



NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY

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Dear Brother in Christ,

As the Episcopal Moderator for the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD), I express my appreciation for your leadership along with a request to partner with me and dioceses across the country in supporting persons with disabilities in the Church by being an Affiliate of NCPD.

For more than four decades, NCPD has served the Church by helping parishes and dioceses respond more fully to the needs of persons with disabilities through resources and consultation related to sacramental access, catechesis, parish accommodations, and mental health support.

I respectfully invite you to renew or begin your partnership as an NCPD Affiliate Diocese by including a \$1,500 membership fee in your 2026-2027 diocesan budget. Your membership provides your diocese with access to Affiliate Connect meetings for collaboration and formation as well as discounts on conferences and online courses. Members enjoy complimentary access to the Catholic Disability Exchange (CDX), our national platform for sharing ministry resources, and benefit from ongoing consultation and support tailored to your local needs.

NCPD does not receive funding from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This ministry depends upon the partnership of dioceses committed to ensuring the full participation of all persons in the life of the Church. I would be most grateful for your partnership in this essential work.

Please know of my prayers for you and all entrusted to your care.

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington
NCPD Episcopal Moderator

P.S. Enclosed is a form to return with your membership fee. Charleen Katra, NCPD Executive Director, can be reached directly at (713) 416-1032, if needed.



Affiliate Benefits

Since its establishment in 1982, NCPD has relied on the generous support of Bishops and their dioceses to advance the goals of the USCCB's 1978 *Pastoral Statement on Persons with Disabilities*. NCPD is grateful to its Affiliate Dioceses for their ongoing support, which makes this vital ministry possible through the commitment of the U.S. Bishops.

In appreciation of Affiliate Diocese's financial support, NCPD is proud to offer the following benefits:

Catholic Disability Exchange (CDX)

Exclusive access to the Catholic Disability Exchange, NCPD's new resource sharing site. Disability ministers across the country are uploading prayers, forms, checklists, and other items they use in their ministry. This has invaluable potential for anyone in an Affiliate Diocese including parish staff and volunteers.

Networking with Fellow Diocesan Leaders

Engage in monthly Affiliate Connect meetings with disability diocesan directors who exchange ideas, share success stories, and current best practices. Relevant topics recently discussed were:

- Embedding theology into disability ministry
- Putting faith into action for disability policy change
- Funding inclusive Catholic education
- Marketing your mission for tangible growth

Consult with NCPD Staff

Receive individualized support virtually or invite NCPD to present in-person training at a reduced cost.

Receive Complimentary Disability Resources

When publishers provide NCPD with disability-related resources, NCPD sends them to Affiliate Dioceses.

Enjoy Discounts on any NCPD Offering that has a Cost

Discount codes are available for the following:

- Online courses in English and Spanish
- Summer Intensive 4-day online formation; 2-day in Spanish
- Conference registration in-person or virtual
- Diocesan training in-person or virtual
- Digital downloads

“Having been involved in ministry at all levels for over 40 years...I am very impressed with NCPD and the level of support, resources, trainings, and connection they are providing. I have sent many of my parish leaders and individual families to the website to discover all the wonderful resources they have.”

Diocesan Leader following an Affiliate Connect



2026-2027 (July–June) NCPD AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Please complete and return this form with your fee.

Name: _____ Arch/Bishop of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is our 2026-2027 NCPD Affiliate Membership Fee: \$ _____
(**\$1,500 Requested**)

Please mail check made payable to “NCPD” to:
NCPD, 415 Michigan Ave. N.E., Ste. 95, Washington, DC 20017-4501

The National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) provides clergy, pastoral, and educational staff with resources and training, faithful to Church teaching, on issues related to systematic, sacramental, and liturgical access for Catholics with disabilities. NCPD advocates daily for the full sacramental and social inclusion of the estimated 15 million Catholics living with a disability in the U.S.

NCPD was founded 44 years ago with a grant from the Catholic Bishops’ Home Missions Office to implement the *US Catholic Bishops’ 1978 Pastoral Statement on Persons with Disabilities*. **NCPD relies upon your Arch/Diocesan Affiliate Membership fee of \$1,500 to support our programming and educational materials**, in addition to the generous support of foundations and individuals. NCPD works closely with USCCB offices to provide relevant resources and pastoral training which supports diocesan disability ministry.

NOTE: We request that Your Excellency provide contact information below for the individual on your staff primarily responsible for ensuring access and inclusion for members of your local Church who have a disability. This person will be listed on NCPD’s website:

Name*: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

***If your Arch/Diocese has an additional staff person(s) who you want included in our database, please also provide us with their contact information.**

Visit NCPD: www.ncpd.org Email NCPD: ncpd@ncpd.org Call NCPD: (771) 203-4477

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Thank you!