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## **Events**

As of June 29

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 - La Crosse - Sept. 10-12

Wednesday, September 22

Rural Life Day

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

Sunday, September 26

Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1 - Sept. 25-26

Saturday, October 2, 2021

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

Monday, October 4, 2021

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the Diocese

Friday, October 8, 2021

LFI/Deacon Formation - Holy Name Parish - October 8-9

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, <u>diolc.org/calendar</u>, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to <u>datebook@diolc.org</u>. 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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## **Priest Unity Days Follow-up**

Fathers, to save you time, please choose one adult from your parish who will be your support with Franciscan at Home online learning. Your representative is invited to attend a **one-hour interactive session by ZOOM on Thursday, July 8 at 10 a.m.** to walk through the site with Bill Keimig from the Catechetical Institute. This designated person will then explain to you in practice how to use the site. Your representative is asked to r.s.v.p. to Ann Lankford at <a href="maileology: alankford@diolc.org">alankford@diolc.org</a> with their name, parish, city and email and a ZOOM invite will be emailed to him/her.

Reminder: 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 7<sup>th</sup>, featuring Dr. Petroc Willey, who will present at a level that all adults can understand. Cost is \$10. For further info and to register, visit diolc.org/witness

DRE's, CRE's and Youth Ministers: Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference is August 7<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="diology.com/diology.com/witness">diology.com/witness</a> 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: <u>diolc.org/witness</u> Please provide a brochure to each catechist and parents. Note: All parishes and schools have 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 us of the online workshops will be discussed.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

https://fb.me/e/IxDMVD96

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

## Free subscription to Franciscan at Home Learning System

All parishes and schools have a free subscription to Franciscan at Home learning system by way of generous donors. If you would like to check out, and even "try out", *Franciscan at Home* learning system please:

- 1. visit <u>franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse</u> and scroll to the bottom of the page.
- 2. On the right, click on the middle blue button: "My parish or school is already registered, and I would like to set up my individual **free** account under that institution." This will allow you to create a free account under your parish or school.
- 3. The last step in creating an account will be to select your diocese from a drop-down menu, and then your parish / school from a second drop-down menu, listed by city and name. Once you have finished by clicking on the "Sign Up" button, you will then have a dashboard, which will enable you to select from the variety of tracks. A track is a grouping of workshops. Select a track on the left, and then enter one (or more than one if you wish).

#### For your parish bulletin

## **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 feelings) and that human identity is self-defined. Fr. Paul Check presents understandable and foundational information in a session entitled "Pastoral Care and amid Confusion about Sexual Identity. Visit: <a href="diology.catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry">diology.catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry</a>

### **Person and Identity Project**

Another excellent, user-friendly tool is the Person and Identity Project. This project, an initiative of the Catholic Women's Forum at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, 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 see the depth of the gender theory's influence and the seriousness of what is at stake. Visit <u>personandidentity.com</u>.

#### 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 **Confirmation brochure** for the Diocese. In the brochure, aspects are included under Period of Preparation and <a href="mailto:diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation">diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation</a>

Elements of Preparation. Both documents can be accessed on the website:

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 <u>diolc.org/prayer</u> (10<sup>th</sup> 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. <u>ascensionpress.com/collections/you-life-love-and-the-theology-of-the-body</u>

## 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**

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### Back to Mass – June 26, 27

This past weekend the general dispensation was lifted and everyone is welcomed back to Mass. Materials can be found at <a href="diolc.org/back-to-mass">diolc.org/back-to-mass</a>. The press release sent to all media can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

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No items this week.



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Curia: Development Officer: Fr. Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild

Parish // School Opportunities: Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse (diolc.org)

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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## **Office for Ministries**

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#### For Your Parish Bulletin:

## Take the Plunge – Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI)

Spend one weekend a month (Friday evening-Saturday afternoon) as part of an enthusiastic, faith-filled class that prays and learns together. See why a recent graduate said: "I am amazed how my understanding of my faith has deepened and how many times I've been able to answer questions that come up." And why a pastor said: "Our RCIA team is filled with LFI graduates, not to mention all of the parish ministries and committees. The spiritual fruits are abundant and lasting!" 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**

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## Office for Safe Environment

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## **Office for Social Concerns**

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## **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 <u>complete this form</u> so we may update it. Questions? Email Chris Ruff at <u>cruff@diolc.org</u> or call 608-791-0161.

## For Your Parish Bulletin:

### Discover and Support the Work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse embodies the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to our neighbor in need. It does incredible work in addressing homelessness and poverty, providing crisis pregnancy and adoption services, assisting the elderly, people with disabilities and immigrants, rushing to aid our communities when disaster strikes, and so much more. Learn about its mission and services, and how you can volunteer or donate, by visiting cclse.org.

#### For Your Parish Bulletin:

## Visit the U.S. Bishops' "Action Alerts" Page

Our Bishops have a list of action items calling upon us to make our voices heard. Many have to do with threats against the unborn, against the dignity of the human person as male and female, and against the religious freedom of individuals and faith-based organizations. Visit <a href="https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home">www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home</a> for more information and to take action.

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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## 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.

#### **Stewardship Bulletin Reflections:**

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 7/04 Click Here
- 7/11 Click Here
- 7/18 Click Here

### **Stewardship Homily Reflections:**

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

Click Here for the weeks 7/4 – 7/18

Interested in developing your Parish's Stewardship, the Catholic Stewardship Consultant's Monsignor McCread 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 <u>diolclegacy.org</u>. 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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## **Annual Report to the Bishop**

It's time again to start working on the Annual Report to the Bishop. All necessary documents and forms can be found on the <u>Temporalities website</u> page under Offices and Ministries – Annual Report. You can reach the website by <u>clicking here</u>. All reports (except for the Society Organization Report) are due in the Office for Temporalities by August 31. Parishes should NOT be using old reports from St. Ambrose Financial Services, Inc., or older. Please delete your local electronic copies and use only those published online this year.

### May Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please <u>click here</u> for the June edition of CMG Health Enews.

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## **Office for Vocations**

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

## For your parish bulletin

Priests For Tomorrow supports the education and formation of seminarians. The fundraiser will be held Sunday, August 1 at the Waterfront Restaurant in La Crosse. Tickets are \$125 each, \$225 per couple, or \$1,000 for table of 8. Spend the evening with Bishop Callahan, the newly ordained and the seminarians. Contact <a href="mailto:vocations@diolc.org">vocations@diolc.org</a> or call Renee' at 608-791-2667 for tickets or more information.

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

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

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

What Are You Looking For?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are YOU looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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## Office for Vicar for Clergy

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## **Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

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