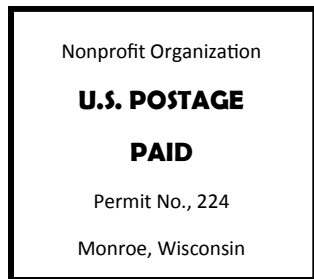


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New Name, Expanding Good Work

By Mary Uhler, *Reprinted with Permission from the Catholic Herald, Madison*

The newly named Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities in the Diocese of Madison builds on the vision of its first director while expanding its outreach to include more fully persons with disabilities in the life of the Church in the diocese.

Msgr. Larry Bakke, the current director, announced the new name and two new staff members on the weekly television Mass broadcast on Sunday, Nov. 12, on WISC-TV.

He noted that the former Apostolate to the Handicapped and the TV Mass began in 1967 under the direction of the late Msgr. Thomas Campion, who died six years ago in November of 2010.

“We remember him with great love,” said Monsignor Bakke, saying Monsignor Campion emphasized that “all of you matter; we are all God’s children.”

Monsignor Bakke was appointed director of the Apostolate in 2011, while also serving as pastor of St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Monroe, a parish with a school and large staff.

Office moves, staff added

While Monsignor Bakke will remain in Monroe, the office of the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities has been moved to the Bishop O’Connor Catholic Center at Holy Name Heights in Madison. A full-time associate director and administrative assistant have been hired to work in the Madison office.

“This will enable the Apostolate to effectively facilitate the Church’s attention to and presence on both the diocesan and parish levels for people

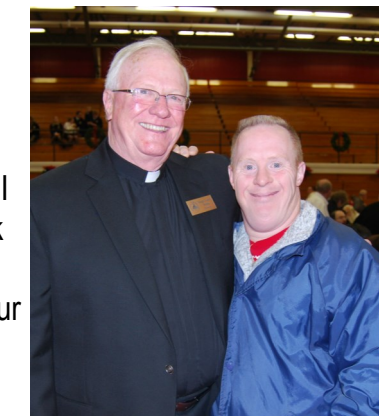
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Dear Sisters & Brothers,

I welcome this opportunity to extend my best wishes to you as you enjoy the final weeks of the year which highlight some special events of the Apostolate during 2016. Of special note, November 27, 2016 marked the beginning of the 50th year of the weekly television Mass on WISC-TV as the Church celebrated the 1st Sunday of Advent. It is so good to know that thousands of people around our diocese join in Holy Eucharist on Sunday mornings from their homes, hospital rooms, and health care facilities.

In addition, the December 3rd Advent/Christmas celebration at Monroe High School was again a joyful gathering of God’s people. I extend a very special thank you to all the volunteers in Monroe and from around our diocese who enabled us to continue a tradition begun many years ago by Msgr. Campion.

Finally, a new blessing for the Apostolate is the addition of two full-time staff who will work with me to further the ministry of the Apostolate that Msgr. TC began in 1967. October 17, 2016 marked the official start for Deacon Jim and Kellie in the Apostolate’s office at the Bishop



O’Connor Catholic Center (Holy Name Heights), in the midst of the other diocesan offices. Stay tuned for exciting new information and opportunities for you, and all persons with disabilities in the Diocese of Madison.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to you all!

Msgr. Larry Bakke, Director

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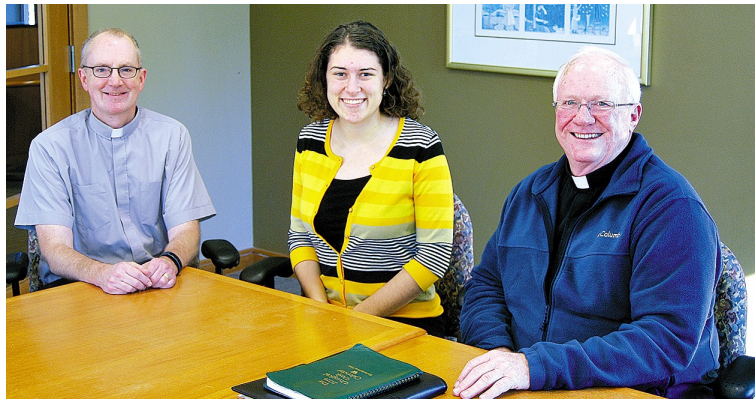
...with disabilities,” said Monsignor Bakke. “The Apostolate will work more closely with other diocesan offices in the Diocese of Madison, including Catholic Charities.”

Named as the new associate director is Deacon Jim Hoegemeier, who was ordained by Bishop Robert C. Morlino as a permanent deacon on July 24 of this year.

Deacon Hoegemeier previously served as executive director of the Wisconsin Disability Association, formerly known as Arc-Wisconsin, which provides assistance to people with developmental and related disabilities and their families. He held that position for almost 16 years.

He and his wife, Janet, live in Wautoma. He also serves as a deacon at All Saints Parish in Berlin.

Named as administrative assistant for the office is Kellie Raddell. A member of St. Paul University Catholic Center in Madison, she was a project manager at Epic in Verona prior to taking this position.



Raising awareness of disabilities

Deacon Hoegemeier noted that the term “disability” relates to any condition that may be a barrier to full participation in the life of the Church, such as mobility limitations, cognitive impairments, emotional conditions, hearing or visual impairments, and medical conditions. The Apostolate is a ministry to disabled persons and also provides spiritual support for the elderly and homebound.

“We hope to raise more awareness about disabilities in the diocese,” said Deacon Hoegemeier.

The Apostolate will continue to coordinate diocesan events for people with disabilities, such as the August Day at the Dells and the December Advent/Christmas celebration held in Monroe. It will also coordinate the weekly taping of the TV Mass at the WISC-TV studio in Madison.

It will work with and assist all diocesan offices to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all activities. This will include:

- Partnering with Catholic Charities Madison to address the spiritual needs of people served throughout the Diocese of Madison.
- Serving on the Diocesan Building Commission to insure accessible facilities on the diocesan and parish properties.
- Serving as a resource to the diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis in regard to up-to-date catechetical materials, special equipment, and other items for people with disabilities.
- Consulting with the diocesan Office of Worship in regard to the inclusion of people with disabilities in diocesan liturgies.

The Apostolate will also maintain contact with the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities and other relevant national Catholic organizations.

Focus on parishes

In its focus on parishes, the Apostolate will support and provide resources to pastors and parish personnel to ensure the full participation in all parish liturgies and activities by people with disabilities.

The Apostolate will also assist with the recruitment and training of parish volunteers in ministries to, with, for, and by people with disabilities at the parish level.

It will also work as needed to raise awareness about disabilities throughout the diocese.

The Apostolate has funds available to the parishes, schools, and organizations of the Diocese of Madison that wish to provide supportive services and/or create accessible facilities that speak to the Gospel spirit that all are welcome, and to invite all people to gather and participate in the life of the parish, school, camp, or program.



Joy to the World!

Our world is full of gifts that bring us joy. People often share photos of children in their lives with great pride. In addition to the joy these children bring during times when we are with them, we also enjoy sharing the joy that comes from looking at and celebrating their lives. Keep sharing your joys with others!

During this Christmas season, it is good for all of us to focus on the joy and fulfillment that has been made possible due to Jesus Christ being born of the Virgin Mary. Our lives are full of the graces that God has given to us through Jesus Christ – the sacraments, the ability to appreciate a beautiful day, a positive attitude, or time to visit with a friend. Open your heart to all of the small gifts and graces that God will continue to give to you in the next few weeks, and share the joy they bring with others.

May we always give thanks for the greatest Christmas gift—God’s gift of His only Son.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus were present at the Advent/Christmas Party in Monroe! With music, Christmas cookies, and Christmas cheer, everyone enjoyed the celebration.

WORKS OF THE APOSTOLATE



On December 3, we celebrated our annual Advent/Christmas Party with people who are disabled or elderly and their caregivers. Thank you to the many volunteers who made this beautiful day possible!



The Apostolate provided a grant to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish for their mass and luncheon honoring people with disabilities and their caregivers.



Leaders of the Apostolate attended the Catholic Charities Faith in Action Event to support the direct service that Catholic Charities provides to people with disabilities and the elderly in the Diocese of Madison.

Television Mass Schedule

WISC-TV Channel 3

Sundays 7:00 A.M.



Thank you to **WISC-TV Channel 3** for your ongoing generosity in providing the weekly Mass to our viewing audience.