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Diocese to celebrate Rural Life Days 2017

GREEN BAY, Wis. (March 14, 2017) – The Diocese of Green Bay will host Rural Life Days on Tuesday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Parish, Bear Creek, and on Thursday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Parish, Brillion. Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Robert Morneau will celebrate the March 28 Mass and Bishop David L. Ricken will celebrate the March 30 Mass. The events include a Mass, a blessing, luncheon, and keynote address.

The purpose of Rural Life Days is to recognize the hard work, dedication and stewardship of those who care for the land and to pray for a fruitful and safe farming season.

“These two days will emphasize the value of the people in our rural parishes and celebrate the fruits of their labor and faith,” Bishop David Ricken said. “The festivities include the blessing of soil, seeds, machinery and animals, which are all vital parts of a prosperous agricultural year.”

The featured speaker is Tom Wall, The Dairy Coach™, who will speak on “Faith, Family, Farming – What’s Your Story?” Wall is the owner and operator of Dairy Coach, LLC, based out of Green Bay. He has been working with dairies throughout the country for over 16 years, helping managers create and implement simple systems that work, while training and coaching managers and their employees to help reach their potential. He also has been a regular columnist with publications such as Dairy Herd Management and Progressive Dairyman. In his free time, Wall creates illustrated prayer books for Catholic families in order to help parents and grandparents continue sharing the teachings and traditions of the Church.

Everyone is welcome. Tickets are not necessary for those attending only the Mass. Those planning to attend the luncheon are asked to purchase a ticket (\$10.00) at least seven days in advance by submitting your check or cash to the host parish with Rural Life Day 2017 in the memo line.

Tickets to the March 28 event are available by mail, phone, or email at St. Mary Parish, Bear Creek: 207 W. Tielky Street, Bear Creek, WI 54922; phone: (715) 201-9913; or email: sborlen@ssrmparishes.org. Tickets to the March 30 event are available by mail, phone, or email at Holy Family Parish, Brillion: 1100 W. Ryan Street, Brillion, WI 54110; phone: (920) 756-2535; or email: office@holyfamily-parish.org.

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Who we are: As friends and followers of Jesus, the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay is devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church. We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God. Established in 1868, the diocese is composed of 324,000 Catholics in 16 counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

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