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Officials

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

Deacon **Kevin R. Ray**, Deacon at St. Philip Parish in Rudolph and St. Lawrence in Wisconsin Rapids, and Director of the Office of the Diaconate, is released from his responsibilities as Director of the Office of the Diaconate, effective July 6, 2020. He retains his assignment at St. Philip Parish in Rudolph and St. Lawrence Parish in Wisconsin Rapids.

Deacon **Bryan K. Hilts**, Deacon at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Marathon, is also appointed Director of the Office of the Diaconate, effective July 6, 2020.



Events

As of July 7

Friday, July 10

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse - July 10-11

Sunday, July 12

1:00pm 50th Jubilee Anniversary Mass - Live Stream

Friday, July 17

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

Sunday, August 2

Peace Day

Thursday, August 6

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat - Aug. 6-9

Tuesday, August 11

Anniversary of the installation of Bishop William Patrick Callahan as La Crosse's 10th Bishop

Saturday, August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary - Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020

Saturday, August 29

10:00am Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement - Virtual Conference

Friday, September 11

LFI/Deacon Formation - Marathon - September 11-12

Saturday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

Catechetical Sunday

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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Catechetical Leaders – Planning for Fall

We are encouraging all parish faith formation programs to begin planning to resume in-person classes this fall, if your parish is able to do so, according to safety protocols, social distancing etc. A preparation sheet has been compiled to help with this process. Go to diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info. It will be most helpful to hear the ideas of other catechetical leaders. Join us for a one-hour ZOOM meeting on **Wednesday, July 15th at 9 a.m. or Wednesday, July 15th, 7 p.m.** Please send Ann an email the specific time- you will attend so the link may be sent directly to you.

Note: As always, depending on the situation with COVID-19 in late summer, recommendations could always change.

Reminder: For Your Parish Communications

“Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement” with Fr. Timothy Gallagher

Attend this important virtual conference on Saturday, August 29th. Father Timothy Gallagher will present on this important topic all of us face. Learn to find freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life – the “cage” of everyday discouragement. The presentations will be live-streamed by ZOOM webinar. Father Gallagher’s warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation. For further details, to download a brochure or to register online, go to diolc.org/witness. Cost is \$15 which includes Father Gallagher’s book shipped to your home.

Poster for Visible Advertisement: “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement” with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V.

Virtual conference poster for parish advertising is available here: diolc.org/witness

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Office for Ministries

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For Your Parish Communications:

St. Joseph's Powerful Intercession

In this diocesan Year of St. Joseph, it is inspiring to note that St. Teresa of Avila was miraculously healed through his intercession, and she had this to say: “To other saints, the Lord seems to have given grace to help us in some of our necessities. But my experience is that St. Joseph helps us in them all ... I only request, for the love of God, whoever will not believe me will test the truth of what I say, for he will see by experience how great a blessing it is to recommend oneself to this glorious patriarch and to be devoted to him.”

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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 (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **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.

Reminder: Online Meetings and Gaming

If you are doing religious education and/or youth ministry online, whether it be ZOOM Meetings, gaming, etc., there must always be two adults who have been background checked through the Diocese of La Crosse and gone through the Diocese of La Crosse Safe Environment Training present for the duration of the online meeting/gathering.

Staff and Volunteer background checks

Staff and volunteers must be background checked and trained before they begin working with students, whether it's in a classroom, field trip or sports field.

Reminder: New Basic Background and FBI Release forms

The Basic Background Check form has been updated and it is now also used as the FBI release form. I have been receiving a lot of fingerprint cards without a FBI release form. They can't be processed without this form. Please destroy any old forms and begin using the new form. The new form is called: [Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check](#). It has the diocesan seal in the left corner and the protect and heal seal in the right corner and can be downloaded here: diolc.org/files/safe-environment/Criminal_Background_Check.pdf. Going forward, fingerprint cards will not be accepted unless this form is sent with the cards.

Who needs fingerprinting? All paid staff over the age of 18 and all coaches and janitors regardless if paid or volunteers. All grandfathered staff, coaches and janitors must be fingerprinted by the end of 2020.

ZOOM Safe Environment Training

I will be offering Safe Environment Training through ZOOM on Wednesday, August 12. If you have not received an invitation and would like to train, please let me know. Training times will be at 1-2 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. This is open to all staff and volunteers and will count as annual training. An invitation will be sent to you closer to the meeting date with the link to sign into the meeting.

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For Your Parish Communications:

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day - July 14

The feast day of this Native American saint reminds us of our brothers and sisters in that community, both in terms of the richness they bring and the particular challenges they face. For more information, visit the [website](#) of the U.S. Bishops' Subcommittee on Native American Affairs.

Reminder: Wisconsin Bishops' Statement on George Floyd and Racism

Bishop Callahan and his brother bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference have issued a statement addressing the brutal killing of George Floyd and the painful reality of racism. You can read it, and find brief videos and other resources, at diolc.org/racism. The statement provides a link to the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter against racism, Open Wide our Hearts, which is recommended for study in parishes. It is relevant to our attitudes toward all minorities, including the black, Latino and Hmong communities in our midst.

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