

Hospitality



Physical
or
Attitudinal

Barriers



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Texas boy with cerebral palsy denied having his First Holy Communion.



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Minnesota mom told she'd be arrested if she brought autistic son to church.

The mother of a 13-year-old autistic boy said she wanted to take him to Mass on Sunday despite a court order banning him from her church.

May 19, 2008



. . . fundamentally, hospitality is simply love in action. It has much more to do with the resources of a generous heart than with sufficiency of food or space.



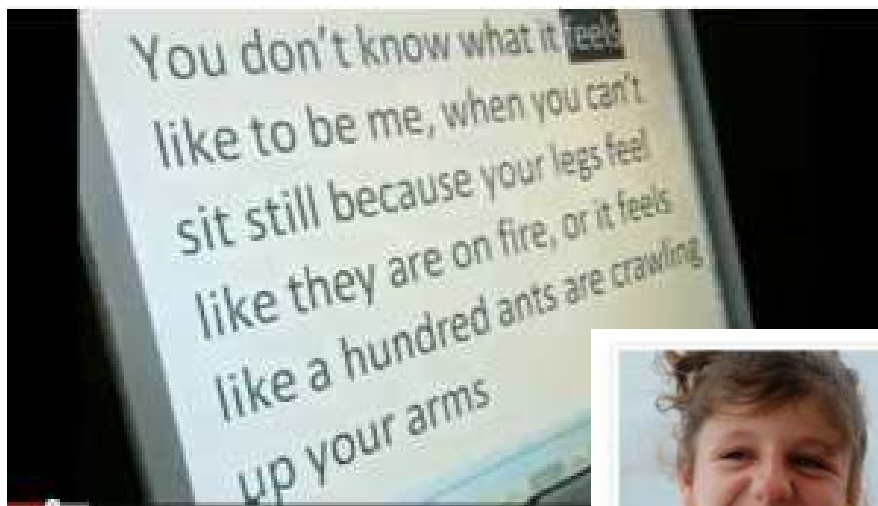
In April, we recognize the gifts of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs), and show how our faith leads us to create communities where all are welcome.

Everybody Belongs...

*We are one Church,
with a single Shepherd.*



Carly Fleishman



<http://www.wimp.com/autisticgirl/>



"I'm a visual thinker, not a language-based thinker. My brain is like Google Images."

- Temple Grandin

"I can remember the frustration of not being able to talk. I knew what I wanted to say, but I could not get the words out, so I would just scream."



1 in 68 people
in the world
have autism;

1 in 42 are
male.

So...
2% of the
world
population.

Practice Christ like hospitality.
Any family with a member who has a disability can
experience deep isolation within their parish community.

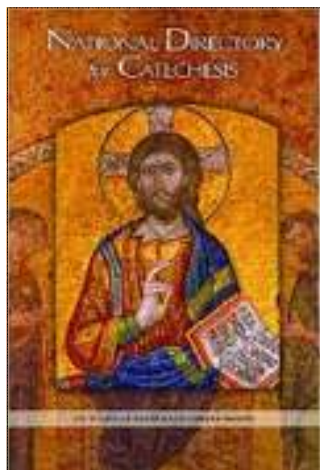


Some persons may be more aware of lights, sounds, scents. Be respectful of their sensitivities.



Some persons may need extra space in the pew or to take a break. Sometimes a tactile object can provide centering and calming.

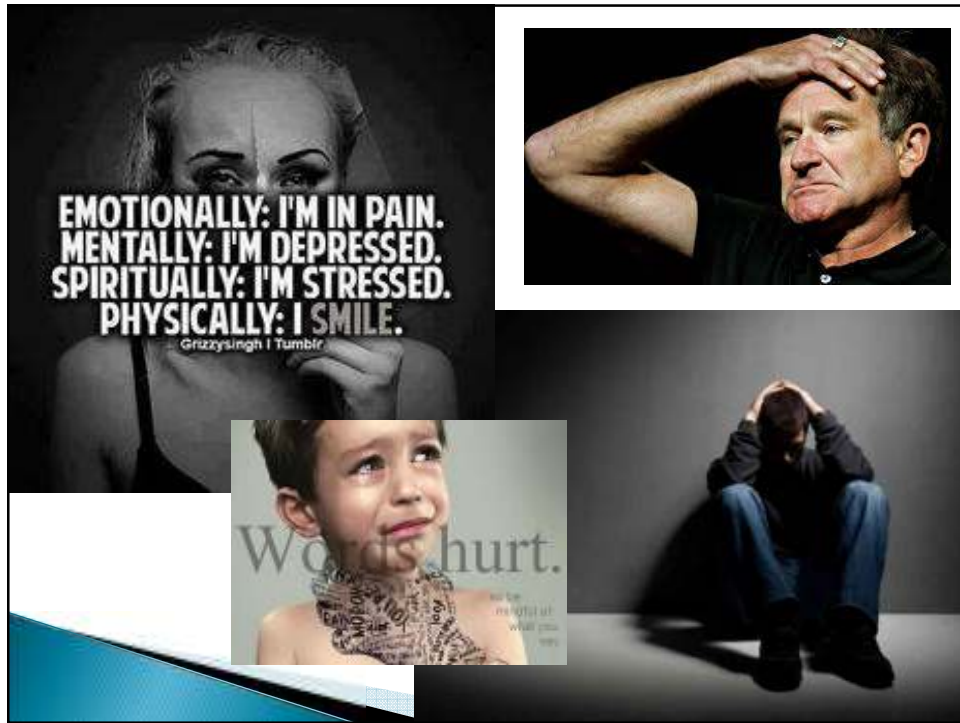




"Every parish should seek out its parishioners with cognitive, emotional and physical disabilities, support them with love and concern, and ensure that they have ready access to a catechetical program suited to their needs and abilities."

- NDC 61







Caregivers

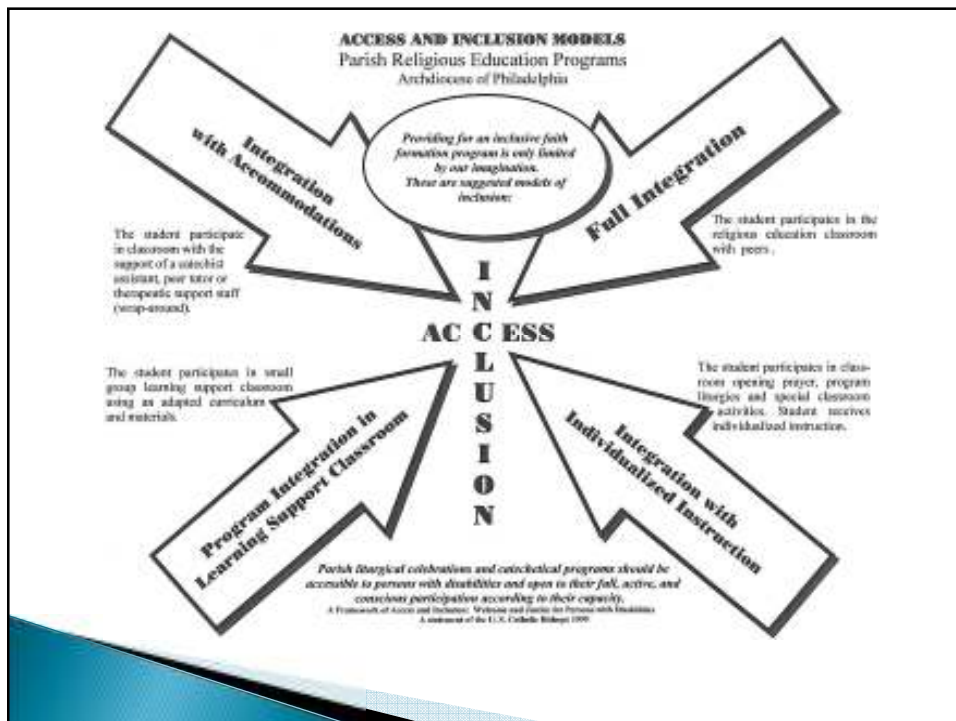




Cultural Perspective
and
Family Life

The slide features a title "Cultural Perspective and Family Life" in a black, sans-serif font. Below the title are two images. The left image shows a family of four in a living room: a man in a blue shirt and glasses, a woman in a pink shirt, and two children. One child is seated in a wheelchair. The right image is a close-up of a cracked eggshell with the word "MARRIAGE" written in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the crack.

Lifelong Formation

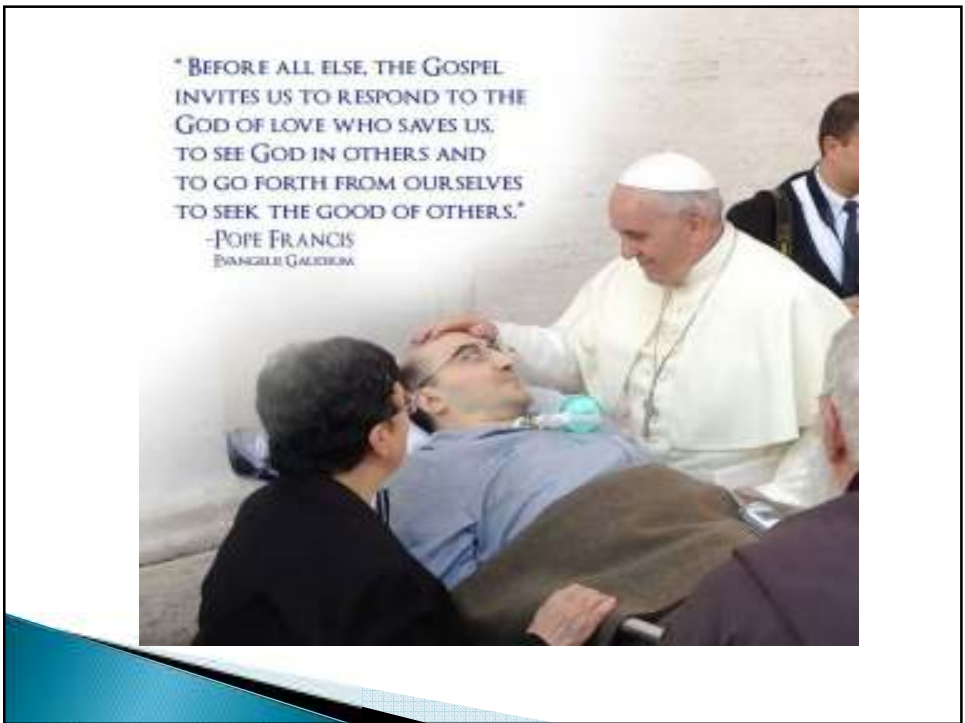


Sacraments



Loyola Press offers...

An advertisement for the 'Finding God' adaptive program. The top right features the text 'ADAPTIVE PROGRAM' in yellow and 'Finding God' in large white and yellow letters. Below this, it says 'Sacramental Preparation' and 'For individuals with Special Needs'. The image shows a woman and a young girl looking at a book together. Several books are displayed, including 'The Lord's Prayer', 'Mysteries of the Cross', 'My Picture Mass!', and 'We meet as pilgrims'. A red puzzle piece is also visible.



Catholic Websites

National Catholic Partnership on Disability

➤ <http://www.ncpd.org>

Xavier Society for the Blind

➤ <http://www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org>

Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators

➤ https://udayton.edu/artsscience/ipi/inclusive_catechesis_resources/books.php

National Catholic Office for the Deaf

➤ <http://www.ncod.org>

Loyola Press Adapted Sacramental Prep Kits

➤ <http://www.loyolapress.com/special-needs-adaptive-resources.htm>

Additional Websites

National Organization on Disability

➤ <http://www.nod.org/>

National Alliance on Mental Illness/Faithnet

➤ <http://www.nami.org/>

Pathways Awareness Foundation

➤ <http://www.pathways.org/tools-resources/inclusion-worship/>

National Down Syndrome Society

➤ <http://www.ndss.org/>

Autism Society

➤ <http://www.autism-society.org/>





Thank you and God bless you!

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