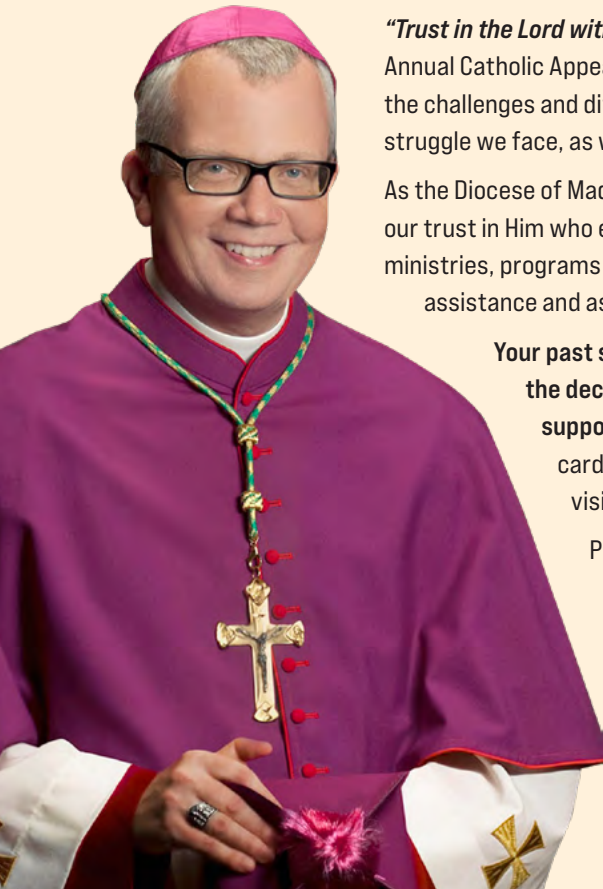


BISHOP'S REFLECTION



"Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart," taken from the Book of Proverbs 2:3, is the encouraging theme for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. This powerful passage urges us to place all of our hope and trust in the Lord, especially in all the challenges and difficulties we face, for God never abandons us. The Lord is with us every step of the way, in every struggle we face, as we boldly move forward with complete confidence in His will and grace.

As the Diocese of Madison casts our nets with Christ "into the deep," we humbly acknowledge that we too must deepen our trust in Him who empowers us to **offer hope, help and healing to a broken and wounded world**. Through the many ministries, programs and services that the Church provides throughout the diocese, we accompany those in need of assistance and assurance.

Your past support has opened the doors to families seeking the love of Jesus Christ as they have made the decision to embrace the gift of life. Your support to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal will continue supporting this important work. Would you consider a gift of \$____ per month for 6 months? A pledge card is included with the envelope provided. I invite you to fill it out, or if you prefer to give online, please visit [madisondiocese.org/acagive](https://www.madisondiocese.org/acagive).

Please know of my gratitude and prayers for you and your loved ones.

Most Rev. Donald J. Hying
Bishop of Madison



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHTS

When **COREY BROWN** found himself without a home, Catholic Charities' homelessness resource center – The Beacon – helped him get back on his feet.

The Beacon helps individuals and families experiencing homelessness by providing access to essential needs – a safe shelter during the day, breakfast and lunch, laundry, showers, preventative healthcare and connections to more than two dozen different partner agencies in one location.

"I never thought that I would be able to get help," Corey said. "But having the most important things met for you... it helped me focus on me. Here I am – I mean, I got clean, I got a job. *They never turned me down and they didn't make me feel bad about the umpteenth time going backwards.* They treated me the way I didn't know people could be treated. I've never seen people with patience like this."

"I want to say thank you, and I want my life to reflect the fact that anybody can have a new beginning."



ISABEL is a fourth grader at St. Charles Borromeo School in Cassville. Isabel enjoys the multi-age classroom atmosphere both in the schoolroom and at recess time. As one of the younger students in her classroom, she looks up to the older girls in her class. Isabel appreciates learning about her faith in school and says, *"It is fun to learn about the beatitudes and all seven sacraments."* Isabel is a willing participant in activities such as serving at Mass, attending Reconciliation and Adoration, and acting in the annual Christmas play.



"We are **KARLA** and **RAUL RUIZ**, we have been married for 25 years and have 4 children. We belong to the Catholic community in Watertown and we have served the Hispanic community for eleven years. The Hispanic Ministry office has been the link between the Hispanic community and our Diocese, and it has served as the point of connection between all the Hispanic communities in our area. *This ministry not only listens to us but also understands our needs*, and supports us in different ways: By keeping us informed of what is happening in our diocese, through the organization of classes and events, and by forming leaders in our community. We are grateful to God and our Bishop for the creation of the Hispanic Ministry office."





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MEET THE teDUITS 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Chair Couple

Every two years, Bishop Hying selects an ACA Chair Couple to serve with him as spokespersons while promoting the appeal and helping to raise awareness for the ministries it supports. For the second year, Eric and Laura teDuits are excited to help Bishop Hying and serve as the ACA 2023 Chair Couple. Eric and Laura are members of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Madison. They raised their five children with strong Catholic traditions, encouraged active participation in their parish, and have watched them grow into amazing and faithful adults. The teDuits have been long-time supporters of the ACA and one of the reasons that they chose to continue to give is because of the “myriad of ministries that are funded through the ACA across the diocese that evangelize, nurture the faith community, and serve those who struggle.” Eric and Laura especially value the ways that the diocese and the ACA supports service ministries, particularly the Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC). Eric and Laura hope to continue to lead by example and that their faithful participation will encourage others to support the ACA, as well.



CREATE YOUR LEGACY

Remember the Diocese of Madison when creating your estate plan or establishing your will. Planned Gifts are another effective way to assist the ongoing works of the Diocese of Madison. If you are interested in learning more about how planned gifts could benefit you, your family, your parish or the diocese, please contact Jill McNally at 608-821-3039 or Jill.McNally@madisondiocese.org.

A special thanks to all of those who have remembered the Diocese of Madison in their wills, trusts or gift annuities. Your gifts will serve generations of Catholics to come.



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- Holy Name Preservation
- Support for Ministries
- Parish Services
- ACA Expenses
- Into the Deep

- Catholic Multicultural Center
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Catholic Charities

\$680,000

CARING FOR THE POOR & VULNERABLE

PASSING ON THE FAITH

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- Family Ministry
- College Ministry
- Hispanic Ministry

- Support for Vocations
- Education for Clergy
- Religious Formation
- Worship & Liturgy
- Evangelization

\$800,000

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