

# Welcome

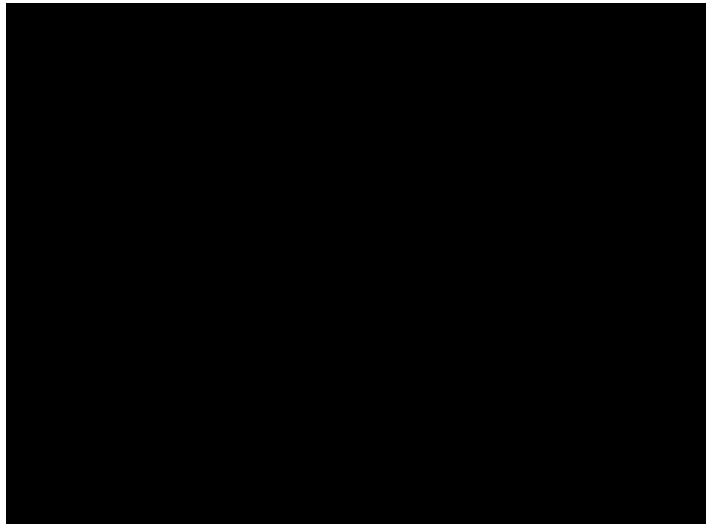


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## Opening Prayer





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## Prayers of the Faithful

Response ~

**Lord, in your mercy  
help us to see each  
other with your eyes.**

You Are My Good News



Genesis 1:27



1. The Human Person is sacred

Every person has the dignity of being created in the image and likeness of God.



It's always about *relationships!*

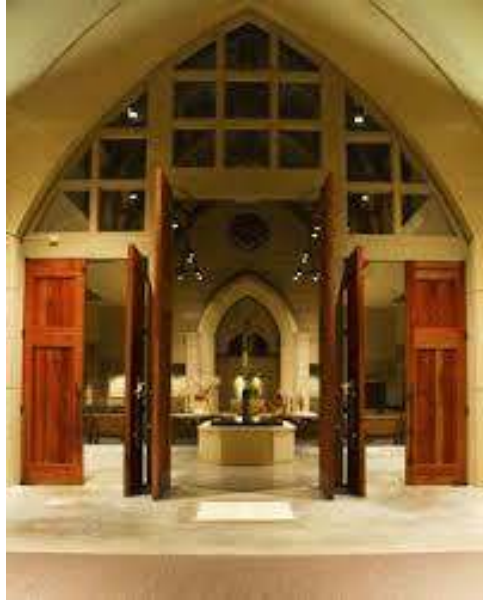


## History

- ▶ In 1978 the U.S. Bishops wrote a Pastoral Statement on Persons with Disabilities.
- ▶ It issued a challenge...

Full text: <http://www.ncpd.org/views-news-policy/policy/church/bishops/pastoral>









## History

- ▶ In 1995 the U.S. Bishops issued a Pastoral Statement on the Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities.

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## Baptismal Rights

- To be educated in the faith
- To be prepared and celebrate sacraments
- To respond to God's call

Rather, if we reflect upon ~

the constant initiation by God  
to pour out his grace on all  
people



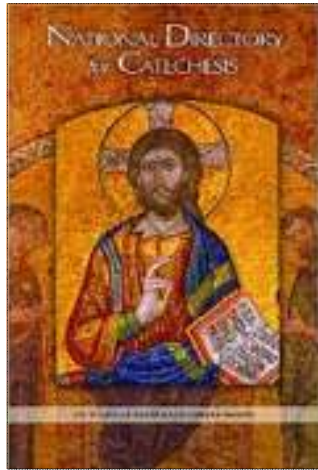
and we remember that ~

all people respond  
according to their own abilities,

we are more likely to see

the image of God

in persons with disabilities.

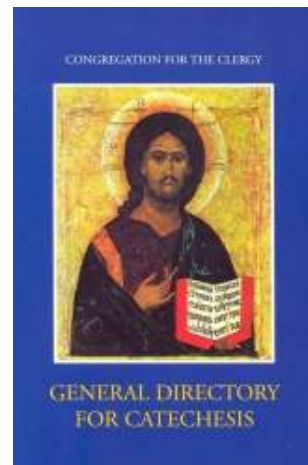


“All persons with disabilities have the capacity to proclaim the Gospel and to be living witnesses to its truth within the community of faith and offer valuable gifts. Their involvement enriches every aspect of Church life.”

– NDC 49

*“...every person, however limited, is capable of growth in holiness.”*

– GDC, 189



# Who Goes To Heaven?



*Catechist??*

*Cab Driver??*



*Catechist...*



*Cab Driver...*



# Rest in Peace: The *"I Can't"* Funeral



















## The Face of Christ



- ▶ State words/phrases that mean...





- ▶ The Story of Henry



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOzsjEmijHs>

- ▶ The Traffic Report



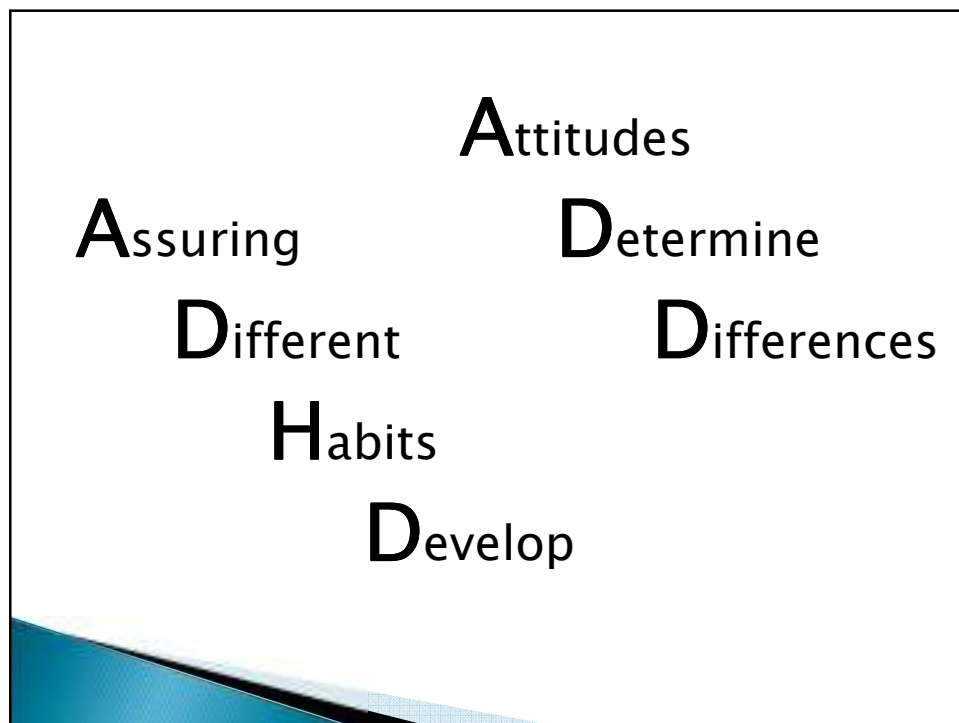
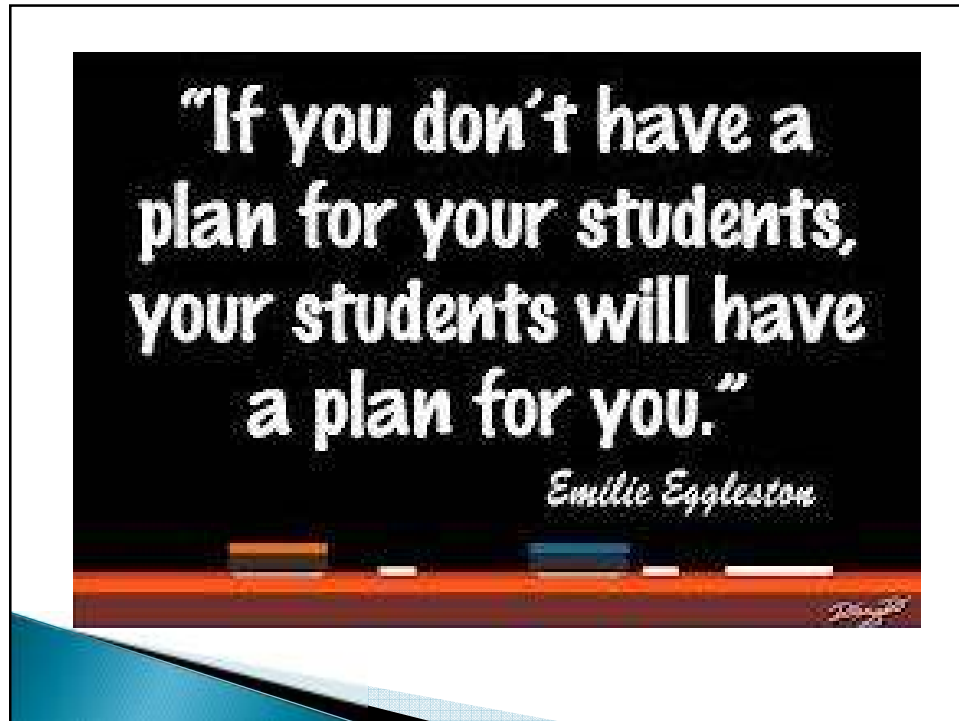
- ▶ Catholic Social Teaching

- *The Dignity of the Person*

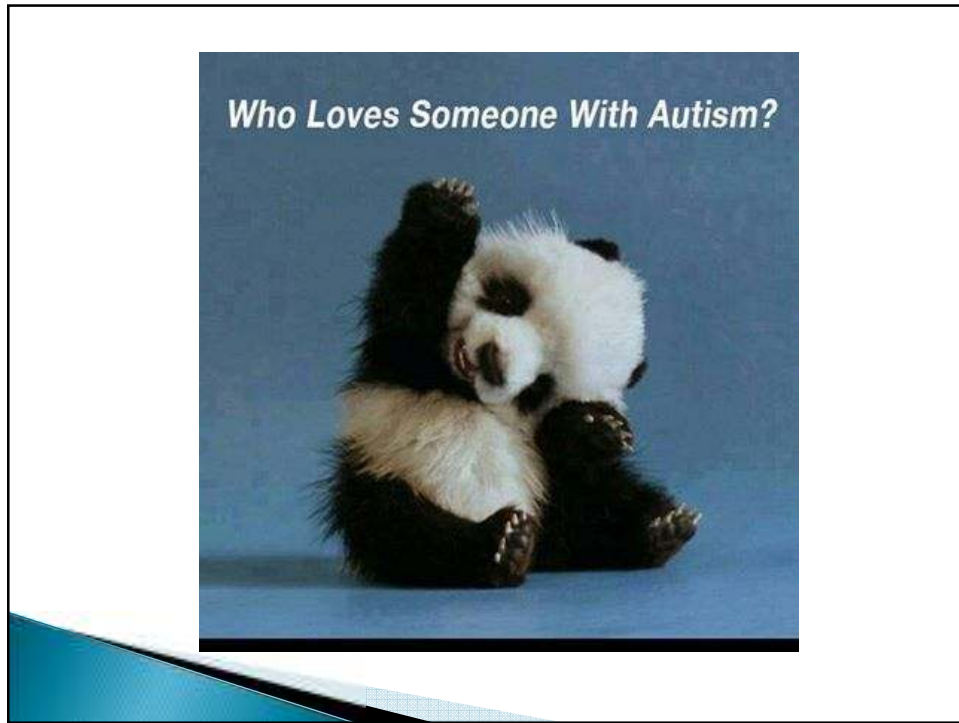
### *“People First”* Language

- Represents more respectful, accurate communication
- Acknowledges that people are not their disability or diagnosis
- Affirms Catholic Social Teaching on the *Dignity of the Person*





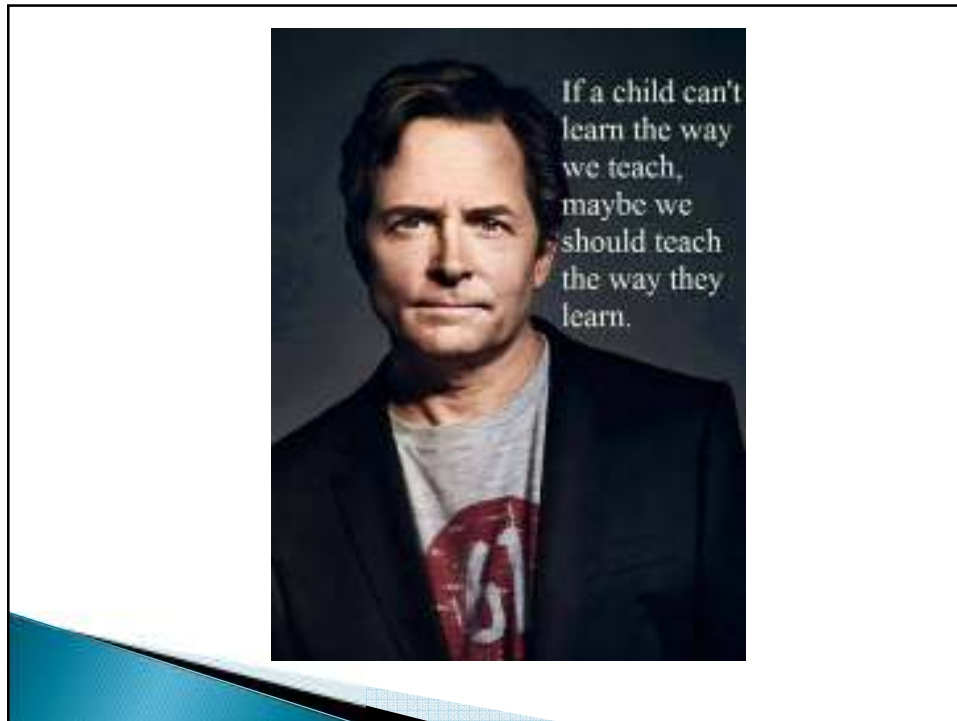




1. Operate on flex time
2. Manage the environment
3. Create a balanced agenda that conserves energy
4. Share the agenda
5. Simplify language

6. Set a calm, positive tone
7. Live out loud
8. Be generous with praise
9. Listen to the words
10. Provide reassurance

Adapted from *Simple Strategies that Work* by Mylee, Adreon, Gitlitz



Waiting...

on the  
World to Change!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKnF9CCYQPQ>