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Events

As of June 22

Wednesday, June 23

9:00am A Shot in the Arm for Catechetical Leaders - Altoona

Thursday, June 24

Priest Unity Days - La Crosse - June 24-26

10:00am Chrism Mass - Private Mass in La Crosse

Saturday, June 26

10:00am Ordination to the Priesthood - Private Mass in La Crosse

Saturday, July 10

7:15am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire

Sunday, July 11

1:00pm A Virtual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Friday, July 23

Leader of Prayer - Marathon - July 23-24

Sunday, August 1

Peace Day - Diocese of La Crosse

4:30pm Priests for Tomorrow - La Crosse

Saturday, August 7

Virtual Witnesses for Christ Conference

Wednesday, August 11

Anniversary of the Installation of Bishop William Patrick Callahan as La Crosse's 10th Bishop

Friday, August 13

Leader of Prayer - Marathon - August 13-14

Saturday, August 14

1:00pm Deacons and their wives - Day with Bishop Callahan - La Crosse

Sunday, August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

Friday, August 27

Leader of Prayer - La Crosse - August 27-28

Friday, September 10

LFI/Deacon Formation - Marathon - September 10-11

Wednesday, September 22

Rural Life Day

10:00am 40th Annual Rural Life Day - Osseo

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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Chancery Office

2021-2022 Wisconsin Pastoral Handbook

Pre-orders are being accepted for the 2021-2022 [Wisconsin Pastoral Handbook](#) (WPH). The WPH is a listing of Catholic institutions and personnel in the five dioceses in the State of Wisconsin: Milwaukee, Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, and Superior. All print subscriptions of the WPH can access a free online edition.

Books are \$74 each (before June 30, 2021) and \$79 each (after June 30)

Best price: Order five or more copies by June 30 and pay \$69 per copy

To order send your name, parish, postal address, email and diocese to:

Wisconsin Pastoral Handbook

PO Box 070913

Milwaukee, WI 53207-0913

Please send a check payable to Wisconsin Pastoral Handbook in the total amount of your order, or if you prefer to pay with a credit card, please use the link above to place an online order.

Each parish and school is responsible for placing their own orders.

For more information, please contact Michelle Cummings at 414-769-3464.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Director: Ann Lankford – 608.791.2658 | alankford@diolc.org

Reminder: Bulletin Insert for the weekend of June 27

The focus of the bulletin insert is on the Meaning of True Freedom, with the title “Only in Truth Do We Find Freedom.” Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

For your parish bulletin

How Rooted Are You?

4 Keys to Remaining Faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church – Saturday, August 7th

You are a link in an unbroken chain of people that have passed on Jesus Christ from generation to generation. You have been chosen by God to be a person in *this* current link, in *this* current era, at *this* current moment in time, for a particular reason. You have been chosen to serve, to love and, through the Blessed Trinity, to help guide those the Lord has given you to a deeper friendship with Christ. As a witness, you need to know and be grounded in four keys that will help you remain faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church. Be part of the Virtual Witnesses for Christ Conference on August 7th, featuring Dr. Petroc Willey, an engaging and humorous presenter. Cost is \$10. For further info and to register, visit diolc.org/witness

DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers: Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference is August 7th

How Rooted Are You? 4 Keys to Remaining Faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church

We invite all Catechetical Leaders to gather with their catechists and all interested adults on Saturday, August 7th for our annual Virtual Conference. Dr. Petroc Willey will be the keynote presenter for the interactive sessions. Petroc is a gifted teacher as his deep relationship with Christ shines out in a profound way. Go to diolc.org/witness for further details and to register. Cost is \$10 per person. Schedule is 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Download a Brochure, Poster and Postcard here: diolc.org/witness Please provide a brochure to each catechist and parents. Note: All parishes and schools will receive a FREE subscription to Franciscan at Home online learning system. Petroc is the Director of the Catechetical Institute who produces the online workshops. Best practices for use of the online workshops will be discussed.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

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

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Countering the Lies of Gender Ideology

Helpful Resources for Parents, Catholic School Teachers and Catechists

Gender ideology is rapidly reshaping the culture, and causing confusion and serious harm. Gender ideology is a false system of beliefs about the person that claims human identity is fluid (can change according to one's feelings) and that human identity is self-defined. Fr. Paul Check presents understandable and foundational information in a session entitled "Pastoral Care amid Confusion about Sexual Identity. Visit: diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry

Another excellent, user-friendly tool is the [Person and Identity Project](https://personandidentity.com/). This site presents sound information, which helps to illuminate the truth about who we are, but also to counter the lies of gender ideology. This website provides tools for parents, schools and parish programs. To understand the depth of the gender theory's influence and the seriousness of what is at stake visit: <https://personandidentity.com/>.

Catechetical Leader: Year-Long Calendar

A year-long calendar is available with important dates for the year. Click here:

diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info. The document is available in a Word format so that, if desired, you can add dates specific to your parish.

Relationship, Intentionality and Accompaniment: The Cornerstones of Ministry

The Gospels show us that when Christ would teach He did it in a way that imparted knowledge and evoked a personal response from each of those He encountered. As our youth are feeling increasingly isolated because of the effects of today's culture, we need to become more like Christ and let each person we encounter know his or her worth as a son or daughter of God. This recording gives practical tips on how to become intentional in your ministry for accompanying people of all ages. Watch by clicking here:

diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry

Sacrament of Confirmation – Guidelines for Preparation

Guidelines for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation are spelled out in **Bishop Callahan's Letter on Confirmation**, as well as the Diocesan **Confirmation brochure**. In the brochure, aspects are included under Period of Preparation and Elements of Preparation. Both documents can be accessed on the website:

diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation

From these documents you will see that four components are needed:

- 1) Evangelization is needed during this preparation as every student in high school needs to begin understanding the Faith at a deeper level, by having their questions answered and personally engaging with the Faith.
- 2) Formation in prayer is essential, especially developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit learning to be committed to a daily habit of prayer. Visit diolc.org/prayer (10th grade)
- 3) A Curriculum/Program on direct preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is necessary, as well as
- 4) Theology of the Bible for High School. ascensionpress.com/collections/you-life-love-and-the-theology-of-the-body

Catechetical Leaders – Keep Us Updated on Changes

Your cooperation is requested in contacting us with staff changes and by updating ParishSoft.

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Office for Communications

Director: Jack Felsheim – 608.791.2663 | jfelsheim@diolc.org

Back to Mass – June 26, 27

This coming weekend the general dispensation is lifted and everyone is welcomed back to Mass. Materials can be found at diolc.org/back-to-mass. The press release sent to all media can be found [here](#).

July/August Catholic Life

The July/August issue of Catholic Life will be delivered to your parishioners this week. The electronic version of the magazine is found at catholiclife.diolc.org.

Events for Sep/Oct Catholic Life

If your parish has an event, i.e., fall festival, picnic, etc., scheduled in September or October and you would like it included in the September/October issue of Catholic Life, please send the information to pwiller@diolc.org, no later than July 5th.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for the Diaconate

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Office for Human Resources

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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

Reminder: Family Life and Men of the Cross Facebook Pages

We hope to increase our communication and outreach to the people of the diocese. One way to do this is through social media, specifically Facebook. We have combined our "Marriage and Family Life" and "Youth and Young Adult Ministry" Facebook pages into one page called "Diocese of La Crosse Family Life," which can be found [here](#).

Also, there is a Facebook page for the men of the diocese called "Men of the Cross," found [here](#). Please Follow, Like, and Share these pages.

Reminder: 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: 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

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.

Natural Family Planning News For Priests and Marriage Ministers:

- The Diocese of La Crosse is now offering 3 NFP methods.
 - SymptoPro, the online sympto-thermal method remains the mainstay because of its online self paced nature. There are 7 instructors from the La Crosse diocese that volunteer to teach this method.
 - Marquette, this sympto-hormonal method is taught by a parishioner in the Chippewa Falls Deanery either face-to-face or virtually.
 - Creighton, this sympto only medical model method is taught by a parishioner in the Stevens Point Deanery either face-to-face or virtually.
- Registration for all courses is done through the website, diolc.org/nfp.
- The diolc.org/nfp web page now has a quiz that helps couples choose which method would work best for them.
- National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week – coming in July. The 2021 National NFP Awareness Week will be held July 25th- 31st.
 - Homily Notes and Prayers of the Faithful for National NFP awareness week can be found [here](#)

For Your Parish Bulletin:

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week – coming in July.

The 2021 National NFP Awareness Week will be held July 25th- 31st. Three options for bulletin blurbs:

1. To have, To hold, To honor. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 25th- 31st. Learning how to live in harmony with God's design for love and life in marriage is the mission of NFP education. The Diocese of La Crosse offers NFP classes virtually and face to face in 3 different methods. To find a class or learn more go to diolc.org/nfp.
2. To have, To hold, To honor. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 25th- 31st. In following the path of marriage, husband and wife love and honor each other for as long as they shall live. The Diocese of La Crosse offers NFP classes virtually and face to face in 3 different methods. To find a class or learn more go to diolc.org/nfp.
3. To have, To hold, To honor. Did you take a course in NFP during your marriage preparation but put practicing it on hold? Now is the perfect time to begin. Contact Christy at ckitzhaber@diolc.org for information on a refresher course.

Looking for an insert? A testimonial on the benefits of NFP connecting to the year of St. Joseph can be found [here](#).

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Office for Ministries

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608.791.0161 | cruff@diolc.org

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Dive Deeper in Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI)

Spend one weekend a month (Friday evening-Saturday afternoon) in an enthusiastic, faithfilled community that prays, learns, discusses and dines together. Discover a renewed spirit that says: this is what life in Christ should be like! That is the contagious spirit LFI participants carry back into their families and their parishes. Visit diolc.org/lay-formation for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling. Class size is limited, so don't delay!

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Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | wpace@diolc.org

Mission Coop 2021:

International Priests who are MC Coordinators for your native dioceses: Please email or send the [Mission Office](#) your MC 2021 schedules as soon as possible; Letters of Suitability must be received before an appeal is given if a visiting priest serving outside our diocese will be doing the appeal. **Pastors:** Even if you are anticipating an assignment change later this summer, please go ahead and schedule the MC appeal for your current parish, as missionaries need to make final arrangements for the appeals.

Fiscal Year End Report: Parish bookkeepers: Please submit all outstanding collections for WMS 2020, Mission Coop, MCA Lenten Mite Boxes, etc. as soon as possible. Donations postmarked after June 30, 2021 will not be included in the Fiscal Year End Report in the mission section of the *Catholic Life* magazine article.

Thank you for all your generous support!

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Office for Sacred Worship

Director: Christopher Carstens – 608.791.0161 | ccarstens@diolc.org

Chrism Mass: June 24, 10:00 a.m.

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Thursday, June 24, beginning at 10:00. Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, only Diocesan priests and necessary liturgical ministers will attend. All others are invited to view the Mass at diolc.org/live.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/21OzJrSEg>

Please share this on your Parish Facebook.

Concelebrating priests should bring an alb; chasubles and stoles will be provided in the Cathedral undercroft.

Priests should give their oil stocks to the local dean, who will deliver them to Curia staff in the west entrance before Mass. All priests are reminded that the Holy Oils are to be renewed annually and are not to be kept from year to year. They are to dispose of the old oil in an appropriate manner, and the oil stocks are to be cleaned *before* the Chrism Mass. Please do not use vessels other than the appropriate containers to be filled. Filled stocks will be available for pick-up immediately after Mass in the Cathedral's west entrance.

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Office for Safe Environment

Director: Teresa Brown – 608.791.2679 | tbrown@diolc.org

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. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown 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.

Teresa Brown will be out of the office with limited access to email June 21-24, 2021.

If you are a deacon or priest and will not be attending PUD, you will need to complete your annual Safe Environment training on your own. I will be training at PUD on Friday, June 25 from 9:15-9:45 am. After the event, I will notify anyone that was not present of a few dates and times that they can join a ZOOM training session. I will have times during the day and evening. You can also go online and train on your own. Regardless of how you train, a completed Annual Verification of Safe Environment Training and a Confidential Questionnaire must be signed, dated and returned to the Office of Safe Environment.

2021-2022 School Year- Some parishes and schools have begun putting their registration packets together and have scheduled ZOOM training sessions. I would be happy to help you get your staff and volunteers trained before the beginning of the school year.

I will be in Wisconsin Rapids doing training at the High School at 11:00 am and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16. I will also be at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the evening on Aug. 16.

I am doing a ZOOM meeting with St. Agnes in Weston on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join this training session, send me your email and I will send the link.

On Aug. 18. I will be at St. Patrick – Onalaska for in person training from 11:15-noon. Aquinas High School / Middle School / Central Office from 1:15-2:00 pm and Cathedral Elementary School from 2:30-3:15 pm.

On Aug. 19, I will have a ZOOM training at St. Patrick School in Sparta at 6:00 pm. This is for parents and volunteers. If you would like to join in, please send me your email and I will send a link.

Aug. 25 I will be training staff and volunteers at St. Patrick Elementary School in Sparta at 8:30 am.

You can join any ZOOM training that I have, it doesn't have to be at your location.

Staff and volunteers need to be background checked and trained before they begin work or volunteer in a parish or school.

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Office for Catholic Schools

Superintendent: Thomas Reichenbacher – 608.788.7707 | treichenbacher@diolc.org

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Office for Social Concerns

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608.791.0161 | cruff@diolc.org

Pastors and Bulletin Editors:

Download a bulletin insert for Religious Freedom Week (June 22-29):

["Only in Truth Do We Find Freedom."](#) For the weekend of June 26-27.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29

The U.S. Bishops have declared June 22-June 29 Religious Freedom Week. We are all called to defend the God-given right of religious liberty, which faces grave threats in the U.S. and abroad. Join us, as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious freedom. Visit diolc.org/religious-freedom for more information and to learn how you can make your voice

heard against the so-called "Equality Act" and other legislation that infringes on religious liberty, expands abortion, and demands taxpayer funds to pay for it.

Check the [Media Resources Page](#) for promotional graphics for Religious Freedom Week

Pastors and Social Ministry Representatives:

Help us Update the Diocesan [Directory of Parish Social Ministry Initiatives](#)

Please review the Directory to see the kind of initiatives being undertaken around the Diocese. Get ideas for your parish or deanery. If you have a social ministry initiative that is not listed in the Directory, please [complete this form](#) so that we may update it. Questions? Email Chris Ruff at cruff@diolc.org or call 608-791-0161.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

Director: Jeff Reiter – 608.791.2653 | jreiter@diolc.org

2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal Year End is June 30, 2021

Any monies with a postmark after June 30, 2021, will be processed for the 2021-2022 Appeal year.

Reminder: Parishes that receive Appeal monies directly will have until a postmark of 7/6/21 for funds to be accepted for the 2020-2021 appeal year. It must come in a marked parish envelope.

Reminder: Please do not send in any parish monies for shortfalls prior to the Finance office billings. The finance office will bill you for the correct amount in July. The appeal year runs until June 30, and we are still receiving monies from individual supporters. Any checks from the parishes received for shortfall estimations will be returned to the Parish uncashed.

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."

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 at 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:

- 6/27 [Click Here](#)
- 7/04 [Click Here](#)
- 7/11 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click Here for the weeks [06/27 – 7/11](#)

Interested in developing your Parish's Stewardship, the Catholic Stewardship Consultant's Monsignor McCreed Stewardship Conference is a great way to understand one of the most compelling stories in contemporary Catholic stewardship and how transformative it can be. [Follow this link to find out more.](#)

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

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Office for Temporalities

Diocesan Finance Officer: James Reider – 608.791.2668 | jreider@diolc.org

Budget to Win

Parishes are encouraged to complete a parish budget using the new Chart of Accounts. This year we offer a special, additional incentive. This year's parish budget is eligible for a special prize drawing as encouragement to parish bookkeepers, and their pastors, to begin working immediately with the new Chart of Accounts and software. It is in everyone's best interest that budget work with the new software should be done before the new fiscal year begins. The "Budget to Win" drawing is a friendly incentive to get started. While budgets are required of each parish each year, budgeting is especially important this year, and in this project. The budget process is an important finance planning tool. Budgets are a key comparative benchmark for using the new Chart of Accounts.



First prize in the drawing is \$50 plus a Diocese of La Crosse logo polo shirt. Second prize is \$25 and a polo shirt. Each qualified parish entry participant, limited to one entry per parish, will receive a Diocese of La Crosse logo polo shirt, shown to the right.

Budget to Win rules:

- One entry per parish.
- Each entry must be a draft budget report for fiscal year 2021-2022 from the new Chart of Accounts and as prepared in the new online software.
- The draft parish budget must include accounts for related parish schools, cemeteries and endowments.
- The draft budget entry must be completed by midnight July 6.
- The draft budget must be emailed to the parish pastor no later than midnight July 6 with a cc to nlichter@diolc.org. Be sure to include your shirt size!

- Budget entries will be validated by Finance Office personnel to make sure the entry was completed in the new online software using the new Chart of Accounts.
- Father Dhein, or his designee, will draw first and second prize winners from the pool of validated entrants as soon as possible after July 6.
- Winners will be announced and sent their winnings.
- All qualified entries, limited to one entry per parish, will receive a Diocese of La Crosse logo polo shirt.

Budget to Win is your chance to do valuable work that earns valuable prizes. Contact Nick Lichter, nlichter@diolc.org with any questions.

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Office for Vocations

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

The private Priestly Ordination of Deacons Eric Mashak, Timothy Reither and Arturo Vigueras will be June 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse. Due to COVID19 restrictions, the Mass is private and there will be no reception after the Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed at diolc.org/live.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/2bG1R9MWe>.

Please share this on your Parish Facebook.

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

That those who feel a call to and desire for single blessedness, marriage, for priesthood and for religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them.

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 ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S., P.O. 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

Letters of Suitability are created in the Office of Safe Environment. Please email or call in your request at least five business days prior to your event to ensure your letter arrives at your location in time.

Your request should include the following:

1. Where are you going, including the full church or event name and the address
2. What diocese will you be in
3. The date you will be at the event
4. Who is the contact at the Parish or event?
5. If it is a wedding, include the name of the bride and groom and the name of the deceased for a funeral.
6. What will you be doing at the event? Celebrating Mass, hearing confession, speaking, etc.

If you have any questions, contact: Teresa Brown, tbrown@diolc.org or 608-791-2679

Teresa will be out of the office June 21-24, 2021 with limited access to email. Please send all requests for Letters of Suitability to Mary Lou Berg, mberg@diolc.org or 608-791-2652 during this time period.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

NET Retreats

The NET Team will be in our diocese September 26 - October 12, 2021. For available dates and other details please click [here](#). If you would like to reserve a date, please contact our office ASAP as dates will fill up fast.

Save the date! National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) Experience in the Diocese of La Crosse

Every other year, Catholic young people and their adult leaders come together to pray, learn, and grow in their faith for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). In addition to opportunities to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, NCYC participants attend general and breakout sessions on topics relevant to living as a disciple of Christ in today's world, visit with organizations that provide resources and other support to youth and youth ministry, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and engage in service to others. On November 20, 2021, the Diocese of La Crosse will be organizing various regional gatherings throughout the diocese in order to participate in the simulcast stream of the main event in Indianapolis, IN. Each of these gatherings will be more than just watching a screen, we will pray together, learn together and most importantly grow together as Disciples!

Be sure to check back to [this website](#) often in order to learn all about our plans to experience NCYC in such a unique way!

Reminder: Newman Connection

Our diocese participates in Newman Ministry's high school outreach program, called Newman Connection, that connects 2021 grads to college campus ministries across the US, and we want all of our parishes and Catholic high schools to participate. You will be receiving an email from Newman Ministry in the near future to participate. Please sign up to participate or you can use this link to sign-up now: hso.newmanconnection.com Participating in this program is simple — you send your student's college information to Newman Connection, who will pass that on to the college campus ministers in the fall, plus you can encourage your 2021 high school grads to download the Newman Connect app where they can connect, instantly, to their college campus ministry! The app is new this year, and more than 100 college campuses are using it already, to reach Catholic students.

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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