

# Hospitality



Physical  
or  
Attitudinal

Barriers



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



April 25, 2011

## **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.*



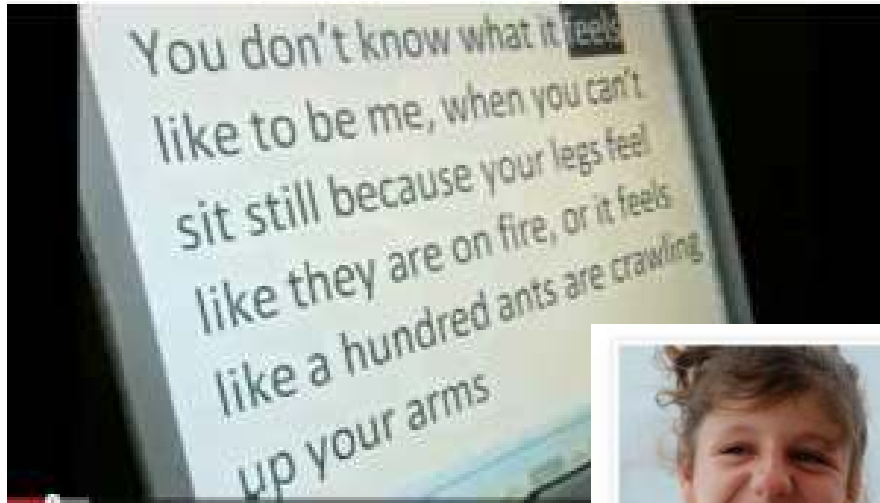
**In April, we recognize the gifts of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs), and show how our faith leads us to create communities where all are welcome.**

**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.

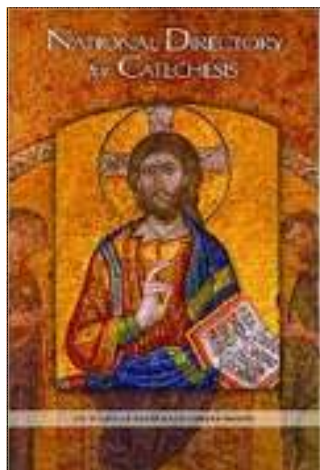


Some persons may be more aware of lights, sounds, scents. Be respectful of their sensitivities.



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





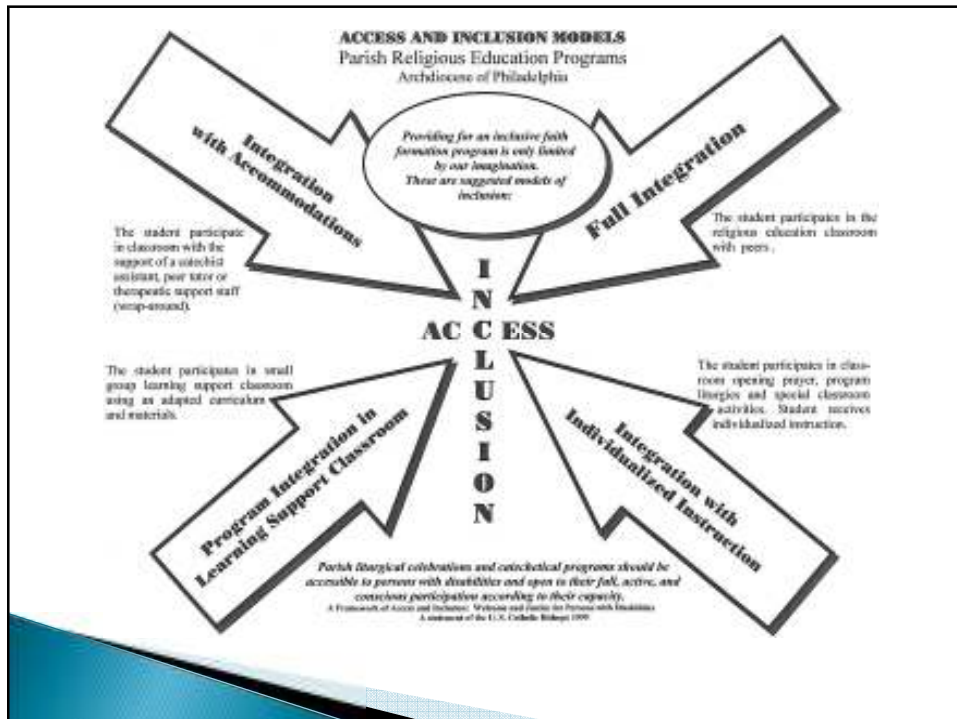




Cultural Perspective  
and  
Family Life

The slide features two images. On the left, a family of four is posed in a living room: a man in a blue shirt and glasses stands behind a young girl in a purple shirt and shorts; a woman in a pink shirt stands behind a young boy in a blue shirt and dark pants who is seated in a wheelchair. On the right, a close-up photograph shows a cracked brown eggshell with the word "MARRIAGE" printed in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the crack.

# Lifelong Formation

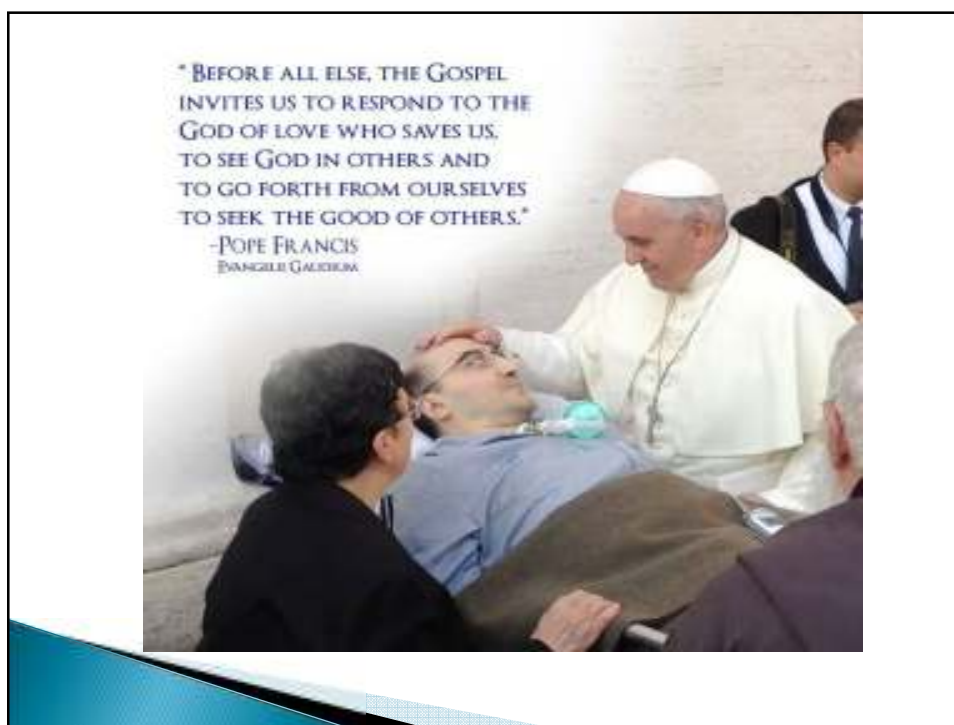
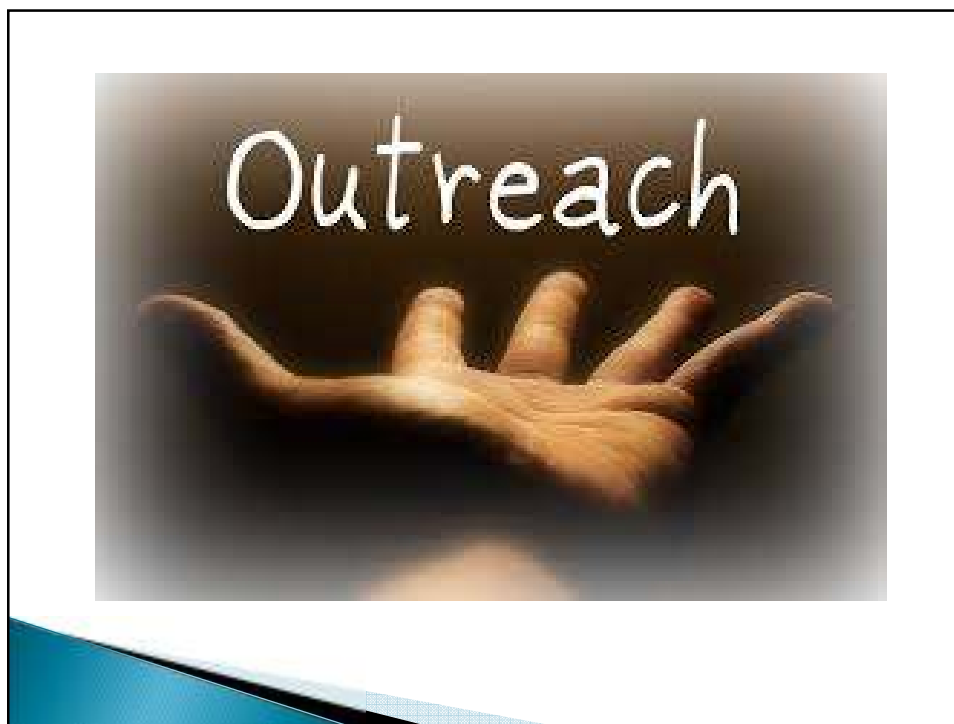


# Sacraments



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' in purple and 'For individuals with Special Needs' in blue. The central image shows a woman and a young girl looking at a book together. To the right is a red puzzle piece and a small Jesus doll. At the bottom, several book covers are displayed, including 'The Lord's Prayer', 'Mysteries of the Cross', 'My Picture Mass!', and 'We eat as pilgrims'. A gold award ribbon 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/artssciences/ipi/inclusive\\_catechesis\\_resources/books.php](https://udayton.edu/artssciences/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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