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# **Officials**

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

The Reverend **Gregory A. Michaud**, Pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Milladore, St. Michael Parish in Junction City and St. Bartholomew Parish in Mill Creek is appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Neillsville, with residence in the parish rectory, effective October 1, 2020.

The Reverend **Mariapackiam Pitchai-Savari** (Fr. Packi), in residence at St. Patrick Parish in Sparta, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Milladore, St. Michael Parish in Junction City and St. Bartholomew Parish in Mill Creek, with residence at St. Wenceslaus Parish rectory in Milladore, effective October 1, 2020.



#### **Events**

Sept. 15

Sunday, September 27

Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1 - Sept. 26-27

Friday, October 2

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Arcadia - Oct. 2-3 - CANCELLED

Sunday, October 4

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

Pro Life Sunday

Friday, October 9

LFI/Deacon Formation - Marathon - October 9-10

Sunday, October 11

Annual Appeal Kickoff 2 - Oct. 10-11

Sunday, October 18

World Mission Sunday

Thursday, October 29

NET Team in the Diocese of La Crosse - Oct. 29-Nov. 10

Saturday, October 31

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

Sunday, November 1

Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, November 6

LFI/Deacon Formation - Marathon - November 6-7

Saturday, November 7

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

Friday, November 13

Immersion Retreat - Wisconsin Dells - CANCELLED

Saturday, November 14

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

Sunday, November 22

Solemnity of Christ the King

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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#### **Chancery Office**

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

#### **For Parish Communications**

#### Guiding Children and Young People to a Relationship with Jesus and His Church

"Going Deeper in Prayer" was developed in response to students' requests, for the past 9 years, to encounter Jesus in prayer and grow in their relationship with Him, rather than easily falling into rattling off words that could have little or no meaning. "Going Deeper in Prayer" includes a prayer card for each age level, with a format that opens the door to conversation with Jesus about what stood out for them in the prayer, as well as asking and thanking Him for something important. These are proven, helpful tools. Go to <a href="diolo.org/prayer">diolo.org/prayer</a> for Preschool through 12th Grade downloadable resources. Young people in 12th Grade also requested to know how God guides them. At the same link, scroll to 12th Grade for these resources. As you the parent, teacher or catechist use these prayer cards with the young people, remember your own personal enthusiasm in using these resources is an important aspect and will inspire the student's willingness to become engaged.

#### **Confirmation Resources**

As preparation for Confirmation begins, go to <u>diolc.org/confirmation</u> for many helpful resources, including:

- Bishop Callahan's recorded greeting
- Confirmation Brochure
- Praying with Scripture
- Retreat Guidelines

#### **For Parish Communications**

#### Join a Small Group this fall to Grow in Your Relationship with Jesus Christ

Here are five good reasons to join with some people from your parish for a Bible Study or Faith Study Group:

- It builds community and the sense of belonging in your parish.
- It develops strong friendships in Christ.
- It provides a specific time to deepen your relationship with the Lord through greater understanding of the Faith.
- It strengthens you as you discover others with whom you can "walk" on the journey of life.
- It helps you to accept others and yourself as imperfect persons who are seeking God.

Consider what is being offered at your parish, or get a few friends together to meet in your home. The most important thing is to find something that interests you and then be committed. It will be well worth your time!

#### **For Parish Communications**

#### A Compelling Resource for Parish Small Groups

Watch Fr. Brian Konopa, pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, and four of the parish facilitators discuss the fruits of using Catholic Christian Outreach resources in parish small groups. Participants are led to encounter the person of Jesus Christ, develop a deeper

relationship with Him and learn how to put Him at the center of their lives, while growing in their love for the Church. Parish small groups have multiplied from 2 groups the first year, 4 groups the second year to 9 groups for this fall. Click here: <a href="diolc.org/witness">diolc.org/witness</a> and scroll down to "1. A Compelling Resources for Parish Small Groups."

A list of other excellent resources can be found here: <u>diolc.org/catechesis/bible-studies-and-small-group-resources/</u> Contact your parish.

#### **For Your Parish Communications**

#### Coming to Know more about our Spiritual Father, St. Joseph

During this important year of St. Joseph, we have the opportunity to come to know more about our spiritual father through a compelling book entitled *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church and the Terror of Demons. We need his father protection during these challenging times. If you are interested in forming a parish group to embark on this initiative, visit consecrationtostjoseph.org for information and speak with your pastor. For further assistance, including a list of suggested discussion questions, you can also contact diocesan curia staff members Ann Lankford alankford@diolc.org or Christopher Ruff cruff@diolc.org.

## Catechetical Sunday 2020 - September 20th

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 20<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 <a href="https://www.usccb.org">usccb.org</a> for posters, liturgical resources etc.

#### **Catechetical Leaders Information**

Susan Skemp, the administrative assistant for the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization, retired on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> after 18 years of faithful service. We wish to thank Susan for her dedication in helping so many in the parishes and Catholic schools throughout the Diocese as well as her co-workers at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center.

Paula Boyle will be the administrative assistant for the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization and the Office for Family Life, which includes both Marriage and Family Life and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Paula can be reached by calling 608-791-2658 or <a href="mailto:pboyle@diolc.org">pboyle@diolc.org</a>.

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# **Office for Communications**

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#### Address label accuracy for curia to parish mailings

Occasionally we hear about incorrectly addressed postal mail being sent from our offices. It could be letters or packets sent to the wrong parish address or sent to a staff or clergy who is no longer at your location. We do our best to keep our database clean, and use the same list, however, we can always do better. If you are receiving postal mail addressed to someone no longer there or with incorrect address information, please alert our office by sending us a picture of the mailing so we can get our records updated. Thanks in advance for your help.

#### Reminder: Professional Email communications

Given the many Email scams and counterfeits we see weekly, here are a few helpful guidelines to help expose forgery and improve the overall perception of your email communications.

- 1. It is recommended that all electronic communications coming from a diocesan office, parish or school be on a domain for the corresponding organization. Example: Secretary@allsaintsparish.org, or Info@allsaintsparish.org.
- 2. It is recommended that all clergy use an email with the diocesan domain diolclergy.org or one from their parish domain.
- 3. It is recommended that parish and school staff eliminate the use of free domains such as Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, or domains from their Internet provider and other such services when representing the diocese/parish/school via email correspondence. Adherence to this recommendation will establish an authenticity of the correspondence and reduce the potential for misrepresentation or impersonation.

We are happy to help clergy establish a <u>diolclergy.org</u> email address. Just send us a request and we will create the account for you. The diolclergy.org domain is part of the diocesan GSuite. Your <u>diolclergy.org</u> account will include the full range of G Suite functionality.

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# Office for Marriage & Family Life

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#### **Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter**

The first newsletter for this year's Teaching the Way of Love series is posted for either viewing or download. The link is **twl4parents.com/newsletter**.

#### The Month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

<u>Catholics for Family Peace</u> has prepared a toolkit of helpful resources to use next month. Download this toolkit of helpful resources for your parishe in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>.

Promoting Peaceful Relationships at Home Webinar: October 14, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm CDT Together with the USCCB, Catholics for Family and Peace will be conducting a free webinar for Catholic leaders, catechists, parishioners, parents on how to promote peace in the home a relevant topic for these times when so much of our lives is taking place at home. Click <a href="here">here</a> to register.

# Mark Your Calendars! The Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) will be offering a free webinar on November 10 at 12pm EST.

This webinar will be particularly important for family ministry leaders. Registration details are coming soon.

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# **Office for Ministries**

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

Parish Leaders of Prayer who were commissioned in 2015 or earlier were asked to participate in the Saturday, August 29, virtual Witnesses for Christ Conference featuring Father Timothy Gallagher, as a requirement for getting their four-year commission renewed. Any Leader of Prayer in need of renewal who was not able to participate in this conference should email Christopher Ruff at cruff@diolc.org in order to make other arrangements for renewal.

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# Office for Missions

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

#### **RCIA Calendar of Teachings and Liturgies**

Please find a 9-month calendar of teachings, retreats, and liturgies for the RCIA <u>here</u>, while a 15-month calendar is available <u>here</u>.

#### Have you considered the 15-month RCIA process? 2020 may be the year to start.

The RCIA is a process of conversion meant to form and prepare adults to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ and courageous witnesses to the Catholic Faith. At the heart of the RCIA process is the time candidates need to develop and deepen their relationship with Christ through a daily habit of prayer, to experience conversion through understanding the basic teachings of the Church, and to commit to actively participating in Sunday Mass. This process takes a minimum of 15 months to develop. Here's why. Given the exceptional circumstances that 2020 has brought, a slower, more intentional pace may be a further benefit to RCIA.

#### **Liturgical Calendar Dates**

September 23 (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.

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#### **Office for Safe Environment**

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#### DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

**Reminder**: Protect and Heal Training (Safe Environment) is still mandatory for all students regardless if taught online or in person. This includes students attending one of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese or in a Religious Education Program. <a href="Power Points">Power Points</a> are online for grades K-5 and on November 1, the Office of Catechists will add grades 6-12.

The new Protect and Heal videos are now online. Please take a few minutes to view them.

Starting October 1, parish spreadsheets along with the report form will be emailed to the Safe Environment contact along with the 2020-21 report form. Please be sure your parish contact information is current in your ParishSOFT's staff listing.

Do you know who your child is texting? There are many excellent online resources such as: <a href="virtusonline.org">virtusonline.org</a>, <a href="kidsafenetwork.com">kidsafenetwork.com</a> and <a href="netsmartz.org">netsmartz.org</a>. Increase your knowledge and awareness and control access to the "virtual door" of your home. Learning to make the right choices can make a profound difference in protecting yourself and your children.

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# Office for Social Concerns

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#### For Your Parish Communications:

#### Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin

Beginning Oct. 4 with Bishop William Patrick Callahan, join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Sundays. October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our Bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. The closing Rosary will be led by Archbishop Jerome Listecki on Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints. For more details on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative, visit diolc.org/live. May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.

# Schedule of Pro-Life Rosaries

#### Sundays, 7:30-8:00 PM

Oct. 4 – Bishop William Patrick Callahan, Diocese of La Crosse

Oct. 11 – Bishop Donald Joseph Hying, Diocese of Madison

Oct. 18 – Bishop David Laurin Ricken, Diocese of Green Bay

Oct. 25 – Bishop James Patrick Powers, Diocese of Superior

Nov. 1 – Archbishop Jerome Edward Listecki, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

#### For Your Parish Communications:

#### Faithful Citizenship 2020

In these turbulent times, and with the election less than two months away, what should a Catholic be thinking about and weighing? For a wealth of resources from the US Bishops, the Wisconsin Bishops, and for a reflection on "Voting as a Christian," visit <a href="dioloc.org/faithful-citizenship">dioloc.org/faithful-citizenship</a>.

#### For Pastors and Bulletin Editors:

A bulletin insert on "Voting as a Christian" can be found here.

A Vaccine without Abortion Cell Lines, an End to Executions, Combatting Racism, and more As a Church, we care deeply about significant moral and political issues. For statements and action alerts addressing issues of particular concern, visit <u>wisconsincatholic.org</u> (scroll down) and <u>usccb.org/take-action</u>.

#### For Your Parish Communications:

#### Catholic Charities – the Heart and Hands of Jesus Christ to Those in Need

Whether it is serving the homeless and others in need in the Diocese of La Crosse, or offering assistance to those in the southeast affected by Hurricane Laura, Catholic Charities responds with material assistance and the love of Jesus Christ. To learn more and to volunteer or to make a donation, visit cclse.org.

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# Office for Stewardship & Development

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#### 2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal

This year's theme emphasizes the relevancy of the Church, the community, and the importance of its mission. The theme is "His Church is Still Here, His Church is You and Me, His Church Still Provides."

Each pastor should have already received your parish's Appeal allocation. Through prayer, administrative moves, and the realities of the need for our missionary works, the overall target will remain at \$5,675,035. Individual parishes will see changes to their goal based on their portion of the diocesan aggregate. If your parish did not receive your allocation letter, please contact our office.

#### **Kick Off Weekend**

Due to the fact our communities are not able to come together as we ordinarily do, we are not limiting the weekends available for kickoff. Your parish community can choose the weekend best for your schedule. You will need to register your parish and tell us which weekend you want to kickoff.

The first weekend kickoff for this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal is September 26/27. Again, you must sign up on the Appeal portal <u>appeal.diolc.org</u> to let us know which weekend you would like your mailings to arrive by. The mailings are placed into the postal mail stream on Wednesday prior to the weekend of choice, with the expectation the envelope will arrive in mailboxes on Friday or Saturday. We will need to know ten days in advance of your preferred weekend.

**DAA Parish Meetings** – Our process for conducting the Appeal has not changed. However, unfortunately, we will not be having in-person meeting this year. We will be hosting a Zoom Webinar tentatively scheduled for Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be confirming the date in next week's Chancery Bulletin. A recording of the webinar will be made available for reviewing on the Appeal Portal following the presentation.

Please refer to the Appeal portal website for updates: Appeal Portal

Parish materials\_- Parishes will be mailed a supply of in-pew pledge cards, brochures and prayer cards equivalent to 10% of their registered families. You will also get one each of the thermometer posters. Unfortunately, there was not a priest poster done this year. If you need more than the 10% amount of materials, please complete the following form: <a href="Material Order form">Material Order form</a>

We will be updating the appeal portal with new materials as they are completed. Please check the portal regularly.

**DAA Video**\_- The Appeal video will be available on the Appeal Portal for download by the end of this week. DVDs of the Appeal video will be available by request only. Please email or call Sarah Komperud if you want a DVD hard copy mailed to you at <a href="mailto:skomperud@diolc.org">skomperud@diolc.org</a> or 608-791-2653.

#### GivingTrend

We should see GivingTrend being updated for this coming year's appeal information. If you do not have access, after receiving your pastor's permission, you will need to sign up via the form on the Appeal Portal appeal.diolc.org.

Did you know GivingTrend now has Key Alerts on the right-hand side of your parish's page? Here, all in one place, you can find New Donors, LYBUNTS, Large Gifts, Write-offs, and any of your parishioners who have supported the Appeal but have since died. These alerts are an easy way to find, welcome and thank new supporters from a local perspective (encouraged); who may or may not be registered in your parish. Others identified are Major Investors (+\$2,000.00). Two alerts, LYBUNTS and deceased, will help you identify hurdles you may need to strategize to overcome.

#### **Planned Giving**

We continue to receive requests for copies of our Estate Planning Guide. 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. If you would like more information or ads for your parish bulletin, please contact our office.

Our Planned Giving website is <u>diolclegacy.org</u>. There, people can find calculators, additional information and sign up for a newsletter, as well as request copies of specific estate planning guides and information.

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#### **Office for Vocations**

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## **Office for Vicar for Clergy**

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# **Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

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#### "Frontier," A Virtual Training Conference from LifeTeen

This is a virtual conference for navigating new roads in youth ministry and is available to all parishes. Each registration is for a parish, so you can have as many people join from the same parish as you want for just \$150 for the two days for subscribing parishes or \$200 for the two days for non-subscribing parishes. Day 1 is dedicated to YM/DREs and Day 2 is for Core Training, similar to Empowers of past years. The conference will also be recorded and available for 60 days after the conference. Please click on this <a href="Link">Link</a> to learn more and to register.

Please contact Andrew Brueggen, our LifeTeen Area Coordinator, with any questions: youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com

#### **Immersion Retreat 2020 is Cancelled**

After much discussion, thought and prayer, we have decided to make the decision to cancel the Immersion Retreat that was to be held November 13-15, 2020, due to ongoing concerns with the COVID-19 virus. We are looking into the possibility of offering a virtual option and will have more information about those options soon. If you typically have your Confirmation students attend the Immersion Retreat as a Confirmation Retreat, we are happy to assist you in planning a retreat at your parish. Please know that you, the families whom you serve, and your ministry remain in our prayers.

#### 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: <a href="mailto:signup.newmanconnection.com">signup.newmanconnection.com</a> They also have additional outreach resources for parishes found <a href="mailto:here">here</a>.

#### **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.

#### **Coordinator of Child and Youth Ministries Needed!**

Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Milwaukee, WI is seeking a Coordinator of Child and Youth Ministries to work with the faith formation program, including catechesis, sacramental preparation, school faith formation, and other areas. Please contact John Esser at johnesser@divinemercysm.org for more information.

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