

Catechetical Resources for Children and Youth with Disability

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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 available)

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.)

http://ipi.udayton.edu/nice_books.html or 888-532-3389.

RCL Benziger:

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Program to Improve Catholic Religious Education for Children and Adults with Mental Retardation

✦ Level based Student Activity books are also available.

✦ 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*

My First Eucharist. This video and teachers guide 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 their First Eucharist. (Penance Program will be available soon) Distributed by RCL Benziger and NCOD (www.ncod.org).

Contact: RCL Benziger - www.rclbenziger.com or 877-275-4725.

Loyola Press:

Adaptive First Eucharist Preparation Kit includes My Picture Missal, picture Mass Cards, Bless Yourself matching puzzle, Who is Jesus? instructional story and other elements. Also, there are the *Reconciliation Flip Book* and *I'm Sorry Picture Card* for use in preparing children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Developed for students with autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities, when adaptive curriculum materials are needed. 2012.

Adaptive Finding God Program is the first complete faith formation curriculum adapted for children with special needs—makes Catholic faith formation available to all children.

Developed in consultation with the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, the curriculum builds on the proven success of Loyola Press's established *Finding God* curriculum for grades 1–8, which integrates the themes of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* with Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and prayer. *Finding God* presents the authentic teachings of the Catholic faith in a systematic way that broadens and deepens the children's knowledge of their faith. *Adaptive Finding God* presents those same teachings distilled in their clearest form, one idea at a time, and presented in creative ways that children with cognitive and other disabilities can learn and take to heart.

Contact: Loyola Press - www.loyolapress.com or 800-621-1008.

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

Opening Doors to People with Disabilities: The Resource File, Books A & B, Janice L. Benton and Mary Jane Owen, ed, 1997. Additionally, this website has numerous webinars on a variety of specific topics

Contact: National Catholic Partnership on Disability, www.ncpd.org or 202-529-2933.

Resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):

Bishops' Statements/Publications:

✦ *Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities*, 1978, rev. 1989.

✦ *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities*, 1995.

✦ *National Directory for Catechesis*. USCCB, 2005.

Contact: USCCB Publishing, , www.usccb.org or 800-235-8722.

INTERFAITH RESOURCES

Autism and Your Church: Nurturing the Spiritual Growth of People with Autism Spectrum Disorders by Barbara J. Newman, 2006. This book will enable church leaders to more fully include children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) into the Church. Available from Faith Alive Christian Resources, www.friendship.org or 800-333-8300.

Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities by Barbara J. Newman, 2001. Available from Faith Alive Christian Resources, www.friendship.org or 800-333-8300.

The Key Ring Binder: Your Ignition Key for Inclusion Ministry. This binder can be downloaded free from <http://www.keyministry.org>. It includes resources along with updated articles, new information, and templates, all designed to make ministry run smoothly. Key Ministry's mission is to equip churches to welcome and include children and families affected by hidden disabilities in all aspects of the life of the church.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESOURCES

Signs for Catholic Liturgy and Education and other titles and videos available from the National Catholic Office for the Deaf, www.ncod.org, or 301-577-4184 (tty), 301-577-1684 (voice).

Catholic Prayers in American Sign Language (DVD with accompanying booklet) available from Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Deaf Apostolate, <http://archphila.org/evangelization/resplife/deafapos/resources.htm> or 215-587-3913.

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 or 800-637-9193.

JOURNALS

- ✦ Journal of Religion, Disability & Health
- ✦ Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis
- ✦ Research in Developmental Disabilities
- ✦ Behavior Modification
- ✦ Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders
- ✦ Journal of Behavioral Education
- ✦ Education and Treatment in Mental Retardation

WEBSITE RESOURCES

NCPD – National Catholic Partnership on Disability, www.ncpd.org.

NAfIM – National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry, www.nafim.org.

NICE – The Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators, http://ipi.udayton.edu/nice_books.html

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

Key Ministry - www.keyministry.org

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

US GOVERNMENT Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/DiseasesConditions/az/a.html> (alphabetical listing)