

Resource Brochures

- *Welcome & Justice for Persons with Disabilities: USCCB*
- *Welcoming Parishioners with Disabilities: NCPD*
- *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities: USCCB*
- *Do's & Don'ts Welcoming People with Disabilities*
- *Worship & People with Disabilities 10 Tips*
- *Welcoming Children with Disabilities 5 Tips* National Pastoral Life Center
- *God Loves Your Child with Disabilities New Baby: NAFIM*
- *Book & Print Resources Guide* disAbility Ministry
- *Accessibility Audit for Parish* disAbility Ministry
- *A Good Host is a Good Planner* disAbility Ministry

Books

- *Copious Hosting: A theology of Access for People with disAbilities* by: Jennie Weiss Block
- *A Parish Handbook: Creating an Inclusive Worship Community Accommodating All People at God's Table* by: Elizabeth Browne, Ph.D
- *Opening Doors of Welcome and Justice to Parishioners with Disabilities: A Parish Resource Guide* by National Catholic Partnership on Disability
- *Accessibility Audit for Churches: A United Methodist Resource Book about Accessibility* by: General Board of Global Ministries
- *Exceptional Teaching: A Comprehensive Guide for Including Students with disAbilities* by: Jim Pierson Standard Publishing
- *On the Road to Congregational Inclusion Dimensions of Faith and Congregational Ministries with Persons with Developmental Disabilities and their families A Bibliography and Address Listing of Resources for Clergy, Laypersons, Families and Service Providers* by: The Boggs Center 732 235 9300
- *In the Shadow of God's Wings Grace in the Midst of Depression also Study Guide*

Web Sites

more available on DisAbility Web site:
www.dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/index.html

- NAFIM National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry
www.nafim.org
- NCPD National Catholic Partnership on Disability
www.ncpd.org
- AAMR American Association on Mental Retardation
www.aamr.org/groups/div/rg/index.php
- NCC National Council on Churches Committee on Disabilities
www.nccusa.org/nmu/mce/dis
- VM Victorious Missionaries
www.vmsa.org
- St. Louis Center Chelsea
www.stlouiscenter.org
- Rainbow Homes
www.rainbowhomes.org

VHS/DVD

more available from our lending Library

- *The Ten Commandments of Communicating w/Persons w/disAbilities*
- Jean Vanier: *Welcoming the Poor as a Source of Peace*
- *Kid Ability Disability Sensitivity and Awareness for Children*
- *Planting the Seeds in Students with Special Needs*
- *Where Is God When Life Hurts?*

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Is your parish welcoming to all?



How your parish community can Welcome All to the Lord's table.

- Have an advocate for persons with disAbilities in your parish and have that person consulted on accessibility issues.
- Have an accessibility audit of your parish church, school, rectory, parish center, meeting rooms and library. Invite a parishioner in a wheel chair to accompany you.
- Have parish events' notices include what is accessible, dietary needs, resources available in large print, Braille and audio tape.
- Have a Christian service project to tape the weekly bulletin and parish newsletters for persons who are blind and cannot read or hold the printed word.
- Have a greeter or usher at your ramp entrance to hold doors and assist persons with disAbilities and their families.
- Educate your parishioners with inserts on disAbility issues in your bulletin.
- Transport parishioners who are unable to come to church. Form a transportation committee.
- Purchase children's books on disAbility awareness for school and parish libraries.
- Volunteer to visit a group home in your area.
- Volunteer to assist a teacher who has a student with a disAbility in their religious education program. Talk to your DRE.

Persons with disAbilities

- Our ministry offers two annual diocesan caregiver/disAbility retreats at area parishes
- An annual regional caregiver/disAbility retreat
- A diocesan disAbility Christmas celebration
- Diocesan Mass and lunch with the bishop
- Consult with parishes on religious education for persons with disAbilities
- A newsletter from the Office of Persons with disAbilities
- Coordinate the parishes' religious education programs with persons with disAbilities
- Facilitating Rainbow Homes: Christian non-profit supported living for adults who have cognitive disAbilities in Holt www.rainbowhomes.org

Persons who are sight-impaired/blind

- A diocesan wide sight impaired/blind two day retreat at St Francis, DeWitt
- Diocesan wide communications and retreat information available in Braille or on audio tape from our office
- *The Peace I Leave You* by Bishop Kenneth Povish and *Entering the Heart of God: Praying the Lord's Prayer in Our Day* by Father Charles Irvin on audio tape for persons who are unable to hold or read the printed word
- Braille upon request bulletins, newsletters, prayers, hymns.
- Audio tape of FAITH magazine available from our ministry

Christians Concerned About Mental Illness

- Facilitate monthly support group with persons with mental illness, their families and caregivers
- Newsletters for CCMI members
- Retreat day for CCMI at St Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
- A resource for parish mental health awareness

Parish Awareness

- Ongoing assessment of parish renovations and new building plans
- Diocesan response to calls from pastors, DREs and youth ministers on disAbility issues
- Diocesan ongoing placement of parish advocates for persons with disAbilities
- Presentations to parish groups on disAbility related issues
- Accessibility audit for parish

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