

CHECKLIST FOR PARISH FACILITIES

GENERAL ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS

YES/NO

- _____ Does the parish have a stated policy that people with disabilities are welcome?
- _____ Does the staff know about this commitment?
- _____ Have the staff ever been trained in awareness/sensitivity to disability concerns?
- _____ Does the parish regularly advertise access to its activities and services?
- _____ Are opportunities for participation provided for persons with intellectual disabilities?
- _____ Are programs for faith formation accessible and accommodating to children and adults with disabilities?
- _____ Are people with disabilities lectors, greeters or in other roles of ministry or service?
- _____ Is there an emergency evacuation plan for people with disabilities?

Architectural Barriers - Entrance Way

- _____ Are an adequate number of parking spaces designated as handicap spaces? (8 feet wide for car, with, optimally, a 5 foot striped access aisle)
- _____ Are the handicap spaces closest to the accessible entrance?

Is the route from the parking to the entrance accessible:

- _____ Level all the way?
- _____ Curb cuts?
- _____ Steps?
- _____ Handrails?
- _____ Pathway a minimum of 36" wide?
- _____ Are there protruding objects?

YES/NO

Is the entrance to the building level with the street/sidewalk:

_____ Steps? _____ Handrails? _____ Ramp?

Is the door at the entrance accessible?

_____ Easy to use door handles?

_____ Door is light and easy to maneuver?

_____ Door opens automatically?

_____ Do all inaccessible entrances have signs indicating the nearest accessible entrance?

Architectural Barriers - Interior

Inside the building, are the main paths of travel accessible:

_____ Aisles 36" wide?

_____ Are there seating options for people who use wheelchairs?

_____ Changes in levels?

_____ Steps? _____ Handrails? _____ Ramp?

_____ Floor covering maneuverable?

_____ Is there a 5 foot circle or a T-shaped space for a person using a wheelchair to reverse direction?

_____ Do doors into rooms have at least a 32" clear opening?

_____ Are door handles 48" high or less and operable with a closed fist?

_____ In hallways and aisles, are all obstacles cane-detectable? (Located within 27" of the floor or protruding less than 4" from the wall)

_____ Are all thresholds level (less than 1/4 inch), or beveled, up to 1/2 inch high?

_____ Is there a clear path (no barriers) to the altar and ambo?

Architectural Barriers - Restrooms

If restrooms are available, is at least one fully accessible:

- _____ Door into restroom opens easily and allows room for wheelchair?
- _____ Path inside restroom is maneuverable?
- _____ Is at least one stall accessible?
- _____ Grab bars?
- _____ Raised toilet seat?
- _____ Is one sink accessible?
- _____ Mirror accessible?
- _____ Soap dispenser is in easy reach?
- _____ Towel dispenser is in easy reach?

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- _____ Are there accessible water fountains?
- _____ Is there an accessible public telephone?
- _____ Is all signage easy to read?
- _____ Is there a policy for providing a sign language interpreter?
- _____ Are homilies and other spoken material provided in an alternative form?
(ex. cassette or print)
- _____ Are assistive listening devices available?
- _____ Are printed materials available in alternative forms? (large print, tape,
braille)

Signature

Date

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