



Mental Illness Network News

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All Rise



My wife and I were recently visiting our daughter at her office. She works at the states attorney's office in McHenry, Illinois. At the reception desk the graphic below entitled "All Rise" was displayed in plain view for everyone to see. The receptionist didn't know who wrote it but took it out of the frame and made us a copy. Clearly it embodies what we believe is the dignity of every individual and how we can help people to get the assistance they need rather than just lock them up. In this day and age when many people are languishing in jails and prisons mainly due to their symptoms of mental illness, programs like mental health courts can save lives and give people a chance. The ideals represented by the author should be applied across our nation's justice system.

Deacon Tom Lambert

ALL RISE

*F*or centuries, anyone who has had business before the court has heard two words called out by the bailiff, court officer or court clerk, two words that demand everyone in the courtroom to come to attention. Two words that rarely fail to create order amidst chaos. Two words that inspire a sense of awe and respect for our judicial process: **ALL RISE!**

But in mental health court, those two words have a totally different meaning. For those two words perfectly describe what a mental health court does and what the outcome will be. ALL RISE describes how instead of casting out and discarding someone struggling with a co-occurring disorder, mental health courts insert love, support and hope into the very lives of the people who the justice system say are hopeless. ALL RISE describes mental health court as a place where instead of prison, clients receive the right mix of treatment and accountability needed to change their lives; instead of hopelessness, they receive a solution, instead of indifference they are shown compassion; instead of judgment, they are given assistance, instead of punishment, they are provided a passport to recovery.

ALL RISE indeed represents that awe inspiring moment at the beginning of each mental health court session. But, ALL RISE has a deeper social meaning as well. ALL RISE is a challenge to summon our collective strength and help lighten the shoulders of those in our community whose burden has become too heavy to carry alone. ALL RISE demands that we all see beyond the chaos and wreckage in a person's life to their potential, and humanity and that we act. Because we know that when one person rises out of mental illness and crime, we

ALL RISE.

May is Mental Health Month

What can you do to further educate and advocate for the needs and the awareness of people with mental illness and their families?

- Have a mass said for their intentions.
- Show the DVD Welcomed and Valued.
- Bulletin articles.
- Make a commitment to attend the Partnership 2013: Where Faith and

Disability Meet, NCPD's national conference on faith and disability & the special November 1 pre-meeting on supporting people with mental illness. (See information listed below.)

- Other ideas can be found on NCPD and on the sites below.

www.ncpd.org



www.mentalhealthministries.net



www.miministry.org



www.nami.org



www.pathways2promise.org



Be sure to sign up for our meeting in November!



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](http://www.ncpd.org).

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.

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](http://Partnership2013.org) 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.

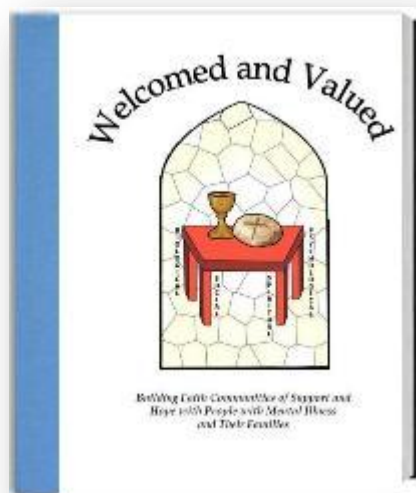
FROM THE EDITOR

We invite you to tell us about your ministry. What are you doing, what are your hopes, and what are your struggles? One of our goals is to network ideas and ministries so that we can all share in the day-to-day life of people trying to make a difference by being Christ to one another.



Please send all emails to me, Deacon Tom Lambert, at olmcinfo2@aol.com and put NCPD Council on MI Network in the subject line. You can also call me at 773-525-0453 if you have any questions or ideas, or for more information on workshops, DVDs, speakers, and our [Resource Binder](#).

Welcomed and Valued: Mental Illness Resource Manual and DVD



The Resource Manual features 90+ pages of information, perspectives and tools to assist in the ministry with people with mental illness.

The DVD features in depth looks at people with mental illness and how they participate in parish life. (27 minute open captioned DVD)
Discussion guide included.

[Click here](#) for a free download of the Resource Manual. [Click here](#) for purchase options .

Please consider making a donation to support the mission of the Council on Mental Illness. Your help allows this effort to continue.

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Our Mission:

Following Jesus who embraced all, we assist the Catholic Community in reaching out to and accompanying our brothers and sisters with mental illness and their families, assuring their rightful place in the Church and society.

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The logo depicts the Eucharistic table to which all are called. It also presents four dimensions to personal wholeness, each important to healing and recovery:

spiritual, biological, psychological, and social.

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