

Inspired BY THE Spirit

2026 | ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Inspired by the Spirit, the theme for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), reflects the heart of the Church's mission and the ongoing work of our diocese. At Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit empowered the apostles to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and marked the beginning of the Church's evangelizing mission. The Holy Spirit continues to animate the Church today, guiding us in our call to make disciples, serve those in need, and build up the Body of Christ.

Through your generous support of the ACA, you participate in this mission. Your gift helps sustain the celebration of the sacraments, strengthens our outreach through Hispanic Ministry, supports parish family catechesis programs which equip parents to pass on the faith to their children, and continues our loving concern for the poor and suffering. The ACA reminds us that we belong to a Church that is universal.

When we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, we grow in gratitude, generosity, and communion with Christ. Please take time to prayerfully consider how you can support this year's Annual Catholic Appeal and be part of the Spirit-led mission of the Church.



Most Rev. Donald J. Hying
Bishop of Madison



2026 ACA GOAL - \$4.2 MILLION

Inspired to Give

Tim and Margaret are longtime members of Epiphany of the Lord Parish. The couple's three children attended Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary School. Their son, Fr. Luke, is now a priest in the St. John Paul II Pastorate.

"We are humbled and honored to be asked to chair the Diocese of Madison's Annual Catholic Appeal. We know the privilege we've received to have a priest son and the impact this has had on our lives. We pray that the strength of the Holy Spirit fills the life of our Bishop, priests, deacons, religious, and the lay faithful in our diocese. Giving to the ACA reminds us that our faith and our mission are bigger than just our own lives and even bigger than our parish."

—Tim and Margaret Powers, 2026 ACA Chair Couple



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Inspired Giving: What You Need to Know

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL?

Every parish and all parish members benefit from the Annual Catholic Appeal. Every dollar you give helps someone encounter Christ, whether it's a young person on a Love Begins Here mission trip or a family receiving support through Catholic Charities.

WHY GIVE TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL?

Because your gift is an act of the virtue of Charity.

When you support the Annual Catholic Appeal, you're responding to Christ's call to love and serve. Your generosity helps the Church bring the Gospel to life through parish ministries, Catholic education, outreach to the poor, and so much more.

Because we are one Church.

The ACA strengthens our diocesan family by supporting ministries that no single parish could sustain alone. Together, we form a community of believers, united in mission and inspired by the Spirit.

Ways to Give



Fill out an in-pew card at your parish



Donate online at madisondiocese.org/acadonate



Complete and mail in the pledge card you received in the mail



Make a gift over the phone at 608-821-3042



We joyfully accept gifts of securities or IRA charitable gifts. Please contact Jill McNally at 608-821-3039 or jill.mcnelly@madisondiocese.org



Each gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal is a response to the Holy Spirit's call to support the mission of the Church.

Your generosity helps:

Education and Youth

Catholic Schools

form students in the humility, love, obedience, and self-sacrifice of Jesus and teach them how to live lives of virtue.

Family Ministry

promotes the Catholic vision of marriage and family life, helping families thrive through the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Faith Formation

supports parishes in preparing youth for the sacraments and nurturing lifelong discipleship.

Young Adult Formation

provides opportunities for young adults to grow in faith and community through Christ-centered formation.

Evangelization

Mazzuchelli Institute for Mission and Leadership

supports parish leaders with practical formation, resources, and guidance to strengthen their ministry and leadership.

Catholic Communication

shares stories of faith, service, and leadership while providing education on Church teachings and diocesan initiatives.

Go Make Disciples

equips parish leaders and inspires Catholics to grow in holiness and boldly share the Gospel.

Parish Services and Outreach

Hispanic Ministry

builds vibrant Hispanic communities where families encounter Christ through the liturgy, catechetical formation, and each other as they live a life of devotion, service, and conversion in the Church.

Parish Support

assists parishes with administrative needs including finance, accounting, legal, real estate transactions, construction projects, and IT.

Cemeteries

provide compassionate support for Catholic funeral planning and burial arrangements.