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Officials

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcement:

The Reverend **Clayton R. Elmhorst**, Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station, has submitted his resignation as Pastor, and it has been accepted, effective May 23, 2021. Father Elmhorst remains on the medical leave of absence granted to him on March 26, 2021.

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Events

As of June 8

Sunday, June 13

Virtual Franciscan CORE Youth Theology Institute - June 13-18

Tuesday, June 22

Religious Freedom Week - June 22-29

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

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

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Prenuptial Matters - Planning Ahead

The Chancery office often receives a rush of prenuptial matters during Priest Unity Days and the Fall Clergy Conference. We welcome handling these matters. It is helpful if these requests and their documents are mailed to us before these events to give us a little more time to respond. You may request to pick up your paperwork during these events, or we can mail it and have it on your desk when you return to your parish. Anytime you need assistance we are willing to help.

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

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DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers: Save the date - Wednesday, June 23

DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers are invited to gather for an opportunity to debrief after this challenging year with COVID, enjoy a delicious lunch and participate in a facilitated conversation with Bill Keimig from the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University of Steubenville. 2 burning questions will be discussed: increasing parent participation and tackling adult formation, even if you only work with children/young people. Put it on your calendar as you won't want to miss this relaxing and enjoyable event: June 23 at St. Mary's in Altoona. Please R.S.V.P. to Ann at alankford@diolc.org. There will be no charge, but registration is necessary. Take time from your busy schedule for a Reprieve, to Connect and

to Dialogue with fellow Catechetical Leaders. The day will begin at 9:00 with Mass for those who can make it, and de-briefing, networking and facilitated discussion from 9:30 – 3:30.

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.

Helping College Students stay connected to their Catholic Faith

Newman Connection is a national organization that connects your graduating seniors to college Catholic campus ministries. Cassie Campton with Newman Connection will be contacting you. Without this connection so many students drift away from their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. You can speak with Cassie at 217-262-6571 to participate or you can use this link to sign-up now: hso.newmanconnection.com. Participating in this program is so simple — you can 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.

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Office for Communications

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

Upcoming Livestream Schedule – diolc.org/live

Chrism Mass - Thursday, June 24 at 10 a.m.

Priestly Ordination – Saturday, June 26 at 10 a.m.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for the Diaconate

Director: Deacon Bryan Hilts – 608.791.2665 | bhilts@diolc.org

Deacons and their wives - Day with Bishop Callahan – August 14

Sign-in will be early afternoon at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. The day will include: updating deacons' photos (please wear clergy shirt and jacket), safe environment update, update from the Office of the Diaconate, update from Bishop Callahan, Mass, Renewal of Commitment, Institution of Acolytes for deacon candidates, social time and evening meal. Attendance is expected.

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Office for Human Resources

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Job Opportunities

Development Officer - [Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse \(diolc.org\)](#)

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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

Please submit your names for the Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration

There will be a special Mass with Bishop Callahan held via livestream at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 11 from the Cathedral. You will be able to view the livestream or recording by visiting diolc.org/marriage on and after July 11. To submit the names of couples who are celebrating 50th wedding anniversaries this year, [please fill out this form](#) and email to 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.

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Office for Ministries

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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, faith filled 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

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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

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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. 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.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Bulletin:**Pray for our Farmers**

The recent dry, hot weather has posed a serious threat to farmers in our region. Please remember them daily in your prayers, that they will have the moisture and other needed conditions for a successful growing season and harvest.

Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29

Once again this year, 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.

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

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 family, and against religious freedom as individuals and Christian charitable institutions. Visit votervoice.net/USCCB/home for more information and to take action.

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**Office for Stewardship & Development**

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2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal:**Reminder: The Diocesan Annual Appeal Year End June 30, 2021**

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

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:

- 6/13 [Click Here](#)
- 6/20 [Click Here](#)
- 6/27 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- [Click Here for the weeks 06/13 -6/27](#)

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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May Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please [click here](#) for the April 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

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:

In thanksgiving for those marriages, priests, sisters, brothers and those living a holy single life who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.

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.

Called to More

What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? 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. 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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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 in the near future to participate from Newman Ministry. Please sign up to participate or you can use this link to sign-up now: hso.newmanconnection.com Participating in this program is so simple — you can 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.

Franciscan CORE Youth Theology Institute at Viterbo University

Franciscan CORE 2021 will be June 13th - 18th in a hybrid format offering virtual gatherings and a oneday on-campus immersion into Catholic Social Teaching and the life of St. Francis of Assisi as a model of service we can offer in our own communities. Franciscan CORE invites

rising 10th, 11th, and 12th students to discern their call to leadership and service for the Church and the world. Investment for this amazing experience is only \$50. Registration is open! Visit their website viterbo.edu/franciscan-core for more information and a link to register.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

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

Please share this on your parish Facebook!

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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