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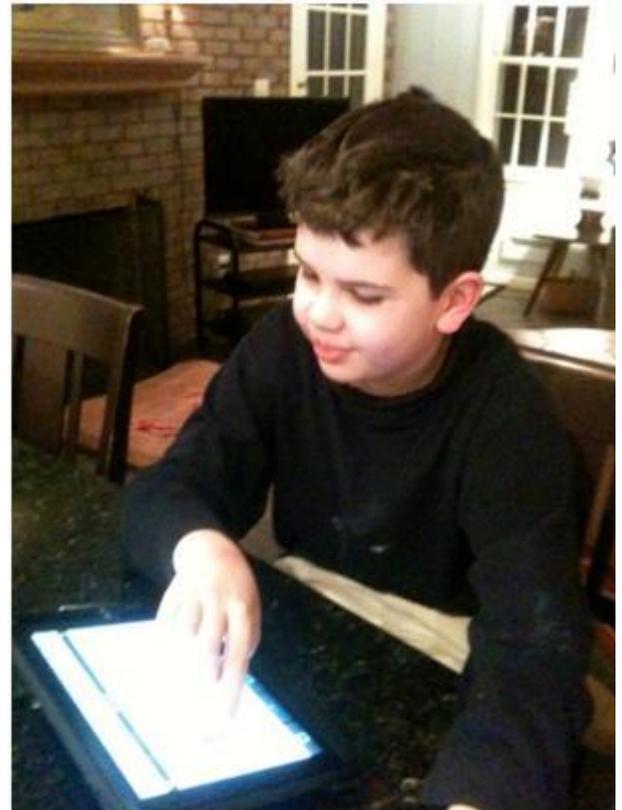
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Let us join together once again to make April Autism Awareness Month in Parishes & Dioceses!



Bring this information to your Bishop so he is aware of your efforts to support the people of your diocese. The first link leads to many additional resources for pastoral and catechetical staff. Most resources can also be used to support those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Use the press release for your diocesan papers.

Find the resources below at our easy-to-remember link: catholicswithautism.org.

Autism resource page	Link
Parent Interview Form	Link
Strategies for Catechetical Instruction for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder	Link
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March is known as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and March is also Brain Injury Awareness Month

Find creative and varied ways to highlight disability awareness in your parishes and dioceses. Ask your diocesan newspaper to feature articles they pick up on CNS and ones that you write or give them (see our press release for Autism Awareness Month above). Put short announcements in your parish bulletin. Do a feature on Saints with disabilities. Download prayers or petitions off our website to use at Mass, to share in your bulletin, or to use as an opening or closing prayer for a parish meeting during the month. In our national survey on The State of Ministry for those with Autism and their Families, the biggest need that the nearly 500 responding parishes identified was for parish awareness of disability! Don't underestimate the impact your efforts for awareness can have. It can be one of the simplest yet most impacting things you do in your ministry.

"This year the members have planted flowers at a local nursing home, have run a pet product ...drive for [Second Chance Pet Adoption League](#); have donated 450 lbs of food to the [Father English Community Center](#); have participated in the [HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON](#)'s Butterfly Project, have given to the [Cell Phones for Soldiers](#) drive and have donated their time in various other capacities."



To find out more about them go to their Facebook page here and give them a "Like".



Pictured at left are some of the Members of the Fight for the Right Group of the Diocese of Patterson's Gruenert Center. The group meets monthly to work on community service projects.

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NCPD News and Notes

The Partnership 2013 - Where Faith and Disability Meet! November 1-3, 2013 Houston, TX



Progress is quickly being made in preparations for our national conference in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Keynoters and most workshop presenters are confirmed, topics are set, the hotel is arranged and the link to the website for registration will be posted on our website in mid-March.



Every effort has been made to keep costs low, including a rate of \$85/night and a best-value registration rate of \$250 for full registration and \$110 for Saturday only for those registering before May 17 (a savings of \$40). Visit the [NCPD](#) website for a descriptive flyer or visit us on [Facebook](#). We encourage you to extend

this invitation to individuals with disabilities, family members, pastoral staff, parish catechetical leaders and catechists.

We look forward to seeing you all in Houston!

Pre-conference Gatherings

Pre-conference Gatherings from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fri., Nov. 1 with the NCPD Council on Mental Illness and the NCPD Autism Task Force



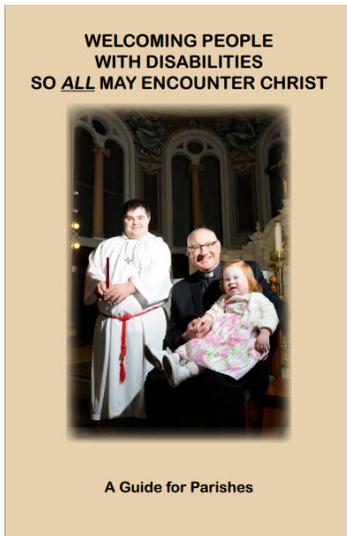
The Council on Mental Illness will convene members from their Mental Illness Network and others interested in parish support for persons with mental illness for this day-long opportunity to network and build resources. The ATF will host a day focused on the needs of those with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families in the life of the Church for pastoral, catechetical and family life ministry personnel and volunteers wanting to know more about serving this population. Families are invited to attend either session.

**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

Welcoming People with Disabilities So All May Encounter Christ



Ginny Duncan, Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, Diocese of Harrisburg

The Diocese of Harrisburg is pleased to announce the publication of a guide for parishes, "Welcoming People with Disabilities So *All* May Encounter Christ". The guide provides practical information to assist parishes in welcoming and inclusion of persons with disabilities and was written by persons with disabilities and their family members. The guide is available at www.hbgdiocese.org/disabilitiesguide and www.hbgdiocese.org/disabilitiesguide-spanish.

Sharing our Stories, Building our Communities



Faith Inclusion Network
(FIN) OF SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES

**Karen Jackson, Parish Advocate, Diocese of Richmond,
Director, Faith Inclusion Network**

We ask that you consider joining us the evening of March 14 and all day the 15th for our 3rd bi-annual conference, That All May Worship - 2013, "Sharing our Stories, Building our Communities" - you just might find the answers you are looking for....

Eventbrite[™]

To register or for more information please go to

<http://thatallmayworship.eventbrite.com>,
or email Karen Jackson at faithinclusionnetwork@gmail.com

Disability Talks at the Mid-Atlantic Congress

The 2nd Annual Mid-Atlantic Congress (MAC) in Baltimore, MD will feature several sessions on disability ministry, including a session entitled *Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf & the Hard of Hearing*. For more information visit the Congress website at <http://www.midatlanticcongress.org/>.



A Life Defined Not By Disability, But By Love



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

I want to share this article from *StoryCorps: A Life Defined Not By Disability, But By Love*. Myra says she always protected her mother, who's intellectually disabled, from rude stares. In this StoryCorps episode she interviews her mother who also interviews her as well.

Listen to Bonnie and Myra Brown's story through the "Click Here" button.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Diocese of Raleigh Article Featuring Two Be Not Afraid (BNA) Families

Tracy Winsor, Be Not Afraid (BNA) North Carolina Program Director



Below is a link for a great article published this month in the Diocese of Raleigh. Featuring two Be Not Afraid (BNA) families, this article provides insight on the experience of parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis as well as the scope of support offered by peer services like BNA. Feature stories such as this one can play an important role both in recruiting potential peer ministers and in generating parent referrals. Congratulations to the Raleigh team!

[READ MORE](#)

February's Inclusion Tip: *Visual Processing Disorder*



Marsha Rivas, Director, Equal Access Ministries, Diocese of Toledo

[CLICK HERE](#)

February's Inclusion Tip is on [Visual Processing Disorder](#). Thank you for all you do to educate yourself about the complexity of the brain and how it affects how we learn and process information.

Vatican/ USCCB / Federal News and Updates

Appreciation to Benedict XVI, Pope-Emeritus



Vatican

NCPD joins the world in prayer for the Elector Cardinals who are gathering in Rome to elect our new pope. May God's grace fill them with wisdom and guide their conclusions for the good of the Church and world. We extend our appreciation to Benedict XVI, Pope-Emeritus, for his lifelong service to the Church.

Strengthen Conscience Protection



Archbishop Lori Urges Congress To Include Conscience Provisions In Funding Bills

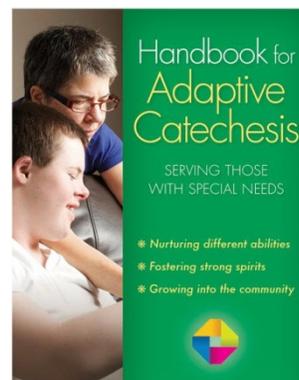
WASHINGTON—Congress should incorporate two provisions that strengthen conscience protection in any proposed funding bills in the weeks ahead, said Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore in a February 15 letter to Congress. Both provisions were part of the House draft of the Labor/HHS appropriations bill.

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Resources

Ligouri ~ Handbook for Adaptive Catechesis: Serving Those with Special Needs

Handbook for Adaptive Catechesis examines the needs of individuals with a wide range of disabilities and calls for catechists and religious education programs to include special-needs students in their mainstreamed or specialized programs. Michele Chronister discusses strategies for having fruitful dialogues with parents, identifying students for a special-needs program, recruiting effective catechists or teachers, and developing lesson plans. Click here to order [*Handbook for Adaptive Catechesis: Serving Those with Special Needs*](#).



Sharing information about large print hymnals

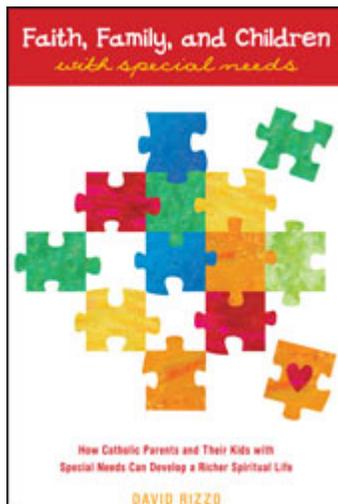


We did some research to respond to a question we received about large print hymnals from GIA and share our findings with you, since many parishes use GIA

hymnals.

1. GIA does not have large print hymnal editions.
2. If someone owns the book(s) already, they have blanket permission to make copies of pages and adjust to large print for the use by persons who need a larger print size.

Faith, Family, and Children with Special Needs



Loyola Press

In *Faith, Family, and Children with Special Needs*, David Rizzo—whose 12-year-old daughter has autism—offers great hope for parents who want to grow in their own spirituality while helping their children with disabilities experience God in a deeper way. By looking at the big-picture issues of faith while also providing specific tips to nurture spiritual growth in parents and in their children with disabilities, *this book* will serve as a highly useful and inspiring resource for anyone in the community of faith who interacts with children with disabilities. You may recognize David, his wife and son who authored what was to become the Loyola Sacraments Kits to meet the needs of his daughter with autism. Click here to order [Faith, Family, and Children with Special Needs](#).

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.



[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

March

Mid-Atlantic Congress for Pastoral Leadership

Baltimore Hilton Hotel

Baltimore, MD

March 7-9, 2013

<http://www.midatlanticcongress.org/>

[MORE DETAILS](#)

April

NCEA 2013 Convention in conjunction with the National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors (NPCD)

April 2-4, 2013

George Brown Convention Center

Houston, TX

[Click here to register.](#)

May

Ignite the Fire of Faith - Enciende el Fuego de Fe

NCCL

May 19-23, 2013

Cleveland, OH

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November

NCPD National Conference

November 1-3, 2013

Houston, TX

More details to come.

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