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### Events

As of Feb. 16

**Wednesday, February 17**

Ash Wednesday

**Saturday, February 20**

Marriage - Virtual Lenten Men's Retreat

**Sunday, February 21**

2:00pm Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - La Crosse - CANCELLED

**Tuesday, February 23**11:00am [Tune-In Tuesdays](#)**Thursday, February 25**2:00pm [Virtual Formation - God's Sacrament of Healing for Our Wounded World](#)**Friday, February 26**

Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church Needs

**Saturday, February 27**

Diaconate Discernment Retreat - Altoona

8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau](#)**Tuesday, March 2**11:00am [Tune-In Tuesdays](#)**Friday, March 5**

Deacon Formation - Marathon - March 5-6

Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - March 5-6

**Saturday, March 6**8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire](#)9:00am [Spirituality Day 2021 - A Virtual Lenten Journey Through the Holy Land](#)**Tuesday, March 9**11:00am [Tune-In Tuesdays](#)**Friday, March 12**1:30pm [Blessing of Cathedral Cornerstone Project - La Crosse](#)2:00pm [Press conference - Restoration of the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman - La Crosse](#)**Saturday, March 13**8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point](#)**Sunday, March 14**10:30am [Anniversary of the opening of the cause of Servant of God, Father Joe Walijewski - La Crosse](#)

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.

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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### **Reminder: For Parish Communications**

#### **Bulletin Insert for the weekend of February 21**

This is the seventh in a series on the ways that God guides us. God uses the gift of reason – the thinking process – to provide helpful direction for everyday life. To download the bulletin insert, click here: [diolc.org/bulletin-inserts](https://diolc.org/bulletin-inserts)

### **For Parish Communications**

#### **Lenten resources for individuals, Families or Small Groups**

##### **A Series on How God Guides Us**

This series on “How God Guides Us” was developed due to requests from students in our Catholic High Schools through surveys and interviews for the past several years. There are six sessions and each session includes the following:

- a teaching on a specific way that God guides us.
- a Scripture passage that relates how God guided a person in each particular way.
- two modern-day true stories in which individuals experienced God’s guidance pertaining to the focus of the session.
- discussion questions.
- Go to [diolc.org/deeper](https://diolc.org/deeper) for the downloadable materials.

### **For Parish Communication**

#### **Praying with Scripture during Lent**

Would you like to spend a few minutes each day during Lent praying with a Scripture passage? Visit [diolc.org/deeper](https://diolc.org/deeper) to print a Prayer Card.

### **For Parish Communication**

#### **Pastoral Care amid Confusion about Sexual Identity with Fr. Paul Check**

In the midst of a confused culture, how can we affirm and teach God’s fundamental design for the human person as male and female, created in His image and called to a life of self-giving love? How can we do this in a sensitive way, and yet in a way that is also unafraid to speak the truth — because we know God has written that truth deep within every human heart? These are the questions that Father Paul Check, an international speaker who presents in a most understandable way, along with Chris Ruff and Terry Bell, will address as they consider the most common misconceptions about identity and gender. Visit [diolc.org/recordings](https://diolc.org/recordings) A list of helpful resources is also available: [diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Helpful-Resources.pdf](https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Helpful-Resources.pdf)

### **The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Parish**

For the parishes who will celebrate these Rites for RCIA catechumens and candidates, please consider giving each person a Prayer Card with the Apostles Creed for use during Lent – the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. This Period is a call to focus on further development in committed, daily prayer. Visit [diolc.org/deeper](https://diolc.org/deeper)

### **For Parish Communications:**

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from worry; feast on Divine order.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

### **For Parish Communications**

**Virtual Formation – Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 p.m.**

#### **God's Sacrament of Healing for Our Wounded World**

Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will present on the Sacrament of Reconciliation: God's Sacrament of Healing for our Wounded World. This is a timely topic for Lent. This presentation will deal with the common questions and struggles surrounding this Sacrament. This series is free and registration is necessary. Contact Paula Boyle at [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org) to register. Catechetical leaders, catechists, Catholic school teachers, administrators, parents and any interested adults are invited to attend this virtual webinar.

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### **Office for Communications**

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**Please note the date for the following event notice has changed to March 12**

### **For Your Parish Bulletin:**

**Cathedral Restoration Work Blessing and Press Conference - Friday, March, 12**

**Blessing of the Cathedral Restoration Project - 1:30 p.m.**

Join Bishop Callahan as he blesses the beginning of the restoration work on our Cathedral.

Under the guidance of St. Joseph, we ask his protection as this project begins.

Everyone is invited to be present or join via live stream at [cathedralsjworkman.org](http://cathedralsjworkman.org).

**Press Conference to announce the start of construction - 2:00 p.m.**

Monsignor Gilles, Cathedral Rector – opening remarks and spiritual reason for the project  
Steve Mar-Pohl, President at InSite Consulting Architects – structural issues, approach to the restoration work and timeline

Questions

Bishop Callahan – closing remarks

Everyone is invited to be present or join via live stream at [cathedralsjworkman.org](http://cathedralsjworkman.org)

### **Reminder: Bishop Callahan's Lenten Video Message**

Bishop Callahan's Lenten video greeting is available [here](#). Please share his message on your parish Facebook and your parish website. [youtu.be/tN3ivPPh3x0](https://youtu.be/tN3ivPPh3x0) We will also be using

Facebook video cross posting. Lenten website and Facebook banners have also been created and are available for your use at the diocesan media resources page [diolc.org/media\\_resources](http://diolc.org/media_resources)

**Reminder: Parish Divine Mercy Sunday events due February 19**

If your parish is planning a Divine Mercy Sunday event—April 11 this year—please send the information to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto:datebook@diolc.org). In addition to adding it to the diocesan calendar, your parish event will also be featured in a special section of the April issue of Catholic Life magazine. All events received by February 19, will be published in the April Catholic Life magazine.

**Attention Pastors, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries:** Parish Message Lines for the back cover of the April issue of *Catholic Life* magazine are due by Monday, February 22. The April issue is expected to arrive in homes by Monday, March 29. Please direct any questions to Sr. Donna: [dkrzmarzick@diolc.org](mailto:dkrzmarzick@diolc.org)

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**Office for Marriage & Family Life**

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## **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.

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

The next monthly newsletter article is now available from Teaching the Way of Love. This month's topic is "Let's Be Reasonable!" Click [here](#) for the article.

## **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@focculus.com](mailto:mrallen@focculus.com) or phone 402-827-3735 ext. 1317

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## **Office for Ministries**

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## **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](mailto: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>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

**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 in 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/layformation](http://diolc.org/layformation). Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call (608) 791-0161.

### **New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in July 2021**

Applications are now open for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick; conducting a Liturgy of the Word on weekdays when a priest is unavailable (or on Sunday in care facilities or jails); and by leading parishioners in prayer at other times. Applicants must have completed the Lay Formation Institute and be sponsored by their pastor. For more information and to apply, visit [diolc.org/ministries](http://diolc.org/ministries) and click on "Leader of Prayer."

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## **Office for Missions**

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**Missionary Childhood Association (MCA), Lenten Mite Boxes:** All parishes and schools should have now received the annual Lenten mite boxes from MCA for grade school and middle school students in our Catholic schools and parish Religious Education (CCD) Programs. 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 has been sent to all Catholic school principals and DRE's/CRE's. A new [newsletter from Rome](#) with various world-wide projects supported by MCA has just now also become available. Additional information can be found on our [Mission Office website](#). If you have any questions, need more materials or have a change to request for next year, 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 is the final notice 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 the 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](mailto: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).

### **Liturgical Calendar**

February 26 (Friday): Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church needs. (Note: this observance is the Friday of the first week of Lent, not Friday after Ash Wednesday.) See more information [here](#).

### **Easter Vigil Start Time**

Sunset in La Crosse on Saturday, April 3 is to be at 7:35 p.m. So that the Vigil may begin in darkness, 8:30 should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil.

### **Free Workshop: Celebrating the Easter Mystery**

The Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary has just published a series of classes on Celebrating the Easter Mystery, presented by Christopher Carstens, Director of the Office for Sacred Worship. These five, one-hour classes uncover the spiritual treasures of Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter Season by focusing on the liturgy’s prayers, readings, and ceremonies. The Liturgical Institute offers the course for \$97, but it can be viewed FREE of charge by clergy and laity in the Diocese of La Crosse. If interested, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/3dg5rlz>. Offer ends on Easter Sunday.

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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](http://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).

Annual Reports are due by March 1, 2021. If you need any help, contact Teresa Brown.

### **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

It's not too early to plan.

- Consider "planting" a pinwheel garden at your school or parish in memory of all children who have suffered abuse.
- Schedule time throughout the month to pray a rosary for victims/survivors of abuse.
- Celebrate a Holy Hour of Healing for victims/survivors of abuse and reconciliation for the Church.
- Have a "Wear Blue Day" to raise awareness of child abuse protection.

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### **Office for Catholic Schools**

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### **Office for Social Concerns**

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### **Rice Bowl and Mite Boxes**

Confusion sometimes arises regarding Mites Boxes and the Rice Bowl program.

- The **Mite Box** program is an outreach of the Missionary Childhood Association, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. It is a mandatory annual program for elementary and middle school students in our Catholic schools and parish religious education programs.
- The **Rice Bowl** program is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and the cardboard rice bowls are meant to be distributed to families in our parishes, as well as to high school students in our Catholic schools and religious education programs. It

has a Lenten focus but could also be held at another time of year if desired. In any case, it is not to conflict with or replace the Mite Box program.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Mission Office or the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns.

### **Reminder: Wisconsin Bishops Issue Statement on Morality of COVID-19 Vaccines**

Many people have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines that are available or will soon be available. To read an assessment issued by the Wisconsin Bishops, visit [diolc.org/respect-life](https://diolc.org/respect-life) and click on the tab for "COVID Vaccines – Ethics."

### **Help for Farmers – Rural Resiliency: Caring for You and Yours**

4 Week Webinar Series March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. (Tuesday nights)

This webinar series is a discussion starter and healthy mindset promoter for dealing with rural behavioral and brain health, communication skills, and relationship enrichment for self, marriage and families. Farm families and those who work with them as consultants or neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Parishes are encouraged to host community viewings of the webinar, following COVID restrictions, to allow farmers and interested rural associates to come together for group discussion and support. Rev. Dr. Larry Tranel, Pastoral Psychologist and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist is the featured speaker for:

- March 2—Farm Stress Resiliency and Grief
- March 9—Personality Keys When "Married" to Farm Stress
- March 16—Dealing with the Stresses of Men, Women, and Children
- March 23—Brain and Behavioral Health "Hacks" to Mitigate Distress .

Questions can be directed to: [tranel@iastate.edu](mailto:tranel@iastate.edu).

Registration is available at: [aep.iastate.edu/stress](https://aep.iastate.edu/stress).

**\*\* Register early as registration to the webinar is limited to the first 500 people.**

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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 your pastor or parish committee members, **please send us a draft before March 5, 2021.**

Whether you made your goal or are still working on it, there is something for your bulletin or social media. Check the Appeal Portal for resources. [appeal.diolc.org](https://appeal.diolc.org) If you cannot find something or would like something different, let us know, and we will do our best to meet your needs.

### **Stewardship Bulletin Reflections**

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends: 2/21 -2/3/7 [Click here to download](#)

### **Stewardship Homily Reflections**

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development: [Click Here for the weeks 2/21 -3/7](#)

**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](http://diolclegacy.org). People can find calculators, additional information, sign up for a newsletter and request copies of specific estate planning guides and information.

### **Christ our Cornerstone Restoration Update:**

Our \$6.1 million restoration need is well within reach! We hope you will join us in one final effort to bring this campaign to a successful conclusion.

- Total Restoration Need: \$6.1 million
- Overall Total Pledged: \$5.55 million (includes the \$3 million match from St. Ambrose Financial)

Bulletin and pulpit announcement for your use. To download the announcements, [click here](#).

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### **Office for Temporalities**

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Catholic Mutual Group (CMG) – Communicable Disease Exclusion

Our reinsurance program was renewed effective January 1, 2021 with communicable disease exclusions. What this means is the diocese will not have liability coverages for communicable disease. [Click here](#) to read the letter dated February 2, 2021 from CMG.

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### **Office for Vocations**

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

That families will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

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.

### **A Call to Serve**

There are few things in life 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. Jesus tells us 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 Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

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### **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) Membership**

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: 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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