

Catechetical Resources for Children and Youth with Disability

A PARTIAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

CATHOLIC CURRICULUM RESOURCES

Inclusive Catechesis Resources, 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.

Contact: Margaret.Shufflebarger@notes.udayton.edu

www.udayton.edu/artssciences/ctr/ipi/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 manipulatives. These kits also include *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. www.loyolapress.com/adaptive-finding-god.htm

How to Welcome, Include and Catechize Children with Developmental Disabilities by Deacon Larry Sutton, PH.D 2013. A guide book and how-to book.

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 or 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 or call 1-800-348-2440, ext. 2173
www.osvparish.com/CatechistHelp/PeoplewithSpecialNeeds.asp

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 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/>

Labosh Publishing:

The Child with Autism Learns the Faith: Bible Lessons From the Garden of Eden to the Parting of the Red Sea by Kathy Labosh. (ISBN: 0974434140)

Contact: Labosh Publishing: East Petersburg, PA, 2007. www.laboshpublishing.com

OTHER CATHOLIC RESOURCES

A Place for All: Ministry for Youth with Special Needs by John E. Barone, St. Mary Press, 644². 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

Catechists for All Children by Dr. Joseph White and Ana Arista White, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, 2002. Offers insights and methods for accommodating unique emotional and behavioral needs in the classroom. Our Sunday Visitor, 800-348-2440, www.osv.com.

Handbook for Adaptive Catechesis: Serving those with Special Needs by Michele E. Chronister. Ligouri Press, 2012. Explores how a parish religious education program can address the needs of children with special needs. Ligouri Press, 800-325-9521, www.ligouri.org.

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

disAbility Awareness: Activities for Children, Teens and Families (Catholic Edition) by Joann E. Davis. This book offers children at home or in a classroom setting an understanding of what persons with disabilities go through everyday. Over 50 pages of mazes, puzzles, coloring sheets, beatitudes of acceptance, Saints with disabilities, Braille, signing pages, and more. Joannedavis22@hotmail.com or 517-787-1189.

Mass a Guide for Visual Learners. A booklet that goes through the Mass especially designed for children with ASD or children who are visual learners. Faith Publishing Service, Lansing MI, 48906. 517-853-7600 or www.faithmag.com

Opening Doors to People with Disabilities: The Resource File, Books A & B, Janice L. Benton and Mary Jane Owen, ed, 1997. General resources related to welcoming and including people with disabilities into parish life. Available from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, 202-529-2933, www.ncpd.org.

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

Special Needs Support for Faith Formation. Laura Demkovitz, Michelle Herstek Woelkers and Louse Timko, 2012. Catechist Resources, Westfield, NJ,. www.catechistplace.com

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:

- *Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities*, 1978, rev. 1989.
- *Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities: A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops*, 1998.
- *Revised Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities*, 2017
- *National Directory for Catechesis.* USCCB, 2005.

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

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

INTERFAITH RESOURCES

Autism and Faith: A Journey into Community by M. Walsh, W. Gaventa, (Eds.). (2008). A resource booklet for faith communities on including people and families living with autism. It is a collaborative product of The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and COSAC.

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, 800-333-8300, sales@faithaliveresources.org, www.friendship.org.T

Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities by Barbara J. Newman, 2001. Available from Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1-800-333-8300, sales@faithaliveresources.org, www.friendship.org.

Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families & Congregations by Eric Carter. Baltimore, London, Sydney: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co., 2007.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESOURCES

My First Eucharist, The Sacrament of Reconciliation, The Sacrament of Confirmation and videos available from the National Catholic Office for the Deaf, www.ncod.org or www.osvparish.com, 301-577-4184 (tty/vp), 301-577-1684 (voice/fax).

Catholic Prayers in American Sign Language (DVD with accompanying booklet) available from Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Deaf Apostolate, 1-215-587-3913, pcpddeaf@adphila.org.

Liturgical Prayers in American Sign Language: Basic Congregational Responses in the Mass in ASL DVD. Produced by NCOD, 2013, includes a book that gives background and explanations. Available from www.ncod.org or www.osvparish.com.

Religious Signs for Families App available from the App Store or Google Play. Learn to sign religious words and short prayers using this app. The app can be used for individuals and for entire class.

BRILLE & 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

Large print Lectionary and Sacramentary available from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, 202-529-2933, www.ncpd.org.

AUTISM-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

My Best Friend Will by Jamie Lowell and Tara C. Tuchel, M.S., CCC-SLP. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing col, 2005. www.asperger.net. Jamie introduces us to her friend Willie, who has autism.

the AUTISM ACCEPTANCE book: Being a Friend to Someone with Autism by Ellen Sabin. Watering Can Press, 2006. ISBN: 0975986821, www.wateringcanpress.com. This is an activity book that provides downloadable lesson plans to be used with grades K-8 to engage children in learning to embrace people's differences and treat others with respect, compassion, and kindness.

When My Autism Gets Too Big! A Relaxation Book for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders by Kari Dunn Buron. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Co., 2003, www.asperger.net.

The Science and Fiction of Autism by Laura Schreibman. Cambridge, MA & London, England: Harvard University Press, 2005.

ON LINE TRAININGS AUTISM AND OTHER DISABILITIES:

IRIS Center is offering professional development modules on a variety of researched based strategies for free: <http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/iris-resource-locator/> The modules for which certificates can be earned can be accessed on the link below. <http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/pd-hours/available-modules/>

Autism Modules Covering a Variety of Topics
<http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/>
<http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/evidence-based-practices>

Autism Center for Excellence Trainings: <https://vcuautismcenter.org/resources/EBP.cfm>

Universal Design for Learning UDL
www.udlcenter.org and www.cast.org

ATTENDS MASS AND OTHER HELPFUL TRAININGS AND RESOURCES

Resources form the Office for Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Philadelphia Website:
<http://opdarchphilly.org/parish-religious-education-programs/>

Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Newark Website:
<http://www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/ministry-disabilities/catechetics>

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Web Sites: Inclusive Religious Education



These web sites provide information and materials to support Inclusive Religious Education:

- www.ncpd.org **National Catholic Partnership on Disability:** The National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) works collaboratively to ensure meaningful participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of the life of the Church and society. This web site contains webinar trainings for catechists, tip sheets, forms and resources for catechesis of persons with disabilities.
- www.udayton.edu/artsscience/ipi/inclusive_catechesis_resources/index.php **Network of Inclusive Catholic Education:** As part of the University of Dayton Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, the Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators, serves as a support network and resource to individuals with disabilities and their families. Resources for Sacramental preparation, print and DVD's to assist with religious education are provided.
- www.inclusioninworship.org **Pathways Awareness:** The "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" program of Pathways Awareness assists congregations of all faith traditions to include people with physical, sensory, mental or emotional differences into all aspects of faith life. The web site also includes downloads of lesson plans for religious educators to teach students age 8 to 18 about the gifts received when everyone is included.
- www.friendship.org **Friendship Ministries:** An international, inter-denominational ministry helping equip churches from more than 60 denominations to include people with cognitive impairments. Friendship materials are inter-denominational, easy to use, and sensitive to different ages and learning levels.
- www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org **Xavier Society:** The Xavier Society continued its pioneering mission by producing Braille, large print, audiocassette and most recently digital formats of religious books and periodicals.
- www.ncod.org **National Catholic Office for the Deaf:** NCOD develops and disseminates religious education and pastoral training resources for ministry with deaf and hard of hearing individuals.
- <http://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/resources/tipsheets/> **Vanderbilt Kennedy Center:** General disability specific tip sheets and faith formation tip sheets. Teaching strategy tip sheets like: How to Write a Social Story Tip Sheet

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