

## Madison diocese in financial squeeze

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Amid all the conversations I've had about what is [emerging in the church](#) [1] there's the occasional reality check like this story from the Diocese of Madison which is being forced because of finances to close a well-known multi-cultural center that serves one of the [city's poorest neighborhood](#) [2]:

The actions, according to a media release from the diocese, are being taken to address the long-term decline in the diocesan portfolio as well as increased cost of services provided by the diocese.

No one can argue with economic realities, but one wonders when, at a national level, we'll begin the conversation about the implications of an ever diminishing Catholic presence in some of our cities.

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