



## APRIL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

### Bulletin announcement

Following is a National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities (NCPD) – Council for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (CIDD) announcement for parishes to facilitate the inclusion of families living with disabilities in their communities.

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We are **ALL** welcome!

His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” – Jn 9:1-3.

Today in the United States, the rate of disability is estimated at 20% of the population. Chances are that you or someone you know has a disability. Sometime we can see differences; a hearing aid or ASL, someone with a guide dog, or a person using a wheelchair. But often, a disability is not seen; autism, depression; a learning difference. We all struggle with life. But we can **ALL** love. We **ALL** have gifts and can share those gifts to serve God. Our parish is alive when we **ALL** celebrate together!

Adapted materials are available for faith formation and sacramental preparation for individuals with disabilities. Training in methods and strategies for full participation in the liturgy can be arranged. Do not stay away. Come to the table! All are welcome in this house!

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