



2017 Highlights



NCPD VIDEO PREMIERES AT VATICAN CONFERENCE ON CATECHESIS & DISABILITY

VIEW VIDEO AT NCPD.ORG

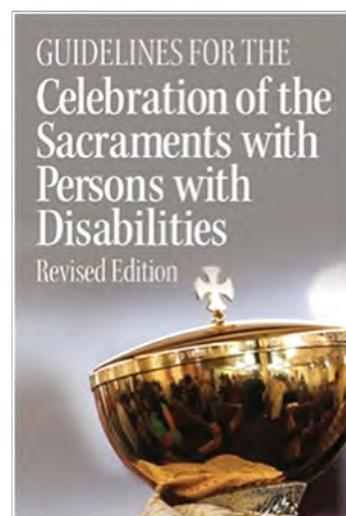
NCPD Impact Near & Far

It was a banner year for NCPD in many ways. From having a key role in the formulation of Church guidelines regarding persons with disabilities and faith practices in the United States to being a core organization involved in the planning of an international conference on catechesis and persons with disabilities held at the Vatican, NCPD has been able to have an impact near and far in the life of the Church.

NCPD also helped to plan liturgy and ensure disability access at the first-ever Convocation of Catholic

Leaders sponsored by the USCCB in July 2017. NCPD conveyed the needs of Catholics who are Deaf or have disabilities in liturgies, sign language interpretation, and access to the altar for readers and petitioners. Many were involved, and our input helped lead to EWTN captioning much of the event.

Through such involvement the universal practices that allow participation in the life of the Church for Catholics with disabilities is communicated.



The Revised Guidelines are the culmination of years of work to which NCPD staff, Board, and Council Members contributed significantly. NCPD wishes to express gratitude to the USCCB committees which produced the Revision, with special thanks to Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and Archbishop Joseph Kurtz for their efforts. The Revision was approved at the June 2017 meeting of U.S. Catholic Bishops.





NCPD Board Members and Staff at the November 2017 annual onsite board meeting at the NCPD facilities in Washington, DC. (Some members not pictured.)

Strategic Partnerships

Close collaboration with key partners such as **NCEA** and the **Andrew M. Greeley Center at Loyola University, Chicago** has allowed NCPD to advance efforts related to students with disabilities in Catholic schools.

NCPD was invited by USCCB to the National Leadership Network to bring a disability perspective to the **National Dialogue on Catholic Pastoral Ministry with Youth and Young Adults**. NCPD staff attended the inaugural planning meeting in Chicago in September 2017.

NCPD is pleased to announce our participation in the **National V Encuentro Process**. The V Encuentro is a National Initiative of the USCCB. Two NCPD staff members are part of the national team of experts created to identify best practices in 28 different ministerial areas.

POPE FRANCIS AT VATICAN CONFERENCE

I hope that in communities, people with disabilities may too be catechists, also by their witness, to transmit faith in a more effective way.

Other Highlights

NCPD has been having an effect not only on the national and international level, but more locally in sponsoring **regional meetings** at three different locations across the United States, drawing participants from over 25 different (arch)dioceses.

The NCPD episodes on **EWTN's Church Universal** last year have continued to air in 2017 and have led to many calls and in some cases life-changing results.

The large-print **Roman Missal** continues to be a favorite resource for priests and deacons with visual impairment. We are very happy to provide this much-needed service.



NCPD Councils

The Council on Intellectual and Developmental Disability (CIDD) and the Council on Mental Illness (CMI) continue to meet and offer valuable resources for the Church. The CIDD drafted the Board-approved *Statement on Belonging* (see ncpd.org).



The CMI released resources for awareness commemorations in May and October and also resources on Suicide Awareness & Prevention in September.

NCPD has produced a series of exhibit banners depicting important information about faith and disability in the Catholic Church which are available for purchase by (arch)dioceses and organizations.

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