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Tuesday, February 2
Presentation of the Lord: World Day for Consecrated Life
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
Tuesday, February 16
11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays
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
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

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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For Parish Communications

Bulletin Insert for the weekend of February 14

“The Good News” helps us to see all that God has done for us, out of His deep love for us. It is helpful to reflect on “The Good News” as we prepare to begin Lent. To download the bulletin insert, click here: diolc.org/bulletin-inserts

For Parish Communications

Excellent Lenten resources for Parish Small Groups (In-person or by ZOOM)

➤ **Living the Discerning Life** by Fr. Timothy Gallagher O.M.V

Consider organizing a small group to study “Living the Discern Life”, a 10-session DVD Program. Discussion questions are available from the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization. DVD program is available on demand. Contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org for more information. This is an excellent program, especially during these challenging times.

➤ **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 at: 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.

➤ **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, visit: diolc.org/catechesis/bible-studies-and-small-group-resources/

Lenten Resources

Catechetical leaders, catechists and Catholic school teachers are invited to check out the various resources for Lent at: diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources/

Suggestions for Lent at your parish

- Offer Mass in the evening, one additional time during each week of Lent so that those who work full time are able to attend.
- Offer adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Confession one additional evening during the week (thank is regularly provided).
- Provide parishioners with a good book to read for \$1 each. Titles this year include “I Heard God Laugh” which helps people to be committed to the daily habit of prayer or “Do Something Beautiful for God” that includes daily reflections from St. Mother Teresa. Go to dynamiccatholic.com/parishbookprogram

For Parish Communications:

At Home Suggested Lenten Practices

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, sign up to receive a daily email with a short video to help you connect in a stronger way with Jesus.

1. Sign up for Bishop Barron's daily Lenten reflections lentreflections.com/ or
2. Sign up for "Best Lent Ever" with Matthew Kelly at dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

Choose a Prayer Card for Lent in order to "Go Deeper" in your relationship with Jesus and your understanding of the prayer. Visit diolc.org/deeper for adult resources and diolc.org/prayer for children and young people resources.

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

Formation 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 High School by Ascension Press, will provide an interactive, virtual training on Saturday, June 5th from 10 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 and registration is available at: diolc.org/tob

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

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

Please share this on your parish Facebook

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/ixDMVD96>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

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:

<https://diolc.org/schools/beet-grant/>.

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, to purchase the DVD Programs or a digital subscription from Ascension Press. A digital subscription 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 details at diolc.org/tob

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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 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



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

Feel free to add the Diocese of La Crosse Facebook as a co-host of your Facebook Lenten meal event.

Parish Divine Mercy Sunday events due February 19th

If your parish is planning a Divine Mercy Sunday event – April 11 this year – please send the information to 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.

March Catholic Life

In anticipation of Lent, the March Issue of Catholic Life Magazine will be delivered to your parishioners around February 13.

Reminder: 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: World Day for Consecrated Life (Celebrated in Parishes February 6-7)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

Please pray for consecrated persons at Holy Mass in the *Prayers of the Faithful* and include a mention in your parish bulletin (samples are below). For more information: [USCCB](#), [NRVC](#)

Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for those who have answered God's call to consecrated life. May they always reveal the love and joy of Christ to those they encounter, and may they continue to enrich our world by dedicated lives of prayer and service. We pray to the Lord...

We pray for those who are discerning the vocation to consecrated life. By the grace of God and the support of family and friends, may they hear God's call and respond with love and generosity. We pray to the Lord...

For your Parish Bulletin

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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National Marriage Week Feb. 7 to 14

This February 7-14, 2021, we will celebrate 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 our theme is: **To Have, To Hold, To Honor**. Here's how you can join us:

- 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!).
- **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 **Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 pm ET** on the [For Your Marriage Facebook Page](#).
- **Conversation on Fatherhood and Spousal Love** – Tune in again on [Facebook](#) on **Friday, February 12, at 2:00 pm ET** 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.

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

Please share this on your parish Facebook

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@foccusinc.com or phone 402-827-3735 ext. 1317

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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. 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

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 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/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 Sacred Worship

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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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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. 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.

Forms: Old forms are still being used at schools and parishes. Please look at the forms you are using and verify they are the most up to date form. If an old form is sent in, it will not be used and cause a delay in processing. **The FBI Release Form #4 no longer exists.** It was replaced with [Form #1 – Diocese of La Crosse Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check](#) last year. The form can be found [here](#). This new form

incorporates form #4, the FBI release form for fingerprinting. The new form has the Diocesan Seal in the left-hand corner and the icon for Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal in the right-hand corner.

Annual Yearly Training Reports are due on March 1. If you need an extension, please let me know as soon as possible. 2021 is an onsite audit year for the Diocese of La Crosse.

Reminder: Even if your CCD program was virtual this year, all student must be trained unless their parent completes a declination form. There are no exceptions.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Catholic Schools Week Mass with Bishop Callahan

Here is the link to view the recording of the Mass on Feb. 2 at the Cathedral:

<https://youtu.be/OZvbs2eZaek>

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Office for Social Concerns

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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 when notified they rushed a shipment. Parishes should now have received the envelopes and promotional materials. Normally the weekend of the collection, a bulletin announcement is run, as follows:

- **Bulletin Announcement for weekend of the Parish CCHD Collection:**
This 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 February 13 Feast Day.

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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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 Reflections

For Stewardship Bulletin Announcements for weekend 2/7 -2/21 [Click here to download](#)

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, February 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 Lichter, (608) 791 2681, nlichter@diolc.org

January Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please [click here](#) for the January edition of CMG Health Enews.

Mutual of America 403(b)

Mutual of America 403(b) Mutual of America is hosting six webinars. The first webinar was “Women and Retirement”. The second is “Money Starts Here – Budgeting: Every Dollar Has a Job”. Take control of your financial life with this easy budgeting course. This course has everything you need to become the boss of every single dollar that comes into your bank account each month. It offers a fresh approach to budgeting and provides you a step-by-step strategy to put your money to work. This is a course that brings clarity to your financial life! Bring a Calculator – This Course is Hands-On!

Objectives:

- Assess your financial situation
- Crunch numbers like a pro
- Know exactly what you can afford
- Identify risky financial behavior

- Discover strategies and tools to keep spending under control

You'll receive practical, useful information and insights you can use now to get better prepared for the kind of financial future you want and deserve. There's no cost or obligation to attend.

[Click here to Register - February 10th Noon - Money Starts Here - Budgeting: Every Dollar Has a Job](#)

[Click here to Register - February 25th 4:00 p.m. - Money Starts Here - Budgeting: Every Dollar Has a Job](#)

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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 an up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations to for the Diocese of La Crosse from our parish.

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.

What does your future hold?

When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, 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

Director: Very Rev. Woodrow H. Pace – 608.791.2689 | mberg@diolc.org

No items this week.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608.791.2659 | crogers@diolc.org

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: 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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