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## **Happy New Year!** **Peace and grace for every day of it** **from the NCPD Staff!!**

When we think of you  
And the work you do  
We are blessed.

As we talk with you  
And learn the tremendous  
things you do  
We know the world is  
blessed.

As the days of 2012 pass  
And challenges come your  
way  
Be assured of our prayers.

May our website, resources  
and time  
Be as a fountain of graces  
Poured out for you.



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## **Eucharistic Prayer for Masses with Children**

This will be found missing from the Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. In the 2008 revision of the Missal, these Eucharistic Prayers, which had been around and used for the past 37 years, were omitted, though they are still considered appropriate for use specifically in masses with children as the primary participants such as parish children's masses, masses celebrated with children with disabilities, at grade school masses, or for First Holy Communion masses.

The U.S. bishops' conference will soon publish a new edition of them that includes the newer version of the words of consecration as they appear in all the other eucharistic prayers of the Roman Missal, Third Edition. It is likely that they will soon be retranslated in their entirety according to the newer translation principles, as noted in an article entitled "Revealing overlooked Roman Missal changes" by Barry Hudock - OSV Newsweekly, 12/11/2011.



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## NCPD News and Notes

### **Does the religious education publisher of the series used in your parish R.E. program provide support for inclusion of students with disabilities?**

The data collected from the nearly 500 parish responses to the survey by NCPD's national Autism Task Force indicated that 74% of them used their parish core curriculum materials with adaptations for use with children on the autism spectrum and with other disabilities that require learning accommodations. If you are part of that 74%, do not assume that you will be "on your own" in developing and making those adaptations. Your publisher might already have online or other resources to assist you. Go to their website and search for terms like "disability ministry resources" or other key words. Where indicated on the website "contact us with questions," do it! Click on



that link and let them know that you are their customer using (name the specific text and series) who is trying to make adaptations for a child with identified learning needs and ask them what resources they can provide.



When NCPD met with all of the publishers at a meeting we convened in Atlanta last year, they all said that they very rarely hear from catechists or catechetical leaders with that kind of request. The more people who reach out and request help from their text book series publisher to adapt their materials, the more they will be motivated to create and provide online or other resources to fill that need. There was a substantial interest by publishers in learning which might be the best medium, how they could be provided and what kind of resources could be helpful. Your request will help them determine or update their response. Note: If they refer you to the simple ideas provided for some lessons in the catechist/teacher's manual that many series include, assure them that is good and to continue it, but to expand that with additional online resources.

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## **NCPD's staff is busy with preparations for the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, as one of its several cosponsors.**

The event will be held from Feb. 12-15, 2012, in Washington, DC. NCPD will be hosting a pre-gathering meeting on Sunday, Feb. 12 offering a disability focus on the justice issues presented at the conference.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF  
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors will present Janice Benton with the 2012 Harry A. Fagan Roundtable Award at a special event on Feb. 11, for her exemplary contributions to the achievement of the Catholic social justice vision through her leadership as Executive Director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, an organization that represents more than 14 million Catholics with disabilities across the United States.



The Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors presents the Harry A. Fagan Award annually to a person or persons whose work, in the tradition of Catholic social teaching, has led to significant progress towards greater social justice and dignity for all members of society at the national or international level. For conference information and to register click on the link below.

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## NCPD welcomes two diocesan disability directors to the board of directors

The NCPD board at its Nov. 2011 meeting elected two new members: Marsha Rivas, Director Equal Access Ministries, Diocese of Toledo, (elected as board secretary) and Sr. Kathleen Schipani, IHM, PCPD/Deaf Apostolate Administrator, Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We are delighted to welcome them and look forward to working together.

We were sorry to say goodbye to three members who completed their terms: Debbie Adams, Diocese of Salt Lake, Dorothy Coughlin, Archdiocese of Portland, and Susan Perrault, Diocese of Green Bay. We are so grateful for their years of dedicated service and were heartened to know that they have offered their continued support.

## Revision of the large print editions (fonts 24, 34 and 44) of the Roman Missal

This project required temporary, part-time staff to complete and mail. We are extremely grateful for the dedication to this project they have shown, which makes it possible for priests across the U.S. with visual impairments, the resource they need to celebrate Mass. If you know of a priest or deacon who may benefit from this resource, please have them contact us at 202-529-2933 or order directly by clicking below.

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*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 2012!**

Click here to be a Friend of NCPD: <http://www.ncpd.org/friends>.

## Diocesan Director/ Partner News and Notes

### Interested in attending the International Eucharistic Congress in Ireland next June?

*The Archdiocese of Washington and Chicago & Scorby Travel Present...*

**50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress &  
Custom Tour for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing  
June 12-24, 2012 Dublin Ireland**



Mary O'Meara, Archdiocese of Washington asks, "Are you are interested in attending the International Eucharistic Congress next June? We need to find 15 more people by the end of the month to make this Pilgrimage viable!! "

**Don't DELAY!! If you are interested please contact Mary O'Meara at [omearam@adw.org](mailto:omearam@adw.org)**

**For more information on the Congress itself, please visit <http://www.iec2012.ie/>**

For more information on the Deaf Track of the Congress please visit: <http://icfdeafservice.org/>

### **Mental Health Ministries Newsletter**

Susan Gregg-Schroeder, Mental Health Ministries provides excellent resources through their electronic newsletter called Mental Health Ministries e-Spotlight. In the Winter 2012 edition, she writes: "A NEW YEAR: A TIME OF HOPE AND NEW BEGINNINGS. Yes, it is that time of year when we take stock of where we have been and look forward to what is to come in the New Year. We are living in uncertain and challenging times in our personal lives, in our

nation and in our world. George Iles wrote, 'Hope is faith holding out its hand in the dark.' To this end, Mental Health Ministries will continue to live out our mission to help faith communities find ways to bring hope and light to persons living in darkness."

Click here to see the full newsletter.

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## Introducing a New Series on Prenatal Diagnosis

**Below is a link to the first in a series of emails we will share over the next 12 months** offering "Monica's picks" of interesting articles regarding research and/or features about prenatal diagnosis. You will note that we offer both a link to the article as well as a brief description of the topic. Please let us know if you have questions. Click below for more information.

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**Tracy Winsor, Be Not Afraid, NC and Monica Rafie, BeNotAfraid.net** were presenters on the NCPD webinar *Threats to the Lives of People with Disabilities, Part I: Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal and Non-lethal Conditions and Disability*.



### January's Inclusion Tip: Ministering to Difficult People.

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

Happy New Year! Please open one of the attachments at this link for the first Inclusion Tip of 2012: *Ministering to Difficult People*. Thank you for all you do to joyfully serve the least of your brothers.



Click "**Tip Sheet**" button for more information.

*For more information contact Marsha Rivas, Equal Access Ministries Diocese of Toledo 419-244-6711*

*mrivas@toledodiocese.org*

## USCCB and Legislative News

### *Social Security Update*

The latest edition of the newsletter is posted online.  
You can read the newsletter in its entirety by clicking on the link below.

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### **Ministries extend compassion to those who've had abortions**

Out of 53 million legal abortions performed in the United States in the last 40 years, about 10 million of the women identified themselves as Catholics. “The numbers are staggering,” Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo said at the November meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Church’s response to them is one of compassion with an invitation to healing. To read the rest of this article by Maryann Gogniat Eidemiller about Catholic organizations that help women heal through the sacraments and by letting them know they are forgiven, from OSV Newsweekly, 1/15/2012, click here:

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### **Announcing Medicaid.gov**

The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) is pleased to announce the initial launch of <http://medicaid.gov/>, the first Federal government website devoted to the policies -- and the people -- of Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This website is the culmination of efforts at the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services to revitalize and reorient the information the Federal government makes available about these programs. As part of our commitment to transparency and information sharing, *Medicaid.gov* brings to the forefront the items that States, the health policy community and other stakeholders have said they care about most, including: our Federal policy guidance; lists of pending and approved waivers; highlights of our Affordable Care Act implementation efforts; State-specific program information and data; and improved search capabilities.

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## Resources

### Resources for Persons with Disabilities for Roman Missal, Third Edition

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## NCPD Resources

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

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### February National Disability Commemorations

We occasionally receive calls about monthly commemorations of disability issues. Below are some of the commemorations for February.

- [National Eating Disorders Awareness Week](#)
- [National American Heart Month](#)
- [Low Vision Awareness Month](#)
- [National Burn Awareness Week](#)

### National Catholic Network on Mental Illness - Sign Up Now

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

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## Calendar of Events

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering  
with Disability Ministry Wrap-Around Meeting  
February 12-15, 2012

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Mid-Atlantic Congress for Pastoral Leadership  
Baltimore Hilton Hotel in the Inner Harbor  
March 8–10, 2012

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Los Angeles Religious Education Congress  
Anaheim, CA  
March 22, 2012 (Youth Day)  
March 23-25, 2012

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