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#### Officials

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

The Reverend **Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar,** Associate Pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Wausau and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community in the Wausau area, is appointed Associate of St. Bronislava Parish in Plover and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community in the Plover area, with residence at the parish rectory, effective August 23, 2022.

The Reverend **Eric J. Mashak**, Associate of St. Bronislava Parish in Plover, is appointed Associate of St. Michael Parish and Church of the Resurrection Parish, both in Wausau, and Chaplain to Newman Catholic Middle School and High School, with residence at St. Michael Parish rectory, effective August 23, 2022.

The Reverend **Samuel A. Martin**, Pastor of Holy Name Parish in Wausau and Chaplain to Newman Catholic Middle School and High School in Wausau, is released from his responsibilities as Chaplain at Newman Catholic Middle School and High School, effective August 23, 2022.

Deacon James D. Trzinski, is appointed to serve as Deacon at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Almond, effective August 2, 2022.

Mr. **Daniel H. Hackel** has been dispensed by His Holiness Pope Francis from the obligations of Sacred Orders including celibacy, effective July 23, 2022.

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As of Aug. 2

Saturday, August 6
8:30am Catholic Medical Association Conference - La Crosse
Sunday, August 7
Peace Day, Diocese of La Crosse
Tuesday, August 9
Welcome Back Retreat - School Administrators - La Crosse
Sunday, August 14
50th Wedding Anniversary Mass and Dinner - La Crosse
Monday, August 15
Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2022
Tuesday, August 16
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, August 19
Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend - Aug. 19-21
Tuesday, August 23
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Wednesday, August 24
5:30pm Witnesses for Christ Conference - Virtual
Tuesday, August 30
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Tuesday, September 6
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, September 9
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - Sept. 9-11
LFI/Deacon Formation - Wausau - September 9-10
Tuesday, September 13
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, September 16
Married Love: Two Becoming One - Chippewa Falls - Sept. 16-18
Tuesday, September 20
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Wednesday, September 21
10:00am 41st Annual Rural Life Day
Tuesday, September 27
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Wednesday, September 28
40 Days For Life Kick Off - La Crosse Campaign - Sept. 28-Nov. 6
Friday, September 30
Fall Educator Faith In-Service - La Crosse
Tuesday, October 4
Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the Diocese

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.



#### **Office for Catechesis & Evangelization**

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#### Bulk email to be sent to the women of the diocese

An email message will be sent on Thursday, August 4, to all women ages 20-75 of the diocese who have email addresses in ParishSOFT, from the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization promoting Chris Stefanick's virtual presentation on "Living Joy," August 24th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Joy is greatly needed today, especially because every human heart is born looking for it. And every heart is powered by it. Scripture tells us "The Joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). The session will include simple rules to help us rediscover and live with interior Joy. Further details about this Witnesses for Christ Conference are provided <u>here</u>.

#### For Your Parish Bulletin

#### Chris Stefanick to speak on Living Joy - Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Chris Stefanick, an internationally-known speaker and author, will speak virtually on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Would you like to claim the joy and the life you were made for? Based upon evidence, experience and common sense, internationally-known Chris Stefanick will present simple Rules to help you rediscover and live joy every day. Cost is \$10 per person and those who register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy" for free. To register and/or download a brochure visit <u>diolc.org/witness-joy</u>. You are invited to join with other parishioners, or with family from the comfort of your own home.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event <u>https://fb.me/e/1oJEHJHu2</u> Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Click <u>here</u> to download the Living Joy poster and place it on your parish bulletin board for everyone to see, and click <u>here</u> to download brochures for the back of Church.

#### **Catechetical Leader Information**

#### **Catechetical Leader Calendar**

A calendar for 2022-2023 for DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers is available by clicking here: <u>diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info</u>

#### **New Catechetical Leaders**

If you are a new Director (DRE), Coordinator (CRE) and/or Youth Minister, or other parish leader, the local person in charge of ParishSoft needs to sign you up to receive the weekly Chancery Bulletin. This is the weekly means of communication from the Diocesan Pastoral Offices to keep you up-to-date on current information and resources being provided. Further, new Catechetical Leaders are asked to contact Ann Lankford, the Director of Office for Catechesis and Evangelization, at <u>alankford@diolc.org</u> so that you can be welcomed.

#### Welcome to New Catechetical Leaders (DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers)

**New Catechetical Leader Training** will be held in September in La Crosse. Join us as we have a helpful and enjoyable day planned with prayer, introductions, timely topics and to answer your questions. Further details and a registration form to follow.

#### **Ongoing Formation of Catechists and Catechetical Leaders is Necessary**

Catechetical Leaders are reminded that all catechists are to receive 6 hours of formation per year and DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers are to receive 12 hours of formation per year. A proven way to complete this formation is through **Franciscan at Home** online workshops. We have received great feedback from learners and so a generous donor has paid for every parish and school to have another free subscription from June 2022-2023. Each workshop is worth 4 hours of certification. It is best when the workshops are completed with a group. Simple directions to register for *Franciscan at Home* for free:

1) Visit <u>franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse</u> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

2) On the right, click the middle blue button: **"My parish or school is already registered, and I** would like to set up my individual free account..."

3) Click "Create an Account." Complete the information and click "Save." Select the Diocese of La Crosse from a drop-down menu, and then your Institution: your parish / school, listed by city and name. Finally, click on the "Sign Up" button; you will have a dashboard. Scroll down to "Franciscan Tracks" on the left and select "Catechist" Track. In this Track, you will see 3 choices under Courses of Study. Click on "Foundational Catechist Certification" and you will see listings under "Workshops" and "Electives." Choose a workshop that will be most helpful for you and your catechists. There is much to learn in each workshop. A good time frame for these workshops is 1 hour increments, covering 2 videos and 2 application tasks, or 1 ½ hour increments, covering 3 videos and 3 applications tasks. 6 suggested workshops:

• Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist with Dr. Ron Bolster. 3 - 1 hour sessions

- Introducing the Scriptures to Children with Dr. Gerard O'Shea. 4 1 hour sessions
- Penance and First Eucharist Preparation with Dr. Bill Keimig. 4 1 hour sessions
- Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture with Ann Lankford. 3 1 hour sessions
- Introducing the Liturgy to Children with Dr. Gerard O'Shea. 3 1 hour sessions
- Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis (Christ-centered Catechesis) with Dr. Petroc Willey. 4 1 hour sessions

#### Theology of the Body

All parishes are to implement Theology of the Body in 7th and/or 8th as well as 9th and/or 10th grades as stated by Bishop Callahan in 2011. Theology of the Body for Middle School and YOU: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body are the DVD Programs with workbooks from Ascension Press best fit these age groups. Click here for Programs:

ascensionpress.com/collections/theology-of-the-body-for-teens-middle-school-edition and ascensionpress.com/collections/you-life-love-and-the-theology-of-the-body

Visit here for Parent Summaries of each session so they can be engaged in the process: <u>diolc.org/catechesis/theology-of-the-body</u>

#### Confirmation

Two-year schedules have been updated for the following Confirmation Programs for 2022-2023:

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

The schedules are available at this link: <u>diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation</u>. Scroll down to "Schedules for 4 Different Programs to Prepare for 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 and scroll down to "Confirmation Guidelines/Resources.

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#### Upcoming dates:

Saturday, 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) Please RSVP to Debbie Brannon, <u>dbrannon@diolc.org</u>, if you have not already done so.

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

Monday & Tuesday, October 10 & 11 - Fall Ministry Conference for all priests and deacons: Monday noon through Tuesday Lunch, October 10-11. Online registration, hotel discounts and further details will be arriving soon and posted in the Chancery Bulletin. To be held at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse.

**Friday & Saturday, November 4 & 5** - Diaconate Discernment Retreat, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse. Is deacon formation for you?

**Friday to Sunday, February 17-19, 2023** - Deacon and Wives Retreat - Schoenstatt Center, Waukesha. Retreat leader is Deacon Dan Gannon. Priests and deacons - Please help identify men for the next formation class that will begin in the fall of 2023. I'd be happy to talk to any prospective aspirants. Have them contact me at <u>bhilts@diolc.org</u>. The discernment retreat is in November.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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#### Information on NFP Providers for Pastors and Marriage Prep Coordinators

There are two new NFP providers in the diocese. Ruby Gravork, <u>rubygravrok@gmail.com</u>, is a medical student in the La Crosse area. She is in her practicum for teaching the Billings method. Michelle Werner, <u>michelle@tcnfp.org</u>, 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 <u>diolc.org/nfp</u> 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 <u>drubner9419@gmail.com</u>.

#### For Your Parish Bulletin: 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. Registrations are due by

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

Also below are some other quick links:

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

#### **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 <u>ckitzhaber@diolc.org</u> if you would like more information on this blossoming idea.

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

Use this link: <u>diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriagepreparationfor-ministers/</u> 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 or phone: 402.827.3735 ext. 1317.

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## Office for Ministries

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Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | wpace@diolc.org

#### Save the date:



#### **Casa Hogar Optical Mission in 2023**

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 <u>casahogaropticalmission@outlook.com</u> to receive an application form or if you have any questions regarding the Optical Mission.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event. <u>https://fb.me/e/2uDDca686</u> Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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#### **RCIA Calendar of Teachings and Liturgies**

Please find a 9-month calendar of teachings, retreats, and liturgies for the RCIA <u>here</u>, while a 15-month calendar is available <u>here</u>. Resources for purchase are available at <u>https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/RCIA-Resources-from-ACM-and-LaX-Aug-2020.p</u> <u>df</u>.

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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-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>.

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 p.m.
- Auburndale Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday, August 16 at 6 p.m.
- Prairie Catholic School, Wednesday, August 17 at 9 a.m.
- Thorp, Thursday, August 18 at the Stanley Parish Hall , 2 p.m., and at the Thorp School Chapel 6 p.m.
- Aquinas, Friday, August 19, 9 a.m. through 12 p.m.
- McDonell, Monday, August 22, at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cassel, Zoom meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- St. Patrick School, Sparta, Wednesday, August 24 at 8:30 a.m.
- St. Patrick School, Mauston, Wednesday, August 24 after 11 a.m.
- St John the Baptist Parish, Plum City, Wednesday, August 24; Zoom meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Regis, Monday, August 29, time to be announced
- Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pine Creek, Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m.

New for Parishes: beginning this audit period for 2022-2023, it has been recommended by the USCCB that the Diocese of La Crosse begin background checks for Eucharistic Ministers who are ministering to the homebound. Please begin adding them to your parish reports beginning with the 2022-23 Annual Report and begin background checks and training for them as soon as you are able.

The online training program has been updated. It can be found on the Diocese of La Crosse website at: <u>https://diolc.org/safe-environment/training/</u>.

Training consists of watching the video once, reading the red and green books and reviewing the new slide presentation. The program has been enhanced to add more topics. You can not complete the Diocese of La Crosse training in less than 10 minutes, so please advise people to set aside 30 minutes to complete the program. I will continue to send email notifications of those that have completed training weekly, but I will highlight times less than 10 minutes. You will need to contact these people and tell them they need to complete the course again.

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**Office for Catholic Schools** 

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#### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### U.S. Bishops' Action Alert: Tell Senators to say "No" to codifying Same-Sex "Marriage"

The "Respect for Marriage Act" would prevent states from restoring the authentic understanding of marriage between man and woman if given the opportunity by the Supreme Court. As Pope Francis has said, children have a right to a mother and a father, and we must never stop advocating for marriage, in which children do best. Further, it is critical to protect freedom for people like small business wedding vendors and faith-based foster care agencies who serve their communities. Please tell Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin to vote "No" on the poorly-named Respect for Marriage Act. To make your voice heard, and for more information, visit <u>www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home</u>.



#### Parish Bulletin Editors - important:

#### Please Publicize a Pregnancy Resource Center Near You

In this post-*Roe v. Wade* world, many women facing unexpected or unwanted pregnancies need assistance. Would you help them by taking the following two simple steps in your Parish Bulletin?

1. Consult the list of Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRC's) at <u>diolc.org/pregnancy-resources</u>.

2. Create a bulletin announcement using the template that follows, inserting the name, contact info and website address of a PRC within 100 miles of your parish.

#### 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 <u>diolc.org/pregnancy-resources</u>."



#### Help the Suffering People of Ukraine

Valentyna Pavsyukova continues to provide much-needed assistance to the people of her war-torn homeland through Chalice of Mercy. To learn how you can help, visit <u>www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation</u>.

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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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#### Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

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- 08/14 https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/08.14.22-stewardship-bulletin-announc ements.pdf
- 08/21 https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/08.21.22-stewardship-bulletin-announc ements.pdf

#### **Stewardship Homily Reflections:**

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

 For Weeks 08/07 -08/21 https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Homily-Guide-08.02.22.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 <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, 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 (<u>cfwcw.org</u>) at 608.519.9892 or email: <u>rjeric@cfwcw.org</u>.

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#### Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

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

#### Catholic Unemployment Pay Program (CUPP)

You have or will be receiving an email from CUPP requesting your employee count as of July 1, 2022. The email CUPP is using is <u>cuppwi@madisondiocese.org</u>. Follow the instructions for calculating the correct employee count and respond to this email in a timely manner. If you did not receive this email contact CUPP using the email address shown previously. If you have any questions please contact CUPP or me.

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# Office for Vocations

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.

For an up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations for the Diocese of La Crosse from our parish.

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.

#### What does your future hold?

When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, 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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Director: Very Rev. Woodrow H. Pace – 608.791.2689 | wpace@diolc.org

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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

**Annual Priest Retreat:** Held 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 on 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

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

#### 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 <u>crogers@diolc.org</u> 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: Tuesday, September 27-Sunday, October 9 Please contact the NET CENTER <u>netusa.org/retreats</u>) 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 <u>diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/net-retreats/</u>.

#### **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: <u>us02web.zoom.us/s/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNFZnY0Q0dz09#success</u> to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m.!

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