

September Disability E News

Dear Parish Advocates and Ministry Partners,

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Leukemia Society Month
Prostate Cancer Awareness Week
National Sickle Cell Month
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Hearing Aid Awareness Week
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Prayers of the Faithful . . .

For individuals and families with members who have chronic illnesses for which there is no known cure or relief, we pray . . .

For families and medical care professionals continued efforts to provide a cure to adults and children with life-threatening illnesses, we pray . . .

For pregnant women to abstain from all alcohol throughout their pregnancy, we pray . . .

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Registration is open for our 2011 Webinar Series. Registration is now open. Click on flyer button(s) below or go to the NCPD website at www.ncpd.org.

The webinars are free because the Diocese of Richmond is an affiliate member.

Also the webinars are archived one to two weeks after they are aired and can be viewed. To access an archived webinar go to www.ncpd.org.

Tuesday, September 20, 2011; 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET

Threats to the Lives of People with Disability, Part II: Physician Assisted Suicide



Presenters:

**Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director,
United States Conference of Catholic
Bishops, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

**Fr. Dan Mindling, OFM Cap, Theologian, Academic Dean, Mt.
St. Mary's Seminary**

**Sr. Janice McGrane, S.S.J., author, national presenter,
disability self-advocate and leader**

Moderator:

**Jerry Freewalt, Program Director, Office of Social Concerns, Diocese of Columbus
Partners with NCPD:**

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB),
Secretariat of Pro-life Activities, and**

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National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD)

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National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry (NAfIM)

Tuesday, October 18, 2011; 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET

How can we help? Parish Support for Veterans and Their Families



Presenters:

Fr. Rick Curry, S.J., Faculty, Catholic Studies-Theater, Founder, Academy for Veterans, Georgetown University

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Jim Boehnlein, MD, Psychiatrist, Professor of Psychiatry, Oregon Health and Science University and Associate Director for Education, VA Northwest Network Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC), Portland, OR

Fr. Rick Sirianni, Pastor, St. Thomas More Parish, Portland, OR, Chaplain (Retired July 2011), Oregon Air National Guard

Moderator:

Peg Kolm, Coordinator, Office for Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Washington

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Upcoming Events in the Diocese of Richmond

Sept. 17, 2011 – Outreach In Love Friends & Family Picnic, St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 2700 Dolfield Dr., After the 5 pm Mass in the Picnic Grove. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP a Must – Joan Congable Mackay 804 501-0022 or outreachinlove@yahoo.com

Sunday, September 18, 12:30 PM - 3 PM – Friends of L'Arche Central Virginia Second Annual Picnic at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Glen Allen. For information contact Cheryl Emory cherylemory@comcast.net or call at 804-747-4486 .

Thursday, September 22nd, 10:00am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Newport News, **Faith Inclusion Network seminar/luncheon.** The award winning documentary, "***A Place for All- Faith and Community for Persons with Disabilities***" will be shown, followed by conversation on including people with disabilities in their faith communities. For more information, contact Karen Jackson at faithinclusionnetwork@gmail.com

Oct. 5, 2011 – Outreach in Love Opening Mass, St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 2700 Dolfield Dr., 7 pm.

Alzheimers Walk - Walk either one or three mile routes at one of the following locations:

Sept. 17, 10:00 a.m. - Gloucester, Botetourt Elementary School

Oct. 1, 10:00 a.m. - Richmond, Innsbrook (Markel Plaza, 4600 Cox Rd.)

October 20 and 21, 2011, Developing Local Service: The BNA Model of Care First Annual Service Providers' Conference, St. Gabriel Catholic Church Charlotte, NC
benotafraidnc@live.com

FLYER

**Sunday, October 23, 2011- First Annual Virginia Relay CapTel Picnic
1 – 4 pm, Bryan Park, Richmond. [Click here for flyer.](#)**

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011 The Diocese of Richmond will celebrate Inaugural White Masses honoring the giftedness of persons with special needs. “By reason of their baptism, all Catholics are equal in dignity in the sight of God and have the same divine calling.” The Masses have the designation white because of that color’s connection to Baptism. There will be receptions following the Masses. All are invited!

The Masses will be held at the following Churches. [Click here for flyer](#)

Central Vicariate

Our Lady of Lourdes, Richmond

October 30th – 11:15 am

Bishop DiLorenzo will preside

Eastern Vicariate

Church of the Resurrection, Portsmouth

October 30th – 5:00 pm

Msgr. Walter Barrett will preside

Star of the Sea, Virginia Beach

October 30th – 11:30 am

Fr. Steve DeLeon will preside

Western Vicariate

Our Lady of Nazareth, Roanoke

October 30th – 11:30 am

Msgr. Joseph Lehman will preside

In the weeks following the White Masses, there will be Life Affirming Ministry/Initiatives workshops, **Building a Culture of Life** which will focus on disability awareness and the following 5 initiatives/ministries: Be Not Afraid; Disability Awareness for Youth; Christian Formation Support; Christian Support Groups/Social Clubs; and Mental Illness Awareness. We have given the workshops the color green to designate hope and life.

Building a Culture of Life: Affirming Life Initiatives/Ministries

Central Vicariate – Our Lady of Lourdes, Richmond

Mon., Nov. 14th, 7 PM

Eastern Vicariate – Church of the Resurrection, Portsmouth Wed., Nov 2,
6:15 PM
Star of the Sea, Virginia Beach, Tue., Nov. 8, 6:30 PM

Western Vicariate- St. Mary, Blacksburg, Wed., Nov 9, 6:30 PM

The purpose of the workshops will be to raise disability awareness and to educate and encourage volunteers from each vicariate to participate in any of the five initiatives/ministries. For more information, contact Nita Grignol at 804 622-5260 or at ngrignol@richmonddiocese.org [Click here for Building a Culture of Life flyer](#)

Disability Parish Advocates

Kim McInnis, Disability Parish Advocate, Our Lady of Nazareth, Roanoke, has been working with OLN's Christian Formation Office and the OLN Disability Advocacy Committee, looking at ways to bring the faith to students with disabilities. In addition, she is working with the Advocacy Committee in planning the White Mass for the Western Vicariate at OLN. Thank you Kim!

Government/Legislative Action Alerts Virginia Catholic Conference

Conference Submits Comments to Board of Health. Virginia Catholic Conference Favors Proposed Abortion Center Regulations In Comments Submitted to State Board of Health. For more information, [click here](#).

Oppose Unprecedented Violation of Conscience Rights! HHS mandate violates conscience rights; submit comments to HHS by September 30. For more information, [click here](#).

Resources



2011 Respect Life Program Pamphlets Available from USCCB: Includes Pamphlet on Disability

The 2011-2012 Respect Life Program features eight pamphlets in a series called ***Life Matters***. Each presents convincing support for the teachings of the Catholic Church on major pro-life issues. Topics include a beautiful pamphlet on disability. Be sure to check it out! .

All 8 pamphlets are available in English and Spanish. Click on picture to view pamphlets.

US Catholic article, *Through a glass darkly: How Catholics struggle with mental illness* can be found at <http://www.uscatholic.org/node/5811>.

September's Inclusion Tip:



Navigating the IEP

from Marsha Rivas,
Diocese of Toledo's
Director, Equal Access
Ministries

Thank you for all you
do to guide children,
parents and teachers

through the education maze!



Navigating the IEP: A Guide for Parents

An IEP is the individualized education plan, a document written for a child with a disability that identifies needs, sets goals and lists services to insure optimal educational and vocational outcomes. Often the IEP process can be intimidating and overwhelming to parents. The following guidelines will help parents become engaged participants in the development and implementation of an effective IEP.

Before the first or annual IEP meeting:

TIP SHEET

REAP Richmond Entrepreneur Assistance Program

St. Michael's Church, Richmond, REAP program is focusing their efforts on special populations that faced with additional challenges to employment (i.e. people with disabilities).

They are launching two businesses: **Thankfully Yours** Gift Baskets and **New 2 U Sports**. Both will provide employment for people with disabilities. [Click here to see flyer](#).

For more information on how you can get involved, Please contact Karen Hannon, Coordinator Human Concerns Ministry, St. Michael Catholic Church, 804 527-1037 x 29 or khannon@saint-mikes.org

Resources for Recruiting and Supporting Catechists

Jesus Style Recruiting Book

As you recruit and support your catechists, this is one of many helpful resources from which you can benefit.



www.vdpublishing.net. This book is for every parish leader. You will be thrilled that at last someone has addressed recruiting volunteers from those who bake the cookies to catechetical leaders in a way that really works. Some DDs have purchased one for every parish. Read what Kathy Hendricks says in her blog.

Roman Missal, Third Edition Adaptations for Catholics with Disabilities

See this Diocesan Disability Website for links regarding the adaptations.

<http://www.richmonddiocese.org/disabilities/access.htm>

In addition to serving as a training tool for Sign Language Interpreters, this project will also be a valuable resource for Deaf Adult Formation classes, Small Group discussion groups, and Religious Education classes for the Deaf, and more.

For use with Sign Language Interpreters, this model is intended to communicate the concepts in the text through: Choice of appropriate ASL signs; Use of space; Directionality; Eye gaze; and Facial "expression" (affect/mood).

Large-print Resource Available to Help Prepare for Roman Missal from Deirdre Malacrea, RENEW International



I am writing to let you know about a unique resource for the new translation of the *Missal* entitled, *Lifting Up Our Hearts: Praying with the Third Edition of the Roman Missal*. Recognizing the need for those with visual impairments to prepare for the new text changes coming to the Mass this Advent, RENEW International developed our resource in both a large-print and standard-print edition. The print materials are in size 16 font and above. *Lifting Up Our Hearts* offers a six-week faith-sharing book about the *Third Edition of the Roman Missal* written for the person in the pew. Each book includes a tear-out pew card (also in large print) with the new responses. There is an accompanying music CD. The large-print publication was made possible through the generous support of the La Velle Fund for the Blind, Inc. You can read more about the resources at www.renewintl.org/missal.

Program Meetings

Outreach In Love, a Catholic based religious education program designed for the intellectually and/or physically disabled meets, on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at St. Edward the Confessor, Richmond. It is open to all faiths and all ages. The opening Mass for Outreach In Love will be held at St. Edward the Confessor, Richmond on October 5, 2011. Bishop Di Lorenzo will be the president.

Respite in Love Program, respite care for individuals with disabilities who reside with their families. For information on both programs call Joan Congable McKay at 804 501-0022 (home), 804 387-1756 cell or email at outreachinlove@yahoo.com Classes will begin again in October, 2011.



Living in Holland Support Group for families with children with disabilities meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, Norfolk. All families, regardless of their church affiliation, who have children with disabilities, are invited. For more information on this, please contact Karen Jackson at DaCapomusic@cox.net or 757 423-4027.

Living in Holland Support Group, Salem, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help has had several meetings. For information on the meeting times, contact Ellen Tutaj at loumar71@yahoo.com or Bess Hannigan at besshannigan@ymail.com.

Young Life Capernaum, a program for young people with intellectual and physical disabilities meets the first 3 Mondays of the month at Holy Family Church in Virginia Beach. The first meeting of the season will be on Monday September 12th at 6:30pm and then on September 19th. For more information, contact Sue Stefonowich via email at parishadvocate@gmail.com.



Young Life Capernaum, Roanoke meets once a month. For information, contact Our Lady of Nazareth, Roanoke at (540) 774-0066.

Other

Assisi House which will be located on the property of the Church of the Ascension, Virginia Beach is in the planning stages. For information on this, go to www.assisihouse.org. Assisi House will be a group home for 8 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities who need 24/7 supervised care.

To learn more about Assisi House, click here

http://www.richmonddiocese.org/disabilities/documents/Assisi_House.pdf

A **L'Arche** home is in the formation stages for the Richmond/Glen Allen area. If you would like to be on their email list for information, please contact, Marybeth Meacham 804 273-9533/ marybethmeacham@me.com, Cheryl Emory 804 747-4486/cherylemory@comcast.net. L'Arche communities are caring homes where persons with and without disabilities live with comfort, spirituality, and respect. To learn more about the L'Arche Home, see the Catholic Virginian article <http://www.catholicvirginian.org/archive/2008/2008vol84iss4/pages/article2.htm>

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Timeless Reflections

MORE DETAILS

*Don't keep me from Jesus...*that's what one woman who has multiple sclerosis told her pastor recently. She uses a power wheelchair and asked for a ramp so that she could pray in the chapel...She got encouragement from NCPD.org about how other Catholics with disabilities live their faith, and live it abundantly.

*Don't give up on me...*that's what one young man with autism might say, if he could only speak. And his parish didn't give up. Though they had tried for years to prepare him for First Eucharist, the resources just weren't out there. After listening to a talk by a member of the NCPD Autism Task Force, the catechetical team is starting again.

*Don't forget about me...*that's what people living with mental illness tell us. Their mostly silent suffering, attached to the stigma of their condition, makes it hard for others to help. NCPD's Council on Mental Illness has developed a comprehensive toolkit with video, print and online materials, and an E-newsletter. Parishes are responding.

*And, don't miss your chance...*to support this "mighty" ministry, so-called by our Episcopal Moderator, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Did you know? NCPD generates respected resources *without any direct funding from the Church.*

CLICK HERE

to make an online donation that can transform your parish, school, school of religion and community. NCPD provides access to faith for persons with disabilities.

**Another Way to Support NCPD:
Become a Friend of NCPD**



Friends of NCPD contribute \$1000 annually to provide additional seed money for the projects listed above.
Become a Friend in 2011!

Click here to be a Friend of NCPD: <http://www.ncpd.org/friends>.