

***Bridging the Gap: Faith Formation for  
Special Needs***

***Newsletter Update***

***June, 2017***

- ❖ Awareness and education and openness to families with special needs is vital to the growth of your parish communities. Welcoming and integrating them into your communities is the mission of the Church
- ❖ I have secured some grant money from Our Sunday Visitor for formation for special needs in the Diocese. I also applied to two more foundations for this ministry.
- ❖ **Catechist Camp Training for Catechists** to learn how to teach children with special needs will be presented at St. Mary's in Longview, June 19, 20, and 22 from 7-9:15 presented by myself.
- ❖ **August 26 Father Jorge Dinguis will celebrate a Regional Diocesan Liturgy** for families with special needs at St. Michael's in Mt. Pleasant. Please publicize this. (Flyers are attached)
- ❖ **October 14, 10-3:00 at St. Pau's Meeting Room in the Chancery will a Catechist / Family Formation Day for Special Needs** presented by myself. Flyers and info will come in the near future.



- ❖ **Advent Social for Families with Special Needs** will be held open to the diocese at St. Patrick Church in Lufkin on – lunch, visit from St. Nicholas, and activities. (flyer with details will be coming soon.) 10-2 Saturday December 2. 2017
- ❖ Finally, here attached is a bulletin insert for the summer months to include in your parishes with tips on how to welcome and include these families in your community.

This is the mission of the Church to welcome all, to respect life from cradle to grave and everything in between, and to help them encounter Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

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