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Pilgrimage for Life - Jan. 27-31, 2021 - CANCELLED

Friday, January 29

Virtual March for Life

Saturday, January 30

Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: "Walking with Mom's in Need"

Tuesday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord: World Day for Consecrated Life

9:00am Catholic Schools Week Mass - Live Stream

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Friday, February 5

Deacon Formation - Marathon - Feb. 5-6

Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - Feb. 5-6

6:15pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse - Feb. 5-6

Saturday, February 6

World Day for Consecrated Life (celebrated in parishes) - Feb. 6 - 7

Tuesday, February 9

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Thursday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick

Saturday, February 13

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

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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Reminder: Pro-Life Teaching Resources to mark the 48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. For Pro-life teaching and prayer resources for various age-levels, click here. diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/pro-life-teaching-resources/

Resources include:

- An excellent YouTube entitled "[God Knew Your Name](#)" (5 ½ min.)
- Chris Stefanick 4 minute [YouTube for Middle and High School Students](#)
- [Chronology of a New Life](#) from Pro-Life Wisconsin

The Pro-Life March on **Friday, January 29th** will be a virtual event. Join in: marchforlife.org

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://business.facebook.com/events/1002688566830861/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Webinar: Engage those who are slowly drifting out of your parish

Gather your parish leadership and join Bishop Barron and Word on Fire for a free webinar on Wednesday, January 27th at 11 a.m. CST to focus on the people most at risk of not coming back from the Covid lockdowns. The good news? They still have an attachment to the parish and are still showing up in the pews (at least sometimes)!

Register by clicking here: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8841796834302263054

Though their intentions are good, most everything parishes do, language they use, tools they choose, and content they provide (mobile apps, social media, digital content libraries, etc.) are catered toward the 7% who are engaged, and not the 82% who are barely hanging on.

Reminder: Save the date: Saturday, June 5th for a Virtual Theology of the Body Training

Training will be provided for those who teach the following grades in Parish Programs: Grades 7th or 8th and Grades 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th. Brian Butler, a gifted speaker and one of the producers of Theology of the Body for Middle School and YOU: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body by Ascension Press, will provide an interactive, virtual training on Saturday, June 5th from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with an hour for lunch. DRE's, CRE's and Youth Ministers are encouraged to organize a group at the parish so that *The Theology of the Body* can be implemented in the fall. Parents are most welcome to be part of a parish group so they can "walk with" their child in this formation. Cost is \$10 per person. More details to follow.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/1Y5gDXdQB>

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Reminder: Save the date: Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference – August 7th

A compelling Virtual Conference is being planned for Saturday August 7th. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Petroc Willey, the Director of the Catechetical Institute and Franciscan at Home online learning system and is a consultant for the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization, Rome. Schedule on August 7th will be 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost will be \$10 per person. More details to follow. Watch a recent webinar by Petroc on the six ways that Christ is to be the center of all that we teach. The use of Sacred Art is most compelling with the power point and handout provided: diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/certification/

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/lxDMVD96>

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Excellent Lenten Resources For Parish Small Groups

Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

During this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, a six-week preparation beginning on February 15 and ends on March 19th on the Solemnity of St. Joseph would be a most-timely study during Lent. The book is arranged for the consecration with 10-15 minutes of reading per day. Books can be purchased by clicking here: <https://www.shopmercy.org/consecration-to-st-joseph-the-wonders-of-our-spiritual-father.html?source=cts> It works well to meet on ZOOM to discuss the questions.

Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement by Fr. Timothy Gallagher O.M.V. is a very helpful book to read, especially during these challenging times. Four recorded presentations by Fr. Gallagher that cover the content of the book in a different way, along with discussion questions, are available for \$15. Participants could watch a presentation and read a chapter of *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement* and then discuss the content on a weekly ZOOM for 40 minutes. (ZOOM is free for 40 minutes) Contact Paula at pboyle@diolc.org to purchase materials.

Bible Studies and Faith-building Resources

Formation of adults is the principal form of teaching, because it is addressed to persons who have the greatest responsibilities and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form. Take a look at the wide variety of excellent resources that are available on the market, some for free rental from the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization.

For an extensive list of Bible Studies and Faith-building Resources, that have/are being used at parishes, click here: <https://diolc.org/catechesis/bible-studies-and-small-group-resources/>

Reminder: BEET Grants

BEET Grant are due Friday, February 5, 2021. The grant application instructions and application for the upcoming 2021-2022 year are available here: diolc.org/schools/beet-grant/.

Catechetical Leaders: If your 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: ascensionpress.com/pages/teen-faith-formation Training will be provided on Saturday, June 5th for those who will be teaching TOB in the fall, in Middle School or High School. See info above.

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Promoting your parish Lenten meals.

With Lent quickly approaching, it's time to start promoting your parish Lenten meals. We are again using the diocesan website to host the Fish Frynder, a place where people can find when and where a fish fry, or other parish Lenten meal is taking place throughout the diocese. To get your parish event listed, please contact Pam Willer at datebook@diolc.org. As we get requests, we will add them to the Fish Frynder page listing your parish, the location, the times and the detailed information about the dinner including food options, as provided. diolc.org/fishfrynder

What is next with myParish app? Introducing EVANGELUS

Diocesan has announced an exciting new solution for dioceses and parishes called EVANGELUS. It enables parishes to use a single new communications tool to reach parishioners through email, text, myParish app, social media and websites. To find out more, [click here](#).

The typical cost is \$99/month per parish. Exclusively for the Diocese of La Crosse and its parishes, the cost is \$59/month per parish. myParish app is included when you purchase EVANGELUS. MyParish app will remain free until Easter 2021. If your parish wants to continue with MyParish app, it will be \$39/month per parish. If your parish does not want to continue with myParish app after Easter, the app will stay in place but your parish will not have the ability to use the app for messaging, adding new content or do any further customizing.

If you have any questions, contact:

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Reminder: Bishop Callahan's Catholic Schools Week Video

Catholic Schools Week starts Sunday, January 31, 2021. Please take time to celebrate with the Catholic School students and their families in our diocese, and please pray for the continued success of our Catholic Schools. [Here](#) is Bishop Callahan's Catholic Schools Week greeting. As you celebrate in your parish and schools, please tag your social media posts with the hashtag #CSWDIOLC21 so we can share your excitement!

Catholic Schools Video Link: youtu.be/IOh3KRRgQFA

Reminder: Events for April Catholic Life

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, no later than Feb. 5.

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Dates for deacons to reserve:

August 14, 2021 – Deacons and Wives Day with the Bishop

February 11-13, 2022 – Deacons and Wives Retreat

Reminder: For your Parish Bulletin: Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, February 27.

Are you a man at least 30 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/7RUt1pcug>

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Bulletin

January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: "Walking with Moms 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 is a free event and will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens. To register, visit diolc.org/respect-life.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/3RGErZGKC>

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National Marriage Week February 7-14, 2021

"For Your Marriage" is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society. On February 7-14, 2021, "For Your Marriage" is sponsoring National Marriage Week! This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. This year the theme is: **To Have, To Hold, To Honor**. Here's how you can join:

- Spend a little dedicated time in prayer and reflection by participating in our **seven-day at-home retreat** (available in pdf in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) focused on marriage. This year the retreat theme is "**To Have, To Hold, To Honor**."
- Share our **National Marriage Week Flyer**, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- Change your Facebook Cover Photo or share one of the images from our [Social Media Kit](#) (also in Spanish at PortuMatrimonio.org) (Coming soon!)
- Encourage your parish to celebrate **World Marriage Sunday** (February 14, 2021), with a [Preaching Resource](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)) for clergy or by sharing our flyer.
- Invite your diocesan or parish community to pray for marriage with these [Prayers of the Faithful for National Marriage Week](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)).
- Read Archbishop Cordileone's **Invitation to Celebrate National Marriage Week** (Coming Soon!).
- **Conversation on Fatherhood and Spousal Love** – Tune in on the [For Your Marriage's Facebook page](#) **Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 EDT** for a live-streamed discussion between the associate director for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, Fr. Daniel Hanley, and the director of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, Mr. Dominic Lombardi as they discuss their reflections on fatherhood and spousal love looking to Saint Joseph as their example.

- **Pray a rosary** for married couples and families with us! The rosary will be led by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, the head of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, and live-streamed on **Friday, February 12, at 3:00 PM EDT** on the [USCCB Facebook Page](#).

Diocesan Website for Clergy and Marriage Ministers Regarding Marriage Preparation

FYI, here is the [link](#) that goes directly to the section of our website containing resources for clergy and marriage ministers. There are step-by-step instructions, downloadable guidelines, downloadable forms, and much more! Please let us know if we can assist you in this ministry.

For Your Parish Bulletin

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend Coming Soon!

Whether your marriage has simply drifted apart, or has arrived at separation or divorce, Retrouvaille \Retro- vi\ offers hope. The next program begins with a weekend away at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI, February 12-14. Fr. Joseph Redfern, a priest of our diocese, is on the presenting team, along with 3 couples who share their personal stories of healing and reconciliation. This highly successful program is fully confidential, affordable (all volunteer-run), and open to couples of all faiths or no faith background. Please follow these links to download and share the [Cover Letter to Churches](#), [Bulletin Announcements](#), and [Flyer to share with your parish](#). You can also follow this [link](#) to learn more about Retrouvaille.

Save the Date! February 20, 2021 Virtual Men's Lenten Retreat

We will have a virtual Lenten retreat for men talking about looking to St. Joseph as a model for being a great husband and father. The retreat will feature speakers Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen. More information is coming soon.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

fb.me/e/cPMROcgmE

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Reminder: 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 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.

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For your Parish Bulletin:

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, February 27

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall – Registration underway!

Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins fall of 2021. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

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Office for Missions

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Missionary Childhood Association (MCA), Lenten Mite Boxes: Orders are posted and shipping should begin in the next weeks for parishes and schools receiving the annual Mite Boxes from MCA. Mite Boxes can be distributed to Catholic School and Parish Religious Education (CCD) programs for Grade School and Middle School students. The Office of Social Concerns makes available Rice Bowls from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for High School students and family participation. Both are a very productive way to enter the 40 days of Lent with a commitment to sacrifice and service on behalf of the Catholic Church and the recipients of her care living under the conditions of poverty and extreme need. As the pandemic continues, the cry of God's people is indeed getting louder, but so has the charity

of God's people and their desire to be part of "the solution." A letter with more details regarding MCA will be sent to all Catholic school principals and DRE's/CRE's in the near future. If you have any questions, please call or [e-mail the Mission Office](#).

Mission Co-op Program (MCP), summer 2021: Because of the delay caused by the pandemic, we are just closing up the program from 2020. None-the-less, we cannot delay in preparing for MCP, 2021, so preparation for the next round has already begun. The assignment of missionaries to parishes usually takes place for us at the end of January and beginning of February. Many requests and applications are in and being organized. So here are some last-minute notes for missionaries and pastors:

Missionaries: Many thanks to all those who have completed the annual application process. If you have confirmed your diocese or religious order, all is set. If you are unsure if your bishop or religious superior has completed the application process, please confirm with the Mission Office by phone or e-mail to ensure you are not missed for 2021.

Pastors: If you have any special requests for MCP this summer please let us know as soon as possible. We try during the assignment process to accommodate any particular mission request, date request or 'exceptions to the rule' request. For example, the appeals are usually to be held in the months of June, July, August, but exceptions can be made with certain precautions. If you have any questions please contact the [Mission Office](#).

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Cancelled: Diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election, February 21

After receiving input from other dioceses around the country and in the state of Wisconsin, and after hearing from RCIA Coordinators from within the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop Callahan has cancelled the diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral this year. Instead, Bishop Callahan will delegate to each pastor with catechumens and candidates permission to celebrate the Rite in their parish. The Rite can take place either within or outside of Mass, usually on the First Sunday of Lent (February 21) or the week preceding or after. If only unbaptized catechumens will be elected, see the RCIA book at number 118; if only baptized candidates will be called, see the RCIA book at number 446; if both catechumens and candidates will participate, see the combined rite at RCIA, number 547. More information about the Rite of Election has been sent to parish RCIA coordinators. Please contact the Office for Sacred Worship (ccarstens@diolc.org or (608) 791-2674) with any questions.

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday

The Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome recently released the following instructions for the distribution of Ashes during the present pandemic conditions: "The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel', or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything."

The US Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship continues: "These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. The distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here. Therefore, the Committee encourages ministers to provide some explanation to the faithful, to avoid unnecessary confusion."

The faithful ought to be alerted to this alternative manner of distributing ashes in 2021. As the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship notes, while sprinkling ashes upon the top of the head is not customary in the United States, this legitimate manner of giving ashes is practiced in other countries around the world. The Ash Wednesday texts from the Missal themselves speak variously of ashes "put on our heads" "receive[d] upon our heads," and "place[d] on the head." The practice also recalls Old Testament accounts of "the Israelites gathered together while fasting and wearing sackcloth, their heads covered with dust" (Nehemiah 9:1).

Feast Day of Blessed James Miller: February 13

Blessed James Miller was declared "blessed" on Saturday, December 7, 2019 in Huehuetenango Guatemala. (Read Bishop Callahan's tribute to his life, [here](#).) While there are no proper liturgical texts for Mass or the Liturgy of the Hours on his February 13 feast day (the anniversary date of his death), Blessed James may be celebrated using texts from the "Common of Martyrs: For One Missionary Martyr" at Mass and the "Common of One Martyr" at the Liturgy of the Hours. Readings at Mass may be taken from the weekday or from the similar sections of the Lectionary.

Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC

February 13, 2021, will mark the second annual observance of the feast day of Blessed James Miller. A prayer for his intercession has been approved by Bishop Callahan:

"O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America.

You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for *[mention request]* and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen."

Imprimatur: +William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv., Bishop of La Crosse—February 7, 2020

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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Protect and Heal Training (formerly known as Safe Environment Training):

Has everyone at your Parish or School completed training for the 2020-21 Audit Period? If it would help in finishing training at your parish or school, I am available to do a Zoom Training. We could schedule a time during the day, a time in the evening and a weekend time so those that work during the day have options. I am not available Wednesday evenings.

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Office for Social Concerns

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January 29, Starting 10:00 am – Virtual March for Life from Washington, D.C.

"Together Strong: Life Unites!"

The March for Life in Washington, D.C. has shifted to a virtual event out of safety concerns. It will still feature inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders, information on how to stay involved in the pro-life movement all year long, and a performance by Christian singer and songwriter Matthew West. To register for the January 29 live stream, visit marchforlife.org/2021-virtualevents.

Here is the Facebook link for this event.

facebook.com/events/1002688566830861

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Pastors NOTE: Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection

Bishop Callahan has asked parishes to take up the CCHD collection the last weekend of January or the first weekend of February. Normally the CCHD national office sends out the materials at least a month ahead of time, but due to a database error on their part, they failed to do so this year and only a week ago expedited the shipment. Parishes should now have received the envelopes and promotional materials. Normally the week before the collection, a bulletin announcement is run. To allow for this, it is advisable that the collection be taken up the weekend of February 6-7. Here is the suggested bulletin announcement:

- **Bulletin Announcement for Weekend before Parish CCHD Collection:**

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than forty-six million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development.

For your Bulletin:

Blessed Brother James Miller, Martyr and Witness to the Gospel – Feast Day Feb. 13

Saturday, Feb. 13 will mark the Feast Day of Blessed James Miller. A native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary, Brother James was gunned down while repairing a wall at the school where he worked in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on Feb. 13, 1982. He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on Dec. 7, 2019. Let us turn to Blessed James Miller as an example of fidelity to the Gospel and humble and fearless service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable.

Note to Pastors: See the Sacred Worship section of this Chancery Bulletin for liturgical details on this Feb. 13 Feast Day.

For your Bulletin:

Wisconsin Bishops Issue Statement on Morality of COVID-19 Vaccines

There are three COVID-19 vaccines that are available (currently only for the most vulnerable populations), or likely to be available in the coming months. They are from Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in producing the vaccine, but they did use a morally compromised line (from kidney cells taken

from an aborted child in the Netherlands in 1972) for confirmatory testing. The AstraZeneca vaccine used that cell line 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 preferred. But the US Bishops Conference has recently stated that all three are morally permissible because of the remoteness of the material cooperation in the evil of abortion. Catholic moral theology has always made a distinction between formal and material cooperation in an act which is morally compromised. Formal cooperation with a moral evil such as abortion is always sinful. An example of this kind of cooperation might be the doctor or nurse who directly assists with, and intends, the abortion itself. Material cooperation can be different in that it does not intend the evil act and is often more distant or remote from the act itself. To read the Wisconsin Bishops' full assessment of the vaccines and for a document answering "Frequently Asked Questions," visit diolc.org/respect-life and click on the tab for "COVID Vaccines – Ethics."

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal This year's theme emphasizes the Church's relevancy, 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." Our next direct mailing is scheduled to arrive in homes by the week's end before Holy Week (est. March 26). If you would like to include a letter from the Pastor or Parish Committee members, please send us a draft before March 5, 2021.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection January 31, 2021 — Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Our readings today remind us of God's authority.

As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer that will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

— Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

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. If you would like more information or ads for your parish bulletin, please contact our office. Our Planned Giving website is 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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Pastors and PNQ, the parish accounting project

Please join Father Dhein, the Finance Office, ParishSOFT and your fellow Diocese of La Crosse pastors as we learn more about the PNQ parish accounting project. We will recap current project progress, hear from early adopters and highlight ways the new accounting structure can help pastors manage their parish. This program is specifically intended for pastors, though parish finance staff are welcome as well. Program content will last approximately 1 hour, with 30 minutes at the end for your advice and questions. For those unable to attend the webinar will be recorded and posted online afterwards at diolc.org/temporalities.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Thursday, Feb 4, 2021 3:00-4:30 PM Central Time

Topic: Pastors and PNQ, the parish accounting project

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oYnvliPxSgyhgZzbzAuQHw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you have questions please contact Nick Lictor, (608) 791 2681, nlichter@diolc.org

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Office for Vocations

Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | nkuhn@diolc.org

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

For a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness.

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 if you'd like the full document emailed to you.

Have you asked someone recently?

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached 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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Priest Retreat April 12-16, 2021: Save the date. Full information regarding gathered and virtual options are being worked out and will soon be presented in full. Registration instructions will be given once everything is set in place. Unless the response to the pandemic changes between now and then, our speaker, Fr. Ross Chamberland, O.F.M., will be live streaming the conferences from St. Bonaventure University, New York where he is Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement. He will present from his experience as a Franciscan priest within a diversity of assignments, parish ministry, street evangelization, university student activities and more. A total of eight conferences will be offered over the five day retreat beginning Monday 5 pm and concluding at Noon on Friday.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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For Your Bulletin

January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: "Walking with Moms 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 is a free

event and will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens. To register, visit diolc.org/respect-life.

Here is the Facebook link for this event.

<https://fb.me/e/3RGErZGKC>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Save the Date! Virtual Confirmation Retreats

We will be offering two dates for Virtual Confirmation Retreats using the Young Life Catholic Retreat Team. They will be offered March 13, 2021 and April 10, 2021 from 10:00am-1:00pm on both days. More information is 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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