

Below are opportunities for lay people to be trained in ministries in the parish life. If anyone has a desire to attend one or more of these trainings please call the parish office for financial assistance, 715-352-3011.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Feb. 1-2, 2019

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church? Can you see yourself preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, and assisting at the altar? Are you perhaps called to be a deacon? Talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat to be held at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center Feb. 1-2, 2019, and then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

Applications are now open for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick; conducting a Liturgy of the Word, possibly with distribution of Communion, on weekdays when a priest is unavailable (or on Sunday in an emergency, or in care facilities or jails); and by leading parishioners in prayer at times of illness or death. Applicants must have completed the Lay Formation Institute and be sponsored by their pastor. For more information and to apply, visit www.diolc.org/ministries and click on "Leader of Prayer."

Diocesan Lay Formation Institute classes begins in fall of 2019.

Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! Registration is now underway for the next two-year cycle. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at www.diolc.org/lay-formation. You can also watch a 3-minute slideshow shot at St. Anthony's Retreat Center. If you are interested, discuss this with your pastor. For more information, contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-2667.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS SHEET

Below are many great resources for parents, grandparents, & adults. If you want to register for any of the events this page in on the parish/school web site under announcements called Diocesan Offered Events Flyer. You may also visit the Diocesan web page for more information.

GIVEN Marriage Retreat

GIVEN is a one-day retreat that fosters a deeper understanding of Marriage. It includes inspiring talks, energizing music and meaningful conversation. Retreats will be held in Marshfield, Chippewa Falls and La Crosse. Dating, engaged and married couples are encouraged to attend. To get more information and/or register visit diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/.

Announcement: Teaching the Way of Love Webinar | January 7

Parents, do you want to help your children use their emotions the way God intends? Would you like to know the role emotions play in a child's life? Register now for the January 7 parent webinar and learn how to teach your kids how to control their emotions. This webinar will move beyond a discussion of feelings and reveal the beauty of God's plan for emotional maturity. Register at: <https://diolc.regfox.com/raise-them-well-emotional-maturity>

First Sunday of Lent, March 10

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY is an annual weekend set aside in the Diocese of La Crosse to directly address the harms of pornography in an appropriate and effective way. On March 10, the First Sunday of Lent, priests and deacons will teach and provide resources, within the context of Mass, that will support and protect individuals, marriages and families. The goal is to make all homes a safe haven. Watch for awareness resources about SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY in the coming weeks.

Teaching the Way of Love Parenting Newsletter for December is Ready!

The December parent TWL newsletter – focus on Emotional Maturity – is ready for download. Please click [here](#) to read and/or download this month's issue. Thank you for widely distributing this to all families you serve; both those in your school and those in your religious education program.

Burning Hearts Theology of the Body

“Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body: Rediscovering the Meaning of Life, Love, Sex, and Gender.” Consider attending this day-long seminar where adults will learn and understand the heart of Theology of the Body, and walk away with practical ways to form young people in helping them to understand their dignity and God's plan for sexuality. The dates and locations are:

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*Each day will run 9:00am-3:45pm.

The first 50 people to register at each site are free. Then it's \$10 per person including lunch. Please register online by going to <http://diolc.org/yva/burning-hearts/> and follow the instructions. (Call the parish office if interested).