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**Officials**

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

The following priests have been elected to the Presbyteral Council for a three-year term, effective December 14, 2020 to December 3, 2023:

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| Rev. Msgr. <b>Michael J. Gorman</b> | Diocesan Priests Ordained 1963-1980 |
| Rev. Msgr. <b>Roger J. Scheckel</b> | Diocesan Priests Ordained 1981-1990 |
| Rev. <b>James F. Trempe</b>         | Diocesan Priests Ordained 1991-1997 |
| Rev. <b>Michael E. Klos</b>         | Diocesan Priests Ordained 1998-2000 |
| Rev. <b>Derek J. Sakowski</b>       | Diocesan Priests Ordained 2001-2006 |
| Rev. <b>Justin J. Kizewski</b>      | Diocesan Priests Ordained 2007-2011 |
| Rev. <b>Daniel E. Oudenhoven</b>    | Diocesan Priests Ordained 2012-2015 |
| Rev. <b>Kyle N. Laylan</b>          | Diocesan Priests Ordained 2016-2020 |
| Rev. <b>William G. Menzel</b>       | Senior Priests                      |
| Rev. <b>George Nelson Graham</b>    | International Priests               |
| Rev. Canon <b>Aaron Huberfeld</b>   | Religious Order Priests             |

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**Events**

As of December 15

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| <b>Tuesday, December 15</b>  |
| 11:00am <b>Tune-In Tuesdays</b>  |
| <b>Friday, December 25</b>   |
| Christmas - Curia Offices Closed Dec. 24-Jan. 1  |
| Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (The obligation to attend Mass on this day is lifted due to Covid-19)                    |
| <b>Friday, January 1, 2021</b>   |
| Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Lord (The obligation to attend Mass on this day is lifted due to Covid-19) |
| <b>Saturday, January 2, 2021</b>   |
| March for Life - Madison   |
| <b>Tuesday, January 5, 2021</b>  |
| 11:00am <b>Tune-In Tuesdays</b>  |
| <b>Friday, January 8, 2021</b>   |
| Deacon Formation - Marathon - Jan. 8-9   |
| Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - Jan. 8-9   |
| <b>Saturday, January 9, 2021</b>   |
| 5:30pm <b>14th Ukrainian Christmas Dinner - Chippewa Falls</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, January 12, 2021</b>   |
| 11:00am <b>Tune-In Tuesdays</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, January 16, 2021</b>  |
| National Religious Freedom Day   |
| 8:00am <b>Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point</b>   |
| <b>Monday, January 18, 2021</b>  |
| Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18-25  |
| <b>Tuesday, January 19, 2021</b>   |
| 11:00am <b>Tune-In Tuesdays</b>  |
| <b>Friday, January 22, 2021</b>  |
| Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  |
| <b>Tuesday, January 26, 2021</b>   |
| 11:00am <b>Tune-In Tuesdays</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, January 27, 2021</b>   |
| <b>Pilgrimage for Life - Jan. 27-31, 2021 - CANCELLED</b>  |
| <b>Friday, January 29, 2021</b>  |
| March for Life - Washington, D.C.  |

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto: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.

If your parish has an event, i.e., parish program, fall festival, parish dinner, etc., that is scheduled in April, and you would like it included in that issue, please send the information to [pwiller@diolc.org](mailto:pwiller@diolc.org), no later than February 5.

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**Chancery Office**

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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### For Parish Communications

#### Preparing for Christmas

Please take some time to prepare spiritually for the birth of our Savior. You are invited to watch one (or all) of the presentations for the Advent Mission. The theme is “**Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph.**” The presentations are available at [diolc.org/advent](http://diolc.org/advent). The length of the talks are 30-40 minutes with discussion questions available.

The Presenters and Titles of the Presentations are:

- St. Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be Closest to Mary and to Jesus  
– *Msgr. Joseph Diermeier*
- Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story – *Msgr. Joseph Hirsch*
- That Holy Night, through Joseph’s Eyes– *Father Woodrow Pace*
- “Joseph, Son of David...You are to Give Him the Name Jesus”  
– *Bishop William Patrick Callahan*

### For Parish Communications

#### Bulletin insert for the weekend of December 20

A bulletin insert entitled Advent: “Do Not Be Afraid” is available by clicking here:

[diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/](http://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/)

#### Parish: Welcome Card for Use on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

A Welcome Card is being provided for use in the pew on Christmas Eve or Day for those people who would like to commit or re-commit to the parish. Click here:

[diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/](http://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/)

#### Speaker Series – January 7

Dr. Petroc Willey will be speaking on the six ways that Christ is to be the center of all teaching, which is called Christocentricity. Petroc does this by way of Sacred Art. I heard the presentation that he gave to the Archdiocese of Minneapolis/St. Paul and it is both beautiful and extremely helpful for teaching. Dr. Willey is a gifted speaker, who makes everything understandable. He is a Director of the Catechetical Institute and a Professor of Catechetics. Further, he is a consultor for the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. This presentation will be well worth your time, and will give you a spiritual lift in the Christmas Season. There is no cost for the ZOOM presentation on **Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 p.m.**, but **registration is necessary**. Send an email to Paula at [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org) All are welcome. Extend the invitation to catechists and Catholic School teachers.

## BEET Grants

The grant application instructions and application for the upcoming 2021-2022 year are available here: [diolc.org/schools/beet-grant/](http://diolc.org/schools/beet-grant/). Please read the instructions page to determine if your project meets the grant requirements. The 2021-2022 Bishop's Educational Endowment Trust (BEET Grant) information includes the Directions and the Application form in Word and in a pdf with fillable boxes.

The purpose of the Bishop's Education Endowment trust is to support and assist the mission of the Diocese of La Crosse in providing funds for all aspects of Catholic education in the Diocese and are based upon need. Fully completed applications are due on or before **Friday, February 5, 2021**. This is a firm date because of the lengthy process for the grants.

Questions regarding grant applications can be directed to Kimberly Huston at ([khuston@diolc.org](mailto:khuston@diolc.org)) or Ann at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org).

Catechetical Leader: If the parish has not yet implemented Theology of the Body in Middle School and/or High School, consider submitting a grant, if there is a financial need, for a digital subscription from Ascension Press. This would allow parents the opportunity to watch the session that their son or daughter is studying. Go to:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/teen-faith-formation>

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## Office for Communications

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### **Bishop Callahan's Christmas Video Message and supporting graphics:**

Bishop Callahan's recorded Christmas video message is available [here](#) for you to share on your Facebook page and link to your website. Christmas website and Facebook banners have also been created and are available for your use at the diocesan [media resources](#) page.

### **Reminder: Parish Social Media Checkup**

In the next few months, we will be available to meet via ZOOM to review your parish social media presence. We can review your Parish/School Google My Business listing, Parish/School Facebook, Other Parish Listings, Exposure to Email scams, future usage of myParish app, Parish Website and other lingering questions.

If you are interested in setting up a time, please contact our office.

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## Office for Consecrated Life

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**For your Parish Bulletin:**

## Thanks for giving to the retirement fund for religious

“We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year,” says a Catholic sister. “Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters.” Thank you for donating to last week’s second collection.

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### Office for the Diaconate

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### Office for Human Resources

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### Office for Marriage & Family Life

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## For your Parish Bulletin:

### Save the Date!

#### January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: “Walking with Mom’s in Need”

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### Heroic Men Website

If you haven’t done so, check out the Heroic Men website [here](#), and let the Catholic men in your parish know about this great site. It is a 100% FREE Catholic streaming platform designed especially for men who want to discover (or re-discover) the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith. Offering more than 100 feature-length films, TV shows, documentaries and short films, Heroic Men seeks to source the best Catholic media available and bring it all to you, all in one place.

### **Reminder: Process for Training FOCCUS Facilitators**

It has been exciting to hear about couples who are stepping forward, wanting to become FOCCUS Facilitators! The process for training FOCCUS Facilitators is as follows: each parish needs to contact FOCCUS directly to set up an account for your parish, if one has not already been set up, and then train your couples directly through FOCCUS. The contact person at FOCCUS is Max Allen. He is happy to work directly with your parish priest or contact person His contact information is: Email: [mrallen@foccusinc.com](mailto:mrallen@foccusinc.com) or phone 402-827-3735 ext. 1317

### **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](http://twl4parents.com/newsletter).

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### **Office for Ministries**

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### **Office for Missions**

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | [wpace@diolc.org](mailto:wpace@diolc.org)

**Mission Coop 2021:** As summer 2021 approaches, we have some usual reminders.

**International Priests:** If your bishop/religious provincial wishes to participate in our 2021 Mission Coop Program, please have him or his secretary email us a [Letter of Application](#) to the [Mission Office](#) by **Friday, January 8, 2021**. Even if a mission diocese, congregation or individual has participated in the past, we need a [new letter](#) each year.

**Pastors:** If you or your parish has any particular needs regarding the parish schedule or missionary assignment, please let us know as soon as possible. [Letters of Application](#) from missionaries need to be returned by **Friday, January 8, 2021**.

**Parish bookkeepers:** Thank you for all the extra time and work you offer in support of the Missions! Please send the Mission Office any outstanding collections for Mission Coop, World Mission Sunday, the Student Lenten Mite Box Program (MCA), and/or any other “designated mission donations” in time to close out the fiscal year. We are also eager to forward them to their proper destinations. We are increasingly aware that they are in much need of the funds because of the pandemic and its related delays. The above-named collections can be disbursed on one check to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, but please itemize each specific collection name, along with the corresponding amount in the memo.

**Mass Stipends** are always in great need and offer much needed support to missionaries and our own senior priests, especially during these dire times and hardships with Covid-19. If your parish has an excess of stipends, we would be happy to receive them, along with a list of their accompanying intentions and share them with local priests as well as missionary priests who otherwise have little to no income. The intentions are sure to be offered in a timely manner so the invaluable spiritual benefits can be enjoyed by the faithful departed or those in need!

### **Casa Hogar and Fr. Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild**

December is here and we are getting ready for to share in the holiday spirit. Join us on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm CST LIVE for a nativity tour. The kids from each family will guide you through their family's nativity scene and you can help us decide the winner! If you have never seen Christmas in Peru, you're in for a treat!

Mark your calendars and start thinking about your bids! Bids can be placed by emailing [ssceery@ajpm.org.pe](mailto:ssceery@ajpm.org.pe) or in the comments section of: [www.homeajpm.org/donate](http://www.homeajpm.org/donate)

Bids available for:

- \$1 (or \$5, \$10, \$15+!) for every FULL set of 3 wisemen found in all of Casa Hogar
- \$1 (or \$5, \$10, \$15+!) for every FULL set of Joseph, Mary and empty crib
- \$5 to every family who has over 10 animals (without any missing legs or heads)
- \$5 to every family who incorporates lights
- Place a wager of any amount on one or two families winning!
- Open Challenge—have an idea? Send it our way and we'll pass along to the family to make sure they try to incorporate into their nativity scene

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm CST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83259203068?pwd=Slp6bWtZMVJINzdITWlpNExLeUF1dz09>

Meeting ID: 832 5920 3068

Passcode: 220529

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**Office for Sacred Worship**

Director: Christopher Carstens – 608.791.0161 | [ccarstens@diolc.org](mailto:ccarstens@diolc.org)

### **Up to Four Masses on Christmas Eve, Four on Christmas Day**

Bishop Callahan has decreed that Christmas Eve Masses can begin as early as 2:00 p.m. on December 24, 2020. The earlier time will allow, where it is deemed appropriate by the pastor, for priests to offer additional Masses on Christmas Eve to accommodate the faithful, while still keeping overall occupancy numbers below 25%.

Relative to this decree about the start time of Christmas Eve Masses is a further decree from Cardinal Robert Sarah of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. For the year 2020, he says, Bishops may allow their priests to celebrate four Masses (rather than three) on Christmas Eve, and four more on Christmas day. Bishop Callahan will grant this permission in a forthcoming decree.

In short: priests may begin to celebrate Christmas Eve Masses as early as 2:00 p.m. on December 24. They may offer four Masses on December 24, and four more Masses on December 25. Please contact the Office for Sacred Worship with any questions.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

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## Office for Social Concerns

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**For your Parish Bulletin:**



**March for Life – Jan. 2 in Madison, Jan. 29 in Washington, D.C.**

While the Diocese of La Crosse is not taking pilgrims to the March for Life this year, you can choose to participate in the March for Life in Madison on Jan. 2 or the march in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 29. For more information on both, visit [prolifewi.org/marchforlife](http://prolifewi.org/marchforlife). If you plan to attend the March for Life in Madison, please email [cruff@diolc.org](mailto:cruff@diolc.org) or [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org) and we will discuss a rendezvous point for pilgrims from our diocese.

**For your Parish Bulletin:**

**Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner Jan. 9**

Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine, will be the main speaker at the annual Ukrainian Christmas Dinner on Jan. 9 at the spacious and beautiful Lilydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All funds go toward the charitable mission of Chalice of Mercy. This is an unforgettable evening of inspiration and delicious Ukrainian food. For more information, visit [chaliceofmercy.org/dinner-events](http://chaliceofmercy.org/dinner-events).

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**For your Parish Bulletin:**

**U.S. Bishops’ Statement on ethics of COVID-19 Vaccines**

There are currently three vaccines that are likely to be made available in the coming months, those from Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in producing the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing the commonly used, but morally compromised HEK293 cell line (from kidney cells taken from an aborted child in the Netherlands in 1972) was performed on both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, in this case the connection is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HEK293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. Where possible, then, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are to be used instead. Where that is not possible or would mean significant delay, the AstraZeneca vaccine may be used, in the same way that the Rubella vaccine is used because there is no alternative. To read the full statement on the vaccines, visit [usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines](http://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines).

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**Office for Stewardship & Development**

Director: Jeff Reiter – 608.791.2653 | [jreiter@diolc.org](mailto:jreiter@diolc.org)

**Mail-In Date:** For any gift to be considered for the 2020 Calendar/Tax year, it must be postmarked by 12/31/2020; otherwise, it will be regarded as a 2021 gift. If someone drops a donation off at the parish before 12/31/20 and the 12/31 postmark cannot be met, please email our office with the information to process the gift accordingly. We can only accept those gifts postmarked after 12/31/2020 for the 2020 tax year if it came through the parish.

**Christ Our Cornerstone Cathedral Campaign:** This is your last chance to attend one of our Virtual Clergy Receptions! Our final clergy reception is on Wednesday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. This reception, led by Bishop Callahan, will provide insight into the campaign, how each member of the Clergy can assist in bringing the message of this campaign Diocesan-wide, and a personal invitation for each Priest and Deacon to support the Campaign effort. If you were unable to attend thus far, there is still time to register.

Please visit [us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcscemqrT8jEtBLjlycTcJUajRsc7pzHTI5](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcscemqrT8jEtBLjlycTcJUajRsc7pzHTI5). After registering, you will receive your meeting link. We wish to thank all of our clergy members who have already attended one of the Virtual Receptions. We are grateful for your enthusiasm and commitment to this Cathedral project!

**Christ our Cornerstone Parish Resources:** The parish depository of materials to be used to help promote this effort can be found at [diolc.org/stewardship/cornerstone/](https://diolc.org/stewardship/cornerstone/). This page is similar to how the Appeal Portal supports the Diocesan Annual Appeal

### **2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

This year's theme emphasizes the relevancy of the Church, our Christ-given Mission, and our community united through our Baptism to the Cross and Resurrection. The theme is **"His Church is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is You and Me."**

**United States Postal Service:** We continue to have several parishes reporting issues with parishioners reporting they are not getting their appeal mailings as timely as expected. We have found that the mailings are reaching their homes seven days and more later than expected. If you receive reports of parishioners not receiving mailings, please let us know who they are so that we can send them another packet. We cannot help if we do not have the names of individuals or families.

**Reminder: GivingTrend:** Some of you may have noticed some intermittent issues with this reporting program. We are going through a significant upgrade of our processing and reporting software. This upgrade will expand our ability to process and report gifts. Please be patient as this upgrade is put into production, and know we are trying to minimize any disruptions. If you need information or are having an issue with GivingTrend, please contact our office.

**Reminder: 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 best weekend for your schedule. You must register your parish and tell us which weekend you want the mail to arrive by. Register on the [Appeal Portal](#)

**Planned Giving -Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequest, and Endowments.** 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 [diolclegacy.org](http://diolclegacy.org). 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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### Catholic Mutual Group Risk Management Minute

Please [click here](#) to learn more about electronic signatures and cybersecurity best practices.

### Thursday, December 17 - PNQ project launch webinars for QuickBooks Online and ParishSOFT Accounting.

We are transitioning all parishes to a new standard Chart of Accounts during 2021, the PNQ project outlined during the recent finance webinar. Expected benefits include a much easier Annual Report, greater accounting transparency, and improved parish software support.

For parishes wishing to use QuickBooks, please be aware that the 80% discount for QBO will expire at year-end. This discount will save parishes using the QBO software \$56/month, or \$3,360 over the next five years. If your parish wishes to participate in the QBO discount program, please advise Nick Lichter [nlichter@diolc.org](mailto:nlichter@diolc.org) today, Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Parishes who have not contacted us by the end of business on December 15 will not be able to participate in the QBO 80% discount.

All parish Finance Contacts, Pastors, Bookkeepers, Volunteers, and others who work with the accounting software are invited to attend either the QBO or the ParishSOFT Accounting (PSA) project launch webinar.

The **PSA project launch webinar is Thursday, December 17, at 9:00 p.m. CST**. For those unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and available to watch later. Registration is required. Please [click here](#) to register.

The **QBO project launch webinar is Thursday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m. CST**. For those unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and available to watch later. Registration is required. Please [click here](#) to register.

Presenters include vendor and Diocese of La Crosse project team members. Our agenda topics include:

- The design and use of the new Chart of Accounts
- Account mapping from the old chart to the new chart

- Implementation schedule choices, opportunities, and challenges
  1. Calendar year-end (1-1-2021) implementation
  2. First quarter-end (4-1-2021) implementation
  3. Fiscal year-end (7-1-2021) implementation
- Steps to prepare
- Go live!
- Steps to verify successful transition
- Accessing historical data

The Clergy especially are invited to attend. Since all parishes will be using this new Chart of Accounts, parish leadership needs to gain a general knowledge of how it is designed and intended to work within the software. This webinar will help.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact Nick Lichter [nlichter@diolc.org](mailto:nlichter@diolc.org), (608) 791-2681 with any questions.

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## Office for Vocations

*Director of Vocation Recruitment/Director of Formation: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | [nkuhn@diolc.org](mailto:nkuhn@diolc.org)*

Please include the following intercession for vocations for your Sunday prayers of the faithful:

That through our vocations to marriage, priesthood and religious life we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world.

Please consider adding a vocations paragraph to your parish bulletin. Below is an example - they will be changed each week. Feel free to use any or all of them. Contact Renee' at [vocations@diolc.org](mailto:vocations@diolc.org) if you'd like the full document emailed to you.

There are few things in life are more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve as well. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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## Office for Vicar for Clergy

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No items this week.

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## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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### For your Parish Bulletin:

#### Save the Date!

#### January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: “Walking with Mom’s in Need”

Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. *Not true at all*, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. This afternoon of reflection will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens. More details coming soon!

#### National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) Annual Membership Meeting

If you are a member of the NFCYM, you will not want to miss the Annual Membership Meeting (AMM). This is an opportunity for members of NFCYM to participate in professional development, networking, and communal expressions of faith while working together on projects and identifying and taking concrete steps to bring the mission of NFCYM to life. Follow this [link](#) to register!

If you are not yet a member of the NFCYM and would like to learn more about becoming a member call our office and/or click [here](#).

#### Reminder: Middle School Safe Environment PowerPoints are now available!

We are excited to announce that the Safe Environment PowerPoints for each grade (6th, 7th, and 8th) are now available on the diocesan website [here](#)! You will find them in the section titled “Diocese of La Crosse Protect and Heal Religious Education Plans” under the “Middle School” drop down box.

#### 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 [link](#) 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.

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