

# 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.

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[www.udayton.edu/artssciences/ctr/ipi/inclusive\\_catechesis\\_resources/index.php](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.loyolapress.com) (Special Needs web site: [www.loyolapress.com/special-needs](http://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](http://www.ncod.org) or [www.osvparish.com](http://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](http://www.osvparish.org) or call 1-800-348-2440, ext. 2173  
[www.osvparish.com/CatechistHelp/PeoplewithSpecialNeeds.asp](http://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](http://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](http://www.laboshpublishing.com)

## OTHER CATHOLIC RESOURCES

*Praying for Your Special Need Child* by David Risso and Mercedes Rizzo, The Word Among Us Press, 2018. A delightful guidebook for parents to encourage prayer at every stage of their journey with their child with a disability. [www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org)

*Salt and Light: Church, Disability, and the Blessing of Welcome for All* by Maureen Pratt, Twenty-Third Publications. A practical handbook that covers many aspects of parish life and the blessings of welcome, inclusion and belonging. Order through Amazon or at [www.twentythirdpublications.com](http://www.twentythirdpublications.com)

*Special Children, Blessed Fathers: Encouragement for fathers of children with special needs* by Randy Hain. Emmaus Road, 2015. A great gift for fathers of children with disabilities. It is inspirational and instructional. Order through Amazon.

*A Place for All: Ministry for Youth with Special Needs* by John E. Barone, St. Mary Press, 2008. 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](http://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., AuthorHouse, 2007. [www.AuthorHouse.com](http://www.AuthorHouse.com), 800-839-8640 or book order hotline 888-280-7715, [bkorders@authorhouse.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.faithmag.com)

*Special Needs Support for Faith Formation.* Laura Demkovitz, Michelle Herstek Woelkers and Louse Timko, 2012. Catechist Resources, Westfield, NJ, [www.catechistplace.com](http://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](mailto: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.
- *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities*, 2017.
- *Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities: A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops*, 1998.
- *National Directory for Catechesis*. USCCB, 2005.

**Contact:** USCCB Publishing, 800-235-8722, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

Web Version of these documents also available at: [www.ncpd.org](http://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](mailto:sales@faithaliveresources.org), [www.friendship.org.T](http://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](mailto:sales@faithaliveresources.org), [www.friendship.org](http://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](http://www.ncod.org) or [www.osvparish.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ncod.org) or [www.osvparish.com](http://www.osvparish.com).



## **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; 1-800-637-9193, [www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org)

Large print Lectionary and Sacramentary available from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, 202-529-2933, [www.ncpd.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.udlcenter.org) and [www.cast.org](http://www.cast.org)

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