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Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities - Diocese of Madison

Love, Care and Compassion for Disabled Persons Since 1967

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Dear Sisters & Brothers,

In the words of St. Paul:

Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering you before our God and Father for your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness.” (1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3)

With this prayerful greeting, I wish you well in the midst of the fall season! October is known as Respect Life month in the Church – a time to reflect on the precious gift of all of life. This year’s theme is “Be Not Afraid,” calling all of us to embrace God’s precious gift of life even in the most difficult of circumstances. In a special way, the Apostolate has always been a voice and presence of love, care and compassion for persons with disabilities assuring all of God’s love and healing grace with whatever challenges in life they face.

I was so moved by the spirit of love and hope at the recent Day at the Dells. On a perfectly beautiful day, it was wonderful to be among 800+ special guests and volunteers for a time filled with prayer, smiles, and a message that none of us is alone!

Please take note of the many ministries and resources that are highlighted in this newsletter as the Apostolate continues to provide resources for the parishes and diocesan offices of the Diocese of Madison. Special programs like the Blessed Margaret events and the upcoming Advent/Christmas Celebration on December 2, 2017 are opportunities to celebrate the life we share together in the Church. Notice, too the development of Disability Liaisons for our parishes, local parishioners who will provide a close connection to the Apostolate staff as we work together to meet your spiritual needs.

I hope many of you will continue to pray with me on Sunday mornings on the TV Mass. I especially look forward to offering the Christmas Mass with our Bishop which will air on Christmas morning.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you!

Msgr. Larry Bakke



Day at the Dells



Over 800 people prayed at Mass and enjoyed the lunch and water show!



Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this annual event possible, especially Tommy Bartlett and his staff for donating their facilities, staff, and talent for our special day.



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WORKS OF THE APOSTOLATE



Apostolate Staff met with Jan Benton and Esther Garcia, the directors of the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities to share the work of our diocese and plan for ways to grow and share our gifts in coming years. (Also pictured, Martin Benton).



The Apostolate gave St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Poynette a grant to make a fully accessible family bathroom.



Every year, priests from throughout the diocese gather at a hotel in the Wisconsin Dells for a time of retreat and learning. The Apostolate Staff had the opportunity to speak to all of the priests this year. We shared information on resources available, new initiatives, and our joy at celebrating our 50th anniversary this December!

Advent / Christmas Party

Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 10:30 am

Christmas Carols, Mass and Lunch

Monroe High School Gym

1600 26th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin



Free for people with disabilities / the elderly, and their families or caregivers.



New this year!

More busses will be coming from around the diocese because we will not be coordinating individual rides. If you provided a ride in the past, please reach out to those individuals personally to see if they want to come again!



Register by returning the form below, on our website, by phone, or by providing this information in an email to APD@MadisonDiocese.org by November 16, 2017.

Registration Form ☐ Guest ☐ Deaf/Hard of Hearing ☐ Volunteer ☐ Other _____

Transportation ☐ No transportation needed, I'll see you there!
☐ I would like to ride on a bus from a local parish, if possible*

*Please call 608-821-3050 to reserve your seats on a bus. The pick up locations are:

Dodgeville	Lake Mills	Monroe-Churchill	Spring Green
Fort Atkinson	Lodi	Oregon	Stoughton
Janesville	Madison-Bl. Sacrament	Portage	Watertown
Jefferson			



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email (Optional) _____

Name of assistant(s) (Req'd for meds or bathroom assistance) _____

Names of additional family members who will be attending with you _____

Return this form to the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities, 702 S. High Point Rd. #225, Madison, WI 53719
by *November 16*

Television Mass Schedule

Sundays 7:00 A.M.



Thank you to
WISC-TV Channel 3
for your ongoing generosity in
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Called to be... A Gift To Others



As we approach the Advent season, during which we prepare to celebrate God's gift to all of us of His only Son becoming man, we are reminded that each one of us is called to be a gift to others. God created every one of us out love and has provided us with unique gifts that we are called to use to help build



the Kingdom of God. As Christians, we are called to continually minister to others as part of our shared earthly journey.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently approved revisions to a document entitled *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities* in which they provide practical guidelines for supporting all persons, including persons impacted by physical and cognitive challenges, in discerning and responding to their particular calls from God. The document is available on the USCCB website. The bishops clearly recognize that each of us, regardless of abilities or disabilities, are called by God to holiness and welcome at the sacraments.

May God continue to bless and strengthen all of us as we seek to do His will.

Check out our WEBSITE!

APDMadisonDiocese.com

Learn about the Apostolate's history, disability ministry news, and find resources for different types of disabilities!

Memorials

Memorials For:

Marilyn Acker
 Mary Ann Frostman
 Mary Barman
 Melvin Bollig
 Mrs. Gilbert Dahmen
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 Norman Shorty Lukes
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 Vicki & Justin McGraw
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 Robert Maly

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are
 in the beginning of November.



Dear Lord, please grant that the souls of the
 faithfully departed may rest in eternal peace
 with You and all of the saints in heaven.

Amen.

Who's Who at the Apostolate? Meet Msgr. Larry Bakke



Birthday: July 17

Ordained: May 23, 1975

Pastor: St. Clare of Assisi, Monroe

Hometown: Madison, WI (Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish)

Favorite Saint: St. Lawrence

Hobbies: Reading, traveling, cooking

Scripture Verse: "May you be a lamp for my feet" Psalm 119:105

Favorite Book: The Way of the Shepherd (By Leman and Pentak)

Fun Fact: While growing up, my family lived on a lake for the
 summers, and I loved to water ski!

Favorite part of the job: "The opportunity to be involved in peoples'
 lives and their spiritual growth."

Upcoming Events

Oct 21: Apostolate Info Session

This Information Session will introduce the new Parish Disability Liaison Role and how to host a Blessed Margaret Event at your parish.



Parish staff and individuals interested in getting involved in disability ministry at their parish are encouraged to attend. The event will take place from 9-10am at Holy Name Heights in Madison. Call 608-821-3050 to register for this event.

December 2: Advent/Christmas Party



Join us for a special mass with people with Disabilities and luncheon in Monroe, WI. This year, we'll be celebrating our 50th anniversary! Details on registration form.

December 25: Christmas TV Mass

Join Bishop Morlino for Christmas morning mass at 6:00am on WISC-TV 3000.



Blessed Margaret Events: Ongoing

The Apostolate will provide a \$500 grant to parishes for a luncheon to meet and learn about the accomplishments of people with disabilities in their parish.

The next Bl. Margaret event will be at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Portage on Oct. 29.



Deaf Catholics

Mass interpreted in ASL

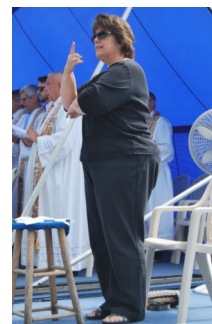
St. Dennis Parish, every Sunday morning at 9am Mass.



Bible Study

St. Dennis, 8am on the following dates:

October 22
November 5
November 19
December 3



The Bible Study will be in room 158 (near the fellowship hall). The group will meet to pray and to discuss the Sunday readings. Discussions will be in ASL.



Deaf Catholic Family Camp

Summer 2018. Reserve a spot for your family before December 2017! Contact Tom Meitner at 920-545-0725 for details or to register.

Resources for your growth and enjoyment

Mental Illness

October is Mental Illness awareness month. We pray that each of us may be a source of support and compassion to people who suffer from mental illnesses and their families who are in our lives.



St. Dymphna is the patron saint of those who have mental illnesses. She lived in the 7th century and risked her life to open a hospital for those who had mental illnesses. Many miracles for people who have mental illnesses have been attributed to her intercession.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, grant that, through the prayers of this youthful martyr of purity, those who suffer from anxiety and mental illness everywhere on earth may be helped and consoled, especially (name). Give them patience to bear their affliction and grace to accept your divine will. If it be Your will, grant them the cure they so much desire. Amen.

Down Syndrome

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. People with Down Syndrome live very full lives and are capable of great love. This syndrome is caused by a mutation to one of the chromosomes that makes up our DNA. About 6,000 babies are born in the US each year who have Down Syndrome.



A baby who has Down Syndrome is able to be diagnosed before they are born. In several countries, parents are encouraged to abort the baby if it has this diagnosis. They are proud that they will be “Down Syndrome Free”



someday, but this form of euthanasia cannot be tolerated. Having a child with Down Syndrome has some unique challenges, but they are also joyful and capable of loving greatly. They are created in the image and likeness of God, and He has a plan for them.

If you know of someone in your parish who has Down Syndrome, get to know them, and invite them to become more involved in volunteer opportunities. Be open to receiving God's love through their big hearts.

Parish Disability Liaisons

The Apostolate is seeking individuals from throughout the diocese to serve as liaisons between persons with disabilities, parish staff, and the Apostolate. They need to have a heart for disability ministry and approval from their pastor.

To nominate a person at your parish, please write a brief letter to the Apostolate explaining why they would be a great disability liaison.

Once approved, the liaisons will receive a few hours of training and will have yearly ongoing trainings to maintain awareness of best practices in disability ministry in our diocese.

An info session will be held on **October 21**. Contact the Apostolate to attend.

Feasts and Solemnities

Oct 18: St. Luke

Nov 1: All Saints

Nov 2: All Souls

Dec. 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec. 25: Christmas

Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



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