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

The Very Reverend **Daniel H. Hackel**, Pastor of St. James Parish in Amherst and St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish in Fancher, and Dean of the Stevens Point Deanery, has submitted his letter of resignation as Pastor of the parishes and a request for a leave of absence for the purpose of discernment. I have accepted his resignation from the Offices of Pastor and removed him from the Office of Dean placing him on a leave of absence effective October 1, 2020.



Events

As of Oct. 6

Friday, October 9

Deacon Formation - Marathon - October 9-10

Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - October 9-10

Sunday, October 11

7:30pm Pro-Life Rosary with Bishop Donald Joseph Hying of the Diocese of Madison - Live Stream

Sunday, October 18

Pro-Life Rosary with Bishop David Laurin Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay - Live Stream

World Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 25

7:30pm Pro-Life Rosary with Bishop James Patrick Powers of the Diocese of Superior - Live Stream

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

7:30pm Pro-Life Rosary with Archbishop Jerome Edward Listecki of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee - Live Stream

Friday, November 6

Deacon Formation - Marathon - November 6-7

Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - 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, 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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Annual Mass Counts

The Annual Mass Counts will be conducted again this year beginning the weekend of October 10-11, and concluding the weekend of October 31-November 1. Please find more information and the form here.

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For Parish Communications

Pray the Rosary with the Bishops of Wisconsin – Sunday, October 11th

During this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the faithful are invited to join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Sundays. Join Bishop Hying of the Diocese of Madison on Sunday, October 11th. Go to diolc.org/live for the live-stream as well as a downloadable poster for promoting this prayer initiative for Respect Life Month with your family and friends.

Reminder: For Parish Communications Small Group Study

Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement is a very simple and yet abundantly helpful book, especially during these difficult days. Fr. Timothy Gallagher is the author of the book, and we recorded four presentations he gave to more than 500 people in the diocese, with plenty of positive feedback. We have recently developed discussion questions to accompany the book available at diolc.org/witness. This is a good time to gather with a group of parishioners to discuss the book. Group discussion allows for better application to daily life. For those who are interested in purchasing Fr. Gallagher's book and have it mailed to your home, and receive the link of his four presentations, mail a check for \$15 to the Diocese of La Crosse, Office for Catechesis and Evangelization. Questions: email Paula at pboyle@diolc.org or call 608-791-2673.

Reminder: For Parish Communications

The "Good News" has a central and irreplaceable role

We need to be constantly reminded of "the love of God, who invites us to enter into a personal relationship with Himself in Christ." This "Good News", as captured in 4 key points, opens the way for the person to seek a change of heart that impels the individual to know and love Jesus in a much deeper way. (see *Mission of the Redeemer*, Pope Saint John Paul II, n. 44)

The "Good News", also referred to as the Gospel Message, can be expressed like this:

- God loves you and desires that you develop a deeper friendship with Him.
- 2. Like Adam and Eve, you can freely choose to reject God and break your relationship with Him through sin.
- 3. But God loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to restore the relationship through His Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection.
- 4. You can accept Jesus' love by opening your heart to a deeper relationship with Him through daily conversation and encounters with Him in the Sacraments.

For Parish Communication

Praying The Sign of the Cross

The Meaning of the Words and the Gesture

As Catholics, we always begin and end our prayers with the *Sign of the Cross*, which is a prayer – not just an introduction. When we "cross" ourselves we are reminded that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, proving how much God loves us.

Each time we make the *Sign of the Cross* and pray the words, we remember that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we give praise to the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." We are praying in the *name* of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the words of The *Sign of the Cross*, we are calling upon the power of the name of God. The words "In the name of" are synonymous with "In the Person of". We are placing ourselves under the power and authority of the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is essential to know that the prayer, the *Sign of the Cross*, is not complete when leaving out the words "In the name of." "Christians are baptized in the *name* of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their *names*, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, His only Son and the Holy Spirit: The Most Holy Trinity." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 233).

For further teaching on this important prayer that leads to better understanding and prayer from the heart, go to <u>diolc.org/deeper</u>. Scroll down to "Sign of the Cross." A simple, downloadable Prayer Card with the Sign of the Cross is also available.

Ongoing Formation for Catechetical Leaders

A series of monthly online meetings to provide ongoing formation for Catechetical Leaders (DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers) will be available on ZOOM. The presenters will be national speakers. The first in the series will be **Thursday, October 15, from 2 -3 p.m**. In your role as a catechetical leader, would you like to be mentored personally by a professional with abundant experience in the field? Bill Keimig, from the Catechetical Institute and long-term DRE will describe the components of this process. There will be no charge for participating but registration is required. Email Paula Boyle at pboyle@diolc.org or call 608-791-2658.

New Catechetical Leader Training

Any new Catechetical Leader (DRE, CRE, Youth Minister) is encouraged to attend a day of training on Friday, October 16. For a registration form and further details, please contact Ann at alankford@diolc.org.

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Reminder: Graphics to support Pro-Life rosaries with the bishops of Wisconsin Graphics to support your parish promotion of these October <u>Sunday night events</u> can be found on the <u>diocesan Facebook</u> or at <u>diolc.org/media-resources</u>.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Unite Our Nation Rosary Rally

This will take place Sunday, October 18 at 1pm. This will begin in the parking lot of St. John the Baptist Church in Marshfield and will process the Eucharist from St John's and go 3 blocks to the old Hudson's parking lot, across the highway from the police department. There we will do a blessing for the police department and spend some time in prayer. Then, we will go back to St John's via Central Ave, another 3 blocks.

Reminder: 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. Visit <u>religious alliance.org/webinars</u> or click <u>here</u> to register.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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 parishes in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>.

Reminder: 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 here to register.

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Clarification on the Formula for Baptism

The Holy See clarified on June 8 that baptisms done with the words, "<u>We</u> baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," are invalid and would have to be done again. See an explanation of their response <u>here</u>, as well as their reemphasis on the Second Vatican Council's teaching that no one, "even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority."

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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 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.

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For Your Parish Communications:

Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin

Continuing on Oct. 11 with Bishop Donald Hying of the Diocese of Madison, 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. Visit diology.corg/live to participate in these live rosaries or replay ones from the past . May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.

Click here for a flyer/poster on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative.

Schedule of Pro-Life Rosaries Sundays, 7:30-8:00 PM

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

Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/650889292488885/

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

Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/456493581893298/

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

Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/3090558687738830/

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

Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/334174457652808/

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.

Reminder: For Your Parish Communications:

Faithful Citizenship 2020

In these turbulent times, and with the election less than a month 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 diolc.org/faithfulcitizenship.

Reminder: For Pastors and Bulletin Editors:

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

Reminder: Wisconsin Bishops' Letter to President Trump on behalf of Hmong Community "As the Catholic bishops of Wisconsin, we write in response to a February 14, 2020, letter by the U.S. Department of State acknowledging negotiations with the government of Laos to accept deported Hmong and other Lao U.S. residents. We understand that legal residents may be deported if they have committed certain crimes and that previous administrations have sent several hundred individuals back to Laos, but we urge you to limit, not amplify, such deportations...." Click here to read more.

Act: COVID relief, aid to Catholic Schools, chemical abortion threat, ethical vaccines Find out how to make your voice heard on important issues. Visit votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

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2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal

This year's theme emphasizes the relevancy of the Church, our Christ-given mission, and our community united to the cross. The theme is "His Church is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is You and Me."

Kick-Off Weekend

Because our communities cannot come together as we ordinarily do, we do not limit the weekends available for kick-off. 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 kick-off.

The next weekend kick-off available for sign up for this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal is October 24/25. You must sign up on the Appeal portal <u>appeal.diolc.org</u> by the end of day **10/12/2020** to have the materials delivered by that weekend.

Parishes must let us know which weekend they would like your mailings to arrive. The mailings are placed into the postal mail stream on Wednesday before the weekend of choice, with the expectation the envelope will arrive in mailboxes on Friday or Saturday. Below is a chart for your reference.

Register by:	Dropped in Mail	Arrive in Homes	Sunday Kickoff Date
10/12/2020	10/20/2020	10/23/2020	10/25/2020
10/19/2020	10/27/2020	10/30/2020	11/1/2020
10/26/2020	11/3/2020	11/6/2020	11/8/2020
11/2/2020	11/10/2020	11/13/2020	11/15/2020
11/9/2020	11/17/2020	11/20/2020	11/22/2020
11/16/2020	11/24/2020	11/27/2020	11/29/2020
11/23/2020	12/1/2020	12/4/2020	12/6/2020
11/30/2020	12/8/2020	12/11/2020	12/13/2020
12/7/2020	12/15/2020	12/18/2020	12/20/2020
12/14/2020	12/22/2020	12/25/2020	12/27/2020
12/21/2020	12/29/2020	1/1/2021	1/3/2021
12/28/2020	1/5/2021	1/8/2021	1/10/2021
1/4/2021	1/12/2021	1/15/2021	1/17/2021

Please sign up as soon as you know which weekend you wish to start, even if you want to wait until later this year or into the first part of 2021.

DAA Parish Meetings Via ZOOM

A recording of the webinar is available for your viewing pleasure on the Appeal Portal

Please refer to the Appeal portal website for updates: Appeal Portal appeal.diolc.org

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 two 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 on the Appeal Portal: Material Order form

We continue to update the appeal portal with new materials as they are completed. Please check the portal regularly. DAA Video - The Appeal video is available on the <u>Appeal Portal</u> for download. DVDs of the Appeal video will be available by request only. Please contact Sarah Komperud at <u>skomperud@diolc.org</u> or 608- 791-2653 if you want a DVD hard copy mailed to you.

GivingTrend is now 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 <u>appeal.diolc.org</u>.

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

Our Estate Planning Guide can help people save several hundred dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have seen a significant increase in requests for this guide; this increased interest in Planned Giving mirrors what we find on a national level since the COVID – 19 outbreaks.

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, sign up for a newsletter, and request copies of specific estate planning guides and information.

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Office for Temporalities

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Parish Finance Webinar scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th

Pastors, parish Finance Contacts and parish Finance Council members are invited to attend the Parish Finance Webinar via Zoom Tuesday, October 27th. Please reserve time from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to participate. This webinar will cover important finance-related topics including the parish accounting software project, clergy compensation, benefit plans, parish endowments, insurance, buildings & grounds information and more. The webinar is this year's Annual Parish Finance Seminar.

Presenters include:

Father Dhein, Vicar General
James Reider, Diocesan Finance Officer
Dennis Herricks, Executive Director of St. Ambrose Financial Services
Lisa Thurston of Mutual of America
Kris Twining of Catholic Mutual

Signup for the webinar using this <u>online signup form</u>. Only attendees using the <u>signup form</u> will receive the Zoom link to the webinar. Finance personnel unable to attend via Zoom, or needing additional technical support to attend should contact Nick Lichter for assistance. <u>nlichter@diolc.org</u>.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Two Virtual Retreats: One for Youth in Grades 9-12 and one for youth in grades 7 and 8 Since the Immersion Retreat is cancelled this year, we would like to hold two virtual retreats. One will be held for youth in grades 9-12 on Sunday, November 15, 2020 (the original Sunday of the Immersion Retreat) from 12:30-3:30pm, and the second will be held for youth in grades 7-8 on Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 12:30-3:30pm.

These retreats will be led by Young Life Catholic Retreats and will feature speakers and musicians from around the country to minister to our young people. Right now, the plan is to have each parish youth group gather at your parish (while following all COVID/Social Distancing protocols) to listen to powerful speakers, music, games that are virtually interactive with the other joining parishes, and small group discussions (that will be done at your parish).

Prior to the retreat, you and your young people could attend Mass together, then gather to eat lunch together in a way that follows all safety protocols for serving food to groups (i.e. box lunches, sack lunch from home, etc.). Then, following the retreat, depending on the availability of your priest or deacon, you could spend time as a group together in Adoration. The cost for these retreats would simply be \$10 per person. If you applied for a BEET Grant for a youth event that has been cancelled due to COVID, those funds could be reapplied to these retreats. If you are interested in either, or both of these opportunities, please let us know about how many in your group will attend by Monday, October 12, 2020. We will send out an officially registration form for groups in the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Virtual Formation from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM)

MOMENTUM: Moving Ministry Forward is a multi-phase event focused on rediscovering the purpose of programs, evaluating their effectiveness, and creating a strategy to impact the lives of young people and their families. It will kick off Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 2-3:30 pm ET.

Regardless if you have been in ministry for less than a year or more than 20 years, we now all share a common experience—normal is no longer normal. Now is the time chart a new course, or at least turn the sails. This event seeks to help you plant seeds for long term success in your ministry—learn how to draft your ministry blueprint, activate while adjusting accordingly, and empower a new generation of leaders.

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: 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 11:00 am!

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: 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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