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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

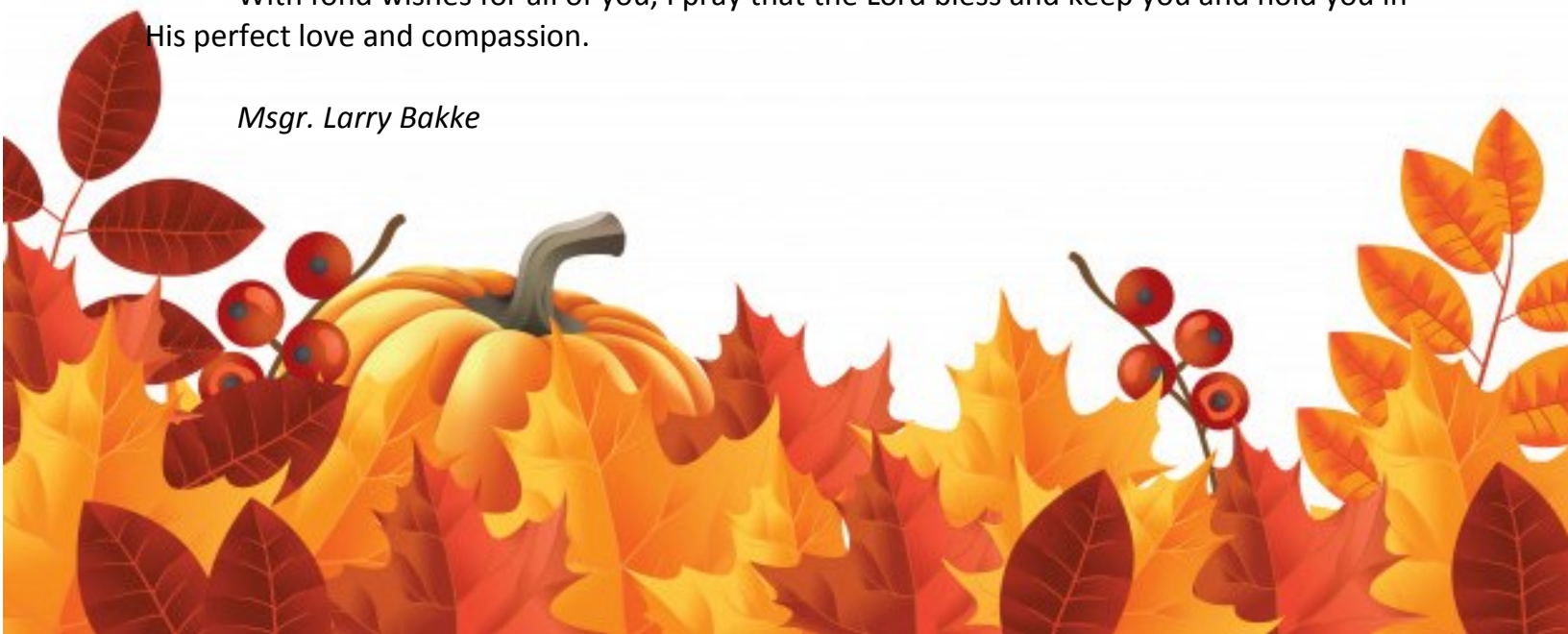
I am happy to greet you in the midst of this Fall season. I hope and pray that you know the continued presence of the Lord in your life, and the special support of the Church through the Apostolate for Persons of Disabilities.

Unfortunately, for the first time, we had to cancel the August Day at the Dells due to the threats of severe weather, but before long, we will be gathering at the Monroe High School Gymnasium for the annual Apostolate Advent/Christmas Celebration on December 1st 2018. I look forward to seeing you and sharing in this wonderful event. Many people are involved in the planning and preparations, and we look forward to welcoming 100's of people to this special celebration. Bishop Robert Morlino will preside at the Mass, and the Diocesan Choir will lead us in raising our voices to God in song. I hope you can come!

Deacon Jim Hoegemeier, Kellie O'Brien and I continue to grow the ministries of the Apostolate in the spirit of love, compassion, and care...founding principles of our first director, Msgr. Campion. Please be attentive to special opportunities in your local parish communities that will help each member of the Church understand anew, or for the first time, that God loves each member of His Church and desires their full participation, regardless of their physical or mental abilities. We seek to bring the love of Christ to each person as we continue to learn that the Second Vatican Council sought to make the Church's teachings more understandable and meaningful in a world of rapid change.

With fond wishes for all of you, I pray that the Lord bless and keep you and hold you in His perfect love and compassion.

Msgr. Larry Bakke



Mental Illness Awareness Month

By Dcn. Jim Hoegemeier

When we think of a fall month, most of us think of October. The changing of the colors of the trees is one of the most beautiful sights we have the opportunity to experience every year. Many mention that the colorful panoramas remind them of stained glass windows.

October is the month during which we experience Mental Illness Awareness Week every year. How fitting it is that our colleagues in disability ministry at the National Catholic Partnership on Disability and the Archdiocesan (Chicago) Commission on Mental Illness have posted this on their websites:

AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH IS LIKE "A STAINED GLASS WINDOW"

When we see a stained glass window in a church, we are struck by the beauty of the story it tells. The window usually depicts a story from scripture or an aspect of our faith. Taken as a whole, the window gives a complete picture of a particular story or Inspiring moment. When we approach the window and look closely at the art, we see that the window is made up of many pieces of glass. The pieces have different shapes and sizes, some are large and some are tiny. We see that the pieces are made of different colors. Upon closer inspection, we see that the pieces have flaws in them, some have lines or cracks, other have tiny air bubbles in the glass. But taken together as a whole, the unique pieces, big and small, of various colors, and with all their flaws transcend their individuality and come together at the hand of the artist to give a dynamic story of faith. But what happens if part of the window is missing? What if we were to remove all the brown pieces of glass, or remove the large pieces, or the ones with bubbles in them? The picture would be incomplete. We would not get the whole story.

The body of Christ, the faith community, in one sense, is like a stained glass window. It portrays the story of redemption and salvation. The pieces of the story are made up of many kinds and sorts of people – young people, elderly people, married people and single people, people of color, people of different shapes and sizes, people who are divorced, people with different sexual orientation, people with various disabilities, etc.... Like the stained glass window, the body of Christ is made up of many parts. If we intentionally or unintentionally exclude, discriminate against or ignore one or more of the parts, we do not get the whole picture. We are missing the full story. The picture is incomplete.

Often people with disabilities are excluded from the body of Christ and leadership in it because of lack of access to our churches and sanctuaries or by attitudes that treat people with disabilities as less than a person. For people with mental illnesses, the societal stigma and misperceptions of the disease often keep people from participating in our parishes because the stigma and misperception by society is felt within their own community of faith. People rejected by church feel rejected by God. Parishes, rather than mirroring the cultural biases of society, should be challenging those assumptions and accepting and reaching out to all people - to open doors and minds to the gifts of all God's people. Parishes that truly welcome and include everyone in a proactive way portray the story of redemption and salvation as a clear and beautiful image of God's Kingdom. In places where there are barriers, either physically or attitudinally, the image of the God's Kingdom is far less clear and the story is incomplete.

For information on how parishes can be more welcoming to people with mental illness we invite you to visit APDMadisonDiocese.com.

Advent / Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:30 am

Christmas Carols, Mass and Lunch

Monroe High School Gym

1600 26th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin

ALL ARE WELCOME:

This beautiful event is FREE for people with disabilities, their families and caregivers, and seniors thanks to the generosity of donors to the Apostolate.

TO REGISTER:

Return the form below, go to APDMadisonDiocese.com, or call us at 608-821-3050 by **November 16, 2017**.

CAREGIVERS:

Any person needing assistance with medications or using the bathrooms should be accompanied by an assistant or caregiver to ensure their comfort and safety.



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 coming from one of the following areas: Beloit, Dodgeville, Janesville, Lake Mills, Lodi, Madison, Marshall, Oregon, Portage, Reedsburg, Spring Green, Stoughton, and SW Wisconsin.

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,

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*by **November 16th***

“Till Natural Death”

“The dignity of life is beyond price. (1 Peter 1:18).

You have value and inherent dignity because God loves you. During October, we pause to recognize that some people, the unborn, disabled, and those who are dying, are being threatened by our culture’s views, and we pray for an increase in respect for all human life from conception till natural death.

There is a misguided perception that physician assisted suicide shows compassion for the dying. That couldn’t be further from the truth. The US Catholic Conference of Bishops published a beautiful statement on Physician Assisted Suicide which acknowledges, ‘The sufferings caused by chronic or terminal illness are often severe. They cry out for our compassion, a word whose root meaning is to “suffer with” another person. True compassion alleviates suffering while maintaining solidarity with those who suffer.’¹ Think of a person in your life who is suffering today. Reach out to them- a call, a letter, a visit- share what you appreciate, love, or admire about who they are. Let them experience Christ’s love through you!

As we face end of life care for ourselves and our loved ones, there are many decisions to prayerfully make. As a starting principle, palliative care to ease physical suffering is good as long as it uphold a person’s human dignity. In their statement, the US Catholic Conference of Bishops clarifies, ‘Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome. Nor does it mean we should deprive suffering patients of needed pain medications out of a misplaced or exaggerated fear that they might have the side effect of shortening

life.’¹ Palliative care aims to ease physical suffering and allow people to live each day of their lives to the fullest. These final days are a beautiful time to pray and grow closer to God, to receive the sacraments, forgive, and receive forgiveness from those in our lives.

Pope St. John Paul II gave us a beautiful witness of suffering with Christ. He taught us in the final years of His life how to suffer. He helped us understand that when we suffer, we are closer to Christ as He suffered on the cross. While enduring our own suffering, we can offer compassion, suffer with, Jesus as He died on the cross. We can choose to unite our suffering with His, to comfort Him so that He isn’t alone on the cross, and to know that He is infinitely close to us.

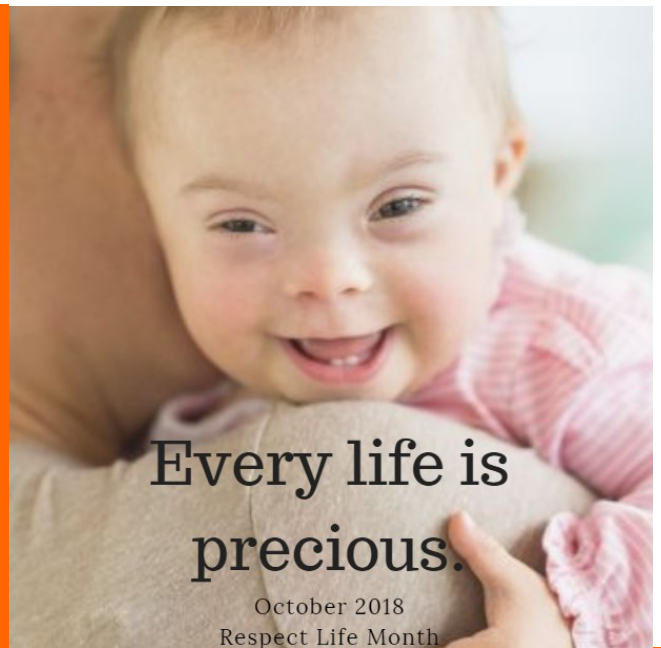
As Mary stayed close to Jesus while He died on the cross, let us have the grace and courage needed to stay close and suffer with people who have terminal illnesses, provide palliative care to free people to live their final days in minimal pain, and stay close to Christ in our own daily suffering.

¹United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician Assisted Suicide. Jun. 2011. Department of Human Life and Dignity. 9 Apr. 2018 < www.usccb.org>.



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Thank You!!



**WE ALWAYS
THANK GOD FOR
ALL OF YOU AND
CONTINUALLY
MENTION YOU IN
OUR PRAYERS.**

1 THESSALONIANS 1:2

Check out our WEBSITE!

APDMadisonDiocese.com

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

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Upcoming Feasts

Oct. 18 St. Luke, the evangelist

Nov. 1 Solemnity of All Saints

Nov. 2 Commemoration of All Souls

Nov. 25 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe

Dec. 8 Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception

Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec. 25 Christmas

Resources

Deaf Catholics

Mental Illness Ministry

16 Parish Actions for Mental Illness Ministry

<http://www.ncpd.org/16ParishActions>

Mental Illness And Faith Community Support For Recovery

<http://www.miministry.org/booklet.pdf>

Welcomed and Valued: Building Faith Communities of Support and Hope with People with Mental Illness and Their Families

A Binder available for free download created by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability
<http://www.miministry.org/ResourceBinder.pdf>



End of Life Ministry

"Dying is also part of life."

Speech given by Pope John Paul II, at the Rennweg Hospice in Vienna, June 21, 1998

<https://www.fjp2.com/es/juan-pablo-ii/biblioteca-online/discursos/14170-message-to-the-sick-june-21-1998->

To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician Assisted Suicide

Written by the US Catholic Conference of Bishops
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day/upload/to-live-each-day-with-dignity-hyperlinked.pdf>



Upcoming Events

Mass interpreted in ASL

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



Bible Study

St. Dennis, 8am on the following dates:

October 21
November 18
December 2
December 9

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.



*Email Sue Gudenkauf at SueGinterpreting@gmail.com if you or someone you know would like to grow in faith with our deaf Catholic community.

*Contact the Apostolate at APD@MadisonDiocese.org if you need help obtaining an interpreter for a sacramental event such as a wedding or funeral.



Memorials

Memorials For:

Sandy Kleisch Ziegler
Sr. Haroldine Acker, SSF
Tom Reed
Virginia Adler
Wilfred Weiss

Deceased Member of
Maloney/Gibbons Families
Deceased Members of the
Pulvermacher and Johnston
Families
Deceased Members of
Zodrow/Lashock Families
Living and Deceased
Members of Ben and Mary
Minter Family

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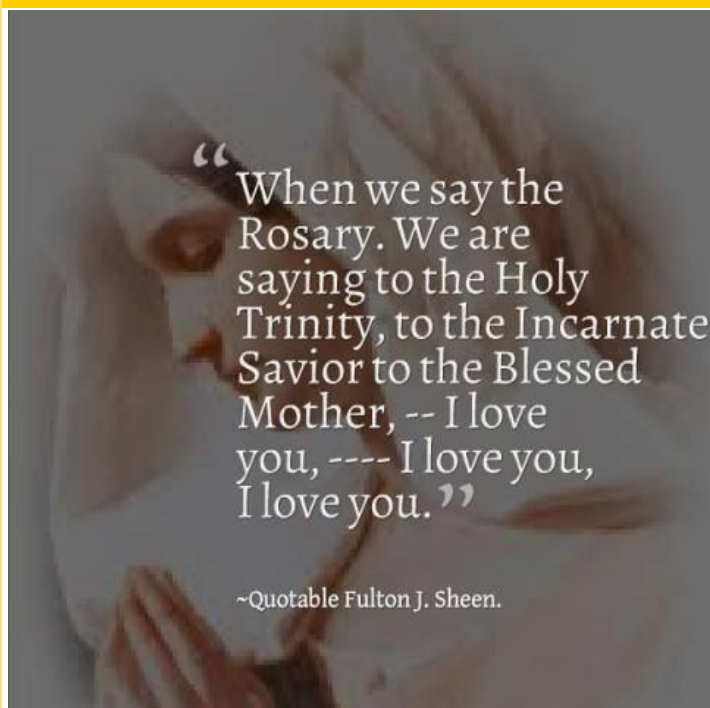
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Barbara Ellingson
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Lois Lane Estate
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Diane Weber
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Barbara Ellingson
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Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Ladwig
The Wilbur Family

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.



Television Mass Schedule

Sundays

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



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Ed Vervoort
Elise Buol
Florentine Adler
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Frederick P. "Fritz" Schlimgen
George Bronson
Gilbert Dahmen
Jacob and Florence Buol
Jayne Kath
Jeremay Buol
Jerome and Marian Buol
Joey Lincicum
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Given By:

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Jeff and Scott Gurriell
Esther Botting
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Esther Botting
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