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Make sure to email this registration information for Partnership 2013 to your parish leaders and invite them to attend!



Registration Now Open

The National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) invites you to attend *The Partnership 2013: Where Faith and Disability Meet*, being held in Houston, Texas, on [November 1-3, 2013](#).

Join Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Episcopal Moderator of NCPD, and others nationally who support the outreach to and involvement of Catholics with disabilities of all ages, and their families, in the full life of the Church – sacramental, liturgical, catechetical and spiritual.

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This national conference will provide leaders of all ministries, persons with disabilities and their loved ones, catechists and all educators, knowledge of current strategies and resources that support our goal to welcome and evangelize all persons.

Pre-conference Gatherings on Autism and on Mental Illness are included in registration options.

Get more information and register at [Partnership 2013](#) or www.ncpd.org.



The hotel rate for the *Partnership 2013* is \$85 per night for up to four occupants.

Inscripciones Abiertas

La Asociación Católica Nacional de Discapacidad (NCPD) le invita a participar en *La Asociación 2013: Donde se Encuentran la Fe y la Discapacidad*, que se celebra en Houston, Texas, [del 1-3 de noviembre de 2013](#).

Únase al Cardenal Daniel DiNardo, Arzobispo de Galveston-Houston, Moderador Episcopal de NCPD, y a otros que nacionalmente apoyan la incorporación y la participación de los católicos con discapacidades de todas edades, y sus familias, en la vida plena de la Iglesia - sacramental, litúrgica, catequética y espiritual.



El costo del hotel para la Asociación 2013 es \$85 por noche con 4 habitantes.

Esta conferencia nacional proporcionará a líderes de todos los ministerios, a las personas con discapacidad y sus seres queridos, a los catequistas ya todos los educadores, el conocimiento de las estrategias actuales y recursos

que apoyan nuestro objetivo de acoger y evangelizar a todas las personas.

Reuniones pre-conferencia sobre el autismo y las enfermedades mentales están incluidas en las opciones de registro.

Para obtener más información y para inscribirse en la [Asociación 2013](#) o visite www.ncpd.org.

NCPD News and Notes

Carol Ruddell, Co-chair, Partnership 2013: Where Faith and Disability Meet

The Autism Council of Utah has created a DVD that targets faith leaders, and features Bishop John C Wester, the bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, along with a Rabbi, the Utah Presbytery and a leader from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon). Several of my friends who are also parents of children and youth with autism are featured as well. The full 30 minute DVD is available to view at http://saharacares.net/saharacares/autism_faith.html.



The Autism Council of Utah is donating 100 copies of the DVD for distribution to the participants for our NCPD Autism Task Force pre-conference Autism Gathering on Friday, November 1.

NCPD Autism Task Force Autism Gathering

Much of the work of our staff is focused upon Partnership 2013 preparations and that includes our Autism Task Force. The ATF will gather from May 30-June 2 for their second face-to-face meeting since the task force was created three years ago. The agenda will include work on our App for Mass and Sacramental Preparation for those with Autism and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, finalizing some products for our website to support your ministries, and planning for an Autism Gathering on Nov. 1 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Houston, just prior to the beginning of our national disability ministry conference. Plan to sign up for the Autism Gathering when you register for Partnership 2013 and make sure to get the word out to your parishes so parish leaders can have the opportunity to attend, as well.

NCPD Council on Mental Illness

Gathering of the MI Network in Houston, Nov. 1 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., just prior to the opening of Partnership 2013. Make sure to pass the word about signing up for this pre-conference Gathering to parish leaders. This is for all who are involved in or want to begin ministry for those with mental illness in your diocese or parish.

Janice Benton, Executive Director of NCPD

Janice was very busy in April with multiple presentations, keynotes, and one diocesan assessment of their disability ministry, all commitments made before we planned to host a national conference this year. To top it off, she attended a fundraiser for NCPD with Fr. Robert Barron, creator of the *Catholicism Series* in Chicago, hosted by Chicago based members of the Catholic Disability Foundation (CDF).



Pictured are: James Goodman (CDF), Bill Grusich (CDF), Janice Benton, Fr. Robert Barron, Dr. Nancy Thompson, Bob Donovan (Chair, CDF), Susanna Herro (Chair, NCPD Board), Connie Rakitan (Co-Chair, NCPD Council on Mental Illness.)

Dr. Nancy Thompson, Director of Programs and Diocesan Relations

Nancy was able to meet Jan in Chicago for the fundraiser. Her travel commitments in April included directing a Mom's Retreat for mothers of children with disabilities in Wichita. One of the very best things about working on the road for both Jan and Nancy is getting to meet and spend face-to-face time with you, our diocesan and parish disability ministry leaders! The rest of this year is booked but consider NCPD as a resource that you can draw upon for conferences and regional meetings.

**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

Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, Diocese of Cleveland

On May 17 & 18, Dennis will again appear on the Living Right with Dr. Ray Show on EWTN (The Global Catholic Network) at 5:00 a.m. Friday and at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please check your local listing for the exact time. This second episode will also feature Grace Bertolino from the Catholic Blind Community of Cleveland.



In between takes...



Being cued

Dennis & Dr. Ray will discuss persons with disabilities, their ministries, and the gifts that they bring to our Church community and as a result to the society we live in.

Barb Arland-Fye, Editor The Catholic Messenger, Diocese of Davenport, parent.



In her column published April 18, Barb dedicated the column to an article she called “*Boston Calls Us to Prayer*”. She prominently features the response of her adult son, Colin, who has autism and his younger sibling, Patrick.



“Writing on deadline, I learned about the deadly explosions at the Boston Marathon on April 15 during a phone call from a colleague whose friend was participating in the road race...click here for more”

Because of his autism, Colin has the perception that whatever happens to anybody else in the world has a direct bearing on him. When someone else is hurt, Colin hurts. The emotional weight can cause him to panic, however.

[READ MORE](#)

Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, Director of Special Needs Ministry, Diocese of Allentown

A former priest of the Diocese of Allentown and a member of the Sisters of Mercy were honored for their tireless efforts on behalf of the poor and vulnerable during the sixth annual Catholic Charities Gala "Caring for Our Communities," March 3 at DeSales University, Center Valley.

Sister Janice Marie Johnson, member of the Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic Community, is well known throughout the five-county diocese for her work with the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA), on behalf of people with disabilities and in special education.

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Introducing Sister Janice, Paul Wirth lauded her for her service to persons with special needs, and generating support for programs and services funded by BAA. "She is an inspiration to everyone who knows her and works with her," he said.

Sister Janice has been a Sister of Mercy since 1956. She is the coordinator of the diocesan Office for Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, and serves as ambassador for the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Joanna Aguilar, Archdiocese of Los Angeles



A Special Needs Workshop for catechists and catechetical leaders will be held July 13, 2013 in the San Pedro Region, Bellflower, CA, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sessions are on Autism, ADD/ADHD and the Individualized Religious Education Program. Click here for registration information and other details.

[CLICK HERE](#)

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

May's Inclusion Tip is *Catholic's with Celiac Disease*.
(Click here for PDF in [English](#); [Spanish](#); here for Word in [English](#), [Spanish](#).)



Celiac Disease, or Celiac Sprue, is an inherited auto-immune condition estimated to affect 1 in 133 people in the U.S. causing intolerance to gluten, the protein in wheat. Catholics with this condition face a unique challenge for the Sacrament of Eucharist.



The printable flyer includes tips on the following areas.
[What is Celiac Disease?](#)
[Tips for Ministers of Holy Communion](#)
[Tips for Catholics with Celiac Disease](#)

Resources

20 Colleges for Students with Disabilities

"Here, we've listed some of the colleges that currently offer comprehensive or specialized programs for students who may have special needs. They range from schools focusing solely on special needs students to those incorporating specific classes and support programs into everyday coursework. This isn't a comprehensive list, and many more schools out there offer assistance to special needs students as well. We've just highlighted some we think stand out."

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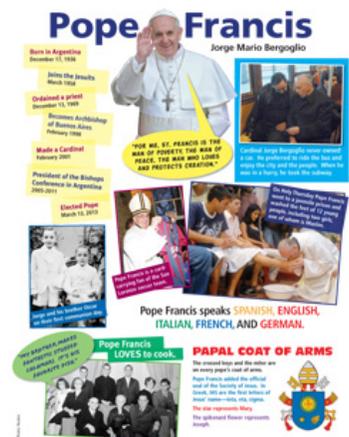


Seasonal resources and activities from *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*

Share this Pope Francis mini-poster with your students

A mini-poster featuring highlights in the life of Pope Francis is available free on PGW Online, a service of *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*. Included are photos of the new pope with his brother at their first communion, and as a young Jesuit with his family. Also included is an illustration of the papal coat of arms with an explanation of what the symbols represent. You can display the mini-poster in your school or parish, or print copies for students to take home.

[Click here](#) to register for PGW Online if you haven't already. It's free!



Awareness Commemorations

We occasionally receive calls about monthly commemorations of disability issues and will list them, one month ahead, for your convenience. Below are some of the commemorations for June and July.

June

National Cancer Survivor's Day

(Usually celebrated first Sunday each June)

National Cancer Survivor's Day Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 682285

Franklin, TN 37068-2285

Phone: 615-794-3006

<http://www.ncsdf.org>

National Scleroderma Awareness Month

Scleroderma Foundation

300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105

Danvers, MA 01923

Phone: 800-722-HOPE

<http://www.scleroderma.org/> or http://www.scleroderma.org/news/news2006/news2006_june_awareness5.shtm

American Association of the Deaf-Blind: A New Beginning

Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Month www.aadb.org

June is celebrated around the world as Deaf-Blind Awareness Month, marking the birth month of Helen Keller, unquestionably the most famous person who was deaf-blind. Helen Keller's journey is an inspiring story which took her from silence and darkness to a life of vision and advocacy. Against overwhelming odds, she waged a seemingly impossible battle to re-enter the world she had lost, and through her actions and achievements, she is recognized as one of the most powerful symbols of triumph over adversity.

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions (NARUC) estimates that 70,000-100,000 people living in the United States are deaf-blind.

July

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Anniversary

(7/26/90)

ADA Home Page: Information and
Technical Assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act
<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

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
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the following button.

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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

May

**Ignite the Fire of Faith -
Enciende el Fuego de Fe**
NCCL
May 19-23, 2013
Cleveland, OH



[MORE DETAILS](#)

July

A Special Needs Workshop

For catechists and catechetical leaders
July 13, 2013
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
San Pedro Region,
Bellflower, CA



Archdiocese of
LOS ANGELES

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November

NCPD National Conference

November 1-3, 2013
Houston, TX

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to register.

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