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### Chancery Office

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### Events

As of July 12

**Wednesday, July 13**

9:30am Dare to Follow Day - Edgar

5:00pm Evening of Discernment - Edgar

**Thursday, July 14**

9:30am Dare to Follow Day - Chippewa Falls

5:00pm Evening of Discernment - Chippewa Falls

**Friday, July 15**

9:30am Dare to Follow Day - Prescott

5:00pm Evening of Discernment - Prescott

**Saturday, July 16**

7:40am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Onalaska

**Tuesday, July 19**

9:30am Dare to Follow Day - Wisconsin Rapids

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

5:00pm Evening of Discernment - Wisconsin Rapids

**Wednesday, July 20**

9:30am Dare to Follow Day - Tomah

5:00pm Evening of Discernment - Tomah

**Thursday, July 21**

8:30am Parish Finance Summer Webinar

**Friday, July 22**

9:30am Dare to Follow Day - La Crosse

5:00pm Evening of Discernment - La Crosse

**Sunday, July 24**

Mission Trip 2022 - Schriever, La. - July 24-31

**Tuesday, July 26**

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

**Wednesday, July 27**

1:00pm Endowment update, Summer, Diocese of La Crosse

**Friday, July 29**

Priests for Tomorrow - La Crosse

**Saturday, July 30**

Domestic Church Retreat (July 30-31, 2022)

**Tuesday, August 2**

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

**Saturday, August 6**

8:30am Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - La Crosse

**Sunday, August 7**

Peace Day, Diocese of La Crosse

**Tuesday, August 9**

Welcome Back Retreat - School Administrators - La Crosse

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto: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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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### For Your Parish Bulletin

#### Healing Conference: Saturday, July 16, 2022 – Free

Dr. Mary Healy will be presenting three talks at a healing conference entitled Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World, which is the title of her book. The presentations will be followed up by a healing service. Dr. Healy is a well-known professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and is also an author. This healing conference will be held at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. For further details, download a flier at: [diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts](http://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts). You are encouraged to bring a friend!

### For Your Parish Bulletin

#### Chris Stefanick to speak on Living Joy - Wednesday, August 24

Living Joy is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. With his characteristic humor and insights from daily life, Chris Stefanick will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Chris, an internationally known author and speaker, will present virtually on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. The first 80 people to register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy," retail cost of \$24. To register, download a [brochure](#) and/or [poster](#), visit [diolc.org/witness-joy](http://diolc.org/witness-joy)

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://fb.me/e/1oJEHJHu2>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Click [poster](#) to download the Living Joy poster and place it on the Church bulletin board for parishioners to see.

### Catechetical Leader Information

#### Witnesses for Christ Conference - Wednesday, August 24

##### Evening of Catechist Formation with Chris Stefanick

Living Joy is needed in our lives. Joy is also needed to be a credible witness to our Faith in Jesus Christ. Living Joy is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. With his characteristic humor and insights from daily life, Chris Stefanick will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Chris will present virtually to you, your catechists and parents as you meet together at your parish. This interactive

presentation will be from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. You are most welcome to provide further formation either before and/or after. This could also include a meal, before the presentation if you so desire. The first 80 people to register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy", retail cost of \$24. To register, download a [brochure](#) and/or [poster](#), visit [diolc.org/witness-joy](http://diolc.org/witness-joy).

### **Confirmation**

Two-year schedules for

- "Purpose" by Life Teen
- "Chosen" by Chris Stefanick and team
- "Decision Point" by Matthew Kelley
- Diocesan Confirmation Program

have been edited for 2022-2023 and are available at this link:

[diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation](http://diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation). Scroll down to "Preparation Resources for the Sacrament of Confirmation."

### **Retreat for Confirmation**

The youth being prepared for Confirmation are to experience a retreat. Please see the guidelines for a retreat pertinent to receiving Confirmation. Visit

[diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation](http://diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation) and scroll down to "Confirmation Guidelines/Resources."

### **Sacramental Preparation for 2nd Grade**

In preparing for next year, it is recommended that children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and First Holy Communion in April or May. It is a good practice to make the connection between these two Sacraments. Since 2nd grade children cannot prepare for two Sacraments in two or three months, allow the children to receive the Sacrament of Confession for the second or third time during the time leading up to their First Holy Communion.

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## Office for the Diaconate

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### Upcoming dates:

August 13 - Bishop's Day with deacons and their wives, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse - attendance expected. (Deacon Candidates are invited as they will be instituted Lectors at Mass) RSVP by Monday, August 1, 2022 to Debbie Brannon at 608-791-2686 or email: [dbrannon@diolc.org](mailto:dbrannon@diolc.org)

October 8 - Ongoing Deacon Formation - Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Wausau

October 10 & 11 - Fall Ministry Conference - Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse

November 5 - Diaconate Discernment Retreat, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse  
Is Deacon Formation for you?

February 17-19, 2023 - Deacon and Wives Retreat - Schoenstadt Center, Waukesha. Retreat leader is Deacon Dan Gannon.

**Priests and Deacons** - We don't recruit men to the vocation of deacon. We help them hear God calling them to the vocation of deacon. Please help in identifying men who may have a calling for the next formation class that will begin in the fall of 2023. I'd be happy to talk to any prospective aspirants. The discernment retreat is in November.

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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](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

### Domestic Church Retreat - July 30-31, 2022

This Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat begins on Saturday, July 30 at 8 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. the following day. 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. Below is a list of promotional resources:

- [Flier](#)
- [Brochure](#)
- [Packing List and Lodging Document](#)

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://fb.me/e/22IKvqTOd>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

For more information and to find online registration, please follow this link:

<https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>.

### **Called to the Joy of Love: Natural Family Planning supporting God's plan for love and life!**

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 24-30, 2022. Come experience the Joy of Love and find an NFP class (in-person and online) at [diolc.org/nfp](https://diolc.org/nfp). Have questions about using NFP in your marriage? Call 608.791.2658 to connect with Christy Kitzhaber.

Please see the links below:

- [2 Sided Bulletin Insert](#) - PDF
- [USCCB Poster](#)-PDF
- [Diocesan NFP 8x8 Ad](#) - PDF
- [Social Media \(Facebook Cover, Web ad, Memes\)](#)

### **Information for Pastors and Marriage Preparation Coordinators**

There are two new NFP providers in the Diocese. Ruby Gravork, [rubygravrok@gmail.com](mailto:rubygravrok@gmail.com), is a medical student in the La Crosse area. She is in her practicum for teaching Billings. Michelle Werner, [michelle@tcnfp.org](mailto:michelle@tcnfp.org), is a nurse from the Eau Claire area that is in her practicum for teaching the Creighton method. Couples can use the pre-registration form online at [diolc.org/nfp](https://diolc.org/nfp) to sign up for classes with these teachers. They will be providing in-person and virtual instruction.

### **Save the Date! Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Upcoming dates are September 9-11 in Dubuque, IA or November 18-20 in Holstein, IA. For more information, call Greg and Denise at 563.920.9419 or [drubner9419@gmail.com](mailto:drubner9419@gmail.com).

### **Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend Coming Soon!**

For more than 40 years, Retrouvaille has been a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. Here in Central Wisconsin, hundreds of couples have participated in the program since 1998 with lasting success. We thank you for your vital support in sharing these announcements. We are a grass-roots volunteer-run organization by couples that have been through the program, at every level, locally and abroad. With your help we continue to "pay it forward!" The next program begins with a weekend stay, August 19-21, 2022. Registrations are due by August 5th to allow time for room reservations to be guaranteed. Late registrations may be accepted, if space is available. Please announce this program at your earliest convenience and as often as possible from now through the beginning of August, it will be a lifeline for a couple and family in need. You can visit our website at:

<https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/> to get all the information.

Also below are some other quick links:

- [A new series of short bulletin announcements](#), each with a slight variation. Please pass them to your church bulletin editor!
- [A one-page flier](#) with all pertinent details. This may be provided to a couple in need or serve as a bulletin insert or as a poster for your vestibule or hallway.
- [A flier with tear-off information](#).

### **Reminder: NFP Support Groups**

In conjunction with Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, the Office for Family Life, through the NFP coordinator, would like to pilot a few NFP support meetings throughout the diocese. Please contact Christy Kitzhaber at [ckitzhaber@diolc.org](mailto:ckitzhaber@diolc.org) if you would like more information on this blossoming idea.

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

Use this link: [diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriagepreparationfor-ministers/](http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriagepreparationfor-ministers/) to go 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](mailto:mrallen@foccusinc.com) or phone 402.827.3735 ext. 1317.

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## **Office for Ministries**

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## **Office for Missions**

*Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | [wpace@diolc.org](mailto:wpace@diolc.org)*

### **Bulletin Editors please share:**

Casa Hogar Optical Mission is looking for volunteers for its January 2023 mission to Lurin, Peru. Spanish speakers are appreciated but not required. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Sjolander at [casahogaropticalmission@outlook.com](mailto:casahogaropticalmission@outlook.com) to receive an application form or if you have any questions regarding the Optical Mission.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

Starting in August, I will be conducting Zoom training sessions for paid employees or volunteers that need to train for the 2022-23 cycle. I will offer one training session during the day and another in the evening. Watch future bulletins for links to the meetings or contact Teresa with questions.

I will be doing in person training at the following locations. If you are able to attend one, you are welcome to join in. If you would like to schedule a training session at your parish or school, contact Teresa.

- Assumption (Wisconsin Rapids), August 15, at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Auburndale - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 16, at 6 p.m.
- Prairie Catholic School, August 17, at 9 a.m.
- Thorp, August 18, at the school, 2:00 p.m., at the parish, 6 p.m.
- Aquinas, August 19, 9 a.m. through 12 p.m.
- McDonell, August 22, at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- St. Patrick Sparta School, August 23 at 8:30 a.m.
- St. Patrick Mauston School, August 23 after 11 a.m.
- St John the Baptist Parish (Plum City), August 23, Zoom meeting at 7:30 p.m.



- Regis August 29, time to be announced

All staff and volunteers need to be trained and background checked before they begin at their parish or school. If you have background checks or renewals for the upcoming year, please send them in as soon as you can. Don't wait until August.

"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children." — Nelson Mandela, anti-apartheid revolutionary and political leader

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## Office for Catholic Schools

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### Parish Bulletin Editors, Pastors, and Respect Life Representatives:

#### **IMPORTANT: Please Publicize the Pregnancy Resource Center(s) Near You**

In this post-Roe world, many women facing unexpected or unwanted pregnancies will need assistance. **Would you take the following simple steps?**

- Help raise awareness of the Pregnancy Resource Center(s), or PRC's, near you. Consult the list of PRC's and the interactive map at [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).
  - Then **create a bulletin announcement** using the template that follows, inserting the name, contact information and website address of one or more PRC's within 100 miles of your parish. If there are several, consider listing them if space allows, or rotating them from week to week.
  - **Bulletin Announcement Template: "Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from [PRC name, contact info and web address] in [name of town/city]. For additional resources and locations, visit [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources)."**
- Build your parish relationship with one or more Pregnancy Resource Centers near you. Read the information we have compiled for each one [here](#). Call them and ask how your parish can support/assist their work.

## **Roe v. Wade Overturned - The Church Responds**



To see statements by Bishop Callahan and other bishops about the overturning of Roe v. Wade, as well as an explanation of the Dobbs decision, visit [www.dioc.org/respect-life](http://www.dioc.org/respect-life). You will also find there a listing of the Pregnancy Resource Centers within the boundaries of the diocese, along with links to further information about the services each of them provides. It is especially important at this

moment to show the love of Christ to women and families that may be facing an unexpected pregnancy.

## **Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns Representatives Are Your Social Ministry Initiatives listed in the [Directory](#)?**

In order to address most fruitfully the social concerns within our diocese, we are asking the parishes of the diocese to review their current social ministry initiatives (any outreach of charity or social advocacy). If these are not already listed in the diocesan [Directory of Parish Social Ministry Initiatives](#), or if updating is needed, the pastor or someone authorized by him is asked to take a moment to [complete and submit this form](#) for each organization/resource.

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## **Office for Stewardship & Development**

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### **Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:**

- 07/17  
<https://dioc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/07.17.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 07/24  
<https://dioc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/07.24.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 07/31  
<https://dioc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/07.31.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

### **Stewardship Homily Reflections:**

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 07/17 -7/31  
<https://dioc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Homily-Guide-07.12.22.pdf>

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

We have inherited such treasures from our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, those whose shoulders we stand on today. Now, it is our turn to make sure future generations can enjoy the reverence and beauty of a well-maintained parish. Leveraging the Capital Campaign and providing parishioners with information on Endowments, Trusts and Bequests are just a few ways a parish can help prepare for its future.

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 would like additional copies, do not hesitate to contact our office.

Our Planned Giving website is [diolclegacy.org](http://diolclegacy.org). 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, presentations or ads for your parish bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact our office or Rick Jeric at the Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin ([cfwcw.org](http://cfwcw.org)) at 608.519.9892 or email: [rjeric@cfwcw.org](mailto:rjeric@cfwcw.org).

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### Office for Temporalities

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### Catholic Mutual Group Risk Management Minute – Heat Related Illnesses

Heat exhaustion happens when a person gets too hot. If heat exhaustion isn't treated, it can lead to heatstroke. Heat stroke is much more serious than heat exhaustion, as it can lead to shock, organ failure, brain damage and death. [Click here](#) for more information on the cause of heat stroke and what can be done to prevent it.

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### The Catholic Mutual Connection – Prioritizing Parish Safety

Catholic Mutual Group is pleased to offer resources to help make your parish as safe as possible from outside threats, no matter the cause. Please [click here](#) to learn more.

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### Office for Vocations

*Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | [nkuhn@diolc.org](mailto:nkuhn@diolc.org)*

## DARE TO FOLLOW DAY

For young men **ages 12-16** who are interested in learning about the vocation of the priesthood. Learn more about your Catholic faith while considering God's Call in your life. Join us for prayer and FUN!

9:30 a.m.      Registration/Sign Up

10 a.m. Welcome  
11:15 a.m. Mass  
Noon Lunch  
1 p.m. Group Activities  
3:30 p.m. Adoration  
4 p.m. Closing Prayer/Departure

### EVENING OF DISCERNMENT

For men **aged 17 and above**. Join us for prayer and reflection while we hear from seminarians and priests about vocational discernment.

5 p.m. Registration  
5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer  
5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Presentation and Q&A  
8 p.m. Night Prayer

There is no charge to attend any of these events and you may attend at any location. Lunch or dinner will be provided. Please email [rorth@diolc.org](mailto:rorth@diolc.org) or call 608.791.2667 to register.

### DATES & LOCATIONS

July 13 – St. John the Baptist Parish, 103 N. 4th Ave, Edgar

July 14 – Holy Ghost Parish, 412 S. Main, Chippewa Falls (Eve. schedule varies)

July 15 – St. Joseph Parish, 269 Dakota St. Prescott

July 19 – Our Lady Queen of Heaven, 750 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Wisconsin Rapids

July 20 - Queen of the Apostles Parish, 315 W. Monroe St., Tomah

July 22 – Diocese of La Crosse, Mater Redemptoris, 3730 East Ave, La Crosse

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Priests For Tomorrow fundraising dinner is Friday night, July 29, 2022. Please contact Renee Orth ([rorth@diolc.org](mailto:rorth@diolc.org) or 608-791-2667) if you are interested in tickets.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://fb.me/e/1FTNuvFSA>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Suggestion for intercession for vocations in your Sunday prayers of the faithful:

That the daily living of our vocation may transform our suffering world into a place of love, justice and peace.

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.

### **How does God speak to me?**

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. 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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**Upcoming Dates:** The following are events for Priests and Deacons as specified.

**Fall Ministry Conference** for all Priests and Deacons: Monday noon through Tuesday Lunch, October 10-11, 2022. Online registration, hotel discounts and further details will be arriving soon and posted in the Chancery Bulletin.

**Annual Priest Retreat** at the Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc is required for priests in their first five years following ordination and is an option for the annual canonical retreat for all other priests serving in the diocese. There is no cost for the retreat outside of what is deducted from each participant's Continuing Ed Fund. The retreat is scheduled during the Third Week of Easter, Monday noon through Friday lunch, April 24-28, 2023.

**Priest Unity Days** for all Priests: The gathering begins Thursday noon at Holy Cross Diocesan Center and continues through Saturday Mass of Ordination at the Cathedral, June 22-24, 2023. Online registration, hotel discounts and further details will be posted closer to the time of the event.

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## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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### **Speaker for Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Ministry Teams, etc.**

In an effort to be more present around the diocese, and as an outreach of the Office for Family Life, Chris Rogers is happy to come to your parish/school to make a presentation to Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Ministry Teams, Married Couples, Engaged Couples, Teachers, etc. Please call 608.791.2659 or email [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org) to discuss dates and topics.

### **NET Ministries**

Each year, NET Ministries sends more than 175 young adults across the country in teams of 8-14 to proclaim the Gospel to Catholic youth. The NET teams will share their love of Christ and the Church with more than 90,000 youth from September to May this year. They come from a wide variety of states and countries. The team members have been trained in the teachings of the Catholic Church and formed as brothers and sisters in Christ, a quality young people consistently notice and to which they are attracted. The experienced team members take care of most everything, including retreat content, set up and tear down. Your level of involvement is up to you; they partner with you to ensure a perfect match for your group's needs.

- When: September 27-October 9, 2022 - Please contact the NET CENTER ([netusa.org/retreats](http://netusa.org/retreats)) to reserve your retreat!
- Where: All around the Diocese of La Crosse
- Cost: Depends on the type of retreat.

For details about hosting a retreat including themes, costs, housing, etc., please download the Welcome Packet or see our website at [diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/net-retreats/](http://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/net-retreats/).

### **NET Ministries Recruiting Missionaries**

At NET Ministries, we are so thankful for your dedication and service to the Catholic young people in your area. It has been an honor to partner with you through YDisciple. As you may know, YDisciple has been owned by NET Ministries since 2018. Each year, NET trains around 150 missionaries and sends them across the country to over 110 dioceses to minister to young people. This is why we are asking you to please consider helping us build up our missionary teams for 2022 - 2023. We are asking you because you are closest to the young Catholics in your community - and know them well. Our missionary teams are made up of young faithful, mature, and relational Catholics between the ages of 18-28. NET is launching a new Recruiting Referral Program that is underwritten by a generous donor. As a thank you for sending an invitation to someone you know, NET wants to support you in your mission. If a young adult you recommend to NET serves as a missionary for the 2022-2023 year, NET will give you \$200 to use in one of four ways:

- To go towards your ministry
- To go towards a future NET retreat
- To go towards a YDisciple subscription
- To go towards that missionary's support funds

To participate in our Recruiting Referral Program, simply click the link below or go to [netusa.org/referral](https://netusa.org/referral) to recommend a young adult to our Recruiting Department, and we will walk with them through the application process. But even more importantly, please personally invite the young adults in your life to apply to become a NET Missionary. Just as Jesus called his disciples by name, a personal invitation makes all the difference. Our Church needs young adults who can be examples to young people of how to make the faith their own, allowing Christ to enter into their lives just as you have. You can send any potential missionaries to [netusa.org/apply](https://netusa.org/apply) for more information and to begin filling out an application.

**Reminder: 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:

[us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success)  
to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m.!

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