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Officials

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

The Reverend **Albert Joseph Saleth**, with the permission of The Most Reverend Dr. George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore in India, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Schofield, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Emmanuel Kofi Asamoah-Bekoe**, currently serving in the Diocese of Superior, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Mary's Assumption Parish in Durand, Holy Rosary Parish in Lima, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Mondovi, with residence at Holy Rosary Parish rectory in Lima, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Janusz A. Kowalski**, Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua, is appointed Pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Wisconsin Rapids and St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Rudolph, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **David P. Bruener**, Pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Wisconsin Rapids and St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Rudolph, is appointed Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Prairie du Chien, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Robert C. Thorn**, Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish and St. Matthew Parish, both in Wausau, is released from his responsibilities as Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, retaining his appointment as Pastor of St. Matthew Parish, where his residence remains, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Peter J. Kieffer**, Associate Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish and St. Matthew Parish, both in Wausau, and Chaplain at Newman Middle School, Wausau, is released from his responsibilities as Associate Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish and his residence remains at St. Matthew rectory, effective July 2, 2019. He is also appointed Chaplain at Newman High School in Wausau, effective July 2, 2019.

The Very Reverend **Samuel A. Martin**, Pastor of John the Baptist Parish in Marshfield and Christ the King Parish in Spencer, and Dean of the Marshfield Deanery, is appointed Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Wausau, with residence at the parish rectory, and is released from his responsibilities as Dean of the Marshfield Deanery, effective July 2, 2019.

The Very Reverend **James C. Weighner**, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Prairie du Chien and Dean of the Prairie du Chien Deanery, is appointed Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Marshfield and Christ the King Parish in Spencer, with residence at St. John the Baptist Parish rectory in Marshfield, and is released from his responsibilities as Dean of the Prairie du Chien Deanery, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Gregory A. Michaud**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia and Immaculate Conception Parish in Custer, is appointed Pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Milladore, St. Michael Parish in Junction City and St. Bartholomew Parish in Mill Creek, with residence at St. Wenceslaus Parish rectory in Milladore, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Joseph C. Nakwah**, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Rock Falls and St. Joseph Parish in Elk Mound, is appointed Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Halder and Sacred Heart Parish in Cassel, with residence at St. Patrick Parish rectory in Halder, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Timothy J. Welles**, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph's Ridge and St. Peter Parish in Middle Ridge, is appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Elk Mound and St. Joseph Parish in Rock Falls, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **John Ofori-Domah**, Pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Milladore, St. Michael Parish in Junction City, and St. Bartholomew Parish in Mill Creek, is appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Kendall, St. Patrick Parish in Elroy and St. John the Baptist in Wilton, with residence at St. Joseph Parish rectory in Kendall, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Alan M. Guanella**, upon completion of graduate studies in canon law, is appointed Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia and Immaculate Conception Parish in Custer, with residence at Sacred Heart Parish rectory in Polonia, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Jerzy Rebacz**, who has been appointed as Judicial Vicar of the Matrimonial Tribunal effective July 2, 2019, is also appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph's Ridge and St. Peter Parish in Middle Ridge, with residence at Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Charles J. Richmond**, Associate Pastor of St. Bronislava Parish in Plover and Chaplain at Pacelli Middle School and High School in Stevens Point, is appointed Parochial Administrator of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Jeffrey W. Hennes**, Pastor of St. Adalbert Parish in Rosholt and St. Mary Parish in Torun, is appointed Pastor of St. Stephen Parish and St. Joseph Parish, both in Stevens Point, with residence at St. Stephen Parish rectory, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Fernando E. Lara Hernandez**, Associate Pastor of St. Joseph Parish and Stephen Parish, both in Stevens Point, is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Sparta and St. John the Baptist Parish in Summit Ridge, with residence at St. Patrick Parish rectory in Sparta, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar**, Associate Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Sparta and St. John the Baptist Parish in Summit Ridge, is released from his responsibilities at the parishes and is assigned to full-time language studies, effective July 2, 2019.

Deacon **Brandon A. Guenther**, upon his ordination to the priesthood, is appointed as Associate Pastor of St. Bronislava Parish in Plover and Chaplain at Pacelli Middle School and High School in Stevens Point, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 2, 2019.

Deacon **Ethan J. Hokamp**, upon his ordination to the priesthood, is appointed as Associate Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Chippewa Falls and St. Peter Parish in Tilden; and Chaplain at McDonell Middle School and High School in Chippewa Falls, with residence at St. Charles Borromeo Parish rectory in Chippewa Falls, effective July 2, 2019.

Deacon **Thomas J. Tierney**, Deacon at Holy Name of Jesus Parish and St. Matthew Parish, both in Wausau is released from his responsibilities at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, effective July 2, 2019.



Events

As of May 7

Thursday, May 9

12:00pm Catholic School Presidents' Meeting - May 9 - 10

Friday, May 10

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - May 10 - 11

Saturday, May 118:00am ****CLOSED** Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau **CLOSED******Wednesday, May 15**

10:00am Advisory Council Meeting - Tomah

Friday, May 17

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - May 17 - 18

Saturday, May 18

8:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Durand

8:30am Catholic Scout Retreat - Sparta

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day - Curia Offices Closed

Friday, June 7

7:00pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Chippewa Falls - June 7 - 8

Tuesday, June 11

Curriculum Workshop - Marathon - June 11.-.13

Friday, June 14

Dare to Follow - La Crosse - June 14 - 16

Monday, June 17

1:00pm Vocations Golf Outing - Onalaska

Wednesday, June 19

7:00pm Living, Dying and the Power of Presence

Saturday, June 22

Religious Freedom Week - June 22 - 29

10:00am Ordination to the Priesthood - Live Stream

10:00am Ordination to the Priesthood - La Crosse

Sunday, June 23

Adventure Camp Week 1 - Mason - June 23 - 28

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, diolc.org/calendar, please send an email to datebook@diolc.org. Make sure you include the following details; date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost, etc. If you have any questions, please call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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BULLETIN INSERT for May 19 [click here](#)

We need to stay intently focused on Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, this rather key moment in His saving work. The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, including His Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension, stands at the center of our Christian faith.

Witnesses for Christ Conference – August 9-10

We would like to encourage you to bring your catechists to the annual Conference to receive practical training for spiritually accompanying children, young people and adults on their path to Jesus. We are handing on the teachings of the Church, but is it being translated into an opportunity to make a decision for Christ? Father Lou Molinelli, SDB, will present on the "Preventative System" of St. John Bosco, who spiritually accompanied up to 600 boys at a time and produced saints such as St. Dominic Savio. [Click here](#) for further details, to register online and to print a downloadable brochure.

FREE Clergy Study Day sponsored by the Courage Apostolate

Wednesday, July 17 will be a day of presentations for priests, deacons and seminarians at University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. The topics as they relate to same-sex attractions include:

- Catholic anthropology and sexual ethics
- Insights from psychology
- Sexual identity confusion (gender dysphoria)
- Testimony
- Preaching
- Pastoral care

The Courage and EnCourage Conference will follow beginning Thursday, July 18 through Sunday, July 21. A fee will be charged for conference registration. Click here for [Conference page, brochure](#) (schedule and speakers), [video on benefits of clergy attendance](#)

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Office for Communications

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Congratulations to our new transitional deacons!

Please share the Catholic Life story on your parish Facebook.

<https://catholiclife.diolc.org/2019/05/06/four-men-ordained-as-transitional-deacons/>

You will find an image gallery and Mass recording at this link.

The May/June Issue of Catholic Life Magazine will be arriving at your parish later this week. [Click here](#) to get an electronic preview copy.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Natural Family Planning Requirement – What are the engaged couples saying?

Since Bishop William Patrick Callahan made instruction in Natural Family Planning a required part of marriage preparation just over a year ago, we have been eliciting feedback from engaged couples as they exit the course. We wanted to share the good news with you that, even if this requirement meets some resistance at the front end of the process, most couples find the course a worthwhile and even enlightening experience. Click [here](#) to read the full report.

Safe Haven Sunday Evaluation – Have you given us your feedback?

If you have not provided us with your input on Safe Haven Sunday, please do immediately. Click [here](#) to access the form.

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Office for Ministries

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

Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin:

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall – Registration underway!

Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2019. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See brochure, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in June

Applications are still 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 by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick, conducting a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on weekdays when a priest is unavailable, and leading parishioners in prayer at times of illness or death. In nursing homes or healthcare facilities, when no priest is available, they may also conduct a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. Completion of the Lay Formation Institute is a prerequisite for acceptance into the Leader of Prayer program, and candidates must be sponsored by their pastors. For complete information, visit www.diolc.org/ministries and click on "Leader of Prayer."

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Office for Missions

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

World Mission Sunday is not until October, but parish WMS 2019 envelope orders need to be submitted by **May 20**. They can be requested in amounts of 100, 250, 500, and 1,000. Additional posters may also be requested. Please email mapel@diolc.org by May 20 if there are any changes to last year's parish amounts or shipment details. Thank you for your generous prayers and support to the Missions!

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Optional Memorial of Saint Paul VI, May 29

From the USCCB: On January 25, 2019, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saint Paul VI, Pope, into the General Roman Calendar. St. Paul is celebrated each year as an Optional Memorial on May 29.

The proper liturgical texts were released by the Holy See in [Latin](#); English and Spanish translations must be approved by the USCCB and confirmed by the Holy See before they can be implemented in the United States. Below are interim liturgical guidelines for the celebration of St. Paul VI:

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: At the Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, and Evening Prayer, use the psalmody of the day. Other elements from the Psalter of the day or the *Common of Pastors: For a Pope*.

ROMAN MISSAL: *From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope*.

LECTIONARY FOR MASS: Aside from the usual Mass readings of the day, any Lectionary readings from the *Common of Pastors: For a Pope* may be used for St. Paul VI. The following readings are also recommended by the Holy See, and will appear in a future edition of the *Lectionary for Mass*. (Current citations from the Lectionary's Common of Pastors are provided for convenience.) *From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope, or:*

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 (no. 722-4): *Woe to me if I do not preach it!*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 (no. 721-5): *R/. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.*

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 1:17 (no. 723-3): *Come after me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.*

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19 (no. 724-4): *You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.*

Registration of Confirmation—more than one Parish

When Confirmation is conferred upon persons from two or more parishes at one ceremony, the official records are made at the parish where Confirmation was celebrated. The parish of registration is to record an unofficial copy in their records. The parish of registration will send notification to the parish of Baptism. See the [Handbook for Sacramental Records](#) (p.15) for more information.

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Office for Safe Environment

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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 Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@diolc.org

Proverbs 11:14 “Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in abundance of counselors there is safety.”

If you ever have questions about the Safe Environment Program, feel free to contact Teresa at 608-791-2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

The Safe Environment Poster has been updated. The new posters say Deacon Tom Skemp on the bottom. If your Parish or School needs more posters they can be printed off the Diocesan website or mailed to you.

Next week is the middle of May already. School and CCD programs will be ending soon. If you have not turned in your 2018-19 Safe Environment report, do so as soon as possible. You don't want to try to track down missing information in July!

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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Advocate for the Protection of Infants Born Alive after Attempted Abortion in Wisconsin
[Click here to learn how.](#)

Reminder: Farmer Hotline for Help & Hope

Currently, there is a crisis in farming: historic low margins and high rates of suicide. There is help and hope. The Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection's Wisconsin Farm Center offers a hotline for farmers looking for advice – everything from financial to succession planning for the future. The hotline is available weekdays from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at [1-800-942-2474](tel:1-800-942-2474)

Prayers of the Faithful – please use these prayers during the month of May

For all property owners, from large scale to garden plots, may they grow as good stewards, God's gift of the land. We pray ...

For all people to more clearly see the presence of God through creation that surrounds them, may they cherish that gift and approach it with great respect. We pray ...

For those in conflict over land use policies, may they resolve conflicts peacefully, recognizing the Lord's presence in people on both sides of the issue. We pray ...

For the ability of public officials to form land use policies that take into consideration the well-being of all God's creation, not merely profits. We pray ...

For ability to grow in "Love of Neighbor;" whenever we gather for county, city, and town meetings, may we do so with mutual respect, recognizing the dignity of all people. We pray ...

For future generations, that environmental policies enacted today protect water, air, and land for children and creatures born tomorrow. We pray ...

For the grace to live more simply and in harmony with the world around us that in doing so we may discover God in beauty, goodness and the order of creation. We pray ...

For the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, that following his example we may give praise to God through the gift of our time, listening to the songs of creation and appreciating all that God has done throughout the seasons of the year. We pray ...

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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We have a video "[Labor of Love](#)" on our website and it has been put on our diocesan Facebook, which you can share through Facebook, MyParish App, Instagram, Twitter, and post on your website. Please share the [Labor of Love](#) video during the next few weeks. This message shows how we are enhancing our relationship with Jesus every day.

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Office for Temporalities

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The Priests' Salary Schedule 2019-2020 is now available on the Diocese of La Crosse website. Please use this for planning/budgeting for the upcoming fiscal year.

You may access the salary schedule [here](#).

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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 the daily living of our vocation may transform our suffering world into a place of love, justice and peace.

Dare to Follow retreat June 14-16, 2019.

[Click here](#) for the flyer and registration form.

Threshold retreat July 12-14, 2019.

[Click here](#) for the flyer and registration form.

This [medical release form](#) will also need to be filled out for anyone participating in either Dare to Follow or Threshold retreats.

Come, Follow Days - July 1-2, 2019

Girls ages 9-12 - Are you interested in having some fun while learning about Jesus? Come join the sisters at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation this July 1-2, 2019. Visit www.materredemptoris.org for more information and to register. Questions? Please contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com. Registration will remain open until June 24th or until all spots are filled. Please promote at your parish using [this poster](#).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/857818687894435/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Anointed High School Retreat - June 2-6, 2019

Come join the Sisters at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation for a week that will change your life!

When: June 2-6, 2019

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse

Who: Young ladies in high school

Cost: \$150

Registration and more information: www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Call or email Sr. M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com.

Please promote this event at your parish using [this poster](#).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/404741650361792/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Reminder: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Brandon Guenther and Deacon Ethan Hokamp will be on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/328895707985585/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Reminder: Save the Date: 1st Annual Golf Outing to support vocations will be at Cedar Creek Golf Course in Onalaska on Monday, June 17, 2019. 18-hole, 4 person teams.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1000963323447219/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Upcoming Dates and Events for 2019 & 2020:

Priest Unity Days June 20-22, 2019 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center – La Crosse, WI. The Presenter is Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens. The theme is: “Remain in me...for without me you can do nothing” (Jn 15) - Human and Spiritual Growth for Fruitful Priestly Ministry. Look for the invitation in your email. Those without email will receive an invitation by USPS.

Deacons and Wives afternoon with the Bishop - Holy Cross Diocesan Center, August 10, 2019.

Fall Clergy Conference October 14-15, 2019 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center, Presenter is Fr. Sean Kilcawley.

Fall Clergy Conference October 12-13, 2020.

Letters of Suitability. If you will be traveling outside of the Diocese of La Crosse and plan to do more than attend Mass, please contact Paula at pboyle@diolc.org for your letter. Celebrets are for travel outside of the United States and are done by Maryjo Wilson in the Chancery Office, mwilson@diolc.org

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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