Catechetical Resources for Children and Youth with Disability

A PARTIAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

CATHOLIC CURRICULUM RESOURCES

Network of Inclusion Catholic Educators (NICE), University of Dayton:
*Sacramental Preparation Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation: Individualizing Lesson Plans*
*Sacraments: Gifts for All (Confirmation, Eucharist, and Reconciliation)*
*Welcome One, Welcome All: Inclusive Religious Education Resource Binder*

*All About Mass - Student Edition:* Uses limited vocabulary and simple images to explain the mass in a way that both young children and adults with developmental disabilities can understand.

*Apostles Creed/Mary/Sacraments/Beatitudes/Saints:* Individual books on a variety of topics that can be used as a supplement.

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www.udayton.edu/artssciences/ctr/mpi/inclusive_catechesis_resources/index.php
1-888-532-3389

**Loyola Press:**
*Adaptive First Eucharist Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs*
*Adaptive Reconciliation Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs*
*Adaptive Confirmation Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs*
The kits contain tactile components, including picture cards and other manipulates. These kits also includes social stories and picture exchange communication system (PECS) strategies.

*My Picture Missal App* was developed for children with special needs and for young children. With a choice of English or Spanish, **all children can learn, understand, and fully experience the Mass.** When used at Mass, it's a great tool to help children follow along step-by-step and join in appropriately and reverently. Available on the iPad now for purchase at *itunes.com*

*Adaptive Finding God Program:* A full curriculum offering faith formation for children with special needs adaptable to a variety of settings and situations. Includes lesson plans and adaptive materials for each grade level and sacramental prep.


*Faith, Family and Children with Special Needs* by David Rizzo 2012

*Spiritually Able: A Parents’s Guide to Teaching the Faith to children with Special Needs* by David Rizzo 2015

**Contact:** www.loyolapress.com (Special Needs web site: www.loyolapress.com/special-needs)
Our Sunday Visitor

*My First Eucharist / Sacrament of Reconciliation:* These videos and teacher’s guides created by the National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) provides a signed and closed captioned sacrament preparation to assist in preparing deaf children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation ([www.ncod.org](http://www.ncod.org) or [www.osvparish.com](http://www.osvparish.com)).

*Strengthened in Faith: Confirmation:* Three DVD’s that contain 12 video lessons in American Sign Language, captioned and voiced in English and a Teacher Manual. Produced by the National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) for individuals who are deaf and very effective for any visual learners. Voiced and captioned in Spanish Version available in 2015.

**Contact:** [www.osvparish.org](http://www.osvparish.org) or call 1-800-348-2440, ext. 2173

RCL-Benziger:

*Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Program* to Improve Catholic Religious Education for Children and Adults with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities.

- Level based Student Activity books are also available.
- Autism Supplement (2014)
- Published by Diocese of Pittsburgh; distributed by RCL-Benziger

Series of picture books published by Diocese of Pittsburgh and distributed by RCL-Benziger:

- *My Church: A young girl shares her Catholic Deaf Community*
- *Created in God’s Image: A Photo-essay on Faith, Family, and Friendship*
- *Seeing Through God’s Eyes*
- *Just Like Me*
- *We Go To Mass* (geared for children with autism)
- *One Flock, One Shepherd: A Collection of Prayers by Parents of Children Who Are Disabled*

**Contact:** RCL-Benziger - [www.rclbenziger.com](http://www.rclbenziger.com) or 1-877-275-4725

Cardinal Stritch University Bookstore:

*Journey with Jesus: Call to Love* by Sr. Sheila Haskett, O.S.F. Suggestions for Special Religious Education for Persons Categorized as Severely/Profoundly Mentally Retarded. Topics covered: Call to Be; Call to Respond; Call to be Loving

*Call to Communion; Call to Reconciliation. Call to Service* (Confirmation). Each of these also has a black line picture book for the participants. (Note: These are for those with special education needs, but not classified as severely/profoundly mentally retarded.)

*Seasons of Grace: Sacramental Preparation for Mentally Handicapped Teens and Adults* by Brigid O’Donnell.

*Journey with Jesus Gospel Study: A Curriculum Guide for Adult Special Religious Education* by Sr. M. Sheila Haskett, O.S.F., Ph.D. and Sr. M. Coletta Dunn, O.S.F., Ph.D.

**Contact:** Cardinal Stritch University Bookstore; (414) 410-4035 or [http://www.csu.bkstr.com/](http://www.csu.bkstr.com/)

Labosh Publishing:


**Contact:** Labosh Publishing: East Petersburg, PA, 2007. [www.laboshpublishing.com](http://www.laboshpublishing.com)
OTHER CATHOLIC RESOURCES

A Place for All: Ministry for Youth with Special Needs by John E. Barone, St. Mary Press, 2008. A manual that provides background and practical skills for creating a learning environment and preparing dynamic lessons to accommodate all youth in religious education programs. St. Mary Press, www.smp.org, 800-533-8095

Awakening Spiritual Dimensions: Prayer Services with Persons with Severe Disabilities  I and II by Fr. William Gillum, OFM Cap. Available from: AuthorHouse 1663 Liberty Drive, Suite 200 Bloomington, IN 47043, 800-839-8640 or www.AuthorHouse.com or book order hotline 888-280-7715, bkorders@authorhouse.com


Creative Teaching website: Offers creative resources for understanding the sacraments and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Useful for learners with and without disabilities. Creative Teaching activities have been given an Imprimatur. 1-586-992-2368 or www.creativeteaching.net

Catholic Icing website: Suggestions and templates for hands on activities and crafts that assist in making religions lessons hands-on and memorable. www.catholicicing.com


Special Children, Blessed Fathers: Encouragement for fathers of children with special needs by Randy Hain. Emmaus Road, 2015. Order through Amazon.


This Is My Church. A power point template of a church tour that you may insert digital photos of your own church to share with your child(ren). Department for Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Newark. masteran@rcan.org or 973-497-4309
Resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):
Bishops’ Statements/Publications:
*USCCB is updating and plans to re-authorize in 2015-2016.

Web Version of these documents also available at: www.ncpd.org

INTERFAITH RESOURCES


AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESOURCES


BRAILLE & LARGE PRINT RESOURCES

Xavier Society for the Blind – Provides free spiritual and inspiration reading materials and lending library services in Braille, large print and audiocassette formats. 212-473-7800; 1-800-637-9193, www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org


AUTISM-SPECIFIC RESOURCES


WEBSITE RESOURCES


NCOD - The National Catholic Office for the Deaf, www.ncod.org

Church Access for Persons with Disabilities; Catholic Theological Information & Practical Advice: http://www.catholicdisabilityteachings.com/

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