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Year of Faith Resources:

Begin the Year of Faith (Oct. 11, 2012 through Nov. 24, 2013) with a personal examine using your favorite format or try this Virtual Stations of the Cross from *Busted Halo*, an online magazine for spiritual seekers.



It presents the traditional devotion in a virtual way to help one reflect on the mystery of Jesus' death and what it still means to us today. Click on image at left to go to the virtual stations.



Be watching the NCPD website and the E-News for additional ideas for celebrating the Year of Faith with children with disabilities and bringing awareness to parishes and dioceses on disability issues.



For Year of Faith Resources from the USCCB [click](#) the icon of the ship above.

USCCB Holds Webinar - Two Feet of Love in Action

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Mental Illness Awareness Week October 7-13, 2012

The National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding Tuesday, October 9, 2012

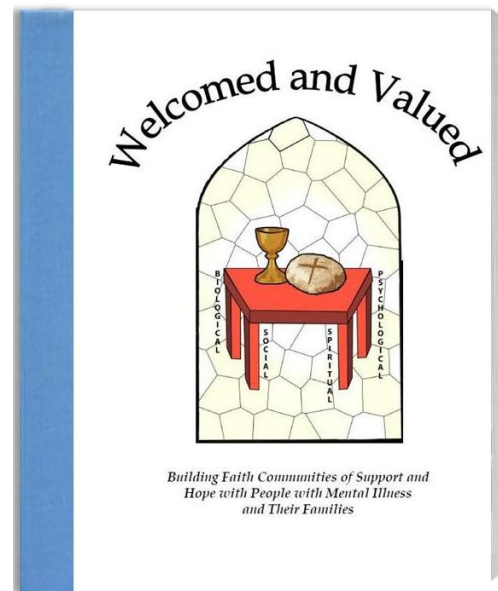
Resources for the day and week can be found in the resource manual “[Welcomed and Valued](#)” available on the NCPD website ([click here](#)). See the corresponding page numbers next to the following suggestions.

Some suggestions for that day and week:

- For one of the regularly scheduled masses on the National Day of prayer, request that the mass intention be for people with mental illness and their families.
Meet afterwards for discussion.



• Have a prayer service for people with mental illness and their families. (see pg 60 for “Prayers and Reflections”)



In addition to the above, during Mental Illness Awareness Week parishes can offer the following:

[READ MORE](#)

NCPD News and Notes

Watch for October Survey - We Need Your Input

On Oct. 5 we will be sending you a link to Survey Monkey, instead of our normal issue of the E-News. We want to know from you, our readers, how well you are being served by the E-News as it is currently delivered. Do you read the E-News? Do you use its content in your ministry? We want your honest responses to the survey questions and look forward to your input on topics you need to have covered. We are currently evaluating if what we are sending is the type of newsletter needed by diocesan directors, catechetical leaders and those involved in disability ministry. Help us think broadly and creatively. For example, what would you think of us using a Facebook page to communicate 2 or 3 times per week, with a full newsletter being sent quarterly? We want to provide what is most needed by you. Supporting your ministry is of the utmost importance to us and is the reason we have an E-News. So be looking for that Survey Monkey link on October 5. Please provide your input and know that it will affect how and when we communicate timely and relevant issues to you, our valued constituents.



Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Award to Janice Benton

It was announced by Kent E. Ferris, OFS, JPIC Commission Chair, that the 2012 Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Award, will be presented in Denver, CO this October to Janice L. Benton, OFS, Executive Director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) by the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States. We are so proud of Jan and the national recognition she has received this year for her justice and peace efforts on behalf of people with disabilities.

NCPD REGIONAL MEETINGS

Southeast Regional Meeting
Atlanta, GA, Nov. 1-2

Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting
Bethlehem, PA, Nov. 14-15

We look forward to meeting with multi-discipline diocesan staff to discover ways disability ministry can be addressed in each area of the diocesan level programs. Productive collaborations are being created through these explorations.

We extend much thanks to our hosts: Ed McCoy (Atlanta GA), and in Bethlehem, Anne Masters (Newark NJ), Mary O'Meara (Washington DC) and Rosemarie Tobin (Albany NY).

[Click here to register.](#)

NCPD Council on Mental Illness and Autism Task Force (ATF) members to present at the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, CA, Feb. 22-24, 2013.

Congratulations to Tom Lambert and Connie Rakitan, co-chairs of the NCPD Council on Mental Illness who will be presenting on mental illness ministries, and to Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy of the ATF who will be presenting on catechesis with those on the autism spectrum.

We are so proud of you all for making the cut! Congratulations. We look forward to your talks!



**Madonna
Wojtaszek-Healy**



Connie Rakitan



Dn. Tom Lambert

**Donate
to NCPD**

You can make a difference in the faith lives of individuals who live with a disability by making a small monthly donation to NCPD. \$10, \$20 or \$25 per month will enable NCPD to provide resources to dioceses and parishes to ensure meaningful participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of the Church and society. [Click here to help.](#)

Diocesan Director, Partner, and Organizational News and Notes

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

Be Not Afraid:
Supporting Parents
who Experience a
Poor Prenatal Diagnosis
(PPD)



Please save the date - October 20, 2012 for an all-day workshop for our Parish Contacts/Advocates for Persons with Disabilities on the very important topic of supporting parents who experience a Poor Prenatal Diagnosis (PPD). Please [click this link](#) for a flyer with details. Save the date and assist us in encouraging Priest, Deacons and other pastoral care providers to attend. This will be our FALL Parish Contact meeting so I hope you can attend.



May I ask that you also save the date and help us Celebrate 100 Years of Catholic Deaf Education at Archbishop Ryan School for the Deaf. Check the flyer to the left to read *the invitation to the Mass and Banquet- November 18, 2012*. To learn about ads for program click below left.

Item	Price
Bank Cover	\$250.00
Banquet Dinner	\$250.00
Banquet Bank Cover	\$250.00
Full Page	\$100.00
1/2 Page	\$75.00
Half Page	\$75.00
Quarter Page	\$25.00
Entire	\$ 0.00
Banquet	\$2.00

Let us honor the vision of the Catholic Deaf Community who requested a Catholic School for the Deaf, Archbishop Ryan, the first Deaf Sister, Sr. Patricia Hughes, all the SSJ and IHM sisters, teachers and alumni by celebrating this event in a special way. Your prayer, presence and support will be most appreciated.

Dennis C. McNulty, D. Min., Director, Catholic Charities Disability Services, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

Please join us for The Walk of Hope This walk gives us a public opportunity as a believing community to demonstrate our belief that all people are called to be part of the life of our society and our Church. **Thank you** for helping us to continue our ministries and services for and with persons with disabilities! *The 35th Annual Walk of Hope* will be

held Saturday, October 13, 2012. See our flyer for more details. Our Walk provides funds that support our Disability Services & Ministries to & with persons with disabilities in the Diocese of Cleveland. For more

information or to volunteer, call or email Marilyn Scott at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org



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World Youth Day July 23-28, 2013



Fr. Shawn Carey,
Director of Deaf
Apostolate, Archdiocese
of Boston

World Youth Day July 23-28, 2013, Rio for USA & Canada Deaf Catholics - Registration Now Open. Click this link for more information.

MORE DETAILS

Walking with the Two Feet of Love in Action Webinar (September 20, 2012)

Justice, Peace and Human Development- USCCB

The Two Feet of Love in Action model describes two distinct, but complementary, ways that we can put love in action: Social Justice and Charitable Works. Tune into the webinar on Sept. 20 at 2:00 p.m. EDT to learn how the model has been revised in the light of Pope Benedict XVI's teachings on justice as foundational to social action; the common good; the integral importance of community and relationship; and the virtue of charity which enlivens and motivates our Gospel witness.



Explore also how the Holy Father's call for a New Evangelization sets a helpful framework for introducing this new model to your audiences. [RSVP here](#). Some activities include adaptations for students with disabilities. Topics and data related to disabilities are included. Review the information on these links to help prepare you for better participation in the webinar:

- **Two Feet of Love in Action resources and materials**, including the handout, brochure, facilitator's guide, and session for teens in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#).
- **CCHD Multi-Media Youth Contest** (2013 them: "Be a Disciple! Put Two Feet of Love in Action") in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#)
- **Sacraments and Social Mission series** in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#)
- www.povertyusa.org
- www.faithfulcitizenship.org
- <http://www.usccb.org/globalpoverty/>

Beatitudes for Catechists



September's Inclusion Tip: Beatitudes for Catechist's

Please open the links for September's Inclusion Tip: *Beatitudes for Catechists*. This was something I found in a file with no author identified. After a little Googling, I located the author, Sister Marie Roccapiore in Connecticut. She is also a published music composer and so happy to share her gifts. Thank you Sister! [Read more...](#)

TIP SHEET



For more information contact Marsha Rivas, Equal Access Ministries, Diocese of Toledo 419-244-6711 mrivas@toledodiocese.org

Vatican/ USCCB / Federal News and Updates



The NCPD Ethics and Public Policy Committee has released a second statement regarding the proposed changes in guidelines on organ donation. Click more details to read the full statement.

[MORE DETAILS](#)

"Because of the obvious pressure placed on vulnerable patients and families, commenters further challenged the proposal's refusal to keep separate the decision to donate from that to withdraw life-support."

"It is hard not to conclude that the decision to change the Model Elements was made well before its comment period ended and that those who took the time to submit substantive comments were drawn into a futile gesture."

IDAC QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES: A TOOL FOR CIVIC ACTION



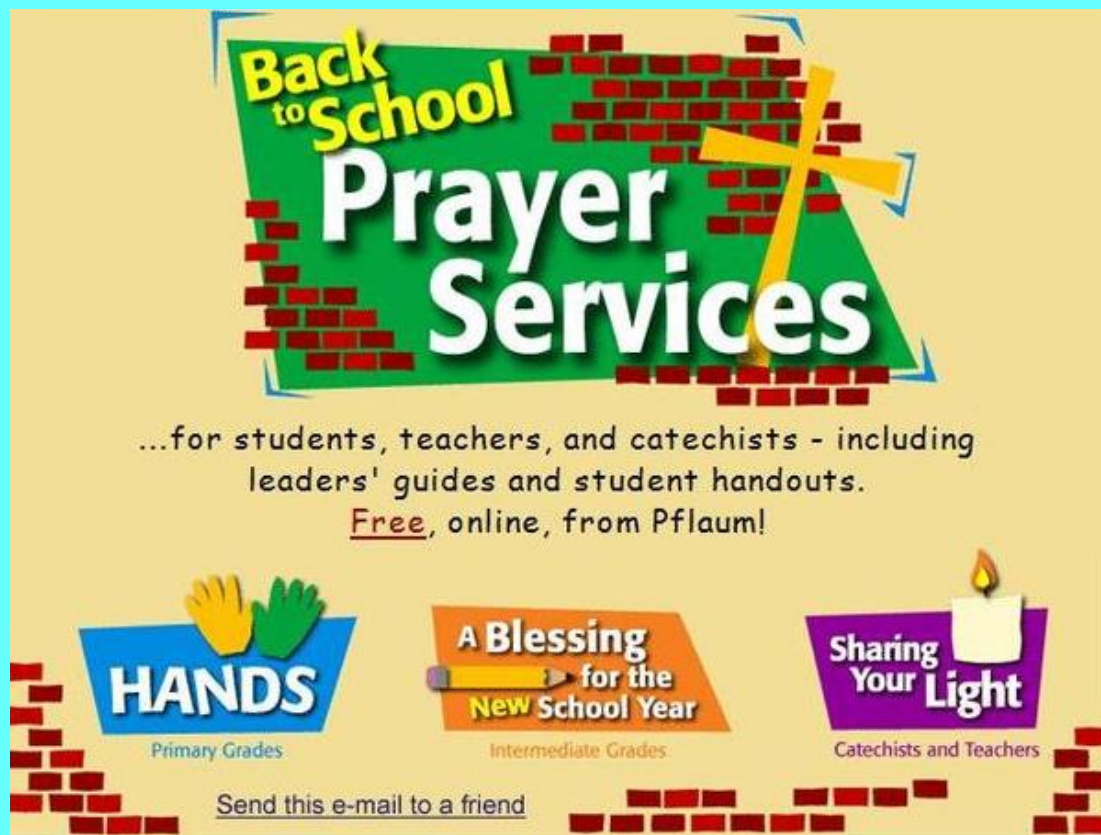
The Interfaith Disability Advocacy Coalition (IDAC) has created five disability related questions for members of faith and spiritual communities to ask candidates running for federal, state, and local office in 2012. The questions cover areas of importance to IDAC and the disability community: independence and community living; employment; education; and access to health care. This resource can be used by congregations and religious organizations to question candidates in public appearances, create a public record of their positions and inform them about issues that affect people with disabilities, their families, and their communities. [for more...](#)

Resources

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Mobile Apps Are Now Available

READ MORE

Created by VA's National Center for PTSD and our collaborators, [PTSD mobile apps](#) include the award winning, free PTSD Coach mobile app and the first PTSD treatment companion app. Click here to see and subscribe to the PTSD Monthly Update.



Back to School Prayer Services

...for students, teachers, and catechists - including leaders' guides and student handouts.
Free, online, from Pflaum!

HANDS
Primary Grades

A Blessing for the New School Year
Intermediate Grades

Sharing Your Light
Catechists and Teachers

[Send this e-mail to a friend](#)

Thanks to Pflaum for providing these great-looking back-to-school resources.

Celiac Guidelines

Visit the website of the **Commission for Disabilities of the Diocese of Salt Lake City** awareness information on steps priests can take to prepare low-gluten hosts for consecration and consumption by those with celiac disease or other wheat intolerance.



People with **Utah** for practical

CLICK HERE

Awareness Commemorations

We occasionally receive calls about monthly commemorations of disability issues and we will list them for your convenience.

September Commemoration

[US Senate Designates September 13th as National Celiac Awareness Day](#)

(from Diocese of Salt Lake City- [Holy Communion for Catholics who cannot have wheat](#))

National Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Awareness Month and Day (September 20)

National Rehabilitation Week Sept. 16-22, 2012

National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month

Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

October Commemoration

Respect Life Month

Mental Illness Awareness Week, Oct. 7-13, 2012

National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery & Understanding, Tues., Oct. 9, 2012

Friedreich's Ataxia (Movement Disorders) Awareness Month

National AIDS Awareness Month

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Down Syndrome Month

Resources for Persons with Disabilities for Roman Missal, Third Edition

[MORE DETAILS](#)



Welcoming the
ROMAN MISSAL THIRD EDITION
Deepen. Nurture. Celebrate.

NCPD Resources

See the links listed below for helpful resources to start your Catechetical Year



[Catechesis](#)

[Ministry Specific Resources](#)

[Various Ministry Models](#)

[Spirituality](#)

[Ministry Toolkit](#)

[Building Awareness](#)

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

CLICK HERE

National Catholic Network on Mental Illness - Sign Up Now

MI Network News

The Monthly Newsletter of the National Catholic Network on Mental Illness

Sign-up!

Calendar of Events

Webinar: Walking with Two Feet of Love in Action

JPHD-USCCB

Thurs., September 20, 2012

2:00 p.m. ET

[RSVP here.](#)

The 35th Annual Walk of Hope

Diocese of Cleveland

Saturday, October 13, 2012

at OLA/St. Joseph Center in Tremont

2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

call or email Marilyn Scott at 216-334-2963

or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

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Living the Gospel of Life:

Embracing immigrants and persons with disabilities

Archdiocese of Philadelphia,

Office for Family Life and Laity

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012; 9:30am to 1:30pm

Don Guanella Village

Cardinal Krol Recreation Center

1799 S. Sproul Road

Springfield, PA 19064

For more information, contact:

Fr. Dennis Weber, SdC or Fr. Paul Oggioni, SdC

at 610-328-3406.

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Be Not Afraid: Supporting Parents who Experience a Poor Prenatal Diagnosis (PPD)

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Office for Family Life and Laity

Saturday, October 20, 2012

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9:00am to 3:30pm
Vianney Hall
St. Charles Seminary
100 E. Wynnewood Rs.
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf

*Requests the honor of your presence
at the **100th Anniversary Celebration***

Sunday, November 18, 2012

12 Noon Mass

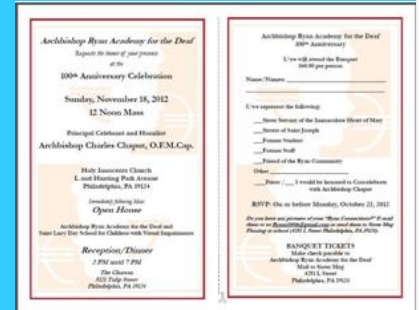
Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.

Holy Innocents Church

L and Hunting Park Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19124



Open House

(Immediately following 100th Anniversary Noon Mass)

Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf and

Saint Lucy Day School for Children with Visual Impairments

Reception/Dinner

2 PM until 7 PM

The Chateau

5121 Tulip Street

Philadelphia, PA 19124

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