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Mental Illness Awareness Week is October 3-9

The *National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Awareness Recovery and Understanding* is Tuesday, October 5, and the National Depression Screening Day is October 7. Helpful resources for these days:

- NCPD-Council on Mental Illness and Mental Illness page - [click here](#).
- Check out the September issue of MI Network News for a candlelight prayer vigil – [click here](#)
- Mental Health Ministries – www.mentalhealthministries.net
- Mental Illness Ministries – www.miministry.org
- NAMI-Faithnet – www.nami.org

It is never too late to include a prayer for the needs of individuals with mental illness in your parish prayers of the faithful, or a brief bulletin notice.

Respect Life Month

The theme of the 2010 Respect Life Month, which begins today, October 1, is “The Measure of Love Is to Love Without Measure.” Parishes and dioceses throughout the U.S. will be observing this month through prayer services, vigils, and presentations. Many dioceses take a Sunday in this month to recognize in special ways how they access the gifts of people with disabilities and benefit from their participation in parish life. Some will participate in the NCPD October 5 webinar on prenatal diagnosis of disability or lethal conditions. In the Sept. 27 Statement for Respect Life Month, [click here](#), Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, NCPD Episcopal Moderator and Chairman of the USCCB Committee of Pro-Life Activities reminds us that, “Becoming a voice for the child in the womb, and for the embryonic human being at risk of becoming a mere object of research, and for the neglected sick and elderly is one of many ways we can teach our fellow citizens that ‘The Measure of Love is to Love Without Measure.’ While critics want to portray the Church’s witness as a narrow and negative ideology, it is just the opposite: A positive vision of the dignity of each and every human being without exception, each loved equally by God and

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so equally deserving of our love and our nation's respect." Cardinal DiNardo also announced the recent request by Pope Benedict XVI that throughout the world all parishes and religious communities observe a "Vigil for All Nascent Human Life" on the evening of Saturday, November 27, 2010. He noted that the U.S. bishops' offices for pro-life activities and for divine worship will be working together to provide worship aids to assist pastors in planning these vigil services.

In Memorium

You may already have heard, but the Disabilities Community has lost one of its shining lights. Nancy Huber, who worked for many years with Father Joe Mulcrone in Chicago serving the Deaf Community, has passed away. [Click here](#) for her obituary.



Nancy was a religious educator for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing children for over 40 years, and came to Washington, DC recently to keynote at a conference on disability ministry held by the Department of Special Needs Ministry, Archdiocese of Washington.

She was a founding board member of the National Catholic Office of the Deaf and a member of the International Catholic Deaf Association. Nancy received numerous awards locally and nationally for her work in special education and the religious formation of children. She was a founder of the Individualized Religious Education Plan concept for children with disabilities, a tool that has advanced the inclusion of many children in their parish catechetical programs across the country. Nancy Huber will be sorely missed. May she rest in peace.



We also remember in prayer Mr. J. Thomas Mullen, President and CEO and Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Charities Health and Human Services in the Diocese of Cleveland, who died unexpectedly on Saturday, September 25. Mr. Mullen was a long time friend and supporter of disability ministry and services in the Diocese, supporting the efforts of Fr. Joe McNulty and Dennis McNulty. Mr. Mullen's faith and commitment to Gospel values and the Church's social teaching guided his efforts on behalf of all those in need within the Diocese of

Cleveland. We pray for God's comfort for Mr. Mullen's family and friends, and all those who worked with him.

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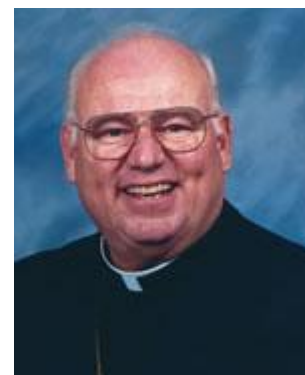
October 5th Webinar on Prenatal Diagnosis

There is still time to register for NCPD's October 5 webinar on *Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal or Non-lethal Conditions & Disability*. This national online seminar ("webinar") will present sound Church teaching on this important but sometimes overlooked subject, and will be broadcast before a live audience at The Catholic University of America (CUA). The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, CUA, the National Council of Catholic Women and the National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry are partnering with NCPD to present this webinar, demonstrating the broad range of interest in this important ministry area. The webinar will be viewed in live group events in dioceses throughout the United States, as well as in Catholic hospitals, seminaries, and Catholic universities, including the Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame. **Register today if you haven't already done so: www.ncpd.org/webinars.**



NCPD Joins in Celebration of CCUSA's 100th Anniversary

On Saturday, September 25, Francis Cardinal George, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and former NCPD Episcopal Moderator, was principal celebrant at a historic liturgy commemorating 100 years of dedicated service to people in need provided by Catholic Charities USA. In his homily, Cardinal George recognized the staff of Catholic Charities agencies throughout the United States for serving those in need in the manner and name of Jesus. He noted that "the greatest poverty is not knowing Jesus." Long-time NCPD Board member Bishop Michael Driscoll, concelebrated the liturgy, which was also attended by NCPD staff members Dr. Nancy Thompson and Janice Benton. Bishop Driscoll, himself a social worker, serves as CCUSA's Episcopal Liaison.



NCPD on the Go in the Last Quarter of 2010

- NCPD executive director, Janice Benton, will travel to Richmond on October 9 to participate in the *Affirming Life: Making A Difference* conference.
- NCPD staff and diocesan directors from Mid-Atlantic and Midwest dioceses will participate in the first annual White Mass on Sunday, October 24, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington.
- October 24-26, NCPD staff look forward to welcoming presenters and participant evaluators for the Ministry Foundations workshop pilot. As described in last month's E-NEWS, following the pilot, necessary adjustments will be made, and this training will be piloted with two additional groups before being offered more broadly in 2011.
- NCPD's Governance Board of Directors will attend their annual meeting in Washington, DC from November 11-12. Elections for a Chair-Elect and new board members will be held at the meeting.
- Friends of NCPD will be welcomed at a Mass of Appreciation celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and concelebrated by Bishop Michael Driscoll, followed by a reception in Washington, DC on November 11.
- NCPD staff will observe the U.S. Bishops' annual meeting in Baltimore, MD from November 15-

18. NCPD will join the National Catholic Office for the Deaf in hosting a breakfast for bishops on Tuesday, November 16, the 32nd anniversary of the approval of the *Pastoral Statement on People with Disabilities*. Janice Benton will also attend the meeting of the Bishops' National Task Force on Health Care.

- NCPD staff will join diocesan disability directors from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region from November 18-19 in Allentown, PA. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to network and share resources and ministry strategies.

Building up the Body of Christ: NCPD is responding to the needs of Catholics with disabilities with fresh resources and new projects...from this month's prenatal diagnosis training; to helping support faith formation projects for students with autism; to translating materials into Spanish and our 2011 veterans outreach. NCPD is there, building up the Body of Christ.

Did you know...that NCPD is a donor-only organization? We're only as strong as our community of support...*does that include you?* [Click here](#) for information on how to make an online donation.

How we grow: NCPD receives funds via Affiliate Memberships from (arch) dioceses, and from foundations, grants and from **individuals like you.**

Donate
to NCPD

Friends of NCPD Campaign

Earlier this year, we began a campaign to develop a new community of support, the *Friends of NCPD*. Each *Friend* pledges to give \$1000 annually. For more information about the *Friends of NCPD*, [click here](#).

Friends x 2 Matching Grant: This fall, NCPD received a matching grant from the **Catholic Disability Foundation**. The Foundation will match dollar for dollar any new *Friends* signing up between now and the end of the year. That means any *Friend* pledge of \$1000 annually will bring in \$2000 of support to NCPD.

All *Friends of NCPD* are invited to attend an evening Friends Appreciation Mass and Reception on November 11, at Theological College in Washington, DC. The Mass will be celebrated by **Daniel Cardinal DiNardo**, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and Episcopal Moderator of NCPD. Members of NCPD's Board of Directors will be with us also.

Don't turn away...from the community that needs you most. Help NCPD create access to faith for Catholics who have disabilities and their families.



Diocesan Director/ Organizational News and Notes

This season is always a busy time for those in ministry. Our diocesan disability directors in Philadelphia and Cleveland have shared with us their fall offerings, which we outline below to give you a sense of the breadth of the services offered by our directors in dioceses throughout the United States. We commend them and their staffs for all of their dedication and hard work on behalf of Catholics children and adults with disabilities and their families.

Diocese of Cleveland, Fr. Joe McNulty, Director, Office of Disability Ministry and

Dennis McNulty, Director, Catholic Charities Disability Services

- As part of Respect Life Month, and at the request of Bishop Richard Lennon, the Catholic Charities Offices of Disability Services & Ministries will sponsor a group viewing of the NCPD October 5 webinar, in collaboration with the Diocesan Pro-Life Office and St. Augustine Health Campus.
- 26th Annual Journey to Bethlehem mass and Christmas celebration for people with developmental disabilities and their families and friends. December 4.
- The Medical Center of the St. Vincent Charity Deaf Access Program provides quality care to the deaf community delivered by well trained, culturally competent staff. The program was developed as a collaborative between the St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, St. Augustine Parish, the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Community, Catholic Charities Offices of Disability Services and Ministries and Catholic Community Connection, and is funded through generous grants from the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation and a recent grant by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP), in its 21st year, meets the continuing educational needs of adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities ages 21 and over. Students have the opportunity to learn new things and meet new friends!
- Outreach Ministry Weekend Retreats offer a weekend retreat experience to adults with cognitive disabilities.
- Camp Happiness provides summer fun and field trips at three sites.
- The Flying Fingers program is available for those wishing to learn sign language or improve their skills.

The above is a brief sampling of the programs available through these offices. To learn more about all of their offerings, visit <http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability/index.html>.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Sr. Kathleen Schipani, Administrator, Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities (PCPD) and the Deaf Apostolate and Janell Lavender, PCPD Coordinator and member, NCPD Council on Mental Illness

- October 9, *Mental Illness: Welcomed and Valued/ The Role of the Faith Community*, workshop for parish contacts and directors of religious education (see details in Coming Events below)
- October 9, *Retreat for the Deaf community led by Fr. Shawn Carey, Our Relationship with God, St. Katharine Drexel Shrine, Bensalem, PA*
- October 12-14, *Christian Retreat for Adults with Disabilities*, Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA
- November 11, *Priest Ongoing Formation Workshop—Persons with Disabilities in the Life of the Church: The Unique and Powerful Role of the Priest*, Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA

In addition to planning these important events, the PCPD Department and the Deaf Apostolate have recently revised their websites. Visit them at: <http://archphila.org/evangelization/resplife/pcpd/pcpd.htm> and <http://archphila.org/evangelization/resplife/deafapos/deafapos.htm>.

The PCPD Department has trained volunteer parish contacts in parishes throughout the Archdiocese, and

offers ongoing training twice yearly. The October 9 workshop is one such training. Following is a link to a recently published article about the achievements of one of their parish advocates: <http://cst-phl.com/everybody-is-gods-child-p1979-1.htm>.

For details on any of these events, contact Sr. Kathleen at 215/587-3913 (v/tty) or srschipa@adphila.org.

Pathways Awareness, Archdiocese of Chicago, Joanne Meyer

Inclusion Awareness Days at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago are part of *Open Hearts, Open Minds*, a partnership between Pathways Awareness and the Archdiocese of Chicago. The goal is to increase access and inclusion to worship, ministries and social functions for parishioners of all abilities. Throughout the month of October, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will be observing Inclusion Awareness Days at the request of Francis Cardinal George, "I invite each one of you, as individuals and as members of your parish community, to reflect today on the ways in which you can make people of differing abilities feel welcomed and appreciated. Providing everyone with opportunities to participate in worship and in service is a demonstration of our own open hearts and reminds us all about how much we can grow and learn when everyone is included in parish life." The Inclusion Awareness Day Workbook for Roman Catholic faith communities at www.InclusionInWorship.org is provided to encourage parish participation. This year the workbook includes information about Mary Virginia Merrick, founder of the Christ Child Society. For more information call 1-800-955-2445, email friends@pathwaysawareness.org or visit www.InclusionInWorship.org.

Atonement Mass for Sins Against Life

A Mass of Atonement will be celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica in reparation for all sins against life, as part of a congress celebrating the 15th anniversary of *Evangelium Vitae*. The 5th World Prayer Congress for Life will take place Oct. 5-10 in Rome, with the Mass of Atonement celebrated on October 8, by Cardinal Angelo Comastri, archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica. The congress is being organized by: Human Life International, the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, the World Prayer for Life Initiative, the World Apostolate of Fatima, the European Doctors Action and the World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations (FIAMC), in response to this call from John Paul II in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, "Filled with this certainty, and moved by profound concern for the destiny of every man and woman ... a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world" (100). For the complete conference program and other information, please see: www.pro-life-congress.com or www.hli.at/rom_neu_2010/english/engl_frameset.htm. Join with participants in prayer.

NICE Conference

The 20th Annual Network of Inclusive Catholic Education (NICE) Conference will be held in Miami at the Hotel Sofitel on November 5-6, 2010. Look over the program offerings ([click here](#) for flyer) and register by [clicking here](#)! Space is limited!

Stauros USA Board of Directors Announce Decision

to Adopt Inactive Status

(Chicago) The Stauros USA Board of Directors and corporate members announce that, due to financial pressures, the Stauros U.S.A. Center for Compassion and Healing has adopted an inactive status for the indefinite future, effective September 30, 2010. A decrease in both funding and benefactor support in the current economic climate were cited as reasons for the decision. For the present time, the Stauros USA web site: <http://www.stauros.org> will be maintained, providing access to archived journal articles and other resources, and carrying the announcement of the inactivation of the ministry at this time.

CUSA, An Apostolate for People with Chronic Illness or with Disabilities

NCPD encourages those who are living with long term illness or disability who would like to have connection and spiritual nourishment through interaction with others through the mail or email to contact CUSA, another longstanding spiritual support ministry. For more information, visit <http://www.cusan.org/> or contact CUSA Administrator, Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld, OFM, at LFJagdfeld@aol.com.

Government/Legislative News and Notes

Statement of Solidarity Around Employment of People with Disabilities

This past July 26, America celebrated the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a critical milestone in our country's effort to live up to its pledge of liberty and justice for all. The Interfaith Disability Advocacy Coalition (IDAC), of which NCPD is a member of the founding Steering Committee, is seeking to use this important anniversary to focus attention on an issue that is of critical importance to all Americans - **employment**. IDAC has drafted a *Statement of Solidarity Around Employment of People with Disabilities*, and is seeking parishes, seminaries and religious organizations to sign on to the Statement. Individuals are asked to encourage their parish to sign on. Visit www.aapd.com/IDAC/StatementofSolidarity to read the statement and download the Sign On Form.

Proposed Rule on Mental Disorders.

Thanks to the National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry (NAFIM) for alerting us to this opportunity to provide comments on a proposed federal rule: On August 19, 2010, the edition of the Federal Register announced proposed rulemaking for 20 CFR Parts 404 and 416 regarding the medical criteria on listings for mental disorders. The notice can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-20247.pdf>. Comments must be received by November 17, 2010. Information about comments will be found at the beginning of the above issue of the Federal Register. The new definitions for ID/MR reflect current AAIDD definitions.

Resources

New NOD/Harris Survey

NCPD receives many requests for demographic information on disabilities. For many years, the National Organization on Disability (NOD) has partnered with Harris Interactive to provide valuable statistical information. Most recently NOD partnered with the Kessler Foundation to commission Harris Interactive to conduct the *2010 Survey of Americans with Disabilities*. See <http://www.2010disabilitysurveys.org/> to learn more about the survey, and visit <http://www.2010disabilitysurveys.org/pdfs/surveyresults.pdf> for the survey results.

New Roman Missal

Visit www.usccb.org/romanmissal to download the new language for the priest and laity with the new Roman Missal. Help our students with disability become used to the new responses. The Revised Roman Missal website provided by Liturgy Training Publications is also a helpful resource in our preparations for the November 27, 2011 (First Sunday of Advent) implementation date: <http://revisedromanmissal.org/>.

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies—Available Free!

Free Online Reproducible Activities for Fall:

- We Thank God: A match and color activity for preschoolers
- Make a Halloween Chain: A cut and paste project for Grades K-1
- We Remember St. Francis on October 4: A fill-in-the-blanks word game for Grades 2-3
- Gospel People Crossword: Finding the answers using Bible-search clues for Grades 4-6
- Call It by the Right Name: Learn the names of areas in a church with this activity for Grades 7-8

They're all available on the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Family Pages. [Click here](#) to register if you haven't already. New pages will be posted on November 1, with resources for Advent. It's free!

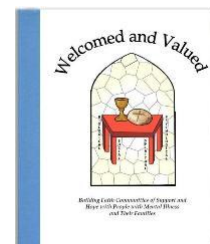
Large print Sacramentary and lectionary.

Through an agreement with the USCCB, the National Catholic Partnership on Disability is able to offer large print Sacramentaries and Lectionaries to priests and deacons with visual impairment. These large print materials are available in three sizes: font size 24, 34 and 44. [Click here](#) for more information.



Mental Illness Resources

[Welcomed and Valued](#) The DVD features in depth looks at people with mental illness and how they participate in parish life. (27 minute open captioned DVD).



Accompanying Resource Manual features 90+ pages of information, perspectives and tools to assist in the ministry with people with mental illness.

National Catholic Network on Mental Illness - Sign Up Now

MI Network News
The Monthly Newsletter of the National Catholic Network on Mental Illness

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

Tuesday, October 5, 2010; 1:00 - 2:30 pm EDT

**NCPD Webinar on Threats to the Lives of People with Disabilities, Part I:
Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal or Non-lethal Conditions & Disability**

Live site at Catholic University of America, Washington DC

Visit www.ncpd.org/webinars for more details. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

Tuesday, October 5, 2010; 2:45 pm to 5 pm

Affirming Life Symposium

Archdiocese of Washington

The Catholic University of America, Pryzbyla Student Center

This training will help clergy, medical professionals and pastoral care staff help pregnant mothers carry to term following an unexpected prenatal diagnosis of a disability. Emphasis will be providing information and resources, as well as offering spiritual support to those families who may have not had the benefit of these resources. For more information, contact Peg Kolm, Department of Special Needs Ministries, at 301-853-4560 or at mkolm@adw.org. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

Saturday, October 9, 2010

Parish Contact/DRE Workshop

Topic: Mental Illness: Welcomed and Valued/The Role of the Faith Community

Maternity B.V.M. Parish Hall

9322 Old Bustleton Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19115-4686

(parking on premises)

For Additional Information:

Phone: 215-587-3530 (voice), 215-587-3913(tty/vp),

Email: jlavende@adphila.org

[Flyer Link](#)

October 9, 2010 - 9:45 am – 3:30 pm

Affirming Life: Making A Difference!

Pastoral Center 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond, VA 23294

(Registration begins at 9 am)

Opening 9:45 –Keynote 10 am

Purpose of the Workshop will be to educate on the dignity of the human person and the value of each and every person, disabled or non-disabled and then to focus on the programs/ministries that our diocesan churches have started that affirm life and make a difference for individuals with disabilities and their families.

Contact: Nita Grignol, 804-622-5260 or ngrignol@richmonddiocese.org

[Click here](#) for the flyer



Saturday, October 9, 2010

Deaf Adult Retreat

Saint Katherine Drexel Shrine

1662 Bristol Pike

Bensalem, PA 19020

For directions: www.katharinedrexel.org

[Click here](#) for flyer.

Sr. Kathleen Schipani

215-587-3913 v/tty;267-507-1215 vp, or email srschipa@adphila.org

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Challenge

20 Mile Cyle, 5K Run 3K Walk

Washington Monument, Begins at 7 a.m.

Come celebrate the life and legacy of Archdiocese of Washington parishioner, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of Special Olympics. Her vision became a beacon for many, to show the world that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can achieve and thrive in society. This inaugural event will demonstrate the importance of sports, acceptance, friendship and inclusion. To register, go to www.ekschallenge.org.

Sunday, October 24, 2010; 11:30 am

White Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Special Needs

Archdiocese of Washington

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

Principle celebrant: Archbishop Donald Wuerl

For more information, contact: Peg Kolm, Department of Special Needs Ministries, 301-853-4560 or mkolm@adw.org.

Thursday, October 28, 2010

Awareness Workshop on Mental Illness Support and Acceptance in Parish Communities

Registration: \$50 per person; \$40 per person 3 or more from the same parish

Contact Tanya Stager, Archdiocese of Cincinnati for more information

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Church

6245 Wilmington Pike

Centerville OH 45459

Friday & Saturday, November 5 and 6, 2010

20th Annual Conference and Benefit Dinner

Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators (NICE)

Hotel Sofitel, Miami, FL

Register by [clicking here!](#)

[Click here](#) for flyer.

Contact: Lilly Rangel-Diaz at 786 753-3858 or ireachfl@gmail.com

November 10-13, 2010

Rejoice & Renew

Annual Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women

Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC

NCPD Board member Karen Murray and Executive Director, Janice Benton will present a plenary session on Saturday, November 13.

Registration: [Click here](#).

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