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Officials

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

The Very Reverend **Jerzy Rebacz**, Judicial Vicar and Rector of St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, has submitted his resignation as Judicial Vicar and it has been accepted effective September 24, 2019. He retains his appointment as Rector of St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse and his residence will be at the parish rectory.

The Reverend Monsignor **Robert P. Hundt** is appointed Judicial Vicar, effective September 25, 2019.

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Events

As of Oct. 1

Friday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, Secondary Patron of the Diocese

Sunday, October 6

Life Chain

Respect Life Sunday

Tuesday, October 8

5:00pm Vocations Guild Dinner - Wausau

Friday, October 11

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - Oct. 11 - 12

Saturday, October 12

Annual Appeal Kickoff 2 - Oct. 12 - 13

Sunday, October 13

1:00pm Elegant Autumn Tea for Women - Chippewa Falls

Tuesday, October 15

6:00pm Gospel of Life Mass and Presentation - La Crosse

Sunday, October 20

World Mission Sunday

Friday, October 25

5:00pm Fr. Joe's Guild Dinner Benefiting Casa Hogar - La Crosse

Saturday, October 26

Men of the Cross Conference - La Crosse

Friday, November 1

Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, November 2

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield

Friday, November 8

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - Nov. 8 - 9

Fully Alive Immersion Retreat - Wisconsin Dells - Nov. 8 - 10

Saturday, November 9

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Tomah

Thursday, November 21

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) - Indianapolis - Nov. 21 - 23

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, diolc.org/calendar, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, 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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Chancery Office

Reminder: 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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Office for Communications

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Thanks to all who attended the Round Table meetings these past few weeks. All materials discussed at the meetings can be found here: diolc.org/pims/roundtable-meeting-handouts

Reminder: Catholic Cemetery Conference on Wednesday, October 23

There will be a Catholic Cemetery Conference on Wednesday, October 23, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$40 per person. Jeff Reinhart, the Director of Cemeteries, has developed a schedule and will have speakers talking about the many aspects of cemetery care. For more information and to register visit: diolc.org/cemetery-conference-2019/ or contact Jeff at jreinhart1@yahoo.com

Attention all Clergy attending the Fall Ministry Conference – Please be ready to get your picture taken! We will be updating clergy pictures for the webpage diolc.org/parishes during Fall Ministry Conference. Please bring your clerics.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Minnesota Marriage License Fee Reduction

The process and form have been revised to assist couples getting married in Minnesota to receive a \$75 reduction in the fee for a marriage license. You can download the form [here](#) or find it under Step 3 of the webpage for marriage ministers: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation-for-ministers/

Marriage Tip: Sharing a 5-second hug can make a HUGE difference in your marriage. Read more here: aleteia.org/2018/10/07/how-20-seconds-a-day-is-changing-my-marriage/

DRE's, CREs and Principals please print and display in your lobby.

Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter for September

TWL Parent Newsletter for October

The TWL parent newsletter for October is ready for distribution. Click [here](#) to access this month's issue which focuses on having a conversation with your children about God's plan for human sexuality. Thank you for widely distributing this to all of your parents through the church bulletin, school packet or Religious Education information.

For your parish bulletin:

Elegant Autumn Tea - Oct. 13, 1-4pm at the Lilydale Event Venue (new location), 6343 County Hwy N, Chippewa Falls. Enjoy, tea, delicious delicacies and an uplifting presentation by Alice Heinzen. Reservations required. \$20 before Oct. 7 Contact Beth DeCook if you have any questions at edecook@wwt.net or 715-874-4776. Nursing infants welcome.

For your parish bulletin:

Parenting Webinar: Necessary Conversations About Sexuality & Chastity

October 14, 8 p.m., join this one-hour webinar for a solid overview of God's awesome plan for human sexuality and gain insights on identifying the right time and place, dynamic and approach to discuss God's plan for sexuality and chastity with your children.

Register at: twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar/ Join Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen for this necessary conversation.

Reminder - For your parish bulletin:

Women of Christ Conference – West Bend, WI | November 9

Come & See: He delights in you! Speakers include Kimberly Hahn, Steve Ray, and more. Archbishop ListECKI and Bishop HyING will also help celebrate and bring to light the

authenticity and truth of God's gifts just for women. Registration is now open at womenofchrist.net

Reminder - For your parish bulletin:

Men of the Cross Conference

Fifth annual: Theme - "The Father's Way." A special rate is being offered for Father-Son attendees. The conference is held at Aquinas High School in La Crosse on Saturday, October 26, and sure to engage men of all ages. For more details and to register, go to menofthecross.org.

The 2019 **Men of the Cross** conference posters can be downloaded here.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/441782316652184/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

For your parish bulletin:

Bring Love and Mercy to your theater Oct. 28

"Love and Mercy - Faustina", a docudrama on Divine Mercy and the mission of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, will play on Oct. 28 in limited locations, but demand and attendance can expand this. It is currently set to show in the Wausau & La Crosse areas. Contact your local theater to request showings and invite others to do the same. To watch the trailer:

loveandmercyovie.com/ To see locations & purchase tickets:

fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy

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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 (clergy, employee, religious, vendors or volunteers). 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 Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: 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.

During the month of October, each school and parish will receive an email with a spreadsheet of their Safe Environment information and the 2019-2020 Safe Environment Report form. Please be sure that your contact information for Safe Environment is current in Parish Soft so that you receive this information.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Resources for Respect Life Month - October

Abundant resources, including Prayers of the Faithful, bulletin reflections and blurbs, homily helps and much more, in English and Spanish, are available at the U.S. Bishops' website respectlife.org/october.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Gospel of Life Banquet and Mass – Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston St, La Crosse

“Connecting the Dots: Tracing Man’s Broken Image”

Keynote Speaker Fr. Sean Kilcawley will address:

- What are the common roots of violence, abortion, human trafficking, racism, pornography, oppression...? How do we recover human dignity?

Fr. Kilcawley, Director of the Office for Family Life of the Diocese of Lincoln, is renowned for his talks on the Theology of the Body and for his work combatting pornography.

6:00 PM –White Mass (especially honors Catholic healthcare professionals)

7:00 PM – Catered Banquet, followed by Keynote presentation

\$18/person or \$9/students & teachers

Register at diolc.org/GospelofLife – *Deadline Oct. 7*

Questions? Call Office for Ministries & Social Concerns: 608-791-0161.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/341740390034712/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Life Chain Locations – Sunday, Oct. 6 – Come Pray and Bear Witness

Arcadia - Hwy 93 at Hwy 95, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Black River Falls - State Hwy 54, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Eau Claire - Hwy 53 in front of Regis High School, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Friendship - Hwy 13 at Hwy 21, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

La Crosse - Losey Blvd N from La Crosse to Ferry St, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Mauston - behind St Patrick's School, 325 E Mansion St, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Necedah - Hwy 80 at Hwy 21, 1:45 to 4:00 p.m.; meet at Town Hall

Wisconsin Rapids – Riverview Expressway at First St Bridge, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

For Your Parish Bulletin: High School Pro-Life Letter/Video Contest

The Diocese of La Crosse is sponsoring a High School Pro-Life Contest. Students who wish to participate are asked to first watch the pro-life movie *Unplanned* (parental discretion advised) about Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood clinic director whose

conversion is told in the movie. Then they are to either (a) write an essay in the form of a letter to Abby, or (b) create a video as if speaking to Abby.
 For complete guidelines and to enter the contest, visit diolc.org/respect-life and follow [the link there](#).

Help Hurricane Relief Efforts in the Bahamas

Hurricane Dorian has left families homeless and virtually destroyed the land in the Bahamas. Rains and flooding continue to affect relief efforts and communication is limited. Catholic Relief Services—along with local partners—is working quickly to assess immediate needs. Donations help bring relief, in the form of food, emergency shelter, and safe water, to affected families.
 To donate, visit crs.org.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal – Working Together, Sharing the Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is the vital ministry that provides for the temporal needs of 38 different ministries supported by our diocese. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is an invite that provides us one opportunity to participate in the Church’s mission.

With the majority of parishes already starting their year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal efforts, but fewer than last year at this time, we are starting with some promising momentum.

Through September 30, comparing this year (2019-20) with last year (2018-19)

	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019	YTD Difference +/-	
			\$	%
Over-All Goal:	\$5,675,035.00	\$5,675,035.00	-	-
Parishes Kicked Off	83	120	-37	-30.8%
Funds Pledged & Received	\$887,677.73	\$455,157.98	\$432,520.73	95.0%
% Pledged & Received of Goal	15.6%	8.02%	758 basis pts	94.5%
Funds Received	\$748,965.41	\$387,557.98	\$361,407.43	93.3%
% Funds Received of Goal	13.2%	6.8%	640 basis pts	94.1%
Total Investors Participating	3,301	1,853	1,448	78.1%
New Investors	61	41	20	48.9%
Reengaged Investors (SYBUNT)	246	139	107	76.9%
Retained Investors (LYBUNT)	2,994	1,673	1,321	79.0%
Parishes with More Funds Pledged & Received than last year on 9/30			121	

We have many documents and tools to help with your parish’s appeal promotion on the Appeal portal appeal.diolc.org. Please note: We have three different bulletin Ads available, including a fillable one so that you can share your parish’s progress. If you have an idea for

something or would like something designed, please let us know; there may be others who would like to use it too.

Planned Giving – Leaving a Legacy

Is your parish exploring the idea a Capital Campaign, Strategic Planning, interested in Planned Giving, or want to become a Stewardship Parish? If you need ideas to reinvigorate your stewardship journey or would like to share your successes and trials of stewardship, please give the Office for Stewardship and Development a call - we would love the opportunity to serve you.

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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.

In thanksgiving for those marriages, priests, sisters, and brothers who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.

Reminder - For your Parish Bulletin:

Vocations Guild Dinner, St. Michael Church, 611 Stark, Wausau, WI, October 8, 2019.

Adoration at 5:30 p.m., social at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. We ask a \$50 donation per person. The guest speaker is Jim Busta, musician and father of Mollie B of Mollie B's Polka Party on RFT-TV.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Reminder: Fall Ministry Conference October 14-15, 2019

Invitations for the Fall Ministry Conference were emailed on Thursday September 11th

Registration deadline is October 4, 2019. You may click on [this link](#) to register for the conference if you have not already registered - diolc.org/vicarforclergy/fall-ministry-conference-2019

The Conference begins Monday October 14th at noon and ends with lunch on Tuesday October 15th at 12:45 pm at Holy Cross Diocesan Center.

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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