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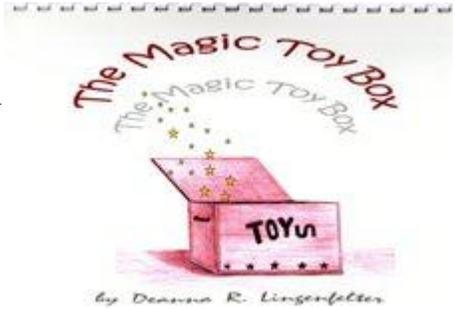
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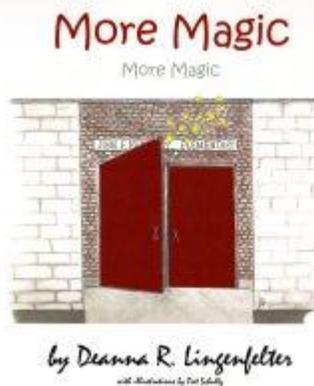
**Three Books not to Miss:
*God Set Me Free, The Magic Toy Box, More
Magic.***

Deanna Rose Lingenfelter—Author

Deanna was born with cerebral palsy at a time when diagnosis and services were often not available. Working with a tutor in her home from grades 2 through 8 she was able to progress beyond what anyone predicted early on. She has authored three books: an autobiography and two children's books.



The first, *The Magic Toy Box*, features disabled stuffed toy animals in a toy store that come to life and share about themselves with two children who come to the store.



disability one way or another.

More Magic is about children with disabilities in an elementary school. Her stories and perspective are an important voice which we do not hear often enough. As Deanna noted in a piece I will share with you, "God has given me a voice to talk to children about disabilities. I talk about other disabled people who have special needs. I stress we are all God's children whether we are disabled or not. We ALL have a

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If God didn't give us a challenge we wouldn't know what to appreciate. I know that when I do arrive in Heaven, I will be walking to my family, I won't be in any more pain and I will have a new body! You will discover all of this in my autobiography...you will just have to read it."

We recommend you do just that. [Click here](#) for Deanna's testimony of faith and for information about how to order her books.

God Set Me Free



Each part of my life had been a challenge from the day I was born with Cerebral Palsy. But God never gives you a challenge you cannot handle. And He has given me lots of people to help along the way, especially my family and my friends and staff at Opportunity Village. I have learned to handle my disability and gain personal freedom. This is the story of that journey.
Deanna Rose Mary Linpelfelt, 2008

Faith Journey in the Holy Land

Diocesan Director Mary Anne Russo & John Francis, her son, visit the place of Jesus' birth.

Mary Anne shares her wonderful story of a trip that she and her son recently took to the Holy Land. She begins, "My son, John Francis, wanted to see the place where Jesus was born. Since he uses a wheelchair for mobility, and has Down Syndrome, his request presented quite a challenge. How could I transport him to the Holy Land by myself? How would I manage with my weak back and sometimes wobbly vision? [Click here](#) to read the rest of her faith-filled story.



NCPD News and Notes

NCPD's Autism Task Force

The Task Force will meet in Washington DC Nov. 11-13. For the next year it will consider the state of ministry in the Church for children and adults with autism, review catechetical materials and programs that have been developed for use with this population to recommend on our website, and to make recommendations to the NCPD Board of Directors in November 2012, for what is needed next. We are blessed to have the following individuals on the task force: Dr. Jennifer Borek, University of Notre Dame; Katie Coughlin, MS, Oregon Health & Science University; Charlene Katra, Associate Director of Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Continuing Christian Education/Director of Disability Ministry; Kim

Lieb, M.Ed., Director of The School at McGuire Memorial, PA; Dan Mulhall, Director of Catechetical and Professional Development, RCL Benziger; Deacon Larry Sutton, Psychologist, PA Bureau of Autism Services, Board Chair of NAFIM; and Dr. Mary Beth Walsh, Adjunct Professor, MA Program in Pastoral Ministry, parent of a son with autism. Each of these individuals brings a wealth of experience and background to the task at hand. We will keep you informed as the Task Force meets and makes its recommendations to the NCPD Board.

Sacramental Webinar Series

In response to questions that we commonly receive, NCPD will produce its first webinar in a series that examines preparation for each of the Sacraments for children and adults with disabilities. The topic of RCIA will be included. We will begin with Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2011.

Next Year's Webinars

Watch for our schedule of three webinars for 2011. It promises to be an exciting year.

1st Quarter: Reconciliation and Eucharist for Children with Disabilities;

3rd Quarter: Supporting Veterans and their Families in Parishes;

4th Quarter: An as yet to be determined topic on supporting people with mental illnesses and their families in the life of the parish.

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

Sister Kathleen Schipani, IHM, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, PCPD/Deaf Apostolate

Check out the new look of their website!

PCPD - <http://archphila.org/evangelization/resplife/pcpd/pcpd.htm>

Deaf Apostolate - <http://archphila.org/evangelization/resplife/deafapos/deafapos.htm>

Also, review their priest formation workshop flyer for their Nov. 11th event.

Persons with Disabilities in the Life of the Church:

The Unique and Powerful Role of the Priest.

[Click here](#) to see flyer.

Pathways Awareness Foundation

Since 1998, Pathways Foundation has distributed more than \$117,000 through its Open Hearts Awards program, granting funds to houses of worship nationwide that have already taken action to include worshippers of all abilities and who have specific projects to improve accessibility and inclusion. This year sixteen parishes and congregations have been awarded grants. To read about this year's cash grant winners and for information about how you could apply for a grant for your programs, [click here](#).

Victorious Missionaries Winter Retreat:

Our Lives as Sacraments

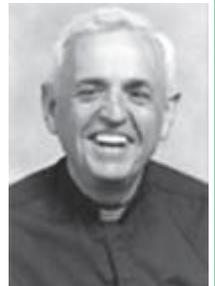
Anything which reveals God is a sacrament.

It all depends on how one looks at life. [Read More>>>](#)

Sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries

February 18-20, 2011

Presenter: Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J.



Marsha Rivas “Tip Sheet”

Coping with the Holidays describes how the seasons of Advent and Christmas, supposedly the most joyful times of the year, may be especially difficult for people dealing with personal loss, grief, loneliness, acute and chronic illnesses, financial hardship, and marital issues like separation or divorce. Depression and anxiety may be intensified by popular culture perceptions about how Christmas *should* feel like. This “Tip Sheet” highlights the special challenges people with mental illnesses can encounter and how they can cope, with links to brochures in both English and Spanish.

Ginny Thornburgh, Director, AAPD Interfaith Initiative

As many of you may know by now, the Alban Institute of Northern Virginia has contracted with the long time religion writer and author Mark I. Pinsky to produce a book based on the stories of faith communities

and people with disabilities, their families, friends and caregivers. [Click here](#) for more information and to contribute your stories.

Government/Legislative News and Notes

Statement of Solidarity Around Employment of People with Disabilities

We encourage members of diocesan offices and parishes to support the employment of people with disabilities by signing on to the statement found at the link below. 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.

Social Security Recipients will not Receive Cost of Living Increase for Second Year in a Row

[Click here](#) for story.

New ADA Standards Now Available

The 2010 ADA Standards recently adopted by the Department of Justice (DOJ) are now available on the Access Board's website ([click here](#).) This edition, like the HTML version posted previously, notes supplementary design requirements included in DOJ's updated ADA regulations.

For more information and guidance on the ADA standards, visit the Board's website at www.access-board.gov/ada/index.htm.

Please see *Disability Connection*
The Quarterly Newsletter of Disability.gov.

Resources

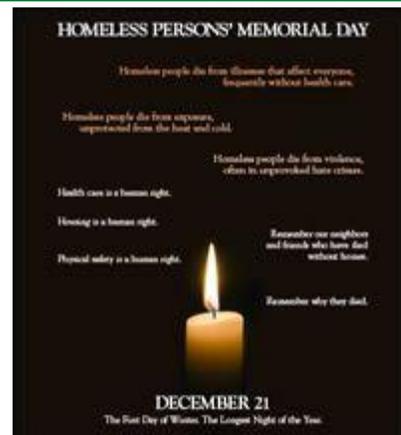
Calling All Musicians with Disabilities 2011 VSA Young Soloists Award is Open for Entries

VSA (previously known as Very Special Arts) is an international nonprofit organization founded more than 35 years ago by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith to create a society where people with disabilities learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts. [Click here](#) for more information and for state contacts.



Homeless Person's Memorial Day on December 21st

It's probably too late for this year but you might put it on your planning calendar for next year. Each year since 1990, on or near the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) has sponsored National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness and to remember our homeless friends who have paid the ultimate price for our nation's failure to end homelessness. This year, the National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC) has joined in co-sponsoring this event.



In an effort to maximize the impact of the day, NCH and the NHCHC have encouraged local and statewide organizations to hold memorials of their own. Last year, over 100 cities across the nation, from Detroit to Seattle to Washington, DC, sponsored events to honor those who had died and to recommit to the task of ending homelessness. For more information on the nationwide efforts, visit the web page sponsored by the National Coalition for the Homeless at: www.nationalhomeless.org and/or the National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC) at www.nhchc.org

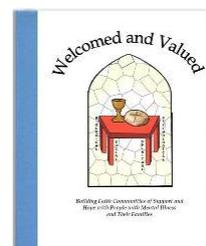
Large print Sacramentary and lectionary.

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, November 9, 2010

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Office of Faith Formation Ministry for Persons with Special Needs

Workshop on Including Children with Special Needs in Faith Formation

St. Bernard Church Peace Room, Levittown, NY

Contact Mary Anne Russo 516.678.5800 ext. 540

Wednesday to Saturday, 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](#).

Thursday, November 11, 2010

Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Offices for Clergy & Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities & the Deaf Apostolate

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

Contact Ann Rafferty 215.587.4532 or Sr. Kathleen Schipani 215.587.3913

Saturday, December 8-11, 2010

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35th Annual Conference

Embracing the Difference...It's Time

Sheraton Denver Hotel, Denver, CO

[Registration Information](#)

Thursday to Sunday, December 9-12, 2010

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans

National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry

Marching with the Saints

Hilton Riverside Hotel, New Orleans, LA

[Registration Information](#)

Thursday to Tuesday, January 6-11, 2011

Center for Ministry Development

Fifth International Fashion Me a People Gathering on Lifelong Faith Formation

Proclaim the Good News

The Hilton Disney Hotel, Orlando, FL

[Registration Information](#)

Friday to Sunday, February 18-20, 2011

Victorious Missionaries Winter Retreat

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Presenter: Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Archdiocese of Washington Department of Special Needs

Third Annual Conference on Faith, Deafness and Disabilities

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Washington, DC

Contact Peg Kolm 301.853.4560

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Annual Archdiocesan Liturgy with Persons with Disabilities,

The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers

Mass for Persons with Disabilities

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA

Contact Sr. Kathleen Schipani 215.587.3913

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