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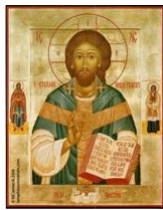
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Priests Presented NCPD 2010 SERVANT-LEADER AWARDS

At its May 25 NCPD Friends Founders Dinner, NCPD presented its 2010 Servant-Leader Awards to Fr. Wayne Ball and Fr. Rick Curry, SJ. Both men have been featured in recent E-NEWS articles highlighting priests with disabilities during the Year for Priests ([click here](#) for Fr. Ball and [here](#) for Fr. Curry).

Fr. Wayne, fluent in eight languages and a Canon Lawyer, is a pastor in the Diocese of Richmond and serves in the Tribunal. Fr. Curry founded the National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped in 1977, and recently founded the Veterans Academy at Georgetown University to support veterans with disabilities and post traumatic stress (PTS). In presenting the awards, Janice Benton, NCPD executive director, noted: "We are pleased tonight to present to you two men who are serving our community in their unique roles as priests. We have known both Fr. Wayne and Fr. Rick for decades, and can attest to the many ways they have shared their creativity and talents with people with disabilities and the total faith community. We trust that other men and women with disabilities who are discerning a vocation to the religious life will emulate the powerful witness of Fr. Wayne and Fr. Rick."



Fr. Curry addresses the gathering.

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Benton explained that the *Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities*(1978), which is a foundational document of our ministry, calls each person to use their gifts for the betterment of the faith community. It acknowledges that **every** person has a responsibility to serve.



Cardinal McCarrick and Janice Benton present the Servant-Leader award to Fr. Ball

She noted that the Pastoral also offered this challenge which is bearing fruit today:

We look forward to the day when more persons with disabilities are active in the full-time professional service of the Church, and we applaud recent decisions to accept qualified candidates for ordination or the religious life in spite of their significant disabilities.

Special Guest Theodore Cardinal McCarrick presented the awards to Fathers Ball and Curry. In his Invocation, Cardinal McCarrick acknowledged that each of us is “wonderfully made” by our loving God, and that we are all called to serve God in “wonderful ways.”

NCPD News and Notes

Upcoming Webinar

Advanced Considerations: Mental Illness in Youth and Young Adults, June 10, 2010

Registration is still open for our June 10 webinar, *Mental Illness in Youth and Young Adults*. Presenters Dr. Bob McCarty from National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), Dr. Paul Myers from the University of Portland, OR and Linea Johnson, from the Seattle, Washington area are eager to share with you from their perspectives of ministry, professional counselor, and young adult in recovery with bipolar disorder.

[Click here](#) for flyer. [Click here](#) to register.

Members of NCPD Affiliate (Arch)dioceses attend free of charge. To confirm that your diocese is an NCPD Affiliate, [click here](#). By special arrangement, members of NFCYM and the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) also attend this webinar free of charge.



Catechetical Sunday

This year Catechetical Sunday is September 19 and the Catechetical Sunday theme is “*Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love.*” Materials for Catechetical Sunday 2010 are now

available online at www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday.

Among the online materials, parishes participating in Catechetical Sunday can find prayer resources, art, catechist commissioning materials, plans for a catechist in-service, and an array of materials for teachers, pastors, catechists and others working with couples preparing for marriage.

Also included are a plan for a family and intergenerational retreat on Christian marriage, articles on Church teaching on various aspects of marriage, and resources for adult faith formation. Materials are provided in English and Spanish.



This year’s theme has been chosen to coincide with a variety of new Priority Initiatives from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, including the release of a pastoral letter on marriage, *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan*, ([click here](#) for condensed version) and the *For Your Marriage* web site (www.foryourmarriage.org), as well as other Conference initiatives intended to strengthen marriage.

NCPD Needs Your Support

Donate
to NCPD

NCPD relies on freewill support from affiliate diocesan members....**and donors like you.** Your help is needed now more than ever to enable NCPD to carry out its many planned initiatives for 2010.

Please help support NCPD through a one-time donation or monthly pledge. You can make a great difference in enabling Catholics with disabilities to be nourished in their faith and be contributing members of their parish communities.

Please act today to help sustain the important ministry of NCPD.

Check out our Friends page
for a new way to support NCPD.



Diocesan/Partner News and Notes

Sacraments for Every Child

Several E-News readers brought to our attention this article from www.americamagazine.org, "Sacraments for Every Child."

When Jimmy was baptized as an infant, he had no apparent physical problems. But as a young boy, he began to experience difficulty walking and running. Eventually he was diagnosed with Duchene muscular dystrophy. In order to receive the physical and occupational therapy he needed, as well as other mobility supports, Jimmy's parents moved him from the parish school to a local public school. As a result of this switch and his parents' later divorce, the boy never received the...

To view the rest of the article, [click here](#).

Inclusion Tip

Marsha Rivas, Equal Access Ministry, Diocese of Toledo Disability Ministry, sent us this Tip Sheet on Tourette Syndrome to share with you by [download](#). Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a chronic hereditary neurobiological disorder that is characterized by tics, which are involuntary sudden repetitive movements and/or vocal outbursts. TS occurs in 1 out of every 1000 persons. Symptoms usually begin between the ages of 6 and 10, and it is 3 times more likely to occur in boys than girls. It is a highly misunderstood disorder that causes a ripple effect in social, emotional, and educational development. For a complete listing of Inclusion Tips, [click here](#).



"Did I turn out to be the son you wanted when I was born?"

Lee Nagel, Executive Director of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) shared this piece with us and we pass it on to you on his behalf.

Asperger's Syndrome – A Stop on the Autism Continuum

In case you missed the full hour that *Speaking of Faith* (on National Public Radio) dedicated to autism, here's a [four-minute animation](#) from Storycorps with a touching conversation between 12-year-old Joshua Littman and his mother, Sarah. Joshua has Asperger's Syndrome, which is on the autism spectrum. His mother describes it as "born without social genes."



You can get a sense of Joshua's unique perspective and perceptiveness by the questions he asks his mother including this weighty one, "Did I turn out to be the son you wanted when I was born? Did I meet your expectations..." [Click here](#) for the full story.

Green Bay Coordinates Ministry Formation Program with the Archdiocese of Chicago

Joe Heidemann of Green Bay ---a man who is deaf ---was commissioned by Bishop David Ricken on May 20th for a three year term of service/ministry with the Deaf Community here in the Diocese of Green Bay. Joe recently completed a formal course of study through the Deaf Ministry Formation Program coordinated by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

[Click here](#) to read the article in The Compass - The Official Newspaper of the Green Bay Catholic Diocese. NCPD Board member Susan Perrault of the Green Bay Diocese shared this article and information.

Government/Legislative News and Notes

USCCB on Healthcare Reform: *Setting the Record Straight*

The U.S. bishops' position on health care reform for the nation has been "misrepresented, misunderstood and misused for political and other purposes," according to a statement from three prelates most directly involved in the debate.

The bishops who lead the respective committees on pro-life advocacy, justice and human development, and migration released a statement Thursday, May 25, 2010, called "*Setting the Record Straight*."

They affirmed their position over the course of the year of debate was "unified and consistent."

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Episcopal Moderator of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability; Bishop William Murphy of Rockville Centre, Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice, Peace and Human Development; and Bishop John Wester of Salt Lake City, Chairman of the Committee on Migration, signed the statement.

Full statement: www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-104.shtml.

Bishops' analyses of flaws in the health care law: www.usccb.org/healthcare/.

USCCB Action Alert: Help Families Impacted by the Recession

The House and Senate are considering a bill, *The American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act* (H.R. 4213), that would, among other things, provide initial funding for the National Housing Trust Fund, continue support for job creation through the TANF emergency fund, and extend eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits through December 31, 2010. At [this link](#), you will find an alert with more information.

Contact your Representative and Senators and urge them to help families still struggling from the impacts of the economic recession by including the following in *The American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act* (H.R. 4213):

- Urge funding for the National Housing Trust Fund that will provide housing for very low-income families and maintain and create jobs in the hard hit construction industry.
- Urge continued funding for the successful job creation program for low-income youth.
- Urge the extension of unemployment insurance eligibility for laid-off workers through the end of this year.

Contact information is available at <http://capwiz.com/catholicbishops/> or www.house.gov and www.senate.gov or go through the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.

Contact: Thom Shellabarger, Domestic Policy Advisor, USCCB-JPHD at 202-541-3189 or tshellabarger@usccb.org with questions.

Resources

Book Review

"Waiting for Eli: A Father's Journey from Fear to Faith" is Chad Judice's journal of hope and renewed faith in the face of expecting a son diagnosed with spina bifida, and hydrocephalus, and a prognosis that did not fit into Judice's plans for his family. It is also the story of how one unborn baby brought an entire community to its knees and led a family into the heart of Jesus.



Chad Judice, author and Eli's Dad



Miss Abby Judice with son, Eli

At the close of the 2005 school year at Cathedral-Carmel Catholic School, 7th & 8th grade Social Studies teacher and basketball coach Chad Judice allowed his students to ask him a question about himself. It would be his last year at CCCS, and he would be teaching some of these same students in the fall at his new position at St. Thomas More High School. He wanted them to know that he was both a teacher and a friend. In all his years there, it was the first time anyone had asked the question, "What do you fear most?"

The answer required little thought: "My greatest fear would be to have a child with a mental or physical handicap."

In the dark of an ultrasound room four years later, he would revisit those words. ([Click here to read more...](#)) Reviewed by Monica Rafie on behalf of NCPD.

Following the Footsteps of St. Paul

Fr. John Sheehan, SJ of the Xavier Society for the Blind (www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org) is leading a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey called "Following the Footsteps of St. Paul," from October 11 to 22nd and the basic cost is only \$3,999. But if you are a daring sort, they are having a raffle, and the First Prize is 2 tickets on this pilgrimage trip. A ticket includes everything - air fare, meals (2 a day on land, 3 a day on the ship), hotel and outside cabin (double occupancy) and local air-conditioned transport. So you and a companion get to go to the Holy Land for \$65 - if you win the Raffle.

A raffle ticket is only \$65 (2 for \$100) and there are only 299 tickets available. The drawing will be held on July 20, 2010. If you win and don't choose to go, you may donate your tickets for a tax deduction and two blind people will be given the chance to take the trip. Or you may take a \$4,000 cash prize. (And hopefully give some of that money back to the Xavier Society.) For more information or to reserve a ticket, send an email to: fatherjohn@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

The 2010 Joshua O'Neill and Zeshan Tabani Enrichment Fund Application Is Now Available

The Joshua O'Neill and Zeshan Tabani Enrichment Fund offers financial assistance to young adults (18+) with Down syndrome who wish to continue to enrich their lives by enrolling in postsecondary programs or taking enrichment classes that will help them to enrich life through employment, independent living skills, life skills or another way. To date, over thirty students have received grants from National Down Syndrome Society to help cover the costs of pursuing their postsecondary education and enrichment goals.

Visit www.ndss.org to download the application, or contact Vanessa Quick at vquick@ndss.org or 800-221-4602 with any questions.

Mass for Your Intentions

Fr. Carlo Notaro, M.M.I., one of NCPD's large print Sacramentary recipients, is offering to say masses for peoples' intentions. You can contact him at the following address. Any stipends would go to his community.

Rev. Carlo Notaro, M.M.I The Jefferson 9401 Old Sauk Rd. Apt 113 Middleton, WI 53562	Work: 608-836-3670 Cell: 608-446-0434 Email: trinity.3337@tds.net
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Hearing Aid Assistance Available

The Hear Now program of the Starkey Hearing Foundation holds out hope to those who need hearing aids but have no resources to acquire them. If you know someone in need of this service, please share the information with them that is found at [this link](#).

New Online Catholic Bible Search Engine

A new online Bible platform that enables people to find specific Scripture passages using keywords, was launched last week.

The program was officially released to the public on May 13 by [Catholic.net](#). The press release noted that this is the first complete Catholic Bible made available for keyword search. It added that an English and Spanish Bible, both translations approved by the Vatican, are being offered for searching through the program.

The search engine allows users to share Bible passages with their blogs, with Facebook and Twitter, and with other social media Web sites. It also allows people to add a search widget to their own personal Web page.

The project was undertaken with partial funding from the U.S. bishops' conference, and with the help of volunteers from a Catholic.net social aid program in Mexico.

To access the Bible [click here](#).

National Catholic Network on Mental Illness - Sign Up Now



In September, 2009, the NCPD Council on Mental Illness launched the National Catholic Network on Mental Illness (Network) to facilitate communication and sharing of resources and ideas from people interested in this ministry from throughout the US and the world. A free monthly electronic newsletter, *MI NETWORK NEWS*, is provided to Network members. [Click here](#) to sign up for the Network--membership is free. To view previous issues click on the logo.

Calendar of Events

Saturday June 5, 9 am - 4 pm

Special Needs Catechesis Training

Archdiocese of Washington's Department of Special Needs Ministries

"From Materials to Method" Keynote by Nancy Huber, Archdiocese of Chicago

Training for diocesan directors, DRE's, catechists & family members, with an emphasis on the use of Religious IEPs. Sessions on Autism, Deaf Ministry, Hispanic Ministry & Catechesis, Adult Faith Formation and SPRED. This event will be ASL interpreted and the site is wheelchair accessible. Registration and information is at www.adw.org (click on banner on left). For more information, contact Mary O'Meara, Executive Director, Department of Special Needs Ministries, at 301-459-7464 or at omearam@adw.org.

Participants from regional dioceses and archdioceses are most welcome. For more information, contact Peg Kolm at kolmm@adw.org or at 240-994-0603.

Thursday, June 10, 2010, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern
**NCPD Webinar: Advanced Considerations:
Supporting Youth and Young Adults with Mental Illness**
[Click here](#) for more information and registration link.

Saturday, June 26, 2010
Mental Illness Workshop: "Mental Health Professionals and Communities of Faith Responding to those with Mental Illness"
Cleveland, Ohio
You can contact Kathy Wither's by email at catholic@ameritech.net or leave a phone message at (216) 651-1511.
[Click here](#) for information.

Wednesday, June 30 - Saturday, July 3, 2010
2010 NAMI National Convention
Washington, DC

For schedule and registration information on the annual convention of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, [click here](#).

The NAMI FaithNet Networking Session on Wednesday, June 30th -- 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm may be attended without registering for the entire NAMI Conference.

Wrestling with Our Inner Angels: Faith, Mental Illness and the Journey to Wholeness - Sr. Nancy Clare Kehoe, Ph.D. - Friday, July 2 - 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

Getting Started with NAMI FaithNet Outreach- Friday, July 2, 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm - Craig Rennebohm and Carole Wills.

Sunday, July 25 - Friday, July 30, 2010
Holley Family Village's Catholic Family Week
Brooklyn, Michigan

This program focuses on Catholic families with persons who are deaf who want to deepen their faith as a FAMILY while having a good time at beautiful De Sales Center. To register or see more details go to: <http://holleyfv.org/ASLWeek.aspx>
(Review the Deaf Catholic Youth Week as well while at the website.)

Saturday, July 31, 2010
National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry (NAfIM)
Annual Membership Meeting & Workshop

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Washington Theological Union
Washington DC
Topic: Catechesis
Call 800-736-1280 or email info@nafim.org for more information.

Friday November 5- Saturday November 6, 2010
20th Annual Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators (NICE) Conference

Miami, Florida
For more information, contact Lilly Rangel-Diaz at lillyrdiaz@bellsouth.net
786-253-3858. [Click here](#) for flyer.

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