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A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Please join me on Sunday, October 7, 2018, for the closing Mass celebrating our Diocesan Sesquicentennial. This Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. Immediately following Mass, there will be an Open House reception at the La Crosse Center Ballroom ending at 3 p.m. At the Open House you will have a chance to meet representatives from the Offices of Ministry and learn about the impact they are having in our diocese. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special day as we celebrate 150 years of Building Upon A Tradition of Catholic Faith.

For more information visit diolc.org/150



Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Sept. 18

Wednesday, September 19

10:00am Advisory Council meeting - Tomah

10:00am **Rural Life Day Bishop's Mass and Celebration - De Soto****Friday, September 21**

9:00am Service Learning In-Service - Chippewa Falls

Saturday, September 22

Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1 - Sept. 22-23

Wednesday, September 26**Rural Life Day - diocese wide day of thanksgiving for blessings received****Friday, September 28**

Sept Report Staffing and Enrollment Questions due date

9:00am Helping the Digital Natives Communicate Kindly - La Crosse

Monday, October 1

7:00pm Raise Them Well Webinar - Personal Maturity

Thursday, October 4**Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the diocese**10:30am **Sesquicentennial - Mass for Neighboring State and Regional Clergy - Live Stream****Friday, October 5**

Sept Report survey due date

9:00am Continued Classroom Improvement - Plover

Sunday, October 7

Pro Life Sunday

10:30am **Sesquicentennial - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman Mass followed by a reception at the La Crosse Center**10:30am **Sesquicentennial - Closing Mass for the People of the Diocese of La Crosse - Live Stream****Monday, October 8**12:00pm **Fall Clergy Days - La Crosse - October 8-9****Saturday, October 13**

Annual Appeal Kickoff 2 - Oct. 13-14

Tuesday, October 16

10:00am High School Principals' meeting - Eau Claire

6:00pm **What Men & Women Want and How the Church Can Help - La Crosse**6:30pm **White Mass - Live Stream**[<<Top >>](#)**Chancery Office**Chancellor Very Rev. William Dhein – 608-791-2655 | wdhein@diolc.org**Annual Mass Counts.**

The Annual Mass Counts will be conducted again this year during the month of October. Please find more information and the form [here](#).

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Going Deeper in Prayer starting at Home [Click here](#) for resources

We are very excited to provide an initiative that has been requested over the last five years by Catholic School teachers, DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers, parents, priests, and most notably, students. “Going Deeper: A Specific Focus on One Prayer at each Grade Level” is the title of this initiative.

Many prayers and ways of praying are taught each year, and that needs to continue. However, there is a need for parents, children, young people and indeed, all of us who hand on the Faith, to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus through greater understanding of **one** prayer. This focus on one prayer for each grade level throughout the year will provide greater meaning of the words and, through times of silence, will facilitate encounters with the Person of Christ.

Adult Bible Studies and Ongoing Formation [Click here](#) for an extensive list

“Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray.” (*Catechism* paragraph 2226) Therefore, adult formation is essential. The following recommended resources have been well received in parishes and schools.

- *WHO AM I TO JUDGE? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love* by Edward Sri
8-part study program. Available for free rental from Office for Catechesis and Evangelization
- *OREMUS* (Latin for Let Us Pray) by Father Mark Toups; 8 sessions, 30-minute DVD presentation and discussion, free DVD rental; workbooks \$15 each.
- *Living the Discerning Life: The Spiritual Teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola* by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. This Program is for all who desire greater awareness of God’s action in their daily spiritual lives. DVD’s available for free rental
- *Blessed Are You: Living the Beatitudes* by Christopher Ruff; 6 sessions (book) with inspiring real-life stories that illustrate each Beatitude, providing relevance to life.

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Promoting our upcoming events in your parish

Please help us spread the word about these three events. We have promotional posters, fliers and website information to help you inform your parish family. Let us know if you need anything else.

- **Raise Them Well** Parenting Webinar Series | Begins Oct 1st. For more information, go to: diolc.org/webinars Here is a [flier](#) for your use.
- **White Mass and Presentation** | What Men and Women Really Want and How the Church Can Help – Oct. 16th. For more information, go to: diolc.regfox.com/white-mass
- **Men of the Cross Conference** | October 27th. For more information, go to: menofthecross.org

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Permanent Deacon Ordination Oct. 27

Five men will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Callahan on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. They are Thomas Anderson of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, Kevin Breit of St. Paul Parish in Mosinee, Kent Jacobson of St. Mary Parish in Galesville, Michael Lambrecht of St. Therese Parish in Rothschild, and Richard Skifton of Sacred Heart Parish in Nekoosa. A reception at La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza, will follow the Mass.

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Upcoming Liturgical Calendar Dates

September 26 (Wednesday): Rural Life Day, day of thanksgiving for blessings received. Prayer texts from *The Mass for Various Needs and Occasions: After the Harvest* (n.28) can be used with Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. The readings may be taken from *After the Harvest* in the Lectionary (n.20), numbers 917-921. The *Gloria* also ought to be said.

October 7 (Sunday): Diocesan Sesquicentennial closing Mass, 10:30, Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. Tickets are not required; all are encouraged to attend. Please go to diolc.org/150 to RSVP by September 20.

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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

Please go to the Safe Environment website to print the most current [forms](#). The basic background check form was updated on July 1, 2018. If you need fingerprint cards or if you are unable to print from the website, please contact Teresa Brown at 608-791-2679. All forms, posters, pamphlets or books you need will be mailed to your parish or school.

The Safe Environment Page on the Diocese of La Crosse website has been updated. The [Safe Environment Page](#) on the Diocese of La Crosse's website has been updated. To use the [online training](#), click on Program Training and pick your ministry group. Then click Complete the Safe Environment Training to go to the online training link.

All Safe Environment forms are now located in one spot- in the Library under [Safe Environment Forms](#).

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Office for Social Concerns

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Reminder: Pastors – Second Collection to assist Catholic Charities with Flood Relief in the Diocese

Bishop Callahan asks that all parishes hold a second collection on one of the weekends this month to assist Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse in the flood relief efforts that are underway in the southern counties of the diocese. The need is great. Please ask the faithful to make their checks payable to your parish. Your parish should then send a single check for the total amount payable to the Diocese of La Crosse, with "Flood Relief" on the memo line, and we will forward the funds to Catholic Charities.

Rural Life Day Bishop's Mass and Celebration

Wednesday, September 19, the Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 38th annual Rural Life Day on the Wall-Stone Holsteins farm, owned and operated by the family of Dr. AnneMarie Elwing, Kevin, Emil & William Walleser, located at S7414 Fortner Rd., De Soto, WI, 54624. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan and is followed by awards, recognitions, blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by the women of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa. For a [brochure](#), visit www.diolc.org/rural-life and click on the designated link. For more information, contact Dan Kitzhaber, Rural Life Committee Liaison, dkitzhaber@diolc.org.

Attn: Pastors and Parish Respect Life Representatives

Respect Life Sunday/Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month and Sunday, Oct. 7, is Respect Life Sunday. A wealth of educational and liturgical resources (including flyers, bulletin blurbs, and inserts, graphic designs, intercessions and homily ideas) are available at the [USCCB Respect Life website](#).

Reminder - For Your Bulletin:

Roe v. Wade on the Brink? – Gospel of Life Presentation by Ben Nguyen

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m., Ben Nguyen will keynote the annual [Gospel of Life Celebration](#) at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in La Crosse. Ben, past Chancellor of the Diocese of La Crosse, will explain what we should know about the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling that is so much in the news with the Supreme Court nomination battle. Ben will answer questions like: How was *Roe v. Wade* decided? How does it square with the Constitution? Is it likely to be overturned? Ben is both a civil and canon lawyer and serves as Chancellor and Canonical Counsel for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church preceding the talk.

Reminder – Pastors and Parish Respect Life Representatives

Flyer/Poster on Gospel of Life talk by Ben Nguyen

Please post prominently in your parish the [flyer/poster on the Oct. 23 Gospel of Life Celebration](#), featuring Ben Nguyen speaking on “*Roe v. Wade* on the Brink?” Ben, formerly Chancellor for the Diocese of La Crosse, will address what every Catholic should know about the infamous ruling that has been constantly in the news with the current Supreme Court nomination battle.

Reminder – Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns and Respect Life Representatives

Faithful Citizenship Resources

The Bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference have prepared a set of excellent, concise resources on Forming Catholics for Faithful Citizenship. The principles outlined are especially important as we enter another election season. The resources – in both English and Spanish – can be accessed at www.diolc.org/faithful-citizenship. Consider linking to your parish website, and also the possibility of using them as bulletin inserts.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Annual Appeal

If you would like to order a banner for your MyParishApp stand for this year’s appeal, please click [Banner order](#). The banner only with shipping is \$49. The stand only with shipping is \$99.

Parish packets which included the in-pew pledge cards, thermometer posters, priest posters, etc. were mailed out last week. If you haven’t received your packet, please call Sarah at 608-791-2653 ASAP.

The Appeal video on DVD will be mailed out this week. The video is also available electronically on the DAA Appeal Portal website <http://diolc.org/stewardship/appeal-portal/> and the main diocesan website <http://diolc.org/stewardship/>.

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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 we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world as we discern where our Lord is calling us to serve.

Reminder: For Your Bulletin - Trivia Night with the Sisters!

Come, have a "Blast from the Past" at the Mater Redemptoris House of Formation Trivia Night Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and we'll provide the fun, the appetizers and drinks. Brush up on your 40s through 90s Trivia. Categories include literature, sports, movie, inventions, Religion, and the great state of Wisconsin. *Not into trivia? Not to worry!* You can volunteer or donate a basket. For more information and registration, visit www.materredemptoris.org or call Sr. M. Mercedes at 608-788-4530.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Upcoming Dates and Events for 2018 & 2019:

Fall Clergy Conference - Holy Cross Diocesan Center October 8-9, 2018

Photo booth will be available so you can update your photo - bring your alb and stole. Please rsvp by October 1, 2018. All available guest rooms at the Diocesan Center have been reserved.

Priest Retreat April 29-30 and May 1-3, 2019

Priest Unity Days June 20-22, 2019

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

Fall Clergy Conference October 14-15, 2019

Mass Stipend Change:

Did you know that as of July 1, 2018, there was a change in the Mass Stipend paid to priests helping out at your parish? Weekend and Holy Day Masses have increased from \$35.00 to \$40.00, Weekday Mass have changed from \$10.00 to \$25.00.



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