

**Brief Biography: Mary L. Hill, BSN, MA, JD**  
**Chief Mission Officer, Avera**



Mary L. Hill BSN, MA, JD, serves as Avera’s Chief Mission Officer, providing executive leadership supporting the vital Catholic identity of Avera by fostering commitment to the mission, vision and values. In this role, Mary is responsible for integrating Catholic social tradition, the history of Avera’s religious and community sponsors, and Church teaching throughout the organization. She is also a member of Catholic Health Association’s Theologian/Ethicist Committee.

Mary previously served as Avera’s Vice President of Ethics and an Adjunct Professor with Aquinas Institute of Theology teaching Health Care Ethics. She has also held mission and ethics positions with Catholic health care ministries in Arizona and Indiana.

From 2006—2009, Mary was the Indiana Deputy Health Commissioner serving in the Administration of Governor Mitch Daniels. She has also worked as a health care attorney, nursing executive and psychiatric nurse.

Mary earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Cincinnati, a Juris Doctorate from IU School of Law at Indianapolis, and a Master of Arts in Health Care Mission from Aquinas Institute of Theology.

Mary enjoys facilitating educational programs about mission, ethics, spiritual formation and leadership development. She endeavors to engage learners with humor, stories and practical wisdom.