](#) for a contract to be completed on the computer by filling in the boxes or [click here](#) for a contract to be printed and typed or handwritten. If the pastor does **not** intend to renew a contract with any of the above-mentioned employees, please contact Ann Lankford at your earliest convenience. It is suggested that contracts only be offered to full-time Catechetical Leaders who work 30 hours or more. Further, keep in mind that contracts are not an absolute necessity. All persons who work at the Diocesan Offices are at-will employees.

**Note:** If the pastor would like information on the benefits to be offered in hiring a new catechetical leader for 30 hours or more, please contact Ann.

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## Office for Communications

Director: Jack Felsheim – 608-791-2663 | [jfelsheim@diolc.org](mailto:jfelsheim@diolc.org)

#### **Sporadic Error on April Catholic Life Back Page – Parish Custom Message Line**

Last week, 26,843 of the nearly 61,000 issues of the April Catholic Life Magazine were printed and mailed with the wrong parish custom messages. Some parishes utilize this ability to print a custom message to their parishioners. This feature has been working well until this printing. Due to an error at the printer, the messages were mixed up.

If you hear of a parishioner receiving a message on the back of their April Catholic Life that does not appear to be from your parish, such as wrong Mass times for Holy Week or Easter, please let them know of the error and the correct information.

### **The Commemorative Parish History Book – Upcoming Ordering Opportunity**

David Riehl, a representative of the publisher Éditions du Signe, will be visiting with every pastor in the diocese to speak to you about placing orders for the Commemorative Parish History Book. He will be here in two blocks of time. May 8 to May 19 and May 30 to June 9. Once we have a route established, our office will be contacting each pastor to set an individual appointment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact [ifelsheim@diolc.org](mailto:ifelsheim@diolc.org).

### **Honoring 9/11 Victims in the Commemorative Parish History Book**

During the creation of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary book, we have been made aware of two individuals who were killed in the terror attacks on September 11, 2001. Patty Statz, daughter of Vince and Joann Statz, of St. Bridget Parish in Springfield and Army Lt. Col. Dennis Johnson, son of Robert and Elva Johnson, of St. Alexander Parish in Port Edwards have been brought to our attention so far. If you know of any other parishioner or immediate family member of a parishioner that should be recognized and commemorated in this book, please contact Pam Willer at [pwiller@diolc.org](mailto:pwiller@diolc.org). Please send the information by **Friday, April 7**.

### **Confirm or Add Your Parish's Adoration Site Information**

For the May/June issue of Catholic Life, we will be including regularly scheduled Parish Eucharistic Adoration sites from around the diocese. On the diocesan [Eucharistic Adoration website](#), there is a schedule of parish adoration sites that run throughout the year but we want to make sure it includes all locations and that the information is current and accurate. Please visit [www.diolc.org/Eucharistic-adoration](http://www.diolc.org/Eucharistic-adoration) to review your parish's information and if your site is missing or changes need to be made, please email [catholiclife@diolc.org](mailto:catholiclife@diolc.org) to have the information corrected by **Friday April 7**.

### **Share the Bishop's Easter Video Message**

Bishop Callahan has pre-recorded an Easter message. This video message can be placed on your parish website and shared through your social channels any time after the conclusion of the Easter Vigil. [Click here](#) for a link to the Bishops Easter video message.

### **Link to the Chrism Mass LIVE**

[www.diolc.org/live](http://www.diolc.org/live) Please share this link with your parishioners, post on your website and distribute through your parish social media channels.

### ***For Your Bulletin***

#### **Watch Chrism Mass LIVE!**

Please join us from 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral for the annual Chrism Mass, celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan. If you are unable to attend in person, the Mass will be available to watch live at [www.diolc.org/live](http://www.diolc.org/live).

**Are any of your parish buildings listed on a historical register?**

As part of our Sesquicentennial preparations, we are attempting to assemble a list of property that has a historical designation. If your church, school, rectory, or other building is listed, please send that information to [jfelsheim@diolc.org](mailto:jfelsheim@diolc.org).

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## Office for Consecrated Life

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No items this week.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

Director: Alice Heinzen – 608-791-2673 | [aheinzen@diolc.org](mailto:aheinzen@diolc.org)

### ***For Your Bulletin***

#### **Want more love and joy in your Marriage and Family?**

The Domestic Church movement is coming to the Diocese of La Crosse. It is a lay led ministry for sacramentally married couples that enhances marriage and family life by opening the treasures of the Church's teachings on love and life.

We invite all couples to take part in this initiative. The first step is to attend the evangelization retreat that will be held at St. Anthony Spirituality Retreat Center on May 18-21 (Thursday evening through Sunday at noon). Couples who attend the retreat tell us how wonderful it is to experience the love of Christ together as spouses.

If you need more information about this movement, please call [608-791-2673](tel:608-791-2673) or email [aheinzen@diolc.org](mailto:aheinzen@diolc.org). To register online go to: <http://diolc.org/marriage/> and click on marriage enrichment.

### **Final Request for your Men's Ministry Contact**

We are getting ready to release information on the 2017 Men of the Cross Conference. Please email [mberg@diolc.org](mailto:mberg@diolc.org) and give her the name and email address of the person the information should go to. *If you do not have a person designated for this ministry at your parish, please let us know that as well.* Deadline: **April 7th, 2017.**

### **Marriage Moment**

Research indicates that the average person listens for 17 seconds before interrupting. (5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman) Sometimes one spouse may be more long winded than the other. Sometimes one hardly speaks at all. Pay attention to your words this next week. Try to meet in the middle.

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**VIDEO Introducing April 28-29 Basic Evangelization Training – 2 Minutes**



**FOR YOUR BULLETIN:**

**Basic Evangelization Training April 28-29 (Fri. 7 pm - Sat. 4 pm)**

**Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse**

Adam Janke, Program Director of St. Paul Evangelization Ministries, will provide a two-day immersion into the fundamentals of evangelization. Gain the skills and confidence to share your faith wherever you may be! Real-world practicality and an exciting opportunity for any Catholic. Perfect for starting or energizing a parish evangelization team or concept, this training has been given to thousands around the U.S., Canada and beyond. Complete info, brochure and [online registration](#) at [www.diolc.org/basic-evangelization](http://www.diolc.org/basic-evangelization). Contact: Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, [608-791-0161](tel:608-791-0161) or [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org).

**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. This is an opportunity for motivated members of the faithful to:

- Draw closer to Christ and his Church
- Deepen their knowledge of the faith in a community of learners
- Become joyful disciples in the parish and the world

More information, a brief slide-show, brochures and application forms can be found and downloaded at [www.diolc.org/lay-formation](http://www.diolc.org/lay-formation). To learn more, or if you have questions, contact Christopher Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, at [cruff@diolc.org](mailto:cruff@diolc.org) or (608) 791-2664.

**FOR YOUR BULLETIN:**

**NEW Class for LEADER OF PRAYER Begins July 14-15, 2017**

**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 (meeting Friday evening-Saturday evening each time) by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes in a variety of ways, including: 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); leading parishioners in prayer at times of illness or death. In nursing homes or healthcare facilities, when no priest is available, they may conduct a *Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest*. For more

information or to register, visit [www.diolc.org/ministries](http://www.diolc.org/ministries) and click on “Leaders of Prayer,” or contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns – [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org), or 608-791-0161.

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## Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608-791-2676 | [wpace@diolc.org](mailto:wpace@diolc.org)

**Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Robert Flock Reminder:** Thank you for the prayers and sacrifices sent in for Bishop Robert Flock. We will collect the spiritual gifts you are sending to him through Divine Mercy Sunday, 2017. Then the Mission Office will send your spiritual bouquets to him as the new Bishop of the Diocese of San Ignacio de Velasco, Bolivia. His installation took place February 2, 2017. More details and contact information can be found on the [Mission Office website](#).

**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land:** This annual collection is a part of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Therefore, it is not required that parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse take up the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. However, since we are aware of the adversities suffered by Christians in the Holy Land and the fragile nature of important historical sites they protect, some parishioners do look forward to participating directly in the annual collection. Under the discretion of the pastor and his advisory councils, if the collection is taken up the funds generated must be sent to the Diocesan Office for Temporalities. Parish collections will then be joined to the Annual Appeal funds and forwarded according to donor intent to the Commissariat of the Holy Land. Please call the Mission Office if you have any questions.

**Mite Box Collection:** As Lent is coming to a close and we enter into the graces of Holy Week, please give some last minute reminders to your students and families regarding the Mite Box Collections. Your generosity will help to serve the Parish life and ministries of Santa Cruz Parish, Bolivia. After Easter, parishes are to send the collection to the Mission Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for the prayers and support you continue to give to the efforts begun by Fr. Joe Walijewski toward the building of God's kingdom.

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## Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

Director: Michael Haight – 608-791-2697 | [ceremonies@diolc.org](mailto:ceremonies@diolc.org)

**Spring Confirmations:** The spring Confirmation season is just around the corner! The parishes participating in these Confirmations are asked to watch their email in-box for the *Letter of Anticipation* and liturgy forms. The host parish is asked to complete these forms in a timely manner and return them no later than one full week prior to the anticipated date of the Confirmation Mass. The Office of Pontifical Ceremonies is here to assist you with any

questions you or your planning team have to help make these liturgies a beautiful moment in the life of your parish and of those receiving the Sacrament. A reminder, also, that if a visiting cleric from outside the Diocese wishes to concelebrate or assist at a Confirmation Mass they need to forward a *Letter of Suitability* to the Diocesan Vicar for Clergy Office. It's with joy to welcome them to our Diocese and to share the sacrament with their relative!

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## Office for Sacred Worship

Director: Christopher Carstens – 608-791-0161 | [ccarstens@diolc.org](mailto:ccarstens@diolc.org)

### Foot Washing

Pope Francis has decreed that the rubric for the Mass of the Lord's Supper which read "The men who have been chosen are led by the ministers..." to be changed to "Those who are chosen from amongst the people of God are led by the ministers..." (HT, 11). If the pastor chooses the optional foot washing, "it is for [him] to choose a small group of persons who are representative of the entire people of God – lay, ordained ministers, married, single, religious, healthy, sick, children, young people and the elderly – and not just one category or condition" (CDWDS letter of January 6, 2016). For the complete text of the CDWDS's Decree, see [this link](#); for a brief history of the foot washing and catechesis from the same Congregation, see [this link](#).

### Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11, beginning at 10:30. The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan will be the principal celebrant; the deans will be principal concelebrants. All deacons and concelebrating priests are asked to bring an alb; dalmatics, chasubles, and stoles will be provided. Deans will vest in the cathedral sacristy, while deacons and all other priests who wish to concelebrate will vest in the Cathedral entrance off the parking lot. Please be ready to form the procession by 10:15 a.m. Priests will attend a luncheon with Bishop Callahan following the Mass, while for all others a lunch will still be served in the Cathedral undercroft.

### The Holy Oils

All priests are reminded that the Holy Oils are to be renewed annually and are not to be kept from year to year. They are to dispose of the old oil in an appropriate manner, and the oil stocks are to be cleaned *before* being brought to the Bishop's Vestry prior to the Chrism Mass. Please do not bring vessels other than the appropriate containers to be filled. Filled stocks will be available for pick-up immediately after Mass in the Cathedral Sacristy. When it is necessary to replenish the supply of blessed oil during the year, please contact the Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman (608-782-0322), where the blessed oil is kept.

### Some Liturgical Reminders

#### *5th Sunday of Lent*

- In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered



until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

#### *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

- Altar may be decorated with flowers. (Rubric for Holy Thursday [=HT], 5)
- At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there may be a procession of the faithful in which gifts for the poor may be presented with the bread and wine. (HT, 14)
- Adoration is not to take place in a monstrance: "The Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a closed tabernacle or pyx. Under no circumstances may it be exposed in a monstrance." (*Paschales Solemnitatis*, n.55)
- Holy water stoups are emptied after Mass.

#### *Good Friday*

- Good Friday liturgy may not be celebrated in the absence of a priest. (Rubric for Good Friday [=GF], 4)
- Only one cross may be used for adoration. (GF, 19)

#### *Easter Vigil*

- The Paschal Candle is to be replaced each year: "The paschal candle should be prepared, which for effective symbolism must be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size so that it may evoke the truth that Christ is the light of the world." (*Paschales Solemnitatis*, n.82)
- If a deacon is not present to carry the Paschal Candle in the procession, the candle is carried by another minister and not the priest. (Rubric for the Easter Vigil [=EV], 15 and following)
- Lights turned on when Paschal Candle is placed in stand at front of church at end of procession. (EV, 17)
- If possible, the Priest intones triple Alleluia (EV, 34)
- It is appropriate for the baptism of infants to take place at the Easter Vigil (*Rite of Baptism for Children*, n.9; also Roman Missal, Easter Vigil rubric n.38)

#### **Faculties for Adult Confirmation**

Presently, a priest has the permission, either in virtue of universal Church law or by grant of the diocesan bishop, to confirm the following persons:

(a) those persons who are no longer infants and whom he baptizes (cf. Cann. 530, 1°; 566, §1; 882; 883, 2° and 885, §2; *RCIA*, Nos. 14, 24, 215 and 305);

(b) those persons who have attained the use of reason but already have been baptized in another church or ecclesial communion, when they are received by him into full communion with the Catholic Church (cf. Cann. 883, 2° and 885, §2; *RCIA*, No. 481; *NSC*, No. 35);

(c) the baptized Catholic who has been an apostate from the faith (cf. Can. 883, 2°; *NSC*, No. 28);

(d) the baptized Catholic who through no fault of his or her own has been raised in a non-Catholic religion or joined a non-Catholic religion (*ibid*);

(e) the baptized Catholic who through no fault of his or her own never put the faith into practice. (cf. Can. 884, §1; *NSC*, No. 29).

(f) those who are in danger of death (cf. Cann. 566 §1 and 833, 3°)

If, however, a priest wishes to confirm a baptized Catholic who has been practicing the faith (that is, he or she is not in the circumstances described above), permission for the faculty to do so must be requested from the diocesan bishop (Can. 882, Can. 884, §1). If you have any questions about this faculty, please call the Office of Sacred Worship at (608) 791-2674.

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## Office for Safe Environment

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### **UDIOCESE 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:dkunz@diolc.org).

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## Office for Catholic Schools

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## Office for Social Concerns

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608-791-0161 | [cruff@diolc.org](mailto:cruff@diolc.org)

### **U.S. Bishops and Justice for Immigrants and Refugees**

At this time of fear and uncertainty in our immigrant and refugee communities, visit [www.diolc.org/social-concerns](http://www.diolc.org/social-concerns). There you will find a statement by Bishop Callahan and a link to the U.S. Bishops' collaborator, Justice for Immigrants (JFI). JFI provides updates on

government policy, action alerts and Catholic social teaching and statements. You will also find a link to Catholic Relief Services, where you can learn about and assist refugees fleeing the Middle East, especially Syria.

### **Be informed about the Wisconsin Bishops' political priorities:**

Visit the **Capitol Update** of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference

[www.wisconsinatholic.org/capitol\\_update.cfm](http://www.wisconsinatholic.org/capitol_update.cfm)

### **FOR YOUR BULLETIN:**

#### **Pro-Life Action Alerts**

This is a pivotal moment for stopping the flow of taxpayer money to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers, as well as achieving other pro-life goals. See how to make your voice heard: visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life) and click on "Take Action Now."

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### **Office for Stewardship & Development**

Director: Jeff Reiter – 608-791-2653 | [jreiter@diolc.org](mailto:jreiter@diolc.org)

### **Building on Solid Rock – View sessions on-demand**

Did you miss the strategic planning workshops? Maybe you just want to review the day again. We now have the videos of the seminars and workshops online. Now you can watch and learn on demand. Please, refer to the website <http://www.diolc.org/stewardship/rock>. Included are the PowerPoints and handouts.

### **Save the Date: Coming in June 5-7**

In February, we established the importance of strategic planning as part of good Stewardship. A key element of strategic planning is strong servant leadership and talented teams.

Jim Collin in his book *Good to Great*, found that not only is "good the enemy of great," but that greatness is a conscious decision. His research and studies into great organizations concluded that the leadership has "a down-to-earth, pragmatic, committed-to-excellence process," "a steadfast discipline," but for an organization to be great, it first needs "the right people on the bus." This June, we will learn some essential tools and techniques for identifying personal strengths and talents to uncover and create high functioning ministry teams. On June 5, 6, and 7, 2017 [Leisa Anslinger Director of Catholic Life and Faith](#) will lead us through a day of reflection with tips and techniques for identifying and discerning the strengths and talents God has blessed upon others and ourselves.

[Catholic Life and Faith](#) is a pastoral resource center supporting parishes and diocesan evangelization and stewardship leaders. Leisa Anslinger brings extensive experience in Catholic parishes and schools to her ministry as an author and speaker. She is the author of several books for pastoral leaders and numerous e-Resources on catechesis and stewardship. She is a regular keynote presenter on evangelization, stewardship, and catechesis at the

International Catholic Stewardship Conference, as well as many other national and diocesan gatherings.

## **International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC)**

The Office for Stewardship and Development is looking for interested individuals to who want to attend this incredible three-day stewardship event. Space is limited! Hundreds of fellow Catholics from around the world attend this event. By joining the Diocesan group, you can leverage our membership pricing. Click here for information on the ICSC <http://catholicstewardship.com/>.

**Only a few days left before the early bird pricing expires.**

This invitation is open to all interested parties.

Contact Jeff Reiter Director of Stewardship and Development for more details. Email: [Jreiter@diolc.org](mailto:Jreiter@diolc.org) or call direct at 608.791.2685 or by visiting our signup page at <https://goo.gl/forms/OZNZSFHIOZ5zcFl33>

Not only will the conference be celebrating its 55th annual meeting, but this year's theme also celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the USCCB Pastoral Letter: *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*

Some of the incredible benefits of attending this conference include

- Parishes find/learn how to build resources to carry out their mission and ministries
- Recharge personal batteries and attendees return energized to instill new life and positive energy into their parishes and dioceses
- Participants will learn methods for bringing parishioners closer to the Lord.
- Attendees have an opportunity to compare notes with others after workshops, at breaks, meals, and the regional meetings held during the conference.
- Workshops are pertinent, practical and relevant to the day-to-day challenges in a parish and Diocese.
- Sessions geared for those involved in all areas of stewardship and development in a parish or Diocese, whether they are just beginning, or have taught the concepts for years
- Attendees find the power and positive impact stewardship conversion has in a parish and Diocese, and they learn the nuts and bolts of how to do this.

### **Cost and other details**

- Dates: September 17-20, 2017
  - (Begins 3:30 pm on Sunday, 9/17 and ends at 11:30 am on Wednesday, 9/20)
- Registration Fee:
  - Lenten Discount rate for members is \$449 until April 17
  - Early Bird Registration of \$499 until July 31.
  - After July 31, the rate for members is \$599.
  - Non-member price is \$1,199 per person.

- Location – Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 65 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia
- Hotel cost per evening - \$199 + taxes
- Continental breakfasts provided Monday and Tuesday, Lunch on Tuesday afternoon.
- Airfare and travel separate

## **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

### **2016-2017**

We have returned over \$425,000 in parish rebates this year so far. The number of our parishes going over target continues to grow, daily. Keep up the great work promoting the Annual Appeal. An Annual Appeal is a community event; the funding helps provide the means for all the different supported ministries to live the mission of Jesus Christ, locally, throughout the diocese, and the Church worldwide.

We have sent the “Some Year But Unfortunately, Not This year” (SYBUNT) appeal to the printer. These appeal letters are expected to be delivered to parishioner’s homes during Holy Week (4/10/-4/15). For this SYBUNT mailing, we have looked back five years and compiled a mailing list of those who have given to the Diocesan Annual Appeal in the last five years but who have not yet given this year. If you have questions or concerns, regarding the SYBUNT mailing, please contact our office.

### **2017-2018**

Next year's theme will center on Hope and how the Church is *The Steward of Hope*. In 2018, we will be celebrating 150 years as a diocese, the generations whose shoulders we stand upon came to this area and built a diocesan community based on their hope in Jesus Christ. We are looking for inspiring stories of hope to develop and share with our brothers and sisters in our diocesan community. Know of someone who because of or through the ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal is an inspiration of hope? Please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development.

### **Process Changes**

To streamline and speed up our gift processing, we are discontinuing the use of the lockbox services in Milwaukee. The Office for Stewardship and Development staff will do all gift processing in-house. If your parish receives any Diocesan Annual Appeal gifts or pledges, please be sure to forward them all directly to our office:

Office of Stewardship and Development  
PO Box 4004  
La Crosse, WI 54602-4004.

All parishioner and donor mailings have had the La Crosse address as a return address for a couple of months.

### **The Diocesan Annual Appeal Parish Progress Reporting Tool – GivingTrend**

Do you still need your GivingTrend reporting sign-on credentials? Complete the registration form found linked on the Appeal Portal web page: <http://appeal.diolc.org>. There you can also watch a recorded version of one of the training sessions linked on our Appeal Portal web page.

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## Office for Temporalities

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### Registration and Agenda for the Parish Finance Seminar - May 9

The annual Parish Finance Seminar will be held on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Three Bears Resort in Warrens, WI. All registrations must be in by April 28<sup>th</sup>. [Registration and Agenda attached.](#)

This year there will be a time for some open discussion of topics that you would like to discuss. Please email me with any topics that you would like to have put on the list.

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## Office for Vocations

Director: Fr. Alan Wierzba – 608-791-2667 | [awierzba@diolc.org](mailto:awierzba@diolc.org)

Spring Admissions Boards are Wednesday, April 5. Please keep our new applicants in your thoughts and prayers!

May 6 – 10:30 AM – Transitional Diaconate Ordination (Kyle Laylan and Barry Saylor) at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Reception following at Holy Cross Diocesan Center.

June 24 – 10:30AM – Priestly Ordination (Aaron Becker, Peter Kieffer, Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar) at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Reception following at La Crosse Center.

Please keep the ordinandi in your prayers.

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## Office for Vicar for Clergy

Director: Msgr. David Kunz – 608-791-2689 | [tboisvert@diolc.org](mailto:tboisvert@diolc.org)

No items this week.

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## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608-791-2652 | [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

### **\*Totus Tuus\***

We are in serious need of Totus Tuus Teachers for this summer. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let our office know as we would like to talk with them more about it.

### **Youth Talks**

Chris Rogers is happy to come to your parish and speak to your youth group, CCD class, etc. Call 608-791-2652 if you would like to schedule a date.

### **Adventure Camp**

There are spots still available in all three weeks. Don't miss this awesome opportunity for students in grades 6-12! For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Week 1: June 18-23, 2017

Week 2: June 25-30, 2017

Week 3: July 9-14, 2017

\*NOTE\* The LDCCW has scholarship money to help students attend Adventure Camp. We very much appreciate their generosity! Go to <http://www.ldccw.org/grants-and-scholarships.html> to find out more information.

### **Franciscan CORE**

A five-day summer, residential program for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students which offers education, reflection, and experience on Catholic Social Teaching themes and principles using St. Francis of Assisi as a model for action. The dates are June 11-16, 2017. For more information, please follow this [link](#).

### **Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN**

We will be taking a trip to Gatlinburg, TN July 5-13, 2017 to assist in their recovery from wildfires. This trip is for all rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and outgoing 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Late last year, wildfires destroyed many homes and businesses in Gatlinburg. There are many groups coming in to help with clean up and recovery, and we know there will be plenty of work for us to do, we just don't know the details yet. However, as soon as we have them, we will post them on our website. If you are interested in going, please contact Teresa Brown at 608-791-2652 to be added to the list. Please know spots will fill up quickly.

### **Regional Youth Rallies and Retreats**

- The Rally in Eau Galle will be held Sunday, May 7, 2017.

For more information about both of these awesome events, please follow this [link](#).

### **NET Retreats**

We have confirmed that the NET Team will be in our diocese September 23-28, 2017. More information will be coming soon. Once we do have more information, you may find it by going to this [link](#).

### **National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)**

The biannual National Catholic Youth Conference is coming up held November 16-19, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN. This is an incredible conference for young people where they will get to

experience their faith with thousands of teens from all over the country and even other parts of the world. We do realize that this is the weekend after the 2017 Immersion Retreat, that said, think of NCYC as "The Next Step" for your youth that are looking for something more to continue the journey began at Immersion Retreat.

John Schmitt, the Director of Faith Formation and Youth Minister at St. Anne Parish in Wausau is the organizing Chairperson for our Diocese of La Crosse Delegation.

To see more information and to register your Parish/School for NCYC, check out Wausau Deanery Website: <http://cw-catholics.org/ncyc/>

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