Mission Statement:

The Catholic Diocese of Superior is a people of diverse ethnic and cultural traditions called in unity by the love of Christ to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and give witness through joyful lives of prayer and service in Northern Wisconsin and throughout the world.

Labor Day
September 4, 2017

Labor Day is one of the four special days of prayer in the Diocese of Superior. The focus of prayer for this particular day is the promotion of human rights and equality. The Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor may be used (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, section II, number 26), along with readings found at lectionary numbers 907-911.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
September 9, 2017

The 5th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children calls on pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters. Solemn prayer vigils will be conducted at these gravesites, of which there are 51 across the United States, as well as at dozens of other sites dedicated in memory of aborted children. Pro-lifers should be visiting these gravesites and other memorial sites dedicated to aborted babies as a regular part of their pro-life witness. That's what the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is all about.

Annual Priests’ Retreat
September 11-14, 2017

The Annual Priests’ Retreat will be held Monday, September 11 through Thursday, September 14 at the Heartwood Conference and Retreat Center, Trego.

This year, Fr. John Quigley, OFM, will be the retreat director.
A mailing was sent. Contact Fr. Kevin Gordon: 715-913-0183; kgordon@catholicdos.org.

Liturgical Considerations For
September 11

Patriot Day is observed September 11 to mark the 16th anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States. Go to the USCCB website, www.usccb.org, for useful resources to honor the memory of those who died. Also, a “Blue Mass” may be celebrated during the week of the anniversary to honor all firefighters, police officers and emergency medical technicians who serve the local community, as well as those who have died this past year. The Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice may be used (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, section II, number 30) along with readings found in the Lectionary at numbers 887-891.

In The Duluth Diocese: Catholic Concert
September 17, 2017

A FREE outdoor Catholic concert will be held in Duluth, MN, on the grounds of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary. Gates open at 5pm with The Aly Aleigha Band (Rice Lake native) 5:45pm followed by The Thirsting at 7:00pm. WWW.BUILTUPONAROCKFEST.COM

Catechetical Sunday
September 17, 2017
Theme: Living as Missionary Disciples

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the church has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.
RELICS OF PADRE PIO
PILGRIMAGE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

A bus will depart at 7:30 am from St. Joseph’s, Rice Lake, for a Pilgrimage to venerate the relics of Padre Pio and pray at the Cathedral in LaCrosse. Mass will begin at 12:10 pm in commemoration of Padre Pio. The bus will return around 5:30 pm. The cost per pilgrim is $40. Only 56 seats are available on the bus and these will be given on a first come first served basis. Contact Grace Busse: gbusse@catholicdos.org; 715-234-5044. SEE ENCLOSURE.

REGISTER NOW online for the Respect Life Event, September 29 & 30, featuring GLORIA PURVIS as keynote (dedicated much of her life to sharing church teaching on life and sexuality in the public forum). NIC DAVIDSON is an energetic & hilarious speaker/presenter, who is on fire for his faith. Early bird registration ends on September 20th. Contact Debra Lieberg: 715-394-0240; dlieberg@catholicdos.org. SEE ENCLOSURE.

CATHOLICDOS.ORG/EVENTS/GODS-GIFT-TO-LOVE-EVERY-BODY

INITIAL FORMATION: LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER
SEPT. 29 - 30 & NOV. 3 - 4, 2017

The two required formation sessions for those seeking diocesan certification as Lay Leaders of Prayer are Sept. 29 - 30 and Nov. 3 - 4, 2017. The workshop will take place at St. Joseph Church, Barron. Both sessions begin Friday evening and conclude late Saturday afternoon. Each applicant for this training must be specifically selected and/or recommended by their pastor, parish life coordinator, or parish director. All lay people who lead Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest or Weekday Communion Services in their parish church buildings should be recipients of this diocesan certification. Contact Paul Birch: 715-394-0233; phbirch@catholicdos.org. SEE ENCLOSURE.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
OCTOBER 3, 2017, JANUARY 23 & APRIL 24, 2018

The Office of Ecclesial Ministry & Diocesan Consultation is once again providing three new opportunities for Pastors, and all parish leaders to learn and grow together. The topics include:

- **Generational Discipleship: They need what?**
- **Sabbath Time: A Spirituality of Time and Rest for Ministers**
- **Serve, Lead, Motivate**

Sessions will be held at St. Joseph’s Parish Center in Hayward. It is hoped that participants will take advantage of these opportunities by attending as an entire parish leadership team. Contact Chris Newkirk: 715-394-0204; cnewkirk@catholicdos.org. SEE ENCLOSURE.

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER MASS COUNT
OCTOBER 14-15, 2017

The October Mass count is scheduled for the weekend of October 15 and 16. Information is forthcoming.

CLERGY WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 15-17, 2017

Presenter: Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., NCBC Location: Hotel Chequamegon, Ashland Contact Fr. Kevin Gordon: 715-913-0183; kgordon@catholicdos.org.

SUMMIT 2017-18

- NOVEMBER 30, 2017 - Love and Logic
- FEBRUARY 5, 2018 - Discussion of Hot Topics
- MAY 17, 2018 - Discipleship Outside the Classroom

SUPERIOR MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM is the Diocese of Superior's professional organization for those who serve in the ministry of faith formation. Its mission statement includes the following goals and purposes for the organization: to offer support, inspiration, and formation to members, to foster the spiritual and professional growth of its members, and to strive to translate its call and vision into practical applications to be used. SUMMIT members gather three times a year for professional enrichment, support and faith gathering. Contact Kim Palmer: 715-246-4652 ext. 228; k.palmer@frontiernet.net.

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CALENDAR
An updated diocesan liturgical calendar is now available: http://catholicdos.org/liturgical-seasons
In 1999, Bishop Ken Untener of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, MI decided to create a Little Black Book. It would use the prayer tradition of *Lectio Divina* to help people pray the Passion of Our Lord. The Little Black Book debuted in 2000 as a Lenten reflection. There is also a Spanish edition, a children’s Little Purple Book, a Little Blue Book for the Advent/Christmas season, and a Little White Book for the Easter season. Although Bishop Untener died in 2004, he remains the inspiration for the Little Books. Today, more than 3 million books are distributed annually worldwide. Contact Deb Lieberg: 715-394-0240; dlieberg@catholicdos.org or visit [WWW.LITTLEBOOKS.ORG](http://WWW.LITTLEBOOKS.ORG).

**RESOURCES FROM LTP AT DISCOUNT PRICES**

All (LTP) Liturgy Training Publications can be purchased with a discount of up to 40% off when ordered through the Office of Worship. Please order before the 15th of each month. Contact Natasha Deneau: 715-394-0212; ndeneau@catholicdos.org.

**THE 2017-2018 MARRIAGE PREPARATION SCHEDULE HAS BEEN UPDATED. SEE ENCLOSURE.**

**SEPTEMBER PRIEST BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Fr. James Hoffman
- 6 Fr. Leonard Fraher
- 17 Fr. Virgil Heinl
- 18 Fr. Jerry Hagen
- 21 Fr. Andrew Ricci

**PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARIES**

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- 15 Fr. John Gerritts
- 20 Fr. Tom Thompson - 25 yrs

**DIACONATE ANNIVERSARIES**

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- 11 Deacon Dick Peterson
- 12 Deacon Ken Kasinski

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- The National Catholic Bioethics Center
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- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
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- Monthly Calendar of Events – September | October 2017
- Wisconsin Pastoral Handbook Changes – September 2017
- Clergy Prayer Calendars – September | October 2017
- Staff Contact Information Sheet – updated
- Marriage Preparation Calendar 2017-18

From the Office of Catholic Formation
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- God’s Gift: To Love Every Body | Registration

From the Office of Stewardship and Development
- Impact Flyer

From the Office of Worship
- Lay Leaders of Prayer Registration Form
- LTP Order Form
The Decline of Scientific Credibility

Carr J. Smith

Most people recognize the tremendous contributions that science has made to the quality and material of everyday life. Simultaneously, most thinking people also recognize that a significant percentage of the pronouncements of scientists, scientific bodies, and scientific policy makers have already been retracted (eat more carbohydrates), are immoral (human–monkey embryo chimeras), cannot be reproduced in another laboratory (more than half of the scientific literature), or do not make any sense. Stephen Hawking, the world’s most famous physicist and arguably its best-known scientist, is sometimes an exemplar of the last point.

Hawking has spent the better part of the last five decades attempting to explain where and how the universe began. In his 2010 book, The Grand Design, he and coauthor Leonard Mlodinow explain that humans and everything else are the product of a quantum fluctuation and not reliant on a Creator.1 Hawking also thinks that artificial intelligence in the form of supercomputers will eventually revolt against its human masters and that humanity’s only chance for survival is to colonize other planets.2

There are several factors behind the decline of scientific credibility. First, electronic communication facilitates the dissemination of the ridiculous as well as the sublime. In 1873, Mark Twain observed that “where we have one newspaper that does good, I think we have fifty that do harm. We ought to look upon the establishment of a newspaper of the average pattern in a virtuous village as a calamity.” But at least imbibing the disinformation in a newspaper requires an act of volition, in contrast with passive exposure to electronic media. Second, the establishment after World War II of a large number of well-paid, government-funded scientific posts has increased the incentive for self-promotion. Third, as George Orwell noted, “in our age there is no such thing as ‘keeping out of politics.’” Fourth, the domination of relative truth in the softer, more subjective sciences is slowly creeping into the harder, supposedly more objective sciences. Lastly—this contributing factor will strike science supremacists as pejorative—the abolition of the classical liberal arts education has adversely affected abstract reasoning skills.

Before delving into the five pathognomonic factors noted above, there are several little-appreciated but nonetheless exculpatory reasons that underlie some of the frustrating fits and starts associated with the scientific process. A brief list of these includes colinearity (factors going hand-in-hand with one another); limitations of computer modeling, in vitro testing, and animal models of human disease; heterogeneity of human populations, especially patient populations; confounding (interfering) risk factors; and signal-to-noise ratio. These factors can complicate the design, conduct, and interpretation of experiments, further confounding the ever-shifting sands of recommendations given to both the general populace and experts in the field.

Of the five pathognomonic factors, the first two, economic self-interest and ubiquitous exposure to misstatement, are self-explanatory. The fifth factor is also clear. The decline in abstract reasoning resulting from narrow technical specialization was aptly characterized in 1948 by Richard Weaver in his classic book Ideas Have Consequences. Max Weber summarized the problem in his comment that good judgment comes from developing a sense of proportion.3 Without a clear understanding of what is important and what is not, the scientist struggles to decide not only what to study but how to study it and how best to interpret the experimental results. The study of philosophy, theology, history, and literature is an essential part of developing the necessary sense of proportion. Although it might seem counterintuitive, placing a greater emphasis on the classical liberal arts would be one of the more efficacious ways to educate the next generation of scientists.

Unfortunately, Orwell’s description of political hyperbole is even more apt today and is especially relevant to science. Prior to World War II, Friedrich Hayek had already noted that most professional research scientists were men of the Left, as central planning facilitated diversion of resources toward pre-agreed research goals.4 In addition, many commentators have noted that a lack of traditional religious beliefs correlates with left-leaning political views,

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as big government becomes a substitute for big God. As G. K. Chesterton famously said, “A man who won’t believe in God will believe in anything,” and “anything” has tended to become a really big centralized state.

By contrast, the insidious influence of the fourth factor, relative truth, can be more difficult to identify and address. A developing political narrative has kept pace with the steady growth of the centralized state over the one hundred years since World War I and the advent of the Progressive Era. It was birthed in economics but has blossomed into an entire worldview that places tremendous pressure on the practitioners of science. The main aspect of this narrative is the elevation of environmentalism to the status of a religion. Although environmentalism is the public face of the new worldview, its heart is moral relativism. Tracing the history of moral relativism in science is a monumental task, but it was done brilliantly by Bishop Fulton Sheen in his 1934 book Philosophy of Science. Published eighty-three years ago, this prescient work directly addresses the claims made by Hawking in 2010:

There are fads in science, just as there are fads in clothes. . . . When Comte popularized sociology, philosophers began to sociologize everything. The raggy remnants of this Lyricism is to be found today in Levy-Bruhl, and Durkheim, for whom God is “divinized society.” The next popular science was biology, but as soon as Darwin presented evolution to the world, philosophers evolutionized everything, Grant Allen even writing on the “Evolution of God.” Next, psychology came into vogue and after James and Meyers revealed the subconscious, philosophy lost consciousness, then its mind, and finally its soul, and now physics is the popular science and to be up to date, philosophers make everything come from space-time, even God. 3

The degree to which relative truth adversely affects the scientific process is related to the number of controllable variables in an experiment. When a single variable can be controlled at a time—for example, the number of microcircuits in a computer—technological progress is very rapid. The results from single-variable experiments are readily interpretable and lead directly to the next logical experiment. My late father was an electrical engineer who designed computer systems to automate industrial processes. One day when we were driving to the hardware store, he asked me what percentage of experiments in biomedical research are successful. I estimated that about 10 percent or so work out as planned. This greatly surprised him, as his estimate of the experimental success rate in computer development was around 90 percent. The difference is that when a single variable is changed in biological systems, other variables are usually inadvertently altered.

The less amenable a process is to rigorous experimental design, the more easily relative truth can inject itself. The most glaring example of a field of inquiry that is not amenable to rigorous experimentation is climate science. The dynamicity of climate, atmosphere, and ocean currents; complexity of measurement methods; potential contributions from clouds, sunspots, and volcanoes; and dependence on computer modeling make climate science controversial and subject to politicization. It is difficult for both the public and scientists outside the field to arrive at an objective understanding of such a complex subject. Another example comes from the field of low-risk epidemiology. Alvan Feinstein, who is considered the father of clinical epidemiology, challenged his peers to either adopt the rigorous standards of clinical research represented by the gold-standard double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized clinical trial or else recede to the lower status of the social sciences. 6

Feinstein’s admonition regarding the necessity of scientific rigor goes beyond technical considerations of experimental design and data interpretation. While relative truth has misdirected particular aspects of scientific inquiry ever since Immanuel Kant bifurcated the phenomenon and the noumenon, postmodernism represents a complete break with the Western tradition. Although we take for granted the idea of logical causation that has been with us since the time of the ancient Greeks, a significant part of the non-Western world has not incorporated the concept.

Postmodernism has already ravaged visual art, literature, theater, psychology, and anthropology and has made inroads into historical analysis, as described by Gertrude Himmelfarb in her 1994 book, On Looking into the Abyss. 7 She provides numerous examples and even shows how the uniqueness of the Holocaust is devalued through the egalitarianism of moral events. How far postmodernism will infiltrate the sciences remains to be seen and probably depends on the stability of the reigning narrative. While those of us nearer to the end than the beginning can resist the tide of postmodern infiltration into the sciences, the greater part of the task will be left to the next generation. While the Jesuit proverb “Give me a child until he is seven and I will show you the man” is somewhat overstated for the modern student, an intellectual Gresham’s Law, in which bad ideas drive out good ideas, is everywhere around us and illustrates the need for better and more truthful education.

Notes

NEW FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE DISABLED

Mary Forr

Before I entered college, I volunteered at the Special Olympics. I helped out in the skills division of tennis. One after another, the athletes made their way through the drills. I congratulated each one as they passed, and each athlete beamed with pride. Finally we got to the last athlete, Ben. I asked Ben if he needed any practice rounds, and he confidently replied, “Nope! I’m ready!” Ben proceeded to tell the other volunteers how he was born ready—joking with them that my question “Are you ready?” was an absurd one. Ben did really well, and at the end, I said to him, “Ben! Awesome job! You’re really good.” He looked up at me—laughed—and said, “I know I’m good. I’m perfect.” Ben had Down syndrome.

Society has reached a point where individuals with disabilities face the highest form of discrimination possible—their very right to live is challenged. This discrimination grows through abortion and in vitro fertilization, practices that advance a culture hostile to individuals who have genetic anomalies. As these practices have become more prevalent, so too have other forms of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. Unless stopped, this discrimination will continue to grow.

A History of Discrimination

Throughout history, individuals with disabilities have been treated as less than human. In 340 BC, Aristotle declared, “Let there be a law that no deformed child shall live.”¹ The child was seen as a burden on the community, and his death was viewed as a greater benefit than his life. In ancient Rome, a city praised for its great civilization, babies born with disabilities were thrown into the Tiber. In Sparta, a city-state where military strength was prized, there was a law that fathers must throw disabled infants over a cliff immediately after birth.² In 1939, Adolph Hitler ordered the “mercy killing” of those “unworthy of life.” This order, code named Aktion T4, targeted children under the age of three; however, it quickly expanded.³ Fortunately, these instances of explicit discrimination are seen as horrendous, but the same cannot be said of modern attacks on the dignity of persons with disabilities. Instead of being condemned, these attacks are championed as acts of freedom and disguised as rights. The “right to choose,” the “right to die,” and the “right to have a child” are just a few. Each of these rights discriminates against individuals with disabilities.

For thousands of years, women have chosen to abort children for various reasons; however, in the modern age, people would be outraged if doctors consistently recommended that mothers abort babies of a certain ethnicity or gender. Everyone would recognize this as discrimination. Unfortunately, this is not true for all forms of discriminatory abortions. Early in the twentieth century, the eugenics movement—aimed at eliminating individuals with disabilities—gained traction. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, opened her first clinic in 1916. In her own words, Sanger’s mission was “to apply a stern and rigid policy of sterilization and segregation to that grade of population whose progeny is already tainted, or whose inheritance is such that objectionable traits may be transmitted to offspring.”⁴ Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of abortions in the United States, began with the goal of eliminating individuals with disabilities.

Same Problem in New Forms

Today in the United States, 92 percent of children who receive a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome are aborted.⁵ Around the world, the situation is even worse. In Iceland, a child prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome has not been born in the last five years.⁶ Denmark is expected to be “Down syndrome free” by 2030.⁷ The regularity with which women are receiving prenatal testing is increasing, and as a result, more babies are being aborted. Currently, mothers can receive a battery of prenatal genetic tests to identify over fifty conditions that cause intellectual and physical disabilities.⁸ The lives of these children are viewed as painful, and abortion is considered the compassionate and loving option. The view that lives of individuals with disabilities are more a burden than a gift leads the world to a systematic effort to prevent the implantation and gestation of babies with disabilities.

The media is filled with advertisements for fertility clinics proclaiming that every couple has the right to a child. This growing sense of entitlement and the prevalence of infertility has led to the steadily increasing use of IVF. Fertilized eggs are screened for disabilities before implantation. Whether parents use preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) or preimplantation genetic screening (PGS), the chromosomes are screened for abnormalities. Those that show signs of genetic defect are discarded.⁹ Women trying to conceive are told that after PGD, they may not have any embryos suitable for implantation. The only reason these embryos are unsuitable, or unwanted, is that they contain a chromosomal abnormality.

Because of the high cost of IVF, multiple zygotes are implanted in the mother’s uterus and monitored during the pregnancy. According to a CDC study of assisted reproductive technologies, an average of 1.7 embryos are transferred to mothers under thirty-five years of age. An average of 2.8 embryos are transferred to women between the ages of forty-three and forty-four. After the zygotes have been

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implanted in the uterus, the mother typically undergoes the same prenatal testing as naturally pregnant women. While transferring multiple embryos increases the chance of implantation, it also increases the risk for the mother and her children. For example, the risk of premature birth is four to five times greater for twins than for single babies. Consequently, if several of the zygotes implant, doctors frequently recommend that a mother “selectively reduce” the number she is carrying to give one a better chance of survival.\(^\text{10}\)

This means that the mother will abort some of her children to give the healthiest child the best chance of being born.\(^\text{11}\) These fetal reductions prioritize genetic abnormalities.\(^\text{12}\) Though the CDC does not report the number of selective reductions, it does report that just 9.4 percent of IVF cycles for women under thirty-five years of age result in the live birth of twins, while 41.1 percent of transfers result in implantation. Just 0.3 percent of IVF cycles for women forty-three to forty-four years of age result in twins, while 5 percent of transfers result in implantation.\(^\text{13}\) From this, one can deduce that a large portion of women who undergo IVF are willing to selectively reduce at least one of their children to have a child without disabilities.

The Gospel of Life

In *Evangelium vitae*, Pope St. John Paul II boldly draws attention to a surprising contradiction in our culture. He points out that on a global level, society now readily acknowledges the dignity of every person. Proclamations promoting human dignity and efforts to protect human rights have become more and more prolific. Simultaneously, however, the most basic right to life is questioned, especially at the beginning and end of life. This contradiction has moved us away from societies that accept each person toward ones that encourages people to reject and oppress those who are weak and cannot fight for their own rights. As John Paul II writes, “How is it still possible to speak of the dignity of every human person when the killing of the weakest and most innocent is permitted?”\(^\text{14}\)

**Notes**

Intercessions for Life

**September 3rd**
For the times we call out to God in distress:
May we receive the grace to give thanks
for the gift of life and to trust the promise
of God’s steadfast love;
*We pray to the Lord:*

**September 10th**
For the times we suffer in anguish:
May God comfort us with the knowledge
that our life always has purpose
and is always worth living;
*We pray to the Lord:*

**September 17th**
For the times we have taken
God’s gift of life for granted:
May we seek forgiveness with confidence
in God’s faithful and merciful love;
*We pray to the Lord:*

**September 24th**
For all of Christ’s disciples:
May we foster a culture of life
and a civilization of love;
*We pray to the Lord:*
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Bulletin Briefs

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September 3rd

“The sufferings caused by chronic or terminal illness … cry out for our compassion, a word whose root meaning is to ‘suffer with’ another person. True compassion alleviates suffering while maintaining solidarity with those who suffer. It does not put lethal drugs in their hands and abandon them.”


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September 13th

“When people are tempted to see their own lives as diminished in value or meaning, they most need the love and assistance of others to assure them of their inherent worth.”


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September 17th

“The Church’s teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation … to receive the gift of God’s love and care, and to let this gift inform and transform us, so we may share that love with each other and with the world.”


September 24th

“Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace.”

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The following underlined sections are changes to the 2017 Wisconsin Pastoral Handbook; Red = Delete, Green = Add, Blue = Change

F-8  DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER
     CATHOLIC HERALD
     Reporters:  Jenny Snarski  jsnarski@catholicdos.org  Add

F-18  PARISHES
     Radisson/Sacred Heart
     Pastor:  Rev. J. P. Hardy—rev.p.hardy@hotmail.com  Delete
     Parochial Administrator:  Rev. Jerome D’Souza, CFM  Add

F-20  PARISHES
     Stetsonville/Sacred Heart of Jesus
     sacredheartchurchstetsonville@gmail.com  Add

F-23  PARISHES
     Winter/St. Peter
     Pastor:  Rev. J. P. Hardy–rev.p.hardy@hotmail.com  Delete
     Parochial Administrator:  Rev. Jerome D’Souza, CFM  Add

F-25  PRIESTS
     D’Souza, Rev. Jerome, CFM  c: 715-415-5375  Add
     Parochial Admin.:  St. Peter Parish, PO Box 216, Winter, 54896  Add
     Also Serves:  Sacred Heart, Radisson  Add

F-26  PRIESTS
     Hardy, Rev. J. P.  cell: 715-661-2136
     Pastor:  St. Peter Parish, PO Box 216, Winter, 54896—715-266-3441 (fax 715-266-3440)  Delete
     Also Serves:  Sacred Heart, Radisson  Add
     Retired  Add
     c/o Barbara Cox; 7860 South Clement Avenue, Oak Creek, WI 53154  Add

F-26  PRIESTS
     Kelchak, Rev. Joseph M. ’50  219-212-2614  Delete
     Personal Mail/residence:  Albertine Home, 1501 Hoffman Street, Hammond, IN 46327  Change
     Business Mail (his sister):  Rev. Joseph Kelchak, c/o Ann Buczek, 8981 Norris Drive, Hobart, IN 46342  Add
     219-947-2793  Add

F-30  DEACONS
     Derrington, John (Pat) Jane ’09  715-781-0465
     2208 South Devon Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57106  Change
**SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Diocese of Superior, WI - Days of Prayer for Clergy, Religious & Lay Leaders**

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*Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, & let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen*
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Marriage Preparation Opportunities
2017-2018

Following is a listing of Marriage Preparation Opportunities available in the Diocese of Superior.

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Diocece of Superior Contact Information
www.catholicdos.org  Search for Marriage, listed under Marriage Preparation.
Director: Debra Lieberg 715.394.0240; dlieberg@catholicdos.org

DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

Registration Details
Below you will find the registration details for each parish that hosts marriage preparation in the Diocese of Superior. Prices and times vary. Couples must register no later than one week prior to the scheduled class.

NORTHWEST DEANERY
The Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior

TBD
Location: 1111 Belknap St., Superior, WI
Held in the Parish Hall of the Cathedral
$50.00 per couple includes course materials and food
Contact Fr. Andrew Ricci: 715.392.8511

SOUTH CENTRAL DEANERY
Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Medford

Saturday, November 4, 2017
Saturday, April 7, 2018
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Location: 215 South Washington St., Medford, WI
$100.00 per couple (includes lunch and materials needed for the day)
Registration deadline: All registrations are due 1 week prior to the event.
Contact Amy Hughley: 715.748.3336 ext. 247

SOUTHWEST DEANERY
St. Joseph Church, Rice Lake

Saturday, March 17, 2018
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM; Mass at 4:30 PM
Location: St. Joseph Church, 111 W. Marshall St., Rice Lake WI
Speakers, FOCCUS, Communication, Finance, NFP
Contact Shannon Wahl: 715.234.2032
### SOUTH WEST DEANERY

**St. Bridget Church, River Falls**

**Saturday, November 11, 2017**

- **Time:** 9:00-4:30; Mass at 5:00 PM
- **Location:** 211 E. Division St., River Falls WI
- **Cost:** $99.00 per couple, includes course materials and refreshments
- **Contact:** Steve Del Vecchio: 651.491.5292

### EAST DEANERY

**Nativity of Our Lord, Rhinelander**

**TBD**

- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 7:30 PM
- **Location:** 105 E. King St., Rhinelander WI
- **Cost:** $100.00 per couple includes lunch and dinner
- **Contact:** Bill or Diane Pierre: 715.499.5690

### NORTH CENTRAL DEANERY

**Our Lady of the Lake, Ashland, WI**

**TBD**

- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM
- **Location:** 201 Lake Shore Drive E., Ashland WI
- **Cost:** $100.00 per couple
- **Contact Person:** Anna Richardson: 715.682.7620 ext. 115

### NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

“Can’t find a weekend but are willing to travel?”

**DIOCESE OF DULUTH, MN**

- **Marriage and Family Office**
- **Contact:** Betsy Kneepkens
- **Phone:** 218.724.9111
- **Address:** 2830 E. 4th Street, Duluth, MN 55812
- **Note:** Space is limited, register early.

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

- **Marriage and Family Office**
- **Contact:** Bill Dill
- **Phone:** 651.291.4488
- **Location:** University of Saint Thomas

**DIOCESE OF LaCROSSE, WI**

- **Marriage and Family Office**
- **Contact:** Alice Heinzen
- **Phone:** 608.791.2673
- **Email:** familylife@dioceseoflacrosse.com
- **Contact:** Alice Heinzen, Director
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**Diocese of Green Bay**

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August 2017
Pilgrimage to La Crosse for the Veneration of the Relics of Padre Pio

When: September 20; Bus departs at 7:30 am from St. Joseph in Rice Lake, return around 5:30 pm.

What: Time to venerate the relics and pray at the Cathedral. Mass at 12:10pm in commemoration of Padre Pio.

Cost: $40

Contact: Grace at gbusse@catholicdos.org or 715-234-5044 to register.

Food and drinks may be brought onboard. There are several local restaurants available for lunch after Mass (around 1 pm), but pilgrims are welcome to bring a bag lunch instead. The bus will not be able to remain on site due to the large crowds; so pilgrims are encouraged to bring a bag. Also, we may need to wait outside the Cathedral for some time, so please dress accordingly and wear comfortable shoes.

Only 56 seats are available on the bus and these will be given on a first come first served basis. Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Superior.
The Director of Ecclesial Ministries & Diocesan Consultation, Chris Newkirk, is once again pleased to be providing three new opportunities for Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators/Parish Directors, Deacons, Religious Sisters, Parish Catechetical Leader (Principals, Teachers, DREs,CREs, Youth Ministers) – and Parish Leadership Teams (to include any and all parish leaders) to learn and grow together in 2017-2018. These offerings are in response to numerous requests for opportunities for more extensive training and leadership development. All Individual leaders are welcome to attend, however it is hoped that you will take advantage of these opportunities by attending as an entire parish leadership team.

1. **October 3, 2017**
   "Generational Discipleship: They need what?"
   (Presenter: Mr. Christopher Hurtubise, Assoc. Director of Catholic Formation for the Diocese of Superior)

   Christopher will provide participants with background, framing and practical examples of how to encourage people in their personal faith formation, and quest for a deeper understanding of what it means to be a disciple, by grasping and appreciating generational experiences, needs and differences in ministry approaches.

2. **January 23, 2018**
   "Sabbath Time: A Spirituality of Time and Rest for Ministers"
   (Presenter: Dc. Rick Miech, Pastoral Associate St. Peter the Fisherman, Eagle River)

   Deacon Rick will take you on a journey of exploration of how to “stop and let your soul catch up with you,” helping you answer these questions: How do you see Sabbath? Is it a series of negative rules and restrictions, or a source of endless beginnings? Are we, as ministers in our busyness, missing the quiet that would give us wisdom?

3. **April 24, 2018**
   "Serve, Lead, Motivate"
   (Presenter: Major Dr. Michael Brandt, PhD)

   As a Clinical Psychologist and Psychology Internship Training Director for the Tomah Department of Veteran’s Affairs, Chief of Behavioral Health for the State of Wisconsin and as an Independent Consultant for Flat Out (which provides instruction and coaching in the area of individual and team motivation), Dr. Brandt will help participants explore and learn some of the basics of motivational factors, human resiliency and biological psychology through the lens of servant leadership.

**All Sessions are held at St. Joseph Parish Center, Hayward and will follow the schedule below:**
9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration, Gathering & Hospitality
10:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sessions
**Lunch will be provided on site**

**Cost:**
$10 per individual session per person; $20 for all three sessions per person
$30 per group of 4 or more per session or $75 for all three sessions for groups of 4 or more

**Please return the enclosed registration form to:** (Checks payable to the Diocese of Superior)

Attn: Chris Newkirk
Professional Development Days
P.O. Box 969
Superior WI 54880

*Due by September 22, 2017*
Individual Name

Or

Names of All Parish Team Members Attending:

Parish/City:

Contact Number: __________________________ E-mail: __________________________

*Take Advantage of Discount Pricing & Register for All Three Days*

I/We will be attending all three Professional Development Days

I/We will attend the following Professional Development Days

2. "Sabbath: A Spirituality of Time and Rest for Ministers" (January 23, 2018)
3. "Serve, Lead, Motivate" (April 24, 2018)

Total Amount Enclosed: __________________________

Due by September 22, 2017
What has hold of you?

Does something have hold of you? Perhaps the desire for possessions drives you; maybe it is the need for security; perhaps you hold onto your relationships with people too closely, or think far too much of yourself. It is easy to find ourselves holding on too tightly to something or someone. We may find comfort in it for a while, but realize in time that it is fleeting. Jesus has a different vision for our lives: “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (MT 16: 24-25)

When we cling to things, people, or self-reliance, we lose the beauty of God’s vision for our lives and for all of creation. In holding tight to what we think we want, we lose the possibility of a greater, more profound, deeply meaningful way of life.

Separate Wants from Needs

Most of us spend a lot of time thinking about what we want. We dream of a new house, better car, career success, or a life of unbridled happiness. These wants may be worthy goals for a life that is centered in God and rooted in faith. But often, the wants stem from misplaced priorities, putting possessions or the desire for control before our relationship with Christ and all that we are called to be and to do as Christian disciples. Jesus invites us to let go of this want-driven life, to instead embrace his way of self-giving love.

Throughout his ministry and ultimately on the cross, Jesus shows us that true security and meaning lie in letting go, in living for God and others. When we separate our wants from our needs, what is most important comes into focus. Life is simpler, and more purposeful and filled with joy.

What do you own, and what owns you?

The late Archbishop Thomas Murphy recalled a moment in which he was preparing for serious surgery. In his reflection, he asked himself, “What do I own, and what owns me?”

Archbishop Murphy had a dramatic insight at a pivotal point in this life. “I know that my whole understanding and appreciation of the gifts and resources I possess took on new meaning. It is amazing how a divine economy of life and health provides a unique perspective of what really matters.”

What really matters for you? Jesus asks us to find meaning in a life that is centered in love, forgiveness, mercy, trust, and compassion. As followers of Jesus Christ, we find that the things the world holds out in front of us as markers of success often lack meaning and ultimately distract us from what really matters. We will find true happiness by losing ourselves to the loving, merciful will of God; we will gain a new and enriching perspective when we see that all we are, have, and will be are gifts from God, to be nurtured and shared, out of gratitude for all that we have been given.
REFLECTING ON THE CROSS OF CHRIST

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated on September 17, provides a reminder that throughout our lives, in every circumstance, we are to turn to the cross, and the love of Christ which the cross signifies. On the cross, Jesus gave completely of himself. He held nothing back. And as a result, we have gained everything: salvation, mercy, forgiveness, love, and hope.

We are not to be passive recipients of these great gifts! The cross boldly beckons us to take up the life of the steward which Jesus so completely models. Having been given much, we must give greatly in return, by sharing our faith, time, resources, and talents. At times, such giving will make us uncomfortable; we may risk rejection and we will be called to sacrifice. Jesus’ undying love on the cross calls each of us to give without counting the cost, to find life by holding nothing back.

Each of us bears a different cross, and bears our crosses differently. For some, the cross is the burden of loss or illness, unemployment, disappointment, or loneliness. For others, the cross is the realization of God’s great love for humanity, and the recognition of how we are called to love greatly in return. At times, we take up our cross willingly, but often, our crosses are thrust upon us. We must take up our cross with God’s grace, understanding that Jesus freely bore his cross, and walks with us as we strive to bear ours.

The cross also reminds us that the resurrection awaits those who willingly enter into Christ’s passion and death as disciples and stewards. In dying to self, we rise with Christ to new life. In giving as good stewards, we share the life and light of Christ with the world.
INITIAL FORMATION
FOR THOSE SEEKING DIOCESAN CERTIFICATION

TWO REQUIRED FRIDAY/SATURDAY SESSIONS:

Sept. 29 - 30 and Nov. 3 - 4, 2017

BOTH FRIDAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M. AND END 9:15 P.M.
BOTH SATURDAYS BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. AND END AT 4:00 P.M.

SESSIONS TAKE PLACE AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, BARRON
827 EAST LASALLE AVENUE—715-637-3255

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Sr. Marla Lang, FSPA, Pat Pintens and Paul Birch

THIS TRAINING IS DESIGNED FOR THOSE WHO:

- Have been selected by their pastors, parish life coordinators or parish directors to function as lay leaders of prayer in their parishes in order to lead or assist with:
  - Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest
  - Weekday Communion Services in the parish church
  - Aspects of parish Funeral Liturgies
- Are currently functioning in those capacities in their parishes without diocesan certification and who wish to become certified.

THESE WORKSHOPS ARE PARTIALLY FUNDED THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

REGISTRATION FEE is $80.00 per person and covers the cost of meals, refreshments and handouts. Each attendee needs to provide the information below along with the fee. These should be received at the Chancery no later than Friday, September 22. For multiple registrants, please duplicate the form.

Name _______________________________ Home Phone # ____________________
Please circle - Mr. Mrs. Ms. Deacon Sister Include area code

E-mail ________________________________

Home Address __________________________ City __________ Zip Code ________

Parish ___________________________ Pastor __________________

Each participant is asked to cover the cost of overnight accommodations should they be needed.

Make checks payable to the Office of Worship
Please mail to: Diocese of Superior, Office of Worship, P.O. Box 969, Superior, WI 54880
Directions to 827 E. LaSalle Ave., Barron:

- turn south on S. 8th St. (north is not an option)
- drive one block south
- St. Joseph Church will be to your left at the corner of S. 8th St. and E. LaSalle Ave.

Besides attendance at the required initial formation sessions, what else do I need to do in order to become certified?

- Successful completion of two assignments:
  - A video recording of the applicant functioning as a lay leader of prayer in a mock Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest in their parish church.
  - An essay relating your experience functioning in this way for the video recording.

If will not often function as a lay leader of prayer on a Sunday, why does the assignment require this format for my video recording?

- For uniformity in training, it would be best for all attendees to use the same format for the recording.
- Because without warning you may at some time be required to function on a Sunday, it would be good for you to be familiar with that rite.
- All the skills required for leading a Sunday Celebration would be very useful to you as a lay leader of prayer.

Why do I have to be specifically chosen by my pastoral leader in order to become a lay leader of prayer?

- Lay leaders of prayer are to be chosen in view of their consistency of their way of life with the Gospel and in the expectation of their being acceptable to the community of the faithful.

Why do I have to be certified by the diocese in order to function as a lay leader of prayer?

- The appointment of such ministers is made by the Bishop for a definite time. Those without diocesan certification lack this specific connection with the Bishop and his oversight regarding their period of certification.

Once I become certified, how long does my period of certification last?

- Four years.

What is involved in the re-certification process?

- Your pastoral leader is sent a letter which asks:
  - Does the individual lay leader of prayer benefit from functioning as such in their parish?
  - Does the parish benefit from the individual functioning in that way?
  - Has the individual been diligent in participating in two ongoing formation opportunities per year aimed at helping them improve in their ministry?
- If the answer is yes to all three questions and the pastoral leader wants the individual to be recertified, they indicate this on the letter and return it to the chancery. The individual is then recertified for another four years.

For more information, contact Paul Birch in the office of Worship at pbirch@catholicdos.org or 715-394-0233

REGISTRATION FORM ❖ SIDE TWO ❖

Please check which aspect(s) of functioning as a lay leader of prayer most closely matches the vision your pastor, parish life coordinator or parish director has for your involvement in your parish:

_____ Leading Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest
_____ Leading Weekday Communion Services in the Parish Church
_____ Assistance with parish Funeral Liturgies

Please include a question or two you may have regarding serving your parish as a lay leader of prayer:
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As you look ahead to plan for the 2017-2018 Liturgical Year (B) remember to contact the diocesan Office of Worship to order these popular resources available from Liturgy Training Publications (LTP), at a discount to parishes in the Diocese of Superior:

- At Home with the Word 2018 (AHW18)
- Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers (WL18)
- Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons 2018 (SSS18)
- Keeping the Seasons for Advent and Christmas 2017
- Keeping the Seasons for Lent Triduum and Eastertide 2018
- Children’s Daily Prayer 2017-2018 (CDP18)
- Understanding the Revised Mass Texts (URMTL)
- The Year of Grace 2018 Liturgical Calendar (available as a paper poster, laminated poster or notebook 11x17)
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For other resources offered go to www.LTP.org or request the LTP catalog, available by calling 1-800-933-1800

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To place your order before the 15th of each month, Call, or email/fax the attached order form to, Natasha Deneau.

Remember when you order please include the ORDER CODE (example: WL18) of each resource, the quantity, and the shipping address for delivery. Note all LTP orders will be sent from the Office of Worship to LTP on or near the 15th of each month and drop shipped to your home/parish office as available. After shipment a copy of the invoice will be sent to you as soon as possible. LTP shipping charges are 10% of order value or actual cost, whichever is higher, plus a handling fee of $3.00 per drop ship delivery address. Full payment of your order should be made to the Office of Worship within 30 days of receipt.
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Bill to: Name/Contact Person: __________________________ Parish Name: __________________________

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