



Respect Life Office

Department for

Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities



PASTORAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARISH CONTACT FORM

If you currently do not have a parish contact or would like to appoint a new contact, please complete and return the attached form.

Did you know: More than half of people 65+ years of age report having at least one disability; one in twelve children are diagnosed with a physical or mental disability; one in ten of those sitting in pews every Sunday has a serious mental illness. Surveys indicate that there are 14 million of our Catholic brothers and sisters that live with a disability.

The Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities (PCPD) of the Respect Life Office currently has over 100 Parish Contacts acting on behalf of persons with disabilities and their families in assisting pastors in their role of inviting people to full participation within the Parish. Contacts are volunteers who serve as liaisons between persons with disabilities and their parishes and between the parish and Archdiocesan Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities. Responsibilities include:

- Assisting the pastor in his ministry with persons with disabilities and their families
- Identifying persons with disabilities in the parish
- Sensitizing the parish to the needs and gifts of persons with disabilities
- Welcoming and making recommendations for accommodating persons with disabilities into parish programs.

The Department provides Parish Contacts with support, resources and workshops through Parish Contact Meetings that are held twice a year at accessible locations throughout the Archdiocese. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sr. Kathleen Schipani, IHM or Mrs. Janell Lavender @ 215-587-3530 or email PCPDDEAF@adphila.org.

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Parish: _____ Cluster: _____

Address: _____

Name of contact person recommended: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Signature of Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Please fax to:

Fax 215-587-3561 or mail to:

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