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## Janice Benton to Receive 2012 Harry A. Fagan Roundtable Award

**Director of National Catholic Partnership on Disability honored for her contributions**



WASHINGTON D.C. – The Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors recently announced Janice Benton as the 2012 Harry A. Fagan Roundtable Award recipient. Mrs. Benton will receive the award for her exemplary contributions to the achievement of the Catholic social justice vision through her leadership as Executive

Janice Benton

Director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, an organization that represents more than 14 million Catholics with disabilities across the United States.

The Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors presents the Harry A. Fagan Award annually to a person or persons whose work, in the tradition of Catholic social teaching, has led to significant progress towards greater social justice and dignity for all members of society at the national or international level. For more information click read more and see "Jan Benton-2012 Fagan Award Recipient."

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NB: Jan is so modest that we didn't include this in the last E-News when it was announced, but are slipping it in this edition, while she is off for the marriage of her daughter. Congratulations, Jan. We are so proud of the life-bringing impact your work has made, and will continue to contribute, to ministry in the Church.  
Nancy, Bob, Peg, & Barb

## NCPD News and Notes

### **NCPD Webinars as Catechist Formation, Collaboration, and (New) Evangelization Tools**

Online trainings can support professional development, collaboration, formation and action around a topic. NCPD calls it the "webinar effect"---because ministries and efforts get started or revitalized after staff and volunteers watch the webinar together. For more, read our article " NCPD Webinars as Evangelizing Tools" at the button.

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## NCPD News and Notes



### **Registration is open for our 2011 Webinar Series.**

Registration and flyer links are available on our website at [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org).

**Tuesday, September 13, 2011; 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET**  
***Symbolic Catechesis and Other Tools in Catechetical Ministry with Students with Disabilities***

**Presenters:**

Fr. Bill Gillum, OFM Cap., M.Ed., Director of Pastoral Care, McGuire Memorial

Mary Mirrione, MAPS-CGS, National Director, National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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**Moderator:**

Lee Nagel, Executive Director, National Conference for Catechetical Leadership

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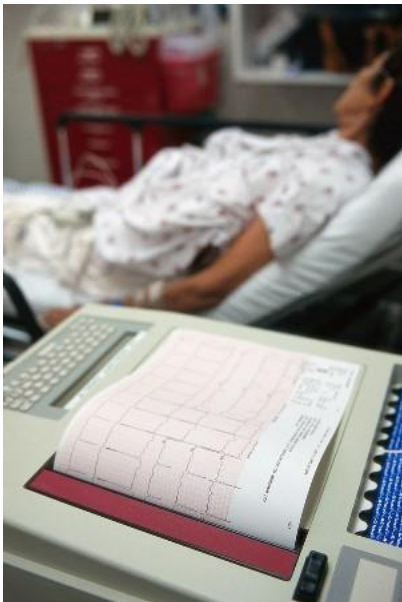
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**Tuesday, September 20, 2011; 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET**

*Threats to the Lives of People with Disability, Part II: Physician Assisted Suicide*



**Presenters:**

Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Fr. Dan Mindling, OFM Cap, Theologian, Academic Dean, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary

Sr. Janice McGrane, S.S.J., author, national presenter, disability self-advocate and leader

**Moderator:**

Jerry Freewalt, Program Director, Office of Social Concerns, Diocese of Columbus

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**Tuesday, October 18, 2011; 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET**

***How can we help? Parish Support for Veterans and Their Families***



**Presenters:**

Fr. Rick Curry, S.J., Faculty, Catholic Studies-Theater, Founder, Academy for Veterans , Georgetown University

Jim Boehnlein, MD, Psychiatrist, Professor of Psychiatry, Oregon Health and Science University and Associate Director for Education, VA Northwest Network Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC), Portland, OR

Fr. Rick Sirianni, Pastor, St. Thomas More Parish, Portland, OR, Chaplain (Retired July 2011), Oregon Air National Guard

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**Moderator:**

Peg Kolm, Coordinator, Office for Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Washington

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As the activities described in this E-News attest, NCPD staff and Board have been hard at work defending the lives of people with disabilities and working for their meaningful participation the life of faith.

*Please don't miss your chance...* to support this “mighty” ministry, so-called by our Episcopal Moderator, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

**Did you know?** NCPD generates respected resources *without any direct funding from the Church.*

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to make an online donation that can transform your parish, school, school of

religion and community. NCPD provides access to faith for persons with disabilities.

**Another Way to Support NCPD:  
Become a Friend of NCPD**



Friends of NCPD contribute \$1000 annually to provide additional seed money for the projects listed above. **Become a Friend in 2011!**

Click here to be a Friend of NCPD: <http://www.ncpd.org/friends>.

**Help us reach our goal of 75 Friends by years end.**

## Diocesan Director/ Organizational News and Notes



### August's Inclusion Tip:

#### *Supporting Returning Veterans*

from Marsha Rivas, Diocese of Toledo's  
Director, Equal Access Ministries

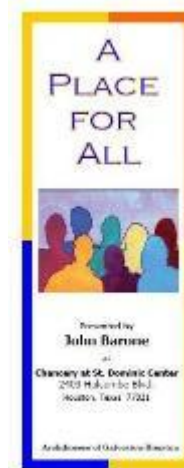
**TIP SHEET**

“The road home from war is longer, steeper and often more challenging than the road to war for most soldiers and their families. ... Yellow ribbons are nice and much appreciated. Love, support and a ‘cup of cold water’,

however, is the incarnational gift of Christ, through His Church, to the combat veteran and family.”

### ***A Place for All: Classroom Management for all Types of Learners***

from **Charleen Katra\*** A NEW formation opportunity that we are excited to offer in Galveston-Houston this year is *A Place for All*. It will present classroom management philosophy and methodology to anyone wishing to improve their skills and better serve all types of learners! We anticipate that our audience will consist of PCL's (DRE's & Youth Ministers), Catechists, Principals, Teachers and Parents of children (of all ages) with intellectual/developmental delays. Click button to the image on right to see a flyer on "*A Place for All*."



A brochure for our upcoming **Diverse Learners Symposium** is also provided for your information. See the "MPD 2011 Symposium Registration Form" through clicking on the image to the left.

**\*Thanks to Charleen Katra, Associate Director, Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Early Childhood and Family Catechesis, Office of Continuing Christian Education, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for this information.**

## New Curriculum for Persons with Disabilities

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from Fr. Bill Gillum, McGuire Memorial

*Awakening Spiritual Dimensions II, Sacred Articles for*



*Prayer and Liturgy:* Twenty four lessons to help those with cognitive disabilities become aware of sacred articles used for prayer and liturgy within the Catholic Church. Some of the sacred articles include: holy water, the church building, altar, crucifix, bible, rosary, bells, chalice and paten, tabernacle, candles, lectionary, music, vestments, vestment colors, oils, etc. Also included are writing exercise sheets and flash cards. Using a sensory-based approach, the students see, hear, touch, and focus upon each article within an environment of learning and prayer.

## Large-print Resource Available to Help Prepare for Roman Missal

from Deirdre Malacrea, RENEW International

I am writing to let you know about a unique resource for the new translation of the *Missal* entitled, *Lifting Up Our Hearts: Praying with the Third Edition of the Roman Missal*.

Recognizing the need for those with

visual impairments to prepare for the new text changes coming to the Mass this Advent, RENEW International developed our resource in both a large-print and standard-print edition. The print materials are in size 16 font and above. *Lifting Up Our Hearts* offers a six-week faith-sharing book about the *Third Edition of the Roman Missal* written for the person in the pew. Each book includes a tear-out pew card (also in large print) with the new responses. There is an accompanying music CD. The large-print publication was made possible through the generous support of the La Velle Fund for the Blind, Inc. You can read more about the resources at [www.renewintl.org/missal](http://www.renewintl.org/missal).



## Government/Legislative News and Notes

### CALL TO ACTION: Urge support of the *Respect for Rights of Conscience Act* in response to new HHS Requirements to Provide Sterilizations, Contraceptives, and Abortifacients

The recent mandate by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that private health plans be required to cover all FDA-approved contraceptives under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has caused a great deal of concern and alarm for Catholic healthcare agencies across the country. The mandate requires Catholic healthcare facilities and insurance carriers to provide services contrary to Catholic Church

teaching.



## UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo,  
chairman of the Committee  
on Pro-Life Activities of

the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and NCPD Episcopal Moderator, states “Catholics are not alone in conscientiously objecting to this mandate. The drugs that Americans would be forced to subsidize under the new rule include Ella, which was approved by the FDA as an ‘emergency contraceptive’ but can act like the abortion drug RU-486. It can abort an established pregnancy weeks after conception. The pro-life majority of Americans – Catholics and others – would be outraged to learn that their premiums must be used for this purpose”.

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See full USCCB press release.

In a letter to the editor in the August 6 Washington Post Sister Mary Ann Walsh, director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, stated "**HHS defines Catholic ministry as service by Catholics for Catholics. This means the only way a Catholic agency could remain true to its religious identity — and maintain a religious exemption — would be to refuse treatment to people who aren't Catholic and to hire only Catholics. It is not up to HHS to decide which teachings are valid for a church.**"

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**CALL TO ACTION: The mandate issued by HHS demonstrates the need for a renewed call for protections for the conscience of healthcare workers.** Urge your congressperson to support the *Respect for Rights of Conscience Act* (H.R. 1179). As Cardinal DiNardo reminds us, “Those who sponsor, purchase and issue health plans should not be forced to violate their deeply held moral and religious convictions in order to take part in the health care system or provide for the needs of their families or their employees. To force such an unacceptable choice would be as much a threat to universal access to health care as it is to freedom of conscience.”

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**We urge you to contact your elected official at the "Click Here" link to voice your support for the protection of conscience related to religious freedom.**

## More Heart Disease `Conditions Added to Social Security's Fast-Track System



### Compassionate Allowances

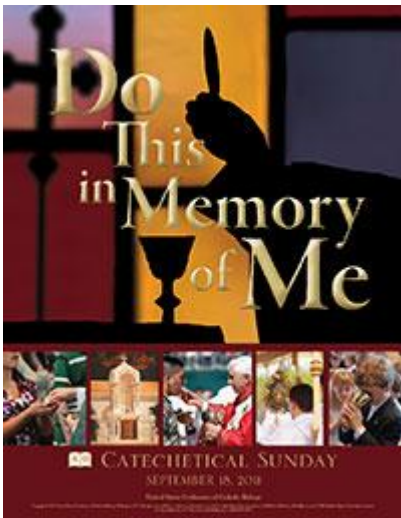
severe heart diseases, bringing the total number of conditions in the expedited disability process to 100. Details of the announcement are discussed in their [press release](#). The Compassionate Allowances initiative is one of two parts of the agency's fast-track system for certain disability claims. When combined with the Quick Disability Determination process, Social Security approved more than 100,000 cases last year, usually in less than two weeks. This year, the agency expects to fast-track nearly 150,000 cases. For more information about the agency's Compassionate Allowances initiative, please see link.

[For more information click here.](#)

**Social Security** Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, announced 12 additional Compassionate Allowances conditions involving

## Resources

### Catechetical Sunday Resources



The USCCB website states "This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2011, and will focus on the theme "Do This in Memory of Me."

Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

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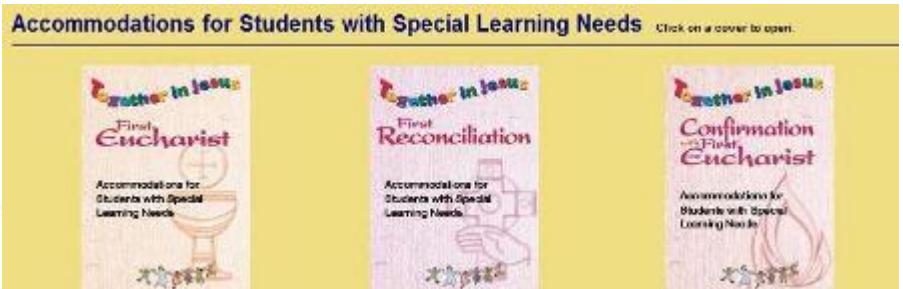
Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith."

## Good for you, Pflaum Publishing!

Pflaum Publishing has included suggested accommodations for students with special learning needs, for their *Together in*

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*Jesus* sacramental preparation materials, on their website. You will find it on their website listed under the Guides and Manuals section on the main webpage at [www.pflaum.com](http://www.pflaum.com).



## Spread the word: Wheelchair accessible taxi service is available in D.C.!

After an initial testing phase, Royal Cab and Yellow Cab of D.C. are providing accessible taxi service in D.C. with professionally trained drivers. Each company has 10 Toyota Sienna mini-vans equipped with ramps. If you cannot use a standard sedan taxi and need a taxi in D.C., this service is for you! To request a trip contact the companies directly at 202 544-1212 (Yellow Cab) or 202 398-0500 (Royal Cab). You can reserve your trip up to a week in advance. For more information and helpful hints before requesting a trip, see the [FAQ's](#) and the [User's Guide](#).



## Roman Missal, Third Edition

NCPD will provide the large print Revised Roman Missal by Fall, 2011, in size 24, 34 and 44 fonts, for priests and deacons who are visually impaired. To request one [click here](#).



- Archdiocese of Washington now has an [ASL resource](#) on the Revised Roman Missal.

## NCPD Resources

To see the resources available from NCPD click the following button.

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Make sure you have DVD's of webinars to use for Catechist formation meetings with your volunteers for disability ministry as you kick off the new catechetical year!!!!!!



NCPD has a growing library of Webinar DVDs.

## National Catholic Network on Mental Illness - Sign Up Now

Sign-up!

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

### Calendar of Events

**Thursday August 18 to  
Sunday August 21**  
Faith and Light 40th Anniversary Pilgrimage  
National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows,  
Belleville, IL

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**October 20 and 21, 2011**  
Developing Local Service:  
The BNA Model of Care  
First Annual Service Providers' Conference  
St. Gabriel Catholic Church  
Charlotte, NC  
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