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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 and Parochial Administrator of St. Peter Parish in Middle Ridge and St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph's Ridge, is released from his responsibilities as Parochial Administrator at the parishes, effective October 1, 2017. He retains his appointment as Director of the Office for Vocations.

The Reverend Monsignor **Robert P. Hundt**, Judicial Vicar, is also appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Peter Parish in Middle Ridge and St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph's Ridge, effective October 1, 2017. He retains his appointment as Judicial Vicar.

The Reverend **D. Joseph Redfern**, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Necedah and Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Castle Rock Lake, is appointed Pastor of St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in Colby, effective October 12, 2017.

The Reverend **Robert M. Letona**, Pastor of St. Paul Parish in New Lisbon, St. James Parish in Camp Douglas and St. Michael Parish in Indian Creek, is appointed Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Necedah and Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Castle Rock Lake, effective October 12, 2017.



Events

As of Sept. 26

Tuesday, September 26

7:00pm Webinar - Financially Challenged? Need Guidance?

Friday, September 29

Science and Faith Conference - La Crosse

Sunday, October 1

Respect Life Sunday

Monday, October 2

7:00pm Webinar - Prepare to Care - How to Give Care to Another and Thrive

Tuesday, October 3

10:00am Webinar - Prepare to Care - How to Give Care to Another and Thrive

Wednesday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the Diocese

9:00am Parish Round Table - Tomah

2:00pm Parish Round Table - Boyd

Thursday, October 5

9:00am Parish Round Table - Mosinee

2:00pm Parish Round Table - Stevens Point

Friday, October 6

6:00pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Independence - Oct 6-7

Monday, October 9

12:00pm Fall Clergy Days - La Crosse - Oct 9-Oct 10

Tuesday, October 10

10:00am Presidents' meeting - Marshfield

Wednesday, October 11

10:00am High School Principals' meeting - Wausau

Thursday, October 12

6:00pm Gospel for Life - Marathon

Sunday, October 15

7:00am Annual Appeal Kickoff 2 - Oct 14-15

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Annual Mass Counts.

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

Planning Ahead

The Chancery office often receives a rush of prenuptial matters during Priest Unity Days and the Fall Clergy Conference. We welcome handling these matters. It is helpful if these requests and their documents are mailed to us before these events to give us a little more time to respond. You may request to pick up your paperwork during these events or we can mail it and have it on your desk when you return to your parish. Anytime you need assistance we are willing to help.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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BULLETIN INSERT for the weekend of October 8 [click here](#)

“The Sixth Apparition and the Miracle of the Sun” explains the events for the October apparition of Mary at Fatima.

The Church exists to evangelize!

(See *Evangelization in the Modern World* n. 14 / *General Directory for Catechesis* n. 46)

[Click here](#) for a list of “Evangelization Tools for the Parish.”

REMINDER: Catechetical Leader Suggested Calendar [click here](#)

This calendar lists key dates for the year. It is in a Word format so that local events can also be included.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Men of the Cross Conference Promotion

Please widely distribute [this flier](#) promoting the Men of the Cross conference to be held on October 28 in Chippewa Falls, by either adding it to your next bulletin or by making copies available in the pews. Click [here](#) to download a copy of the flier.

FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory

It has come to our attention that several parishes are using an outdated version of the FOCCUS pre-marriage inventory. If you are using a paper version of the inventory, you are most likely using the outdated version. Because this inventory does not properly address key issues facing engaged couples, it should not be used. Please contact Dan Kitzhaber at mprep@diolc.org and work on a plan to update your FOCCUS inventory as soon as possible.

Webinar on Preparing to Care: How to Give Care and Flourish

October 2nd at 7PM or October 3rd at 10AM

Are you taking care of an aging loved one, a person with special needs or someone who is terminally ill? Join Deb Kelsey-Davis and Kelly Johnson, the founders of Nourish, for a one hour dialogue on the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of care-giving.

Nourish connects others going through similar experiences of caring for a loved one with practical advice, useful tools and discussions. This webinar will help you navigate caregiving with a Christ-centered view and help you thrive, with joy and holiness, in your caregiver journey.

This webinar is presented twice. Information is the same in both. Register for one or the other by going to diolc.org/marriage/webinars/.

Please share this with all parishioners who are providing care for loved ones.

Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter for October

Click [here](#) to access the October issue of the Teaching the Way of Love newsletter electronically or as a PDF. Please widely distribute it to the parents of your RE and/or your school parents.

National Marriage Encounter Weekend in Eau Claire

A two-day National Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for November 4th - 5th in Eau Claire. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples of all ages and denominations who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend will begin on Saturday morning with 7:30 registration and close on Sunday afternoon by 3:45 pm. For more information contact Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter, 127 E. Mac Arthur Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701; phone at [715-832-3296](tel:715-832-3296), e-mail at rippsk@charter.net or through our website at www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm.

For Your Bulletin: September 30 and October 7

White Mass for Medical Personnel

Bishop Callahan invites everyone to celebrate the White Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6 PM. A dinner will follow at 7:30 PM in the Cargill Room at the Waterfront. Mr. Don Weber, CEO of Logistics Health, will speak on "Integrating Faith in the Workplace." Registration for the Dinner can be found at <http://diolc.org/cma-registration>. Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 10th.

Click [here](#) to download the flier about the White Mass.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Fall Confirmations have begun! 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 of the anticipated date of the ceremony. Any questions in regards to the liturgical celebration can be directed to the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies. Questions about the Confirmation *schedule* should be directed to Debbie Brannon in the Office of the Diocesan Bishop – dbrannon@diolc.org.

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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](http://www.diolc.org). 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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Pastors, Deacons and Parish Social Concerns and Respect Life Representatives:

For reaction of the Wisconsin and U.S. Bishops to President Trump’s decision to end DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), potentially affecting hundreds of thousands of young immigrants, visit www.diolc.org/social-concerns.

October is Respect Life Month, starting with Respect Life Sunday on Oct. 1. For a wealth of downloadable educational resources, tools, Intercessions for Mass, etc., visit the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>. A Respect Life Packet will be made available for pastors and deacons during Fall Clergy Days to avoid prohibitive mailing costs.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN – OCT. 1

Respect Life Sunday/Month – Help Defund Planned Parenthood

As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday and Respect Life Month (October), let us urge our elected officials in Congress to advance legislation ending taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood, whose primary business is abortion. Visit www.diolc.org/respect-life for easy guidelines for contacting Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin, and the U.S. Representative for your district.

REMINDER: FOR YOUR BULLETIN for Oct. 1 and 8

Oct. 12, 2017 – [“What If We’ve Been Wrong?”](#) – The untold story of America’s ‘abortion king,’ Dr. Bernard Nathanson, and one woman’s mission to share his pro-life conversion. Terry Beatley, founder and president of the Hosea Initiative and author of “What If We’ve Been Wrong?”, was sent on a powerful mission by Dr. Nathanson as he lay dying of cancer. Terry will speak at the annual diocesan Gospel of Life Celebration on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Callahan at 6:00 pm, with the talk at 7:00 pm. Location: 712 Market Street, Marathon. Free and open to the public. **See and print FLYER at www.dioc.org/respect-life.**

FOR YOUR BULLETIN – OCT. 1

Pope Francis' Migration Campaign, "Share the Journey"

US Bishops call for Week of Prayer and Action

Pope Francis has just launched a two-year "Share the Journey" campaign to promote the strengthening of relationships between migrants, refugees and communities. The US Bishops have targeted Oct. 7-13 for a "Week of Prayer and Action." As part of this campaign, Kevin Hartigan, Regional V.P. for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will speak to students at Regis High School in Eau Claire about his experiences with CRS on Oct. 13. His talk will be videotaped and posted to the diocesan website. For prayer intentions and parish and personal resources for the "Share the Journey" campaign, visit www.sharejourney.org.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal – *Stewards of Hope*

We have officially kicked off the appeal this last weekend and are now anxiously awaiting the returns. While down at the International Catholic Stewardship Conference in Atlanta GA, a couple of different vendors, throughout the exhibition hall, prominently displayed our material.

If the feedback regarding the quality of the messaging and materials is any indication, we should have a very successful campaign. While the materials whether it is the video, brochures, banners or letters that we mail are essential to introducing of the work the Diocesan Annual Appeal supports, it is our personal engagement with the other, and our personal calls to action that will make the difference. Just getting the information out is just the beginning, we as an individual must continue the conversation and model the call to action.

The October Mailing is just around the corner. We have sent the information to the printers, and we expect proofs back any day to verify the data is reading correctly. The September mailing went fine, so I do not expect any major issues. Our next mailing will be in late October; these will be the individuals from the September mailing who supported the Diocesan Annual Appeal last year but have not responded yet this year.

If you need additional materials for the appeal, please contact Sarah Komperud at skomperud@diolc.org

The discernment of Stewardship whether it is our time, our talents or fundraising for our is hard work. That hard work of discernment is vital to our mission's health; both personally and as a community. Like other health-related efforts, it takes repetitive and continued work and conscious effort. Just as a single sit-up or a single healthy meal does not provide a healthy lifestyle, we can no more expect an isolated weekend or a single announcement to provide success.

To be successful, we should continually proclaim the goodness of the fruits of the Diocesan Annual Appeal; those lives whose hope is replenished through the various ministries supported by annual appeal.

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