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#### Officials

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

The Reverend **John Selvamanohar Muthu Vigayan**, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie, is also appointed Dean of the Durand Deanery to complete the term of Father Eric Awortwe-Dadson, effective July 31, 2020.

The Reverend **Leo Johnson Stanislaus**, Pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in Loyal, St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in Greenwood, and Holy Family Parish in Willard, is also appointed Dean of the Thorp Deanery to complete the term of Father Varkey Velickakathu Joseph, effective July 31, 2020.

Deacon **Joseph A. Richards**, Deacon at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse and Director of Holy Cross Diocesan Center, has retired from his position as Director of Holy Cross Diocesan Center, effective July 31, 2020. He retains his appointment at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse.

The Reverend **Matthew N. Marshall**, Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley, Chaplain at Aquinas Middle School in La Crosse, and Chaplain to the Hmong Community in the La Crosse area, is released from his responsibilities as Chaplain at Aquinas Middle School in La Crosse, and is also appointed Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua, effective August 6, 2020. He retains his appointment as Chaplain to the Hmong Community in the La Crosse area and his residence will remain at St. Mary Parish rectory in Coon Valley.

The Reverend **Aaron J. Becker**, Associate Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Onalaska, is also appointed Chaplain at Aquinas Middle School in La Crosse, effective August 6, 2020.



As of August 4

Tuesday, August 4						
11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays						
Friday, August 7						
Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend - Marathon - Aug. 7-9						
Tuesday, August 11						
Anniversary of the installation of Bishop William Patrick Callahan as La Crosse's 10th bishop						
11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays						
Wednesday, August 12						
11:00am Re-opening the Religious Education Program - ZOOM conference						
1:00pm Protect and Heal Training - ZOOM conference						
6:00pm Protect and Heal Training - ZOOM conference						
7:00pm Re-opening the Religious Education Program - ZOOM conference						
Saturday, August 15						
Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary - Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020						
Tuesday, August 18						
11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays						
Tuesday, August 25						
11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays						
Saturday, August 29						
10:00am Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement - Virtual Conference						
Tuesday, September 1						
11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays						
Tuesday, September 8						
11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays						
Friday, September 11						
LFI/Deacon Formation - Marathon - September 11-12						
Tuesday, September 15						
11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays						

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, <u>diolc.org/calendar</u>, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to <u>datebook@diolc.org</u>. 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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#### **Open Position – Master of Ceremonies**

The Diocese of La Crosse has an opening for the position of Master of Ceremonies. Bishop Callahan is interviewing for a worthy candidate to assume the duties as his Master of Ceremonies and driver for transportation around the Diocese for Sacred functions and other Diocesan events. In addition to assisting the Bishop at liturgical functions this individual will assist the Office of Sacred Worship with liturgical planning. The chosen candidate would be a person in full communion with the Catholic Church with appropriate knowledge of sacred worship, liturgical law, and rubrics, together with pastoral skill in ordering sacred worship in particular circumstances. Must be in possession of a valid driver's license. Please send resume with references to the Office of the Bishop 3710 East Ave. So. La Crosse, WI 54601 or electronically to <u>dbrannon@diolc.org</u>

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## **Office for Catechesis & Evangelization**

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# Reminder: For Parish Communications

#### **Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement**

Join with a group at your parish for a Diocesan Virtual Conference on **Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**, or watch comfortably in your own home with a few people, to discuss this most important topic necessary for growth in the spiritual life – overcoming spiritual discouragement. Back by popular demand, Fr. Timothy Gallagher will help us to understand and implement ways to find freedom from spiritual discouragement. Father Gallagher's warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation.

Cost for the Virtual Conference is \$15, which includes Fr. Gallagher's book being shipped to your home. Go to <u>diolc.org/witness</u> for an article that explains why you will want to participate, to download a brochure, and to register online. There will be 4 presentations, beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at 3 p.m. There will be an hour lunch break.

Here is the Facebook link for the conference: <u>facebook.com/events/2216728398621141</u> Please share this on your parish Facebook.

## Reminder: For Parish Communications Bulletin Insert for the weekend of August 9 How God Guides Us Through the Angels

This is the fifth in a series in examining the ways in which God guides us, with the focus in this bulletin insert on the holy angels. The parish may forward this link diolc.org/insert for easy download and/or the actual bulletin insert to parishioners. Also available at the link are two, modern-day true stories of how God guided individuals through angels.

# Directives and Guidelines for Re-opening the Religious Education Program in the Fall – Pastors and Catechetical Leaders

All parish faith formation programs are to resume in-person classes this fall, if your parish is able to do so, according to safety protocols, social distancing etc. Directives and Guidelines for Parish Catechetical Leaders and their Support Team to re-open Faith Formation Programs and Youth Ministry Fall 2020 are available at <u>diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info</u>. Based upon the parish plans for handling the mandates and guidelines, it will be helpful to discuss Best Practices, Online Resources and Parent Involvement. Join us for a one-hour ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. or Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 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: Parish Catechetical Leaders – Ongoing Catechist Formation

The spiritual life of the catechist is the most important aspect of catechist formation as they (and we) must be deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ to be authentic witnesses. Every person faces discouragement, which is the greatest obstacle to the spiritual life. Based upon his book, *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement*, Fr. Gallagher will help us find freedom from this obstacle. You are invited to gather with your catechists at the parish on August 29<sup>th</sup> to hear from Fr. Gallagher – a spiritual master – by live-streamed ZOOM webinar. The discussion and lunch-time conversation are an important part of the Conference and an antidote to the isolation caused by COVID-19. The Virtual Conference with Fr. Timothy Gallagher is a great way to provide ongoing catechist training that is necessary. Cost for the Virtual Conference is \$15, which includes Fr. Gallagher's book being shipped to your home. Go to <u>diolc.org/witness</u> to download a brochure, an article on why catechists – and any adult – would want to attend and to register online.

#### **Catechetical Sunday 2020**

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." (Corinthians Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists – most importantly parents – will be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Go to the US Bishops Conference at <u>usccb.org</u> for posters, liturgical resources etc.

#### Reminder: Year of St. Joseph Prayer Cards - Free

For the celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, Prayer Cards have been produced and are available for free to the parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse. Please contact Susan Skemp at <a href="mailto:sskemp@diolc.org">sskemp@diolc.org</a> or 608-791-2658 to place an order. The Prayer Cards are in packs of 100.

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#### Chaplaincy Opportunities - Wisconsin State Patrol (PRIESTS and DEACONS)

Our diocese supports the good work done by our law enforcement offers. We have recently been approached to provide Catholic chaplaincy services to the sworn and civilian employees of the State Patrol and their families. Please contact me, if you are interested in serving those who keep us safe.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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#### Reminder: Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend: August 7-9, 2020

"Our Retrouvaille experience helped us so much to better deal with the problems we were facing." Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel disillusionment, coldness or conflict in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> for this couple's story and online inquiries. For information or to register for the next program in Central Wisconsin, see <u>website</u> or call (confidential) 1-877-922-HOPE(4673).

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# Office for Ministries

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#### Attention: Leaders of Prayer in Need of 4-Year Commission Renewal

Parish Leaders of Prayer who were commissioned in 2015 or earlier will need their 4-year commission renewed this year. Normally this would be done through a daylong conference at the Diocesan Center, but in light of the pandemic they are asked to participate in the

Saturday, Aug. 29 virtual *Witnesses for Christ Conference* featuring Father Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. on "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement." Go to <u>www.diolc.org/leaders-of-prayer</u> for instructions. If you are unable to participate on Aug. 29, email Christopher Ruff at cruff@diolc.org and other arrangements will be made.

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Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | wpace@diolc.org

#### **Mission Coop Update**

We are very grateful to many pastors who are doing Mission Coop appeals in the sted of missionaries who are unable to travel here this summer due to the corona situation. Bulletin "cut-out" envelope forms (see sample here) along with information from the missionary how the funds are needed have been very helpful. Although some appeals have unfortunately needed to be scheduled into the fall, please remember they are not to be given on World Mission Sunday (Oct. 17-18, 2020, designated exclusively for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith) nor near the DAA launch dates for your parishes. We appreciate all the kind and creative assistance given during this difficult time!

#### **Reminder: Mission Appeal Coordinators:**

International Priests/Mission Coop Coordinators: Please <u>email</u> your MC Schedule information, whatever it may be, to the Mission Office as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless each of you.

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Director: Christopher Carstens – 608.791.0161 | ccarstens@diolc.org

Reminder: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 2020 The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, August 15, 2020 (it is not a holy day of obligation this year). Masses of anticipation on Saturday evening ought to use readings and orations from the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Wedding Masses on August 15 must use readings and orations from the Mass for the Assumption, "with inclusion of the Nuptial Blessing and, if appropriate, the proper formula for the final blessing" (Order for Celebrating Matrimony, 34). Still, one of the readings may be taken from the Order of Matrimony (ibid.). Evening Prayer should be taken from EP II of the Assumption.

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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 <u>policies and procedures</u>, 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 <u>intakeagent@diolc.org</u>. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: <u>diolc.org/safe-</u> <u>environment/reporting</u>. **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 <u>diocesan website</u>. 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 <u>tbrown@diolc.org</u>.

What is Protect and Heal? You might have started hearing the phrase Protect and Heal lately. The Diocese of La Crosse has updated our program name to Protect and Heal. The Safe Environment Office still exists, just the name of our training program has changed.

#### Reminder: Change in Letters of suitability

Beginning July 14, all letters of suitability will be created in the Office of Safe Environment. Please email or call in your request at least five business days prior to your event to ensure your letter arrives at your location in time. Your request should include the following:

- Where are you going, including the full church or event name and the address
- What diocese will you be in
- The date you will be at the event
- Who is the contact at the parish or event
- If it is a wedding, include the name of the bride and groom and the name of the deceased for a funeral.
- What will you be doing at the event? Celebrating Mass, hearing confession, speaking, etc.

If you have any question, contact: Teresa Brown, <u>tbrown@diolc.org</u> or 608-791-2679

#### Annual Protect and Heal Training using ZOOM:

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. I will be offering Protect and Heal 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. This will count as annual training.

#### Fingerprinting:

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.

I have been receiving a lot of fingerprint cards without a release form. They can't be processed without this form. There is a new form that combines both the Basic Background Check form and the FBI Release for Authorization 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: <u>diolc.org/files/safe-environment/Criminal Background Check.pdf.</u> Going forward fingerprint cards will not be accepted unless this form is sent with the cards.

**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 Protect and Heal Training present for the duration of the online meeting/gathering.

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Director: Christopher Ruff – 608.791.0161 | cruff@diolc.org

#### For Your Parish Communications:

#### Voting as a Christian – Faithful Citizenship

As the November election approaches, it is important to understand not only candidates and parties, but also the contrasting worldviews that underlie much of our politics – core beliefs about God, the human person, and the meaning and direction of our lives. For a reflection on this vital topic, visit <u>www.diolc.org/faithful-citizenship</u>, where you will find many other resources as well.

#### For Your Parish Communications:

#### Tell Congress to Support the School Choice Now Act!

The U.S. Bishops are calling on the faithful to contact their senators to urge support of the Alexander-Scott "School Choice Now Act." Catholic schools all over the country – many of which serve a large proportion of urban, low-income families – are under economic pressure because of the pandemic. This bill would provide one-time, emergency funding for scholarship-granting organizations in each state, as well as provide permanent dollar-for-dollar federal tax credits for contributions to scholarship granting organizations. Find the contact information for Wisconsin Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin by visiting www.govtrack.us.

#### Reminder: 75th Anniversary of Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

August 6 and 9 mark the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the first, and one hopes the last, time atomic weapons were employed in war. In observation of this 75th anniversary, the US Bishops invite Catholics in the United States to come together in solidarity in our personal prayers and Masses on Sunday, August 9. For information on the Church's response to nuclear armaments, visit <u>www.usccb.org/nuclear</u>.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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#### Reunite, Rebuild, and Rejoice Recovery Appeal

We are a few weeks into the appeal, the participating parishes have already received more than \$350k in one-time gifts and have received pledges for an average 32% increase in the offertory. These are essential investments by our parishioners in their local parishes. With these increased investments, our parishes will not only be able to keep the lights on, keep our campus in working order, and ride out the current state of affairs. More importantly, they will also be able to invest in their local missionary works, allowing them to help more of those in their parishes and communities who are suffering a more significant burden of the pandemic effects.

#### **Diocesan Annual Appeal Results:**

The year served some mixed but promising results. Even with the COVID19 disruption, we see our parishioners find the importance of investing in our diocesan mission. Despite having one less mailing and parishes all but closed for the last quarter of the Appeal Year, it was another successful campaign to support the 38 different ministries of our diocese. Thank you to all, your leadership encouraging participation helps the Diocesan Annual Appeal fund our mission's work.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Year End							
					Last Year vs.		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	ThisYear	% Change	
Goal	\$5,559,952	\$5,563,760	\$5,675,035	\$5,675,035	\$ -	0.0%	
Total Funds Received	\$5,893,102	\$6,162,869	\$6,166,772	\$6,171,524	\$ 4,752	0.1%	
Total Parish Rebates	\$ 754,289	\$ 706,216	\$ 659,559	\$ 648,037	\$ (11,522)	-1.7%	
# Parish Receiving Rebates	123	120	118	101	(17)	-14.4%	
Total Parish Shortfalls	\$ (227,779)	\$ (163,233)	\$ (223,780)	\$ (330,293)	\$ (106,513)	47.6%	
# Parish in Shortfall	34	38	42	58	16	38.1%	
# Parishes under 80.0% of goal	14	14	14	22	8	57.1%	
Pledges Unfulfilled		\$ (38,212)	\$ (20,217)	\$ (19,997)	\$ 220	-1.1%	
#Unfulfilled		181	166	101	(65)	-39.2%	
Total Investors	22,466	21,654	20,467	19,113	(1,354)	-6.6%	
Retained	19,723	18,805	17,743	16,804	(939)	-5.3%	
Retained %	87.79%	86.84%	86.69%	87.92%	1.228	1.4%	
Reengaged	1,766	1,986	1,857	1,784	(73)	-3.9%	
New	977	863	867	525	(342)	-39.4%	
Electronic Giving			\$ 369,984	\$ 444,620	\$ 74,636	20.2%	
% of Funds received Electronically			6.0%	7.2%	1.205	20.1%	

The 2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal planning is moving forward. We are looking for some old video/film footage of all things Catholic from the early to the mid-20th century. If you have some footage you would like to share with us, we will digitize and return you both the digitized and original footage. Please contact our office if you have any or know of anybody willing to share.

#### **Planned Giving**

In June, upon request, we sent out several hundred copies of our Estate Planning Guide. We have had a few dozen more requests for prints as well. This guide can help people save several hundred dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. The increased interest in Planned Giving mirrors what we are finding on a national level since the COVID – 19 outbreak came to prominence. If you would like more information or ads for your bulletin, please contact our office.

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#### **Catholic Mutual Special Events Application**

The special events application was updated to include an exclusion of coverage for claims resulting from an epidemic/pandemic. Please review the application by <u>clicking here</u>. The new application should be used for all events going forward. All precautions should be taken to ensure the event taking place is following all Diocesan and County Department of Health protocols/guidelines.

#### Catholic Unemployment Pay Program (CUPP)

Church Unemployment Pay Program, Inc. employer poster was updated for the current website. This is designed to operate as notice to employees of the program's existence and all employers should post it where employees can see it. <u>Click here</u> for the poster.

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Director: Father Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2689 | mberg@diolc.org

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## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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#### Reminder: Director of Youth Ministry Needed— Stevens Point, WI

Will be responsible for planning and implementing a catechetical program for middle and high school students. This program serves three parishes in Stevens Point, Wisconsin: St. Joseph, St. Peter and St. Stephen Parishes. Applicants should enjoy working with youth, be organized, self-motivated, and proficient in computer and communications skills. This fulltime position requires nights and weekends which are balanced with regular agreed-upon office hours. Certification or experience in Catholic youth ministry preferred. A degree in Theology, Catholic Studies, or Education is a plus. For the right candidate, this position could be part-time with an emphasis on our high school Confirmation program. For more information, contact Father Jeffrey Hennes at St. Joseph Parish, 715-341-1617. Submit résumé and cover letter to pastor@pointcatholicfaith.org.

#### **Reminder: Connecting High School Graduates with Newman Centers**

The Newman Connection does fantastic work connecting high school graduates/incoming college freshmen with the Newman Center at their college. This year they are focusing more on digital sign-ups. Here is the student sign up form link: <u>signup.newmanconnection.com</u> They also have additional outreach resources for parishes found <u>here</u>.

#### **Reminder: Tune-In Tuesdays**

We are excited to continue to offer a series of ZOOM Meetings we call "Tune-In Tuesdays." Join us as we come together to network and share how we are doing, how our ministry is going and talk about ways we can support each other. Please follow this <u>link</u> to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11:00am!

#### Reminder: Safe Environment- 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.

#### Reminder: LifeTeen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention Scholarship – Date Extended

For the past several years, through a generous grant, people from our diocese who work with young people have been able to attend this convention for free. There are a few more scholarships available. The convention has been postponed to September 16-19, 2020. If you have not attended this convention, or know of someone who has not attended this convention, please email Andrew Brueggen, LifeTeen Area Coordinator at youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com

#### **Reminder: NET Retreats**

The NET Team will be in our diocese October 29-November 10, 2020. For available dates and other details please click <u>here</u>. If you would like to reserve a date, please contact our office ASAP as dates will fill up fast.

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