

## Training and Consultation

- Provide regional meetings to train, share, learn, and exchange ideas;
- Consultation on specific disability concerns;
- Our experienced and articulate staff is available for lectures, addresses and workshops for conferences and other gatherings.

## Resources

### **Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities**

November 16, 1978, updated 1989  
Reprinted 20th anniversary edition, Nov. 1998 (\$.25, 1-249 copies; \$.22, 250 or more)

### **Opening Doors to People with Disabilities**

#### **Volume I: Pastoral Manual**

This 215 page Pastoral Manual provides specific information in a concise, easy-to-read format. Chapters and topics coincide with *The Resource File*. (\$12, 1-9 copies; \$15.50, 10 or more)

#### **Volume II: The Resource File**

This 1400 page encyclopedia is neatly packaged in two loose leaf binders (Book A and Book B) to provide flexibility in research and in planning for workshops and conferences. (\$50, 1-9 copies; \$45, 10 or more)

**2-Volume Set** (\$55, 1-9 sets; \$50, 10 or more)

### **A Loving Justice: The Moral and Legal Responsibilities of the U.S. Catholic Church under the Americans with Disabilities Act**

Offers a practical, 58-page user friendly guide to the requirements for church entities of the landmark civil rights legislation for people with disabilities, the Americans with Disabilities Act (\$7.50, 1-9 copies; \$6.50, 10 or more)

### **Disability Ministry: Perspectives on Disability**

A video to stimulate group discussion and awareness featuring NCPD's Executive Director, Mary Jane Owen, in a series of vignettes which may be used separately if desired. Topics include: definition of disability; demographics of disability; perspective on the paralyzed man; theological implications of disability; the value of every life; and Blessed Margaret of Castello (\$10 each)

## National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities

VIGILANT IN PROMOTING INCLUSION FOR CATHOLICS WITH DISABILITIES



## Who We Are...

The National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD), established in 1982 to promote and implement the *Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities*. We represent the National Conference of Catholic Bishops/United States Catholic Conference's (NCCB/USCC) challenge to minister to people with disabilities in dioceses throughout the United States. NCPD is governed by a board of directors that includes bishops, diocesan directors, religious leaders, and men and women who are directly involved in inclusion for people with disabilities in the Roman Catholic Church. NCPD works through a network of diocesan leaders called by their bishops to promote accessibility within parishes.

Building the Body of Christ on earth requires that we welcome all of His members to gather around the Eucharistic table. Christ continues to challenge us to reach out to those with various disabilities of all ages, bringing them to Him.

NCPD promotes inclusion and access as well as the dignity of all human life and celebration of its diversity. In defending the culture of life, we celebrate the wisdom of human vulnerability as a binding force in our parishes and communities. We believe that every human life is worth living despite its fragilities and weaknesses.

### Our Mission:

NCPD facilitates the implementation of the Pastoral Statement on People with Disabilities by realizing the unique gifts individuals with disabilities have to offer the Church and the need for their integration into the Christian community and their fuller participation in its life.



**Vigilant in promoting ministry with persons with disabilities throughout the structure of the Church. NCPD supports broad-based efforts to respond to contemporary circumstances.**

## What We Do

NCPD accomplishes its mission by:

- Working with offices within NCCB/USCC;
- Cooperating with national Catholic organizations;
- Assisting diocesan offices in their ministry with persons with disabilities;
- Offering expertise and resources which promote welcome and justice for people with disabilities throughout the Church;
- Furthering the meaningful inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all facets of the Church.

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