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### Officials

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

The Reverend **Alan P. Wierzba**, Director of the Office for Vocations, is also appointed temporary Parochial Administrator at St. Peter Parish at Middle Ridge and St. Joseph Parish at St. Joseph's Ridge, effective June 16, 2017.

The Reverend **G. Valentine Joseph**, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids is also appointed as *vicar forane* of the Wisconsin Rapids Deanery to complete the term of the Reverend James T. Altman who has been assigned outside of the deanery, effective June 29, 2017.

The Reverend **Justin J. Kizewski**, Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Chippewa Falls and St. Bridget Parish in Springfield, is also appointed as *vicar forane* of the Chippewa Falls Deanery to complete the term of Monsignor Mark R. Pierce who has been assigned outside of the deanery, effective June 29, 2017.



### Events

As of June 27<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday, July 4**

Independence Day-- Curia Office Closed

**Wednesday, July 5**

Mission America - Pigeon Forge, TN - July 5-13

**Sunday, July 9**

Adventure Camp (Week 3) - Mason, WI - July 9-14

Totus Tuus - Polonia and Custer, WI - July 9-15

**Friday, July 14**

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse Deanery - July 14-15

Threshold Retreat, La Crosse - July 14-16

7:00pm Leader of Prayer - Marathon - July 14-15

**Sunday, July 16**

Totus Tuus - Stanley, WI - July 16-22

**Tuesday, July 18**

Come, Follow Days for Girls 9-13 - La Crosse - July 18-19

**Sunday, July 23**

50th Jubilee Celebration - Altoona, WI

Totus Tuus - Marshfield - July 23-29

**Friday, July 28**

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - July 28-29

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## Chancery Office

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We will not be publishing the *Chancery Bulletin* next week due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. The next publication will be Tuesday, July 11.

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[Bulletin Insert for the weekend of July 16 click here](#)



### Relationship with GOD More than Just SUNDAY

What does the Church teach about Mary as the Immaculate Conception?

The Catholic Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of Mary with gratitude. This teaching, which was defined infallibly by Pope Pius IX in 1854, states:  
  
The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the foreseen merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.  
  
We need to realize that, although this dogma was solemnly proclaimed in 1854, its truth existed from the very moment of the conception of Mary, and its understanding was growing in the heart of the Church from her beginning. There are references dating from as early as the third century to Mary as immaculate – "she who is without sin".

In Scripture as the "New Adam," the early Church Fathers continuously referred to Mary as the "New Eve", even as the Church does today.  
  
Was Mary free to say "no" to God, just as Eve was free to choose for or against God's expressed will? Yes! It was her very personal, freely chosen response to God that brought the Saviour into the world, thus opening the opportunity for every human being since to give his/her personal response to God's offer of salvation, the gift of Himself in the Person of Jesus. We must remember that God had been rejected by humankind. He was coming in all again in the person of Mary. God will not violate the free will of anyone. He will not force Himself or His plan upon us. He required our consent, "submitted" Himself, if you will, to our permission as to whether or not we would receive Him and participate in His plan. Mary can

"What does the Church Teach about Mary as the Immaculate Conception" is the third in a series of six bulletin inserts to help readers recognize Mary's important role in God's plan for salvation. This series is in conjunction with the bulletin inserts regarding the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, Portugal.

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### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

If your parish should receive a different quantity of campaign materials (collection envelopes and bulletin inserts) for the 2018 RFR collection, please contact Sr. Donna Krzmarzick at [dkrzmarzick@diolc.org](mailto:dkrzmarzick@diolc.org) by **July 28, 2017**. Your collaboration minimizes printing and shipping expenses, thus directing more donations to the support of elderly religious. *Please keep in mind that quantity changes will first take effect for the December 2018 campaign and not for the next collection in December 2017.* God reward you!

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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### NFP Education Requirement Begins December 3, 2017

Bishop Callahan asks that all engaged couples receiving marriage preparation in the Diocese of La Crosse who are within childbearing years take a full course of NFP. [Click here](#) to download the requirement. [Click here](#) to download the compendium of questions and responses regarding the requirement.

### Bulletin Announcement - Retrouvaille

#### The Next Retrouvaille Weekend is August 11-13, 2017

To receive confidential information or to register for the upcoming program call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673), or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). This weekend event is at the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin.

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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](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 Stewardship & Development

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### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

#### STRATEGIC STEWARDSHIP PLANNING

For your planning needs, the next year's annual appeal kick off weekends are the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of September, September 23-24, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of October, October 14-15. Please consult with your councils and committees to decide which weekend works best for you to kick off the upcoming Diocesan Annual Appeal.

**FINAL REMINDER:** The year-end for the Diocesan Annual Appeal: *Sharing the Promise of Mercy* is June 30, 2017.

The Office for Stewardship and Development must receive the gift by June 30, 2017, to be included this year's annual appeal. We will credit all gifts received on or after July 01, 2017 to next year's Diocesan Annual Appeal.

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

**REMINDER:** Online Giving is available for Diocesan Annual Appeal on the web page of the Office for Stewardship and Development at <https://diolc.org/donate-online/>. Feel free to post this link on your website and in your bulletin. It is quick, safe, secure, and easy to use.

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## Office for Temporalities

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### School Asbestos Federal Compliance Information

Asbestos federal compliance is required for all public, non-profit, charter and schools affiliated with religious institutions. Each active school is federally required to have a 3-year inspection to identify asbestos-containing material. These schools include parish schools, unified school systems, early childhood programs, daycares, Head Start programs, or

charter/academy schools. This includes leasing the facility out to any of the above mentioned school programs.

With the assistance of a diocesan environmental consultant, each active school program is federally required to prepare management plans and to take action to prevent or reduce asbestos hazards. Each school is to have a Designated Asbestos Person or Designated Asbestos Coordinator as the lead contact for asbestos coordination, management plans and inspections.

**Please contact the Office of Diocesan Buildings and Grounds if any of the following situations apply to the unified school system or parish school:**

- The school or childcare program is closed and needs to be removed from the asbestos inspection schedule.
- If you are not sure if the school or parish operation is required to have a federal asbestos inspection.

**IMPORTANT:** Annual asbestos billing for the 2017-2018 fiscal year will be on the August statements. Please update the Diocesan Buildings and Grounds office with any school openings or closings that may have occurred since your last asbestos billing.

If you have any further questions regarding asbestos federal compliance for your facility, please contact Kathy Haverland at 608-791-2692.

### **REMIDNER: Construction Season**

Just a reminder all of the needed forms for your building projects are located on the Diocesan website under Offices and Ministries - Buildings and Grounds. All projects over \$5,000 need a standard contract review. Do not sign contracts until properly reviewed and you have received the letter of approval from our office. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Haverland at 608-791-2692.

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### **Office for Vocations**

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