

2025 ACA Goal: \$4.2 Million

The Catholic Church continues Christ's mission in the world today by sharing the Good News, celebrating the Sacraments, and manifesting God's love in service to others. As a successor to the apostles, Bishop Hying is called to participate in Christ's offices of Priest, Prophet, and King by sanctifying the world, teaching the Truths of the Faith, and governing and guiding the people and parishes of our diocese. Support provided to the Diocese of Madison is used to achieve the objectives of the Church and the Bishop in the following ways:

Hope for the Future

- **Camp Gray** – Sending a child to Camp Gray during the summer not only gives them a week of fun but also brings them closer to Jesus Christ by attending daily Mass, experiencing the beauty of God's creation all around them, and building friendships that may last a lifetime. Camp Gray also offers year-round retreat opportunities.
- **Totus Tuus** - This week-long, summer Catholic youth program supports parents and parishes by promoting the Faith through evangelization, catechesis, and worship. Totus Tuus focuses on igniting faith in young people and forming dedicated young adults for the Church's mission.
- **Witness to Love** – This mentor-based program provides engaged couples with spiritual and relational support throughout their engagement and into married life.
- **Frassati Fest and Love Begins Here** – Both of these programs focus on the youth in our diocese. Building the future leaders of our faith is critical. Frassati Fest is an annual retreat where teens have fun, pray, learn more about their faith, and build friendships. Love Begins Here is a ministry that provides local youth mission trips to enable teens to put their faith into action. Over 165,000 hours of service have been provided to those in our diocese who may be in need.
- **Catholic Schools** – Catholic school staff receive training through the ACA, enabling them to model and teach Catholic identity, including respect for all human life, advocacy for the poor, economic justice, and good stewardship of God's creation. Catholic school principals receive guidance in best practices for accreditation, compliance, and business operations. Catholic schoolteachers benefit from mentoring, license renewal seminars, and professional development to enhance their effectiveness in the classroom and student performance.
- **Family Ministry** – Families are strengthened when married couples receive concrete skills in prayer, dialogue, and a willingness to embrace challenges. Couples, especially women, receive information to better understand their fertility and how to plan their family in a way that corresponds to their wedding vows. Includes celebrations of anniversary milestones for married couples in the Diocese.

Hope for the Church

- **Liturgical Formation and Sacramental Preparation** – Parishes around the Diocese are working to strengthen their teachings on the Catholic faith through the Mass, in faith formation classes, and in

receiving the Sacraments. Our Worship Office provides training in parishes for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors and also seeks to ensure all people, including those with hearing impairments, can encounter Jesus Christ in a life-changing way through the Liturgy, Prayer, and the Sacraments. The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis provides guidelines for sacramental preparation curriculum, adult faith formation, Seat of Wisdom and media resources.

- **Go Make Disciples** – As Christians, we are all called to be disciples and to go out and make disciples. The ACA supports this initiative by providing website directives, educational materials and leadership for evangelization committees. Parishes are provided with mentors to assist evangelization teams and who act as liaisons to the bishop, complete with periodic check-ins via Zoom meetings.
- **Called & Gifted™** - This discernment process is offered by the Catherine of Siena Institute. Called and Gifted™ workshops help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities that Christians receive from the Holy Spirit. Charisms enable one to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people.
- **Hispanic Ministry** – By providing guidance, support, and resources, to the priests, staff, leaders, and the faithful within Hispanic Ministry, Hispanic Catholics can experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through a lived Catholic experience within their own community and the wider community of the parish. Hispanic Ministry empowers Hispanic Catholics to serve courageously within the life of the Church through the sharing of their God given talents to create bridges between our communities.
- **Campus Ministry** – The Diocese of Madison hosts two campus ministry locations: St. Paul's at UW Madison and St. Augustine at UW Platteville. These centers, along with FOCUS missionaries, emphasize the importance of keeping Jesus Christ in students' lives, especially as they pursue higher education away from family. These ministries become their family away from home and foster more vocations to the priesthood and religious life than any other ministry.
- **Parish Support** - The Parish Administrative Services team works with parish staff to ensure that finance councils receive the appropriate financial reports, enabling pastors to make informed decisions. Parish staff also receive solutions, resources, and technical expertise during the parish merger process.

Hope in Action

- **The Beacon** - Provides daytime safe shelter services to those experiencing homelessness.
- **5 Door Recovery** - Offers affordable and effective residential treatment for adults who want to recover from alcohol and/or drug addiction.
- **Adult Day Center** – This center provides older adults and adults with disabilities daytime care.
- **Walking with Moms in Need** – The goal of this ministry is to "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women (and dads too) in need, accompanying them in friendship and helping to connect them with local resources.

- **Parish Mobile Food Pantry** – This program helps residents in rural areas stretch their grocery budgets providing produce, meat, and other necessities each month at parishes throughout the Diocese of Madison.
- **Care Team Ministries** - Congregation-based teams of volunteers provide in-home, non-medical services to isolated, older adults to improve the quality of life and safety of those they serve.
- **Building Bridges** - Dane County students in 4K through 8th grade with immediate mental health needs, and their families receive intensive support from this program.

Hope in Difficult Times

- **Mental Health Programs** – The mental wellness ministries offered in collaboration between the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities, Catholic Charities, and the Diocese work to educate parishes and communities, train staff and volunteers, and accompany those affected by mental health challenges.
- **Divorce Support Ministry** – Several groups have been started in the Diocese of Madison with the goal of providing guidance and support to Catholics during or after a divorce. The groups offer a space to speak openly, ask questions, and find comfort in a community that understands their experiences.
- **Lay Them to Rest** – This free program, invite parishioners to lay the cremated remains of your loved one to rest on the sacred ground of a Catholic Cemetery in the Diocese of Madison with a solemn Catholic committal.
- **Catholic Cemeteries** - Your support ensures the sacred ground of a Catholic cemeteries remain beautiful and reverent places for burial, prayerful remembrance, and ultimately bear witness to our faith in the Resurrection.