

“Welcoming ALL to the Lord’s Table”



**Ministry with
Persons with
disAbilities**

Accessing hearts,
minds and buildings

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“Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with disAbilities”

by: USCCB also “Opening Doors of Welcome and Justice to Parishioners with Disabilities – A parish Resource Guide” by: National Catholic Partnership on Disability. <http://www.ncpd.org/views-news-policy/policy/church/bishops>

Resources on disAbilities: The National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry (NAFIM) is a nonprofit membership organization of persons with and without disabilities working and praying together for the good of the whole Church to realize justice for persons of all abilities in the parish and in religious, social and civic life. We share with you and invite you to share with us. New Publication Information Sheets on Catechesis in English and Spanish and Catholic Special Religious Education Curricula at: <http://www.nafim.org/tip-sheets/>

Access to Liturgical Spaces: Welcoming ALL to this Place: When the Roman Catholic Church discusses accessibility, two viewpoints emerge: A concern for sacramental accessibility. A concern for building accessibility. This article explores how choices regarding barrier-free access can affect sacramental inclusion. <http://www1.georgetown.edu/centers/liturgyc/envisionchurch/60887.html>



Ministry with Persons with disAbilities Flyer Brochure Available on Line

www.dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/index.html

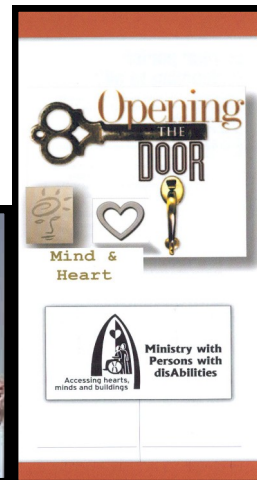
Our Ministry has developed two Brochures. I hope you will find them a useful resource for your ministry.

The “Opening the Door Mind & Heart” Ministry with Persons with disAbilities covers all the work that this ministry accomplishes. I have included a section on “Is your parish welcoming to all?” This section has questions and suggestions for a parish to reach out to their parishioners with all types of disAbilities.

The ministries that we address are:
Persons with disAbilities
Persons who are Blind or Sight Impaired
Persons with Mental Illness

This Brochure also contains listing of Resources Brochures, Books Web Sites and VHS/DVD Tapes.

Brochure is intended for anyone interested in learning more about persons with disAbilities. Wonderful brochures to assist in Welcoming ALL People to the Table of the Lord!



Ministry with Persons with disAbilities

Calendar of Events 2011/2012

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Family Day with Bishop

Mass & Lunch

Sunday, October 23, 2011

St. Mary Cathedral – Noon Mass
Lunch to follow at St. Mary Parish Center

All Persons with disAbilities from the Diocese and their Families are Welcome to attend.
RSVP required cost \$4.00 a person

Persons with disAbilities Christmas Celebration

Christmas Program & Dinner

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Madonna Hall – Lansing – 1:30-4:00pm
All Persons with disAbilities from the Diocese of Lansing are Welcome to attend.
Reservations are needed for this event.

disAbility Awareness Drawing Contest



New Offering

September 2011 – October 19th

Contest for Grades 1-3 -

Ministry with Persons with disAbilities is offering a disAbility Awareness Contest for Parish Schools & Religious Education Programs. To participate visit ministry website and e-mail

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A copy of a book about children with disAbilities will be mailed to you. You will then read this story to your classroom and students will draw a picture of what they learned from the book. Introduction letter with listing of prizes and drawing page is available on website:

<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/index.html>

Deadline is October 19th for entries.

Persons with disAbilities & Caregivers—Retreat Days

All Day Retreats close with Saturday evening Mass at the hosting Parish

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Saturday, February 12, 2011
Diocesan Center Lansing
228 North Walnut Street
Madonna Hall
1:00-ending with 4:00 Mass

disAbility presenter:
Joann Davis

Caregiver presenter:
Terry Eagle, disAbility Advocate
RSVP Required

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Saturday, March 12, 2011
Diocesan Center Lansing
228 North Walnut Street
Madonna Hall
1:00-ending with 4:00 Mass

disAbility presenter:
Joann Davis

Caregiver presenter:

RSVP Required

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Saturday, April 2, 2011
Diocesan Center Lansing
228 North Walnut Street
Madonna Hall
1:00-ending with 4:00 Mass

disAbility presenter:
Joann Davis

Caregiver presenter:
Sr. Marlene Taylor & Carol Ingells
RSVP Required

Persons who are Sight Impaired/Blind **Annual Retreat**

May 17-19, 2011
St. Francis Retreat Center Dewitt
Tuesday arrive at 5:00pm
Thursday departure 1:00pm

Jackson Area Catholic Special Religious Education



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JACSRE is a collaborative effort of eight Jackson-area parishes with an enrollment of about 25 students. The program is offered in the facilities of Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Jackson, under the direction of Jeannette Lienhart who is assisted by a staff of 15 volunteers. Those volunteers include: parents, teachers, siblings, advocates from the area parishes and youth fulfilling Christian Service hours. Funding for the program comes from the involved parishes and their

Councils of the Knights of Columbus through their Palm Sunday "Tootsie Roll Drive."

"The staff and I receive much more out of the experience than the students," says Jeanette. "These students bring us all closer to God."

The program operates on Monday evenings from October through April. The staff begins each evening with prayer and an informational meeting. The students and staff then divide into three small groups to reflect for

about 30 minutes on the gospel for the coming Sunday. Instructional materials include *Celebrating the Lectionary* and *The Good News Weekly* of Ligouri Press. This is followed by a large group activity which may include a skit about the gospel, an arts and crafts project or something to do with the students' patron saints. The students' involvement is always heightened when they can present something to the group.

Owosso Special Religious Education –



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The special religious education class of St. Paul Catholic Church in Owosso was also a pioneer in this important work on behalf of the developmentally disabled. It was launched by the late Rosemary Ryan, the Sisters of Charity, and Vicki Isaacson. These visionary women were succeeded by Mary Hughes who taught in the program for 22 years and served as its director for 13 of those years. Currently at the

helm is Rosemary Bocek.

Also the product of area-wide collaboration, the program currently has enrolled about 15 students from St. Joseph and from St. Paul Parishes. Its seven staff members come together with the students each Wednesday evening October through April. The program includes: prayer, Bible study, singing, crafts, bingo and snacks.

Instructional materials for this effort come from the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Foundation and are titled: *"Improve Catholic Education for Children and Adults with Mental Retardation."* These materials are also utilized by the Diocese of Pittsburgh in its work with the developmentally disabled and are made widely available to others through the foundation.



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Victorious Missionaries—Flint Chapter

Mission: We, the members of the Victorious Missionaries, commit and dedicate ourselves to offer to God and to each other our giftedness, our visions, and our dreams. We will create and foster an atmosphere where all members are encouraged and empowered to come to a deeper

understanding of the call to live out of our Gospel Values and bring God's message of love to all people.

Flint Area Chapter of the Victorious Missionaries holds Mini MR Retreats Day of Renewal once a month at St. Pius X Parish Center in Flint.

To learn more about the Victorious Missionaries The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows visit their website at: www.vmus.org

All are welcome.

Flint Area Chapter a spiritual, uplifting movement FOR and WITH the handicapped and chronically ill.

St. George Special Ministries – Brighton

St. George Special Ministries is a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a multifaceted range of QUALITY programs and program opportunities designed to help support people living with disabilities in the discovery of their full potential for physical, educational, social/emotional, and spiritual growth.

This special ministry has

been involved with our Retreats given in the diocese for adults persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

St. George provides many opportunities for adults with disabilities to attend on-going classes, clubs and many resources.

Newsletter and listing of opportunities along with registration forms are on their web site.

Faith Formation Classes, Bowling, Crop Wall/Reading Club, Toco Bar Dinner/Bunco Night, Christmas in Color Concert, Living with others/being with people, Swimming, Livingston County Chorale Christmas Concert, Movies, Music Therapy Class, Fish & Loaves Dinner & Fun Night are just a few of the events available.



Contact:
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www.stgeorgelutheran.org



The mission statement of: "St. Louis Center is a caring, family living and learning environment providing for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities". Programs and features for our residents include "person centered planning", employment and educational support services, instruction on daily living, recreation, health care monitoring, a "Snoezelen" Therapy

room for autistic children (the only one of its kind in the State of Michigan), and a "Privacy Zone", designed to provide a dignified cleaning environment.

Through the years, St. Louis Center has evolved and adapted to the "standards of practice" in the industry for those who care for today's developmentally disabled, and the organization has undertaken additional steps to become accredited through

the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (C.A.R.F.). This labor intensive process was completed in July 2006.

For a comprehensive list of yearly events and fundraisers please visit our website.

For more information about St. Louis Center or Servants of Charity please visit our website.



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Giving Tree Farms—DeWitt

17 years ago Giving Tree Farm was incorporated and provides year around training and employment for persons with disabilities on our 20 acre certified organic Farm in DeWitt Township. In addition, Giving Tree Farm maintains a long term supported living home for persons with dis-

abilities. Currently, they are exploring the possible interest in a supported living community for the families and their son/daughters with disabilities. Such a complex would mean that families could either purchase or lease a new private single family home and live within a community of

other families having similar needs. Being within proximity to one another, families would be better able to support one another and at the same time be accessible to an array of outside services that will be on site. Contact Bob Bower at 517-490-1396 for more information.



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Rainbow Homes– Holt

Mission Statement: To provide ecumenical Christian housing and services for adults with cognitive disabilities, where they can grow personally and spiritually to reach their God given potential. Residents will be nurtured in a homelike Christian setting.

Rainbow Homes is a Christian non-profit that has been changing the life experiences for adults with cognitive dis-

abilities for over nine years. With three quad-plexes located in Holt, Rainbow Homes offers our residents apartment living with staff supporting their needs.

We recognize cognitive disabilities as a natural part of the human experience. A disability should not diminish the right of an individual to live independently, exert control and choice over their lives, or to fully participate in

and contribute to their communities.

A dream of a small group of dedicated parents and advocates in 1989, has become a reality for 29 residents and their families. Residents are working towards, enjoying full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of our society.

Visit our website for more information.



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His Eye is on the Sparrow—Dexter

Mission Statement: Disability is a natural part of human experience; we are all created equal in the sight of God. Individuals with disabilities deserve to lead lives of dignity and respect in an atmosphere that encourages self-determination and personal growth. Our homes will provide a caring family environment based on Christian values. Each home will serve as

a base from which home members will contribute to, and participate in the larger community.

Providing family type supported living for adults with disabilities in Dexter Michigan. His Eye is on the Sparrow is a parent-generated, non profit 501 (c)3 organization, with an emphasis on Christian Family Values. As

home become available, we will serve persons with disabilities regardless of race or religion.

His Eye is on the Sparrow seeks to provide homes in Washtenaw County for individuals with Developmental disabilities.



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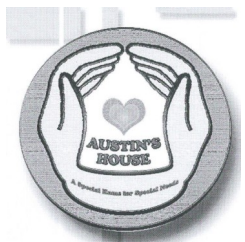
Austin's House—Westphalia

Mission Statement: To promote, plan, develop and provide secure long-term residential services responsive to the needs of persons with disabilities within their community. We are dedicated to educating the public that, given the opportunity people with disabilities can succeed

and become valued, productive citizens.

A dream is born: Austin is a young man in his early twenties who has been challenged by various neurological disorders since his earliest years including autism, seizures, and anxiety disorder, bi-polar disorder. Austin's parents

have established this non profit in 2007 with the help of dedicated and compassionate community of individuals including parents of individuals with disabilities as well as people who simply share a great love of all humanity and see the value and dignity of all. Austin's house is in the planning stages at this time.



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Faith Magazine Available on Audio Tape

Did you know our ministry offers Faith Magazine on Audio Tape for \$15.00 a years subscription.? We have three wonderful volunteer readers John, Mike and Eleanor.

These audio tapes are available for anyone who is sight impaired or blind and for anyone who can not read or hold the printed word.

We are looking at the possibility of putting our audio tape to CD.

If you would be interested in receiving a CD instead of cassette tape please give our office a call.

Order Form is available on our ministry website under Audio Tapes www.dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/index.html

We also have available on Audio Tape:

Peace I Leave with You
by: Bishop Kenneth J. Povish
\$10.95 and

Entering the Heart of God
by: Reverend Charles E. Irvin
\$17.99



Faith Magazine on Audio Tape made available through Ministry with Persons with disabilities for those who are sight impaired or blind or unable to hold or read the printed word.

Braille Available

Our ministry also offers Braille for persons who are blind and read Braille. Ministry with Persons with disabilities acquired 2 years ago a Braille embosser. This embosser takes text from a Word Format and we are able to copy and paste into the embosser to produce the Braille text.

With the help from the parish

we are able to offer this service to anyone from the diocese.

We have been able to provide brailled hymns for St. Mary Cathedral parishioner, parish prayer for St. Casimir parishioner, weekly bulletin for parishioner of Resurrection Parish, quarterly newsletters to a parishioner from St. Joseph Shrine and hymns for

a parishioner from St. John Student Parish.

Our ministry offers braille at our Sight Impaired/Blind Retreats.

We are pleased to be able to offer this service. Give our office a call if you wish to look into brailleing for yourself or a parishioner.

“What a better way to welcome persons who are blind and read Braille to their parish community.”

Retreats for Persons who are Sight Impaired or Blind

As you will notice on our Ministry Calendar 2010 we offer three Retreats for persons who are Sight Impaired or Blind.

Two of these Retreats are held at the Diocesan Center in Lansing in the Fall and in the Winter. These Retreats

are from 9:30-3:00pm

Our Spring Three Day Retreat is held at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Fr. Larry Delaney is our Retreat presenter. We spend our Retreat attending Mass on Wednesday and Thursday and Reconciliation of

Wednesday PM. If you are interested in volunteering or attending any of these retreats please give our office a call. 517-342-2497



St. Francis Retreat