

INCLUSION AND ACCESS

Parish Religious Education Programs

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RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PREVIEW OR LENDING

RELIGION PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUMS

Kennedy Curriculum: The Rose Kennedy Program to improve Catholic Religious Education for children and adults with mental retardation (800)552-2259; www.RCLBenziger.com

STAARS: Symbols Teach and Reveal Sacred in Secular; a creative symbol workbook

Grace Harding, Dept. for Persons with Disabilities, Diocese of Pittsburgh, 135 First Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15222; disabilities@diopitt.org

Sacramental Preparation Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation: Individualizing Lesson Plans, Network of Inclusion Catholic Educators (NICE), University of Dayton: Mary Pat Carter with Marilyn E. Bishop.

1-888-532-3389. www.udayton.edu/ipi/nice

- ◆ ***Sacraments: Gifts for All - Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation-Resource Binders for Teachers and Student Editions:*** A rich reference for teachers to use when preparing students with challenging needs.
- ◆ ***All About Mass - Student Edition:*** Uses limited vocabulary and simple images to explain the mass in a way that both young children and adults with developmental disabilities can understand.
- ◆ ***Who is Jesus?-Student Edition:*** Simple concepts, basic visual images and limited vocabulary make this booklet an excellent resource for introducing and reinforcing key concepts about Jesus.
- ◆ ***Apostles Creed/ Mary/Sacraments/Beatitudes/Saints:*** Individual books on a variety of topics that can be used as a supplement.

Seasons of Grace: O'Donnell Book and participants' manual for Sacramental preparation for teens and adults with mental retardation. Cardinal Stritch Bookstore, 6801 North Yates Rd., Milwaukee, WI; (414) 410-4035.

<http://www.csu.bkstr.com/>

BOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES

Autism and Your Church: Nurturing the Spiritual Growth of People with Autism Spectrum Disorders, by Barbara J. Newman. This book will enable church leaders to more fully include children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) into the Church. Available from Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1-800-333-8300 or sales@faithaliveresources.org

Autism and Faith: A Journey into Community, Autism and Faith grew out of the efforts and concerns of

families and congregations who were looking for ways to include children and adults with autism in faith communities. Its development was guided by a task force of clergy, family members, and professionals. A product of The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. www.rwjms2.umdnj.edu/boggscenter/products/index.htm

Awakening Spiritual Dimensions: *Prayer Services with Persons with Severe Disabilities*, by Fr. William Gillum, OFM Cap., M.Ed. Available from : AuthorHouse 1663 Liberty Drive, Suite 200 Bloomington, IN 47043 800-839-8640 or www.AuthorHouse.com or book order hotline 888-280-7715, bkorders@authorhouse.com (DVD demonstration with Fr. Gillum using this approach)

Catechesis for Persons with Disabilities: A Blueprint for Action: NCDD. 1982; Discusses aspects of initiating parish/diocesan religious education program for persons with disabilities.

Curriculum Considerations in Inclusive Classrooms; Facilitating Learning for All Students: Stainback & Stainback, 1992. www.eric.ed.gov

disAbility Awareness: *Activities for Children, Teens and Families* (Catholic Edition): by Joann E. Davis. This book will offer children at home or in a classroom setting to experience what persons with disAbilities go through everyday. Over 50 pages of mazes, puzzles, coloring sheets, beatitudes of acceptance, Saints with disAbilities, braille, signing pages, and more. Joannedavis22@hotmail.com or 517-787-1189.

Disability Solutions, March/April 2003 Volume 5, Issue 4: Using Visual Tools to Support Student Learning. <http://www.disabilitysolutions.org/newsletter>

Expressing Faith in Jesus: *Church Membership for People with Cognitive Impairments*, by Ronald C. Vredeveld. This revised edition will guide Church leaders and families as they help persons with cognitive impairments to become full members of a faith community. Published by CRC Publication. Available from Friendship Ministries. 1-888-866-8966 or www.friendship.org

Friendship Ministries: *Learning the Lord's Prayer; Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities; Time with God*. 1-800-333-8300 or www.friendship.org

Good Answers to Tough Questions About Physical Disabilities: (children's book) Joy Berry. www.amazon.com/about-physical-Disabilities-Answers-Questions/dp/051622954

Guidebook on Helping Persons with Mental Retardation Mourn, by Jeffrey Kauffman, 2005. This text is intended to help lay a foundation for grief support, to help establish standards of care, and to be an educational primer about the loss and mourning needs of persons with mental retardation.

Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities, Barbara J. Newman, equips teachers, church activity leaders, and kids with the information they need to practice inclusive education in community. The book includes information for understanding children with special needs, guidelines for churches, information about specific and general areas of impairment, lesson plans, letters to families, devotions for families. www.amazon.com

Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities, by Erik W. Carter, 2007. A guide for service providers, families, and congregations.

Inclusion Strategies for Students with Learning and Behavior Problems; Perspectives, Experiences, and Best Practices; edited by Paul Zions, 1997. www.eric.ed.gov

Picture Books: Published by Diocese of Pittsburgh www.disabilities@diopitt.org

- ◆ *My Church: A young girl shares her Catholic Deaf Community*
- ◆ *Created in God's Image: A Photo-essay on Faith, Family, and Friendship*
- ◆ *Seeing Through God's Eyes*
- ◆ *Just Like Me*
- ◆ *We Go To Mass (geared for children with Autism)*
- ◆ *One Flock, One Shepherd: A Collection of Prayers by Parents of Children Who are Disabled*

Resources for Christian Educators: Collected by the Committee on Disabilities of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, 2002; Directory of Resources for the Blind and Visually Impaired; June 2002. www.nccusa.org

Special Religious Education; Pathways to Welcome and Inclusion: Special Religious Education Articles by Grace T. Harding, M.A., M.S.Ed., Director Department for Persons with Disabilities, Diocese of Pittsburgh 135 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. www.disabilities@diopitt.org

The Child with Autism Learns the Faith: by Kathy Labosh. With a little patience and a lot of prayer, you can easily implement this ready-to-go lesson plan for teaching the faith to children with autism within your community. A list of materials and resources are included. www.laboshpublishing.com or 717-898-3813.

Visual Strategies; PA Training and Technical Assistance Network, PA Dept. of Ed. Booklet designed for parents and teachers who may be living and working with children having difficulty comprehending verbal messages. www.pattan.k12.pa.us

Welcome One, Welcome All Resource Binder: Practical, applicable materials from dioceses throughout the U.S. on how to make inclusion a part of your religious education programs. Topics include: Theology, Behavior Management, Administration and Lesson Preparation. Institute for Pastoral Initiative, University of Dayton. 1-888-532-3389. www.udayton.edu/ipi/nice

DVD/VIDEO RESOURCES

Creative Management of Classroom Behavior: Presented by Margaret Frey, M.Ed. Produced by Network of InclusiveCatholic Educators and Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469. Time: 44:26. www.udayton.edu/ipi/nice

Everyone Counts. Teaching Acceptance & Inclusion to K-6th grade. Videos and Teaching Guide educate students about diversity, as well as the acceptance and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome and other cognitive disabilities. From the National Down Syndrome Society. Information Topics/Education and Schooling www1.ndss.org

Sacraments and People with Mental Retardation: Part of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Program to Improve Catholic Religious Education for Children and Adults with Mental Retardation. The Rev. Robert Hater, Ph.D. Produced by: Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities. University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469. Time: 27:08. www.udayton.edu/ipi/nice

Scripture Based Inclusion: by Fr. Ronald Nuzzi. Produced by Center for Ministry with People with

Disabilities. University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469. Producer: Marilyn E. Bishop. Time: 36:51.
www.udayton.edu/ipi/nice

Teaching Religion to Students with Mental Retardation: Part of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Program to Improve Catholic Religious Education for Children and Adults with Mental Retardation. Robert Weaver, Ph.D. Produced by: Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469. Time: 22:27. www.udayton.edu/ipi/nice

The Inclusive Classroom: by Marsha Forest, Ed.D., Produced by: Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities. University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469. Producer: Marilyn E. Bishop. Time: 45:20.
www.udayton.edu/ipi/nice

Welcome One, Welcome All-Teaching the Gospel Around Children with Differences. Produced by Center for Ministry with People with Disabilities. University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469. Time: 35:00.
www.udayton.edu/ipi/nice

My First Eucharist / Sacrament of Reconciliation: These videos and teachers guides created by the National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) provides a signed and closed captioned sacrament preparation to assist in preparing deaf children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. (www.ncod.org).

There are other resources available.

To preview, please contact the Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities.

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