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Love, Care and Compassion for Disabled Persons Since 1967

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Dear Sisters & Brothers in the Lord,

The countdown continues! The great Feast of Christmas is upon us. This Advent Season has again been a new opportunity to prepare our minds and hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, Savior of the world. Yes, we know that Jesus did come and lovingly showed us how to live in relationship with God and one another. Once again we are privileged to celebrate the grace of salvation begun at the Incarnation.

In his letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 1: 3-9), St. Paul assures us that we are living in the light of Christ's resurrection, and so we are not lacking in any spiritual gift. It is the Holy Spirit

who provides us with guidance and strength to endure any hardship and all that life presents to us. Yet, we encounter many distractions and challenges in our lives that can inhibit our ability to recognize and use the spiritual gifts that we have received. The encouragement of the Lord in this Advent Season is for us to *watch* and *be alert* to the Lord's very presence in our midst.

We are the recipients of God's abundant blessings. Everyone is loved and cherished by our God who gifts us with divine virtues that enable us to live the Christmas spirit all year long. We are touched by our God when we live the:

Gift of Compassion Jesus teaches us that without compassion the world would be a hard and lonely place. May we always be understanding of others and ourselves.

Gift of Justice It leads us to great respect for others and for all of life. It is about giving of ourselves in service to help create a world of goodness, equality, and harmony.

Gift of Thankfulness It's about being grateful for what we have. Basic to our thankfulness is knowing that all belongs to God, and we are called to be good stewards of all that God has created.

Gift of Healing Isn't it true that we all seek healing when we are not feeling well in body, mind, or spirit? We also know the peace that comes when people are able to forgive each other. May Jesus move us to always work for reconciliation and help us to bring comfort to others.

Gift of Peace Christmas reminds us that Jesus, Our God, has brought light to the darkness of our world, and that peace is a very real possibility when we cooperate with God's grace. May we always work hard to bring peace to our relationships, our schools, our places of work and play...to our whole world.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you all!

Msgr. Larry Bakke,
Director



Merry Christmas!





50 Years of Love, Care, and Compassion!

This year, the Apostolate is celebrating 50 years of offering a hand of love, care, and compassion in the diocese of

Madison.

The current staff is grateful for the founding of the Apostolate to the Handicapped when Bishop Cletus O'Donnell asked Fr. Thomas Campion (TC) to begin this ministry in 1967. We are also thankful for the many volunteers who have worked together to more fully include people with disabilities in the life of the Church. As we approach the end of the year, let's all take a few minutes to reflect on the ways God has touched our lives through the work of the Apostolate and thank Him for these blessings.

50th Anniversary Giveaways!

Send an email to

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with your name and an example of how the Apostolate has impacted your life **by January 15**, and you'll be entered to win a 50th Anniversary Apostolate T-Shirt! Your name will be entered into a drawing from which we will randomly choose the winners. We look forward to hearing from you!



*At the birth of Jesus,
angels proclaimed peace to the world.
We worship Him now with joy,
and we pray with hearts full of faith:
May Your birth bring peace to all.*

Upcoming Events

Dec 25: TV Mass celebrated by the Bishop

Every year, Bishop Morlino celebrates Christmas Mass for the people of the diocese, especially those who are homebound or unable to make it to their parishes. The Mass is recorded in the beautiful Holy Name Heights Chapel and broadcast on



WISC-TV 3 at 6am on Christmas morning.

We hope you'll be able to pray with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!



End of year donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated to support the continued growth of the Apostolate in the past year! Donations are always

accepted and appreciated by mail or on our website.

Memorial Gifts

Many families request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities (or the Apostolate to the Handicapped) in memory of their loved ones. More details and sample wording are available on our website. These donations are a lasting gift that will allow the Apostolate to continue to serve people with disabilities for generations to come.



Website: APDMadisonDiocese.com



WE WISH YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Many thanks to everyone who
celebrated with us at the
Advent/Christmas Celebration on
December 2!



Television Mass Schedule

Sundays

6am on WISC-TV Channel 3
7am on TVW and Direct TV 14



Thank you to

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for your ongoing generosity in providing
the weekly Mass to our viewing audience.

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Doris & Ray Hill
Dorothy Reed
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Kurt Virgin
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Please send \$10 for each Mass Intention to : Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities

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