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- Allow time for renewal and creativity
- Go on a retreat
- Learn to make a new recipe
- Pray from an easy chair, outside in the sunlight
- Schedule some days for fun and physical activities
- Enjoy a new game
- Plan a secret random act of kindness to perform each week
- Sit under an awning and listen to the rain fall
- Laugh and laugh and laugh
- Walk, bike, swim, hike, boat, picnic often and camp for fun at least once (in the woods or at a nice hotel)



- Read books for enjoyment, spiritual nourishment and rejuvenation
- Paint, write poetry
- Be in contact with life- bringing people
- Treasure the presence and experience of yourself and God each day
- Share that love and depth, gently and quietly with all you meet.

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Thanks for the ADA at Twenty

Editor's note: Anticipating the July 26th twentieth anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act, Nancy O'Brien from the Catholic News Service (CNS) came to NCPD to film and interview Jan Benton and Peg Kolm of our staff. We will post a link to those interviews as soon as we get one. As an "out-of-towner" I was asked to write a short reflection on what it has meant to my son with disabilities and to me as a person still adjusting to having received two new knees, to have that law in place.

"The ability to go where we want or need to go is one of the major reasons that Larry and I are thankful for the ADA. Handicapped parking spots, accessible seating in movies, accessibility considerations on a train, at Church or in the airport make our lives so much more "normalized" and fulfilling. But it is more than about gaining access to buildings, it is about gaining access to faith and life. The *1978 Pastoral of U.S. Bishops on People with Disabilities* and the Catholic Church response to the secular mandate of the ADA have joined to open doors of not only Church facilities to us, but to its ministries, parish life, and Sacraments. Larry and I do not take for granted our ability to participate, and stop today to thank all those who have made this possible."

Follow [this link](#) to our May, 2010 E-News for information and resources to celebrate the ADA's 20th Anniversary. Keep the spirit of the ADA and the Bishops' Pastoral alive in your dioceses and parishes. Keep in touch with our website, www.ncpd.org, and your diocesan disability ministry website for new resources and information as they come out. You will find more ideas for how you can celebrate the ADA by going to the following links: [Prayer at signing](#);

www.aapd.com/ADAanniversary; for a listing of ADA Events around the country, go to www.aapd.com/ADAevents; for a listing of resources to use in organizing ADA Events or for informing people about the ADA Anniversary: www.aapd.com/ADAresources.



USCCB Releases statement on the exclusion of abortion from federal insurance program

WASHINGTON— Following public criticisms of new federally-funded health insurance plans that would have covered elective abortions in Pennsylvania and New Mexico, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a statement that the agency will act to exclude abortion from this program. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. Catholic bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, welcomed the statement as averting an "alarming precedent" and called for permanent law to exclude abortion from all programs under the new Patient



[Friday November 5-
Saturday November 6, 2010
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Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

“We welcome this new policy,” the Cardinal said, “while continuing to be gravely concerned that it was not issued until after some states had announced that pro-abortion health plans were approved and had begun to enroll patients.”

For full statement [click here](#).

[*Editors note: NCPD is grateful to Daniel Cardinal DiNardo for his continued defense of life and his service as the Episcopal Moderator of the NCPD Board of Directors.*]

NCPD News and Notes

Upcoming Webinar

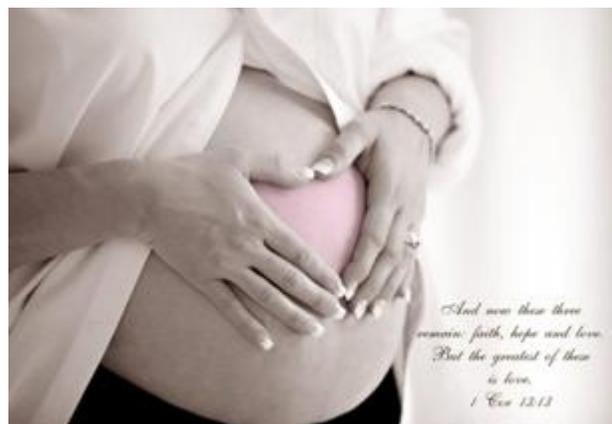
October 5 NCPD Webinar *Threats to the Lives of People with Disabilities, Part I: Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal or Non-lethal Conditions and Disabilities*

1:00-2:30 p.m. Eastern 2:00-3:30 p.m. Central

3:00-4:30 p.m. Mountain 4:00-5:30 p.m. Pacific

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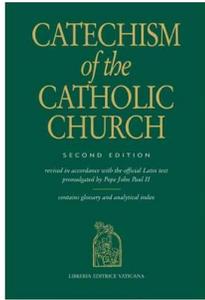
- * Examination of medical issues
- * Catholic Church teaching
- * Guidance for supporting families
- * Tools for pastoral & medical personnel
- * Live Q & A
- * Real-time captioning



[For more information click here.](#)

[Click here for flyer.](#)

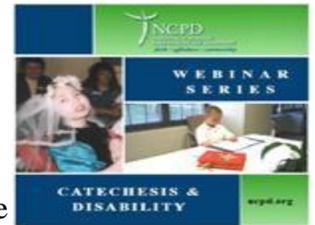
NCPD Webinars Soon Available on DVD with Bonus Resource CDs Plan in-services this fall on a range of topics such as: catechetical ministry with children and youth with disabilities; suicide as it impacts parish adults, youth and young adults and their families; serving children and youth with disabilities in Catholic elementary and high schools; access for people with disabilities to Church buildings, Sacraments, ministries and parish life; or pastoral and family supports for those with mental illnesses. You will find the resources you need to do that on the NCPD website at www.ncpd.org through archived webinars, or soon to be available DVDs with bonus Resource CDs on all of those topics for purchase in the Resource section.



These multimedia sets are being grouped by similar topics with two webinars provided in each set, which also includes all of the webinar resources for that set's topic on a bonus CD at no extra charge. *We expected to have these ready to send but found problems on the DVD masters, in our review of them prior to mass production. Those fixes are in the process of being made and new masters will soon be made for us. Watch our website and your email for an update, when the sets are available.* You can also make use of our free replay links for webinars less than 1 year old, and will find the website resources intact at www.ncpd.org/webinars. These webinars, their topics and resources are meant to be used by parishes and dioceses for inservice and we welcome you to take advantage of this user friendly,

economical inservice resource. Also check out the dozens of resources and links provided on our website at www.ncpd.org to support your inservice and resource needs. Think of the NCPD website as a *Disability Ministry Toolkit* which has been created specifically for your needs which will continue to be updated as we expand topics and locate or develop new resources.

New NCPD Website Category: Job Openings Speaking of developing new resources on our website, beginning today you will have access to job openings for *positions related to disability* in Catholic dioceses, parishes, schools or Catholic sponsored organizations. ***Click here for information on how you can put a listing on the NCPD website.*** Our first example is for a part-time position in Washington, DC at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Actually their application deadline is today, July 16, but for someone seeing this from the NCPD listing, they provided a special number to call to make arrangements so an applicant can have extra time to send a resume and cover letter. We are also providing this link as a terrific example of a job description ([click here.](#))



List of Catechetical Texts and Series in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Curriculum materials linked below in the [Resources](#) section contain textbook series that have been found to be in conformity with the CCC. Many of them suggest adaptations for use with students with disabilities. You can contact publishers with questions and get preview copies of materials to see if they will meet the needs of your student(s) with disability. Curriculum materials that have been developed specifically for use with students with disabilities at this time are not found in this list. If you are looking for disability specific materials (such as the Kennedy Curriculum) make sure that these materials are catechetically and doctrinally sound. Most dioceses are now requiring that any materials used for religious education in their parishes and schools, including those for students with disabilities, bear an imprimatur which verifies that they are doctrinally sound. Be aware of that need as you select materials for use in the area of disability ministry. It is not enough that they be only developmentally, academically, age appropriate and disability relevant curriculum materials, but also must call for them to be catechetically and doctrinally sound.



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

Diocese of Harrisburg, Ginny Duncan Two new disability ministry initiatives have been introduced in the Diocese and Ginny is sharing information about them that you might find helpful as you consider similar ideas for a prayer ministry or for addressing needs of those with autism.



John Paul II Prayer Community – The Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, Diocese of Harrisburg has invited parishes to join the John Paul II Prayer Community, a prayer ministry for persons in the diocese who, because of illness, age or disability, are rarely able to leave their home. It seeks to unite these parishioners into one confraternity to offer prayers, joys and sufferings to God for the specific intentions and needs of the Church.

The ministry was the idea of Ms. Patricia Gufler. As a person with an acquired physical disability, Ms. Gufler was meeting a number of Catholics who desired to be of service to the Church. They were ill, aging or had disabilities which made regular Mass attendance and parish involvement increasingly difficult.

Pastors were sent a letter inviting them to participate in the ministry. Enrollment forms are then sent to parishes and distributed to persons who are at home, in nursing homes or other residential settings. If the parishioner enrolls, they are sent a personalized enrollment/prayer card and are sent special intentions four times each year.

The hope is that through this ministry, these members of the Body Of Christ will realize their importance to the Church and its mission.

[Editor's note: anyone interested in pursuing this ministry may also be interested in CUSA. Visit www.cusan.org for more information.]

Addressing the Need of Children with Autism in the Church: A series of workshops for families of children with autism spectrum disorder have been established in the Diocese of Harrisburg. The first session was called a "Listening Session," where members of the diocesan staff listened to the needs and concerns of these families as they attempt to participate in the sacraments and the life of their parish. Responding to the expressed needs of those in attendance, the second session, held on July 14, focused on celebration and reception of the Sacraments. Fr. Neil Sullivan, Director of the Office of Worship, was the speaker. The third session, scheduled for the Fall, will address religious education of children with autism in parishes.



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National Catholic Bioethics Center President, Dr. John M. Haas

honored by the Pope on June 22, 2010. John M. Haas, Ph.D., S.T.L., K.M., President of The National Catholic Bioethics Center, has been appointed by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI to serve as a member of the Governing Council of the Pontifical Academy for Life for a period of five years. Dr. Haas was appointed as an Ordinary Member of the Academy by the Holy Father in 2006... Dr. Haas has said of the appointment, "I am deeply honored and humbled with this appointment from the Holy Father and pray that I, with my colleagues at The National Catholic Bioethics Center, may make some real and lasting contributions to the building up of a Culture of Life worldwide." [Click here for the rest of the article.](#)

Archdiocese of Washington, Peg Kolm The Archdiocesan Departments of Life Issues and Special Needs Ministries have joined to provide pastoral support for parents of unborn children receiving a prenatal diagnosis of a disability or fatal condition. This new project, the *Affirming Life Initiative*, is multi-level. It begins with a meeting of ministry leaders in August to form them for this delicate area of ministry and to give more information on how their local ministry can offer a similar training and concrete assistance to families and their children who survive past birth. The Archdiocese is partnering with NCPD in the Oct. 5 webinar, *Threats to the Lives of People with Disabilities, Part I: Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal and Non-lethal Conditions or Disability*, and will have people in attendance as part of the live audience at the Catholic University of America in D.C., as well as host sites for group attendance all over the region, to process what parishes can do to implement a Pastoral Care Plan to support these families prenatally and after the child is born, as well as how they can minister to families who opted not to carry their child with a disability to term. [Click here](#) to see a letter that explains the project more fully.

National Catholic Charities Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, will be celebrated in parishes and dioceses across the United States in recognition of Catholic Charities U.S.A. 100th anniversary on Sept. 25. [Click here](#) for the rest of the article. Catholic Charities USA has developed materials to help parishes celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Catholic Charities by reflecting on the Gospel and the witness of Catholic Charities, raising their voice to advocate for life and dignity for all, and responding to need and injustice in their communities. These materials are available in English and Spanish at: www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/ccsunday.



USCCB News and Notes

USCCB Committee on Doctrine issues a clarification on “*The Distinction Between Direct Abortion and Legitimate Medical Procedures*”. Click on this link to read the June 23, 2010 statement.

<http://www.usccb.org/doctrine/direct-abortion-statement2010-06-23.pdf>

USCCB Issues *Social Media Guidelines*

Click the link below to download and review the Social Media Guidelines that were recently released by the USCCB Communications Office. “These guidelines are offered as a synthesis of best practices. They include material compiled from church entities, for-profit corporations, and non-profit organizations.”

The announcement recommends that you “Consider posting these and similar policies and notices on your organization’s social networks.”

<http://www.usccb.org/comm/social-media-guidelines.shtml>.



Inclusion Tip

Tip Sheets for this Summer Edition of the E-News include “[School to Work Transition](#)” and “[Feeling Comfortable with People with Disabilities](#).” Marsha’s work is a tremendous support as we continue to apply the spirit of the 1978 *Pastoral of the US Bishops on People with Disabilities* and the Americans with Disability Act, which is nearing its 20th anniversary. Thank you Marsha!

For a complete listing of Inclusion Tips, [click here](#).



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.

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The Jefferson
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Middleton, WI 53562

Work: 608-836-3670
Cell: 608-446-0434
Email: trinity.3337@tds.net

Meeting of the U.S. Access Board: July 29



The Access Board will hold an information meeting on medical diagnostic equipment July 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET in its new conference space at 1331 F Street, N.W., suite 800, in downtown Washington, D.C. The *Meeting on Standards for Medical Diagnostic Equipment* is open to the public. The Board will conduct this information meeting on new accessibility standards to be developed for medical diagnostic equipment. The event will allow interested parties and members of the public to provide input on the approach to this rulemaking. See the [full story](#) for contact and other information. "Access to Medical Care for Individuals with Mobility Disabilities," outlines requirements and best practices for achieving access and covers exam rooms, including entry and circulation, exam tables and chairs, radiologic and mammography equipment, scales, available lift devices, transfer techniques, staff training, and common questions. The document is available on the Department of Justice's ADA website at www.ada.gov.



House Committee Holds Hearing on Child Nutrition Reauthorization

On July 1, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor held a hearing to consider the pending reauthorization of child nutrition programs in, "The Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act" (H.R. 5504)...Click here for the full article include a live link to the article found in the July-Aug. file... Catholic Charities USA continues to work in collaboration with USCCB, Catholic and other Coalition partners for a strong reauthorization with improvements that will allow more children to access programs both during the school year and when school is out of session. Please look for updates of Child Nutrition Reauthorization in future editions of Washington Weekly. For more information, please contact Lucreda Cobbs, Sr. Director of Advocacy and Civic Engagement at lcobbs@catholiccharitiesusa.org.

Resources

USCCB Subcommittee on the Catechism: Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series

As of July 7, 2010 the texts and series at this link have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. <http://www.usccb.org/catechism/document/Currentlist.pdf>

U.S. Department of Justice ADA Website This website contains a plethora of features that you will find valuable. Many times those whom you serve will be in need of the kinds of information provided on the site and it would be a great benefit to them, if you can make yourself aware of what they can expect to find at www.ada.gov. It is a terrific way to help you recall & commemorate the July 26, 20th Anniversary of the ADA.

[What's New to ADA.gov](#) (Updated July 14, 2010)

A Blessing for the Presidential Signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act

The Reverend Harold H. Wilke

July 26, 1990
South Lawn, The White House

“Let my people go!” was your decree, Oh God, commanding that all your children be freed from the bonds of slavery.

Today we celebrate the breaking of the chains which have held back millions of Americans with disabilities.

Today we celebrate the granting to them of full citizenship and access to the Promised Land of work, service and community.

Bless this gathering ... this joyous celebration.

Bless our President as he signs the Americans with Disabilities Act and strengthen our resolve as we take up the task, knowing that our work has just begun.

Bless the American people and move them to discard those old beliefs and attitudes that limit and diminish those among us with disabilities.

Our prayer is in your name, oh God, whom we call by many names: the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Allah, the Compassionate and Merciful One; the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and of Rebecca and Sarah and Ruth: the Ground of all Being, the Infinite Source of Love and Light.

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

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.

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

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Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal or Non-lethal Conditions & Disability

1:00-2:30 p.m. ET

Live site at Catholic U, Washington DC

Check back to www.ncpd.org for more details

Click here for a flyer. (insert live link)

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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