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

The Reverend **Raja Kennedy Arul Samy**, Pastor of Saint Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem, has submitted his resignation and it has been accepted, effective September 28, 2021. Father Arul Samy returns to the authority of Archbishop Antonysamy of the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore.

The Reverend **Zacharie Beya Tshingimba**, with the permission of the Most Reverend Marcel Madila Basanguka, Archbishop of Kananga, Congo, is appointed Parochial Administrator of Saint Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem, effective September 28, 2021.

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Tuesday, September 14
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Tuesday, September 21
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Wednesday, September 22
40 Days for Life - Sept 22-Oct 31 - La Crosse Campaign
Rural Life Day
10:00am 40th Annual Rural Life Day - Osseo
Sunday, September 26
NET Ministering at Various Parishes - Sept. 26-Oct. 12
Tuesday, September 28
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Saturday, October 2
8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield
Sunday, October 3
Life Chain
Respect Life Sunday
Monday, October 4
Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the diocese
Tuesday, October 5
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, October 8
LFI/Deacon Formation - Wausau - October 8-9
Monday, October 11
Fall Ministry Conference - La Crosse - Oct. 11-12
Tuesday, October 12
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Saturday, October 16
8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau
Monday, October 18
6:00pm White Mass / Gospel of Life - La Crosse
Tuesday, October 19
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Saturday, October 23
Men of the Cross Conference - La Crosse
Sunday, October 24
World Mission Sunday
Tuesday, October 26
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Monday, November 1
All Saints - Curia Offices Closed

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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Annual Mass Counts

The Annual Mass Counts will be conducted again this year during the month of October. Please find more information and the form <u>here</u>.

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For Your Parish Bulletin

Strengthen Your Understanding of the Catholic Faith

Join with a parish group, or, start a new study group to study the Faith. For a list of resources that have been used in the Diocese with positive feedback, visit <u>diolc.org/studygroups</u>.

For Your Parish Bulletin

Do you want to deepen your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Sign up to read through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 15 minutes per day. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks. You will receive a schedule every two weeks. To register, send an email to Ann Lankford at <u>alankford@diolc.org</u> with Catechism written in the subject line. **Start date is Mon, Sept. 20**th

Reclaiming Faith and Family Conference (FREE) – Sept. 17-19

Info just arrived: The free Reclaiming Faith and Family Conference, this September 17-19, is here to teach you innovative and effective ways to heroically share the Faith with the people you care about the most.

Register here for free: go.virtualcatholicconference.com/Faith?r done=1

Forward this info to the people in the parish with an interest in evangelization. They will: Learn how to dialogue without arguing; gain helpful skills and conversion techniques for evangelizing; discover what cutting edge ministries are doing to proclaim the Gospel today. Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor.

For Your Parish Bulletin Nationally-Known Speaker on Oct 12 – 13 Dr. Edward Sri will be speaking at St. Patrick's Church in Onalaska on Tues. Oct. 12 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm and at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Wed. Oct. 13 from 9 – 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Catechetical Leader Information

Suggested 2-year Confirmation Schedules that include Theology of the Body Sessions

Schedules for the following Confirmation Programs are available in Word so that they can be adjusted for specific parishes: Purpose by Life Teen; Chosen by Ascension Press; Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic; Diocesan Confirmation Program. Theology of the Body sessions are included in both years, where students in 10th grade have not yet received this formation. Visit: <u>diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation</u>

Gradual implementation of Theology of the Body in Middle and High School

Theology of the Body provides foundational understanding of every person's true identity while combating the culture which bombards our young people with lies about their dignity. Bishop Callahan wisely calls for the implementation of Theology of the Body in Middle School and High School Parish Programs in fall 2021, with Bishop's original instruction given in 2011. Visit <u>diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info</u> for a plan for gradual implementation.

Guidelines for Opening Parish Faith Formation in the Fall

available here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Safe Environment Power Points for High School

The power points for 9th through 12th grade are available here: <u>diolc.org/safe-</u> <u>environment/library</u>. The power points can also be printed to train young people. It is best to complete this training in September or early October.

New Catechetical Leader Training – September 17

Please let us know if you are a new Parish Catechetical Leader. There will be a day at Holy Cross Diocesan Center on Friday, September 17 so that we can get acquainted, help you to know the resources available, how we are here to serve you, answer your questions etc. Click here for the registration form: <u>diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info</u>

Catechetical Sunday 2021

The Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on **September 19, 2021** under the theme of "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed." Visit this link for resources: usccb.org/resources/catechetical-sunday-2021

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Deadline for parish events to be listed in the December Catholic Life -9/27/21.

In order to get your December parish events listed in the December issue of Catholic Life, please make sure we have received your event information by September 27. 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 and, if appropriate, menu and cost.

Reminder: Adoration mention and times on diolc.org/eucharistic-adoration?

Please review your Parish's Eucharistic Adoration mention and times on <u>diolc.org/eucharistic-adoration</u>. We do not have a good way to actively update this page. If you find anything needing updating, please let us know.

Reminder: 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 <u>diolclergy.org</u> or at least one from their parish. Keep in mind a <u>diolclergy.org</u> email address is highly available, portable and moves with you as you move between assignments. The <u>diolclergy.org</u> domain is part of the diocesan GSuite. Your <u>diolclergy.org</u> account will include the full range of G Suite functionality.

Simply send me a message indicating you would like to get a <u>diolclergy.org</u> 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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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For your parish bulletin: The Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph" We are very excited to invite you to join us for the 2021 Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph!" On Saturday, October 23, 2021, we have a seat for you at the table to, not only join us for the day, but to develop friendships with Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse. While this will be a great day for prayer, spiritual nourishment, fellowship, and food, it will also be an opportunity to talk about action steps Catholic men can take in their own parishes and communities to minister to other Catholic men throughout the year. You will hear from nationally known speakers: Jon Leonetti and Monsignor Joseph Hirsch. The day will also include a time of Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will end the conference with a Eucharistic procession and Mass with Bishop William Patrick Callahan. And there is more exciting news! Dads, you can bring your high school and college-age sons with you at no extra charge (Free spots are limited)! What a great experience for fathers and sons to have together! We hope you will not only register for this awesome day but spread the word to other Catholic men!

To Register, please visit www.menofthecross.org.

Here is the link to the Facebook event: <u>https://fb.me/e/1RVI8uQmc</u> Please share this on your Parish social media.

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat – October 29-31, 2021

A Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat begins on a Friday morning at 7:30 AM and ends at 1PM the following Sunday. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center.

- The retreat will be held at Notre Dame Parish Goldsmith Education Center 117 Allen St. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- The cost is \$335 per couple, which includes lodging. Or \$225 per couple without lodging. Both costs include a \$150 non-refundable deposit.
- 2021 Domestic Church Retreat <u>Flyer</u> and <u>Brochure</u>. Click <u>HERE</u> to access the Packing and Lodging document.

Reminder: Diocesan Website for Clergy and Marriage Ministers Regarding Marriage Preparation

FYI, <u>here is the link</u> 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: 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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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its <u>policies and procedures</u>, 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 <u>intakeagent@diolc.org</u>. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: <u>diolc.org/safe-</u> <u>environment/reporting</u>. **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 <u>diocesan website</u>. 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 <u>tbrown@diolc.org</u>. <u><<Top >></u>



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Pastors: Get Prayer Cards to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

As noted in a letter you received with a Respect Life kit for this Year of St. Joseph, we have available for you lovely prayer cards to St. Joseph, "Defender of Life." Together with the poster you received and other materials, they are suitable for Respect Life Month (October) and beyond. The Office for Ministries and Social Concerns has a limited supply of these prayer cards in English and in Spanish. Please email <u>ministries@diolc.org</u> to request them at \$10 per pack of 100 plus shipping of \$3.00 per 100 (or \$7 shipping for 300 or more). Indicate the quantity you want, your parish address, and whether you want English or Spanish. When we run out, they can also be ordered from the <u>USCCB store</u>.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Your Help Needed: Haiti Earthquake, Afghan Refugees, Hurricane Ida

Please do what you can to alleviate the suffering caused by the earthquake in Haiti, the plight of the thousands of Afghan refugees coming to the U.S. (many to Ft. McCoy outside Tomah), and Hurricane Ida's battering of Louisiana. To learn how you can help, visit <u>diolc.org/socialconcerns</u>.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Join us for Rural Life Day – September 22

The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop

William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish. For a flyer or brochure, visit <u>diolc.org/rural-life</u>. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, <u>rzietlow@diolc.org</u>.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan

Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: "Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body." Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 pm – Banquet; 7:45 pm – Presentation; Cost: \$20/person \$10/students. All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit <u>diolc.org/gospeloflife</u>.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Wisconsin Bishops Address Vaccination and Conscience Protection

Wisconsin's bishops have issued a statement in which – while urging Catholics who are eligible to seek vaccination as a means to protect themselves and others – they address the ability of individuals to seek exemption from COVID-19 vaccination mandates based on conscience objection. To see the Aug. 20 statement and accompanying press release, visit diolc.org/social-concerns.

Parish Bulletins – La Crosse Area:

40 Days for Life – La Crosse Campaign Sept. 22-Oct. 31

This fall a 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse will run from September 22-October 31 on the corner of 7th Street and South Avenue. 40 Days for Life is a worldwide effort open to people of all faiths who wish to see an end to the injustice of abortion. Visit <u>diolc.org/respect-life</u> (scroll down) to learn more and to sign up for this 40 Days for Life fall campaign.

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Progress is moving forward for the Annual Appeal. We are on track for a our goal to kick off is in early October. This year's

Our theme will center on John 17:22, "So that they may be one as We are One." We have compelling case stories that promote the good of the Church and the impact we have on others. We are getting our resources up to date.

We encourage any Pastor who wishes to include their own letter to submit one. Hearing from the Pastor or Finance Council has proven to be one of the most effective means of garning support.

We will continue to update you via the Chancery Bulletin over the coming weeks.

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 09/19 <u>Click Here</u>
- 09/26 <u>Click Here</u>
- 10/03 <u>Click Here</u>
- 10/10 <u>Click Here</u>

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

• Click Here for the weeks 9/19 – 10/10

Planned Giving -Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequest, and Endowments:

Bequest revenues for the parishes are up 131% over the last decade. Our Estate Planning Guide can help people save several hundred dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have sent out several hundred copies per individual request, and each Parish has received a copy. If you like additional copies, don't hesitate to get in touch with 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.

If you would like more legacy giving information or ads for your parish bulletin, do not hesitate to contact our office.

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Office for Temporalities

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Important notice regarding ParishSOFT Accounting!

Transactional access to the old database (lacrosse.parishsoftaccounting.com) will end September 30, 2021 for all parishes per the contract with ParishSOFT.

- View only access, including report capabilities, to the old database (lacrosse.parishsoftaccounting.com), will continue until January 31, 2022.
- Finance Office access, by request, will continue until September 30, 2023.
- Effectively this means that parishes using ParishSOFT Accounting must complete all fiscal year 2020-2021 transactional activity in the old database before September 30, 2021.

Failure to complete all parish transactional activity in the old database before September 30, 2021 may require intervention from ParishSOFT Support at a rate of \$250/hour, which will be billed to your parish.

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

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

That our parish community will nurture marriage, blessed single lives, and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action 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.

Have you asked someone recently?

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached 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 Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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2023 World Youth Day

We want to get an idea of any groups from our diocese who are planning to attend the upcoming 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon. If your parish/school is bringing a group, please let our office know by emailing <u>crogers@diolc.org</u>. We would like to keep in contact with you and pray for your planning and pilgrimage.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) Experience Informational Zoom Meeting

On Nov. 20, 2021, all high school age students are invited to join us for a local/live event at Pacelli Catholic High School in Stevens Point, WI, where we will participate in the simulcast stream of the National Catholic Youth Conference being held in Indianapolis, IN. This event will be more than just watching a screen. We will have live music and speakers who will lead us in praying together, learning together and, most importantly, growing together as disciples!

We are inviting you to join us for an informational meeting via **Zoom on September 16, 2021 at 2:00pm**. If you cannot attend, don't worry, it will be recorded for you to watch later.

Here is the link to register for the meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvc-mrqj4vEtLnBOXi_iiw8iiwktUrJuYn</u>

Here are links to the **<u>POSTER</u>** and **<u>BROCHURE</u>** to promote this event.

Here is the link to the Facebook event: <u>https://fb.me/e/wh0DbZBc</u> Please share this on your Parish social media.

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 <u>link</u> to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m.!

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