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Officials

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

By virtue of a [decree](#) issued on July 1, 2021, the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, merged the parishes of St. Leo the Great in West Salem and St. Mary in Bangor into St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem.

The Reverend **Raja Kennedy Arul-Samy**, Pastor of Saint Leo the Great Parish in West Salem and Saint Mary Parish in Bangor, with the merger of these two parishes, is appointed Pastor of St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem, effective July 1, 2021.

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Events

As of July 6

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| 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 | |
| 8:00am | Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield |
| Monday, October 4 | |
| Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the Diocese | |
| Friday, October 8 | |
| LFI/Deacon Formation - Holy Name Parish - October 8-9 | |

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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Priest Unity Days Follow-up – Further Information

Father, to save you time, please choose one adult from the Parish who will be your support with **FranciscanAtHome** online learning. Your representative is invited to attend a **one-hour 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 alankford@diolc.org and a ZOOM invite will be emailed to him/her. Note: Subscribing to **FranciscanAtHome** is simple, while the ZOOM meeting will provide further information about best practices. Parishes may have more than one person attend the ZOOM session.

FREE subscription to Franciscan at Home Learning System – Simple directions to onboard

All parishes and schools have a FREE subscription to *FranciscanAtHome* learning system by way of generous donors.

If you would like to check out, and even "try out", **FranciscanAtHome** learning system please:

1. visit franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse 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).

BULLETIN INSERT for the weekend of July 11th or 18th

Reading a good book during the summer is a great way to relax and be inspired. The bulletin insert provides a brief summary of five good books. Visit diolc.org/bulletin-insert to download the bulletin insert.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

How Rooted Are You?

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

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, 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
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 7 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 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.

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 diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation

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 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

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Graphics for NFP week

Please note, there are several graphics and a poster to promote Natural Family Planning Awareness Week | July 25-31, 2021. Find all at diolc.org/media-resources.

diolclergy.org email accounts for all clergy

All clergy of the Diocese of La Crosse are able to obtain a free, professional and secure email account. Given the many email scams and counterfeits we see weekly, it is recommended that all clergy use an email with the diocesan domain diolclergy.org or at least one from their Parish. Keep in mind a diolclergy.org email address is highly available, portable and moves with you as you move between assignments. The diolclergy.org domain is part of the diocesan GSuite. Your diolclergy.org account will include the full range of G Suite functionality.

Simply send me a message indicating you would like to get a diolclergy.org email account setup and I'll take it from there.

It is recommended that all parish and school staff eliminate the use of free domains such as Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, or domains from their Internet provider and other such services when representing the diocese/parish/school via email correspondence. Adherence to this recommendation will establish an authenticity of the correspondence and reduce the potential for misrepresentation or impersonation.

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Employment Opportunities – Parish and School open positions
[Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse \(diolc.org\)](#)

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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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.

Poster to Print Out for NFP Awareness: [2021 NFP Poster](#)

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** – 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](#).
 - **Grandparents Day:** Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the [celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#) beginning in 2021 on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.
 - **Prayers of the Faithful:** [July 26 suggestions for Grandparents/Elderly day](#)

Natural Family Planning News For Your Parish Bulletin:

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week – 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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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 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 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 [complete this form](#) so 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

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Diocesan Annual Appeal: Thank you for another record year in funds raised for the Annual Appeal. It was another excellent year for parishes as the rebates exceeded last year's, topping \$875k. These numbers reflect the value people put in the Church, our Diocese and Parishes, and our mission's importance in our communities and worldwide. Thank you to all those who promote and support the ministries of the Diocese; without you, we would not be able to live out our mission.

Final 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:

- 7/11 [Click Here](#)

- 7/18 [Click Here](#)
- 7/25 [Click Here](#)
- 8/01 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click Here for the weeks [7/11 – 8/1](#)

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, do not hesitate to 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 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 vocations@diolc.org or call Renee' at 608-791-2667 for tickets or more information.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

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

Please share this through your Parish social media.

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

That young men and women will listen to the Holy Spirit in their hearts and respond to the cry from deep within to vocations of marriage, single blessedness, priesthood and religious life.

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.

Come Follow Me!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. 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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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 – November 20, 2021! 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 organize a local/live event in order to participate in the simulcast stream of the main event in Indianapolis, IN. This event 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!

Here is the link to the Facebook event

<https://fb.me/e/wh0DbZBc>

Please share this on your Parish social media

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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