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OCTOBER - RESPECT LIFE MONTH

CARDINAL DINARDO ISSUES RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

Cardinal DiNardo calls on Catholics to respect, promote and teach the 'transcendent nature of the human person.' Catholics must not shrink from obligation to defend right to life, conscience rights. This year's Respect Life Program marks its 40th anniversary. The theme for 2011-12 is "I came so all might have life and have it to the full" (cf. John 10:10). Click here to read the full statement.

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Diocese of Wichita produces Powerpoint on Roman Missal for People with Disabilities

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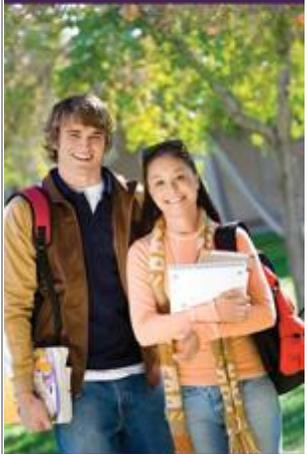
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The 2011-2012 Respect Life Program features eight pamphlets in a series called Life Matters. Each presents convincing support for the teachings of the Catholic Church on major pro-life issues, with facts and reasoning drawn from science, history, law, sociology, and other secular sources. All 8 pamphlets are available in English and Spanish. Each pamphlet is accessible as a pdf for a bulletin insert or to use as a personal resource and background on the eight topics. The value of these pamphlets/Bulletin Inserts goes beyond their use on *Respect Life* Sunday or even *Respect Life* month. The eight topics are displayed below. To obtain and view more information about the pamphlets including bulletin inserts and orders, click the button below.

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To the End of Our Days

**October 31, 2011 deadline
to provide input on trends you believe the
USCCB should address in the upcoming three
years.**

Diocesan or Parish Catechetical Leaders are invited to participate in a Consultation on the Priorities of the Bishop's Conference. **This is your opportunity to share the trends you believe should be addressed by the bishops in the upcoming three years.** It also gives you the opportunity to indicate your familiarity with the current priorities and the activities that resulted from the current USCCB priorities.

The Committee on Priorities and Plans asked the USCCB staff to survey a broader Church leadership audience on possible trends and issues that the bishops should consider plus assess how aware dioceses and others are of the present priority activities.

The input from diocesan and parish staff will be helpful in determining if the USCCB priority activities are impacting the work and ministry of diocesan and parish staff. It will also assist in the development of future priorities.

Here is the actual invitation:

The United States bishops are completing a strategic planning cycle this year and beginning work on the next planning cycle. Please consider providing your input regarding the use of material produced in support of the current planning cycle and trends to be considered for the new planning cycle.

You may provide input by completing a survey at the following link:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/USCCB_Priorities

NCPD News and Notes

October 18 NCPD Webinar a Success.



You might wonder why we think that you can benefit from a webinar entitled: *How can we help? Parish Support for Veterans and Their Families*. The definition of disability ministry and its focus has broadened over the years. Right? Many returning veterans are physically and/or psychologically wounded and qualify, at least for the time it takes for them to heal, as having a disability. We know the impact of disability on family members, so we also need to consider this “category” of family members and their unique experience of impact. Remember, we do not expect you to become an instant expert on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or traumatic brain injury (TBI), but you can become a “resource agent” and understand how you can facilitate the connecting of parishioners’ gifts with those needing them. Let us help you expand your disability ministry knowledge base and ministry toolkit. Click on the following link to explore our extensive toolkit for this webinar. The replay of the webinar will be available soon.

[CLICK HERE](#)

NCPD’s partners for this webinar are: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development; the Knights of Columbus; the Order of Malta, Federal Association; and Catholic Charities USA.

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Autism Task Force Update

The Task Force has been very busy 11 months with monthly meetings finishing its work on the assessment resources, curriculum, and and in the drafting of the 50+ page with recommendations for actions written for the NCPD Board. This will be considered at the Board’s November meeting. You and your parish and diocesan people serving the autism spectrum are constantly minds as we complete this work. All Force members are eager to see its

recommendations come to life for the benefit of people with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Enjoy the faith story of Maddie, a college-age young woman with Down syndrome, as told by her.



Living With an Endangered Species

The October 6, 2011 edition of Zenit, The World Seen From Rome electronic news included an article that focuses on October being both the Month of Mary and Down Syndrome Awareness Month. It starts, “As it happens, I have one of the world's most precious treasures sitting in my own home: an endangered species...My endangered species, however, is a child with Down syndrome. He is indeed the most endangered of all, as he is not even recognized as such. There are 600,000 elephants in Africa, assiduously protected from those who would kill them for a bit of ivory, but only 400,000 Down syndrome people in the United States. Yet while it seems that every newborn panda is front-page news, 92% of unborn children diagnosed with Down syndrome are killed by abortion. To read more, go to <http://www.zenit.org/article-33610?l=english>

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Timeless Reflections

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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.*



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>.

Diocesan Director/ Organizational News and Notes

Tom Racunas, Director of Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Diocese of Wichita

A PowerPoint presentation has been developed by Tom for use as a visual aid, as he visits each of the Faith and Light and other adult gatherings of people with disabilities in his diocese to help them prepare for the language changes that come in Advent with the new Roman Missal. It is very straight forward—but color coded and animated so the presenter can control the pace of the presentation. [Click here](#) to download it for your use.

Mary Anne Russo, Associate Director: Ministry with Persons with Special Needs, Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre

The DVD One Flock, One Shepherd has been posted at

www.drvc-faith.org/specialneeds.html .

You are welcome to visit the website to see it.



Sr. Kathleen Schipani, Administrator, PCPD/Deaf Apostolate, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

I was happy to be a member of the team preparing this resource. It is meant to assist the Deaf Catholic Community and will be very helpful to interpreters. The voicing and captions are not yet edited but I think you will still find this helpful. You can view the introductions or go directly to the Mass Parts which begin on video #3.

This is still a work in progress.

VIDEO OF THE NEW TRANSLATION - Boston



Study Group

Here is the link: <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLD9E59041BADF3F93>

For Sr.'s full announcement, click here.

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October's Inclusion Tip: *Hope: The Key to Suicide Prevention*

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

Alphonsus Obayuwana, MD, spent 30 years studying human hope leading to his thesis, *Unifying Theory of Hope, Peace and Life*. Dr. Obayuwana acknowledges that human life is full of struggles and challenges, and very unpredictable. Every person is burdened by uncertainties, worries, and anxieties, which collectively cause stress. As a result, personal peace of mind eludes many people, with some succumbing to depression and even suicide because of unfulfilled needs and aspirations. Only those who have hope can cope well in the face of personal crises. Click "Tip Sheet" button for more information.

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Lee Nagel, Executive Director, National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL)

Want to Learn a Foreign Language? A pilot project is available through NCCL that has an **October 31, 2011 DEADLINE**. You may have seen the *Rosetta Stone* advertised but this entitles you to live practice sessions with tutors, engaging language games, and conversing with native speakers in a new language. This is an amazing offer at an unbelievable low price. Check out the *Balt-Wash Rosetta Stone Flyer* on the NCCL website homepage (www.NCCL.org) under *Upcoming Events*. You can also contact Patricia Clement at st.jameschristianformation@verizon.net. As this is a *Pilot Project* initiated by the Baltimore-Washington Province, the information regarding *Scholarships and Grants* only applies to parishes in the Baltimore-Washington Province.

Workshop on Supporting Parish Contacts for Persons with Disabilities (PCPD)



- Parish Contacts for Persons with Disabilities (PCPD) in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be supported with workshops focused on their needs at their annual fall meeting Oct. 22.
- They are asked to send a substitute from their parish if they cannot attend.
- Priests, deacons, parish staff and parish volunteers are also welcome to attend.
- The Fall 2011 Parish Contact Workshop, is called *Widening the Welcome in Parish Life*.

from Janell Lavender, Coordinator,
Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of
Philadelphia

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Ryan Hanning, Director of Parish Leadership Support, Diocese of Phoenix

(Editors note: The report below is an outcome of a presentation given by Janice Benton and Nancy Thompson while in Phoenix for a catechetical training workshop and a regional meeting of diocesan disability directors held in April, 2011.)

Greetings in Christ. I thought I would share a quick update. Since last spring's training with Jan and Nancy and others who presented on disability ministry topics at our day long diocesan-wide deanery meeting, we have also conducted a similar training this year in Spanish. The fruits of these events are continuing as more parishes included announcements in parish bulletins invited families with children with disabilities to participate in RE and Sacramental Preparation, and modified registration forms to be more inclusive and family friendly.

READ MORE

..... And last but not least our Disabilities Consultants daughter, Annie, was featured in a grant proposal video that was just awarded funding to make the school more accessible. This project was done by two 8th grade boys on their own initiative. Here is the video, <http://youtu.be/FWeSC9hPndU>

USCCB and Legislative Notes

ACTION ALERT: USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development Urge the Deficit "Super Committee" to Protect the Poor and Vulnerable. [Click here](#)

To follow various disability-related blog posts go to WhiteHouse.gov/blog/issues/disabilities, where you can keep up with what the Administration is doing for Americans with disabilities.

Resources

Resources for Persons with Disabilities for Roman Missal, Third Edition

This NCPD web page with resources for the Roman Missal to support Disability Ministry has been assembled for your convenience. It contains a variety of resources that you will need as the Church prepares to implement the Revised Roman Missal with its new language for the Mass on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent.

[MORE DETAILS](#)



Veterans Outreach Project, Xavier Society for the Blind.

Although we provide our services at no charge to all who need them and qualify, we are currently involved in a special outreach project to make veterans aware of what we have available and the ways in which we can serve the ones who have served our country. We are adding special materials to our library specifically aimed at veterans, and we are coordinating with veterans groups, chaplaincy organizations and government and military offices to find ways we can better serve the men and women who served our country and who now have lost their sight or who have limited vision. For more information, contact Rick Kenney, Coordinator, at: rick@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org or call him at (212) 473-7800.

Like you, Catholic bishops are pilgrims to Washington each January. Watch this.

To help you inspire others to pray and work for renewed



respect for every human life, the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities has produced two new videos. The first, [released here](#)*, combines images from the procession of the Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life in January with powerful and engaging quotes from Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, the Principal Celebrant, and Blessed Pope John Paul II. The second video will be released in October and features Archbishop Joseph Naumann and other bishops opening the March for Life Rally in prayer.

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National Catholic Network on Mental Illness - Sign Up Now

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

Calendar of Events

October 30, 2011 White Masses Diocese of Richmond, VA	Central Vicariate Our Lady of Lourdes, Richmond 11:15 am
Eastern Vicariate Church of the Resurrection, Portsmouth, 5:00 pm	Star of the Sea, Virginia Beach 12:00 pm
Western Vicariate Our Lady of Nazareth, Roanoke 11:30 am	

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