CHECKLIST FOR PARISH FACILITIES

GENERAL ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS

YES/NO

____ Does the parish have a stated policy that people with disabilities are welcome?

____ Does the staff know about this commitment?

____ Have the staff ever been trained in awareness/sensitivity to disability concerns?

____ Does the parish regularly advertise access to its activities and services?

____ Are opportunities for participation provided for persons with intellectual disabilities?

____ Are programs for faith formation accessible and accommodating to children and adults with disabilities?

____ Are people with disabilities lectors, greeters or in other roles of ministry or service?

____ Is there an emergency evacuation plan for people with disabilities?

Architectural Barriers - Entrance Way

____ Are an adequate number of parking spaces designated as handicap spaces? (8 feet wide for car, with, optimally, a 5 foot striped access aisle)

____ Are the handicap spaces closest to the accessible entrance?

Is the route from the parking to the entrance accessible:

____ Level all the way?

____ Curb cuts?

____ Steps?

____ Handrails?

____ Pathway a minimum of 36” wide?

____ Are there protruding objects?
YES/NO

Is the entrance to the building level with the street/sidewalk:

_____ Steps?  _____ Handrails?  _____ Ramp?

Is the door at the entrance accessible?

_____ Easy to use door handles?

_____ Door is light and easy to maneuver?

_____ Door opens automatically?

_____ Do all inaccessible entrances have signs indicating the nearest accessible entrance?

Architectural Barriers - Interior

Inside the building, are the main paths of travel accessible:

_____ Aisles 36" wide?

_____ Are there seating options for people who use wheelchairs?

_____ Changes in levels?

_____ Steps?  _____ Handrails?  _____ Ramp?

_____ Floor covering maneuverable?

_____ Is there a 5 foot circle or a T-shaped space for a person using a wheelchair to reverse direction?

_____ Do doors into rooms have at least a 32" clear opening?

_____ Are door handles 48" high or less and operable with a closed fist?

_____ In hallways and aisles, are all obstacles cane-detectable?  (Located within 27" of the floor or protruding less than 4" from the wall)

_____ Are all thresholds level (less than 1/4 inch), or beveled, up to ½ inch high?

_____ Is there a clear path (no barriers) to the altar and ambo?
Architectural Barriers - Restrooms

If restrooms are available, is at least one fully accessible:

_____ Door into restroom opens easily and allows room for wheelchair?

_____ Path inside restroom is maneuverable?

_____ Is at least one stall accessible?

_____ Grab bars?

_____ Raised toilet seat?

_____ Is one sink accessible?

_____ Mirror accessible?

_____ Soap dispenser is in easy reach?

_____ Towel dispenser is in easy reach?

Other Considerations

_____ Are there accessible water fountains?

_____ Is there an accessible public telephone?

_____ Is all signage easy to read?

_____ Is there a policy for providing a sign language interpreter?

_____ Are homilies and other spoken material provided in an alternative form? (ex. cassette or print)

_____ Are assistive listening devices available?

_____ Are printed materials available in alternative forms? (large print, tape, braille)

Signature ___________________________________________________________ Date ____________________________
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