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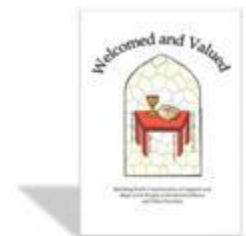
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Keeping the Momentum: Mental Illness Awareness Week 2009, Oct. 4-10 *Building Community, Taking Action* Day of Prayer Oct. 6

In 1990, the U.S. Congress established the first week of
October as Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW).

Since then, advocates for people with
mental illness have organized a great
variety of events to educate
communities about mental illness. The
NCPD Council on Mental Illness is
pleased to release its newly developed
resource manual, ***Welcomed and
Valued: Building Faith Communities
of Support and Hope with People with
Mental Illness and Their Families*** to

assist parishes in planning activities to commemorate the
week and the Day of Prayer. The manual is available for
free download on the NCPD website. ([Click here](#)) We
will also provide a webinar on the topic of ministry tools in
addressing suicide. (see below)



In addition, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
has developed a host of resources to support local, state
and national activities. These can be found on their
website at www.nami.org . For more information on the
Oct. 6 Day of Prayer visit www.nami.org/faithnet .

Coming Events

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NCPD News and Thoughts

NCPD WEBINAR SERIES 2009-2010 Internet Seminars to Support your Ministry Needs

Catholic schools more perfectly reflect the single flock envisioned by Jesus, our Shepherd, when they welcome and integrate students with disabilities into the total life of the school. In this NCPD webinar, "**Access in Catholic Education, Part I: Elementary Schools**" on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, from 3-4:00 p.m. EDT (and "Access in Catholic Education, Part II: High Schools" on February 16, 2010), Catholic educators with significant experience at both the school and diocesan levels will share strategies and resources that enable Catholic schools to become successful, inclusive communities.

Plan to participate ...
NCPD
Live Internet Seminar
Tuesday, October 20, 2009 | 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. EDT

Access to Tools in Addressing Suicide: Pastoral Supports and Prevention Strategies

- Symptoms and responses
- Support for individuals, families and parishes
- Catholic Church teaching
- Expanded 1 1/2 hour session
- Live Q & A
- Real Time Captioned

Presenters:
Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI
Noted speaker, columnist and author
President of the Office of Studies
San Antonio, Texas

Claire Woodruff
Board Chair, SBS
Archdiocesan Religious Education Coordinator
Portland, Oregon

Dr. Thomas Welch, MD
Member, NCPD Council on Mental Illness and Adult/Forensic Psychiatry
Portland, Oregon

Free of charge if your Diocese is an Affiliate of NCPD, and/or if you are a member of responses, NCCJ or NCPD. The registration fee for all others is \$30 per registration (includes shipping and handling charges).

For more information contact: Dr. Henry Thompson at 503.270.4933 or 503.538.3933, 903.529.2000 (TDD) or by e-mail at info@nccd.org or visit www.ncpd.org

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS (NCCB) | 1111 17th Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036
WEBINAR SERIES 2009-2010

Meet with **Sally Todd**, Associate Superintendent, Diocese of Orange Catholic Schools; **Eileen Grams**, Inclusion Specialist, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Elementary School; and **Marie Powell**, Executive Director, USCCB Secretariat of Catholic Education, to explore this topic at the elementary Catholic school level. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

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Access in Catholic Education
Part I: Elementary Schools
Tuesday, October 13, 2009 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT

Part II: High Schools
Tuesday, February 16, 2010 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT

There are an increasing number of students with disabilities enrolled and academically successful in Catholic schools across the country. This seminar will provide an opportunity for participants to learn from experienced educators who have found success in accommodating students with disabilities.

Recommended fee:
• Registration fee: \$30
• Shipping and handling: \$5
• Total: \$35

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The affects of suicide on parishioners and their family members from children and youth to the elderly are immeasurable. Pastoral and youth ministers, catechetical and family life ministers, family members—all involved— want to be aware of how to respond and to gain tools in addressing suicide. Join us on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, from 1-2:30 p.m. EDT for "**Access to Tools in Addressing Suicide**," an important internet seminar with noted speaker, columnist and author, **Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI**; Board Chair, Suicide Bereavement Support (SBS) and Archdiocesan Religious Education Coordinator, **Claire Woodruff**; and **Dr. Thomas Welch**, Member, NCPD Council on Mental Illness and Adult/Forensic Psychiatrist. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

Go to www.ronrolheiser.com and click on [Writings on Suicide](#) and browse through many of Fr. Rolheiser's thoughts and reflections on this topic, in preparation for this upcoming webinar.

Stories on Priests Related to Disability

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 19, 2010. We will be highlighting stories of the positive impact that people with disabilities have made on priestly vocations, as well as stories about priests with disabilities who serve the Church with their gifts.



Vocation Impact Story: Cardinal John Foley

One event that was "critical" in his journey toward priesthood was doing volunteer work and teaching catechism to children with intellectual disabilities. In an interview with Zenit, he recalled: "I had six children in this school to whom I was teaching catechism, and the Sister Superior came in and said, 'Well, children, do you like Mr. Foley?'

'One boy answered, 'No! No! We love Mr. Foley!'

I thought that was a marvelous distinction for a mentally handicapped boy to make.

She said, 'Why do you love Mr. Foley?'

He said, 'We love Mr. Foley because he teaches us about Jesus.' And I thought, there is nothing more important in life than teaching people about Jesus and bringing Jesus to them. That solidified my vocation for the priesthood."

Cardinal Foley, age 74 is now living in Rome. He was born in a suburb of Philadelphia. During the Year for Priests, the former president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, and now the Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, considers that relationship and its impact on his vocation as providential.

Brother Rick Curry, S.J., PhD (Artistic Director) will be ordained to the priesthood at Holy Trinity Church, Washington, DC at 7:30 pm on September 13, 2009. (The Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for Military Services, will preside at the liturgy.) A Jesuit Brother, he is disabled himself with the absence of his right forearm and hand. Br. Rick felt called to help wounded veterans returning from action in the Gulf wars and started retreats and the Wounded Warriors Writing Program. For an article with pictures of that program, go to [the website of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus](#).



He led last spring's Ignatian spiritual retreat for veterans, hosted by the Washington Theological Union, and co-sponsored by NCPD, Walter Reed Transition Brigade, Archdiocese of Military Services USA and the Archdiocese of Washington. Br. Rick works with military chaplains on addressing post-traumatic stress syndrome using the tools and concepts of Ignatian spirituality.

Following ordination, Fr. Curry will offer Masses of Thanksgiving in the following locations:

- Sunday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m., at Holy Trinity Church, 3513 N. St., Washington, D.C.
- Sunday, Sept. 27, at 11:30 a.m. at Old St. Joseph's Church, 321 Willings Ave., Philadelphia, and
- Sunday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 980 Park Ave., New York City

Brother Curry, a native of Philadelphia and a Jesuit since 1962, is the founder-director of the National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped in New York City and director of the Jesuit Academy for Veterans at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He has also published books on Jesuit bread making and soup making and founded a bakery to support people with disabilities, and works with military chaplains on post-traumatic stress syndrome and spirituality.

Let us flood him with prayers as he continues in ministry and in witness to the gifts brought to the Church by people with disabilities.

Send stories you know about priests with disabilities or the experience of disabilities having an impact on a priest's vocation. We plan to feature them in the E-News and on our website during the Year for Priests.



I Gave 30

We encourage every E-News subscriber to support NCPD through an online donation to our "I Gave 30" Campaign. NCPD continues to honor the 30th anniversary of the *Pastoral Statement* by reaching out to a new generation of clergy, families, diocesan directors, pastoral staff and volunteers. NCPD works for you and your interests to the Catholic Bishops, national and state Catholic conferences, (arch) dioceses and parishes. We especially need funds to translate materials into Spanish, create more resources to catechize students with autism and to plan for

next year's webinar series. Click here to make an online donation now:

<http://www.ncpd.org/support>.

Diocesan, Partner and Organizational News and Notes

Archdiocese of Dubuque

The 2nd Annual Special Mass for Mental Illness Awareness of the Archdiocese of Dubuque will be held at 2:00 p.m. CDT, Sunday, September 20, 2009, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids, IA. A reception will follow Mass. Contact Martha Hanley, tnmhanley@yahoo.com, 319-393-5559 or Vern Hunstad, 319-377-5945, for more information. [Click here](#) to download a flyer.



Marsha Rivas, Diocese of Toledo

September's Inclusion Tip -- **Bullying: Make it Stop!** Thank you, Marsha, for all you do to make our world a safer place for all. [Click here](#) to read and download.

USCCB on the New Roman Missal



The USCCB is offering a draft text of the new translation of the Roman Missal, which cannot be used liturgically but aims to familiarize priests and faithful with the forthcoming changes.

The Web site underlines the hope "that when the time comes to use the texts in the celebration of the Mass, priests will be properly trained, the faithful will have an understanding and appreciation of what is being prayed, and musical settings of the liturgical texts will be readily available."

For more information go to: <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/> .

Check out this link for comparisons of the language in current use, alongside its new counterpart: www.usccb.org/romanmissal/examples.shtml.

Mary O' Meara, Department for Special Needs Ministries, Archdiocese of Washington

First Ever Vatican Conference on the Role of Deaf in the Life of the Church

In November, bishops, ministry leaders and Catholics who are Deaf from around the world will gather in Rome during the 24th Pontifical Council for Health Care Ministry conference. Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski, president of the health care dicastery, explained that the purpose of the conference is "to offer an opportunity to the Church to appreciate the contribution of deaf people in the various areas of apostolate."

Among the participants will be Archbishop Patrick Kelly of Liverpool, Great Britain, president of the International Catholic Foundation for the Service of Deaf Persons (ICF).



For more information on the Conference, contact Mary O'Meara, Executive Director, Department for Special Needs Ministries, Archdiocese of Washington, at omearam@adw.org or at 301-459-7464.

Advocacy/Legislation



Health Care Reform

The debate is often vigorous and brutal. It is difficult to sort through the contradictory information which is presented as fact and the description of health care reform that is consistent with our Catholic values. Find out what the bishops are saying about health care reform at www.usccb.org/healthcare, the new, comprehensive resource for information on the Church's position on this important issue.

- Examine the [Church's position](#).
- Learn about the [Catholic healthcare presence](#) in the U.S.
- Find brief and clear health care reform [videos](#) on the Church's position.

The NCPD Board Committee on Ethics and Public Policy has issued an analysis of H.R. 3200 identifying concerns about abortion funding, rationing of services and violations of conscience. Please [click here](#) to read the full statement.

Emergency Management and People with Disabilities

On August 12, 2009, the National Council on Disability (NCD) released a report outlining the barriers that persons with disabilities face when disaster hits as they "are left behind when it comes to national emergency and disaster plans," <http://www.lifenews.com/bio2915.html>. The NCD report is titled "Effective Emergency Management: Making Improvements for Communities and People with Disabilities," and contains several Federal recommendations as well as State, Local and Individual level interventions. The report can be found by [clicking here](#). This report can also be found through an "Emergency Plans" page on our website at <http://www.ncpd.org/ministries-programs/emergency>.



Resources

Don't Miss the Sept./Oct Issue of *Catechetical Leader*

Check out the latest edition of *Catechetical Leader*, a publication of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL). The September/October edition, "Ministering to Persons who are Deaf or Disabled" has a featured section on the work being done around the country to serve our community. *Catechetical Leader* is featuring this enhanced section as part of the national engagement campaign to honor the 30th anniversary of our own foundational document, the *Pastoral Statement of US Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities* (full text of the *Pastoral* available free of charge at www.ncpd.org)

A preview of articles written by several of our diocesan leaders is available at <http://www.nccl.org/mc/page.do?sitePagelId=49107>. We hope you find it beneficial.

Calendar

Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

Hospice Foundation of America

Webinar: "Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities Through Illness, Grief and Loss"

Check this link to register: [Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities through Illness, Grief, and Loss.](#)

Sunday, September 20, 2009, 2:00 p.m. CDT

Archdiocese of Dubuque

Annual Special Mass for Mental Illness Awareness and Reception

St. Pius X Catholic Church

4949 Council St. NE

Cedar Rapids, IA

Contacts: Martha Hanley, tnmhanley@yahoo.com, 319-393-5559

or Vern Hunstad, 319-377-5945

[Click here](#) to download a flyer.

Saturday, September 26, 2009, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ET

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities

Fall 2009 Contact Meeting

"Pastoral Care for Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease"

Check [this link](#) for more information.

Saturday, September 26 - Monday September 29, 2009

Welcomed and Valued: Three day Advanced Training in Mental Illness

Sponsored by the NCPD Council on Mental Illness

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL

Application information available by [clicking here](#).

Tuesday, September 29 - Thursday, October 1, 2009

Pathways to Promise: Interfaith Ministries & Mental Illness, 2009 National Summit

Companions on the Road to Recovery from Mental Illness

Pathways for the 21st Century

Belleville, IL

<http://www.pathways2promise.org/>

For color brochure, [click here](#), for black and white brochure [click here](#).

Sunday-Saturday, Oct. 4-10, 2009

Keeping the Momentum: Mental Illness Awareness Week 2009

Building Community, Taking Action

For resources and information go to: www.ncpd.org and www.nami.org.

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 Day of Prayer for Mental Illness

For resources and information, go to: www.ncpd.org and www.nami.org/faithnet.

Sunday-Monday, October 11-12, 2009

Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators (NICE) Conference

Mercy Retreat Center

Burlingame, CA

For more information contact:

Beth Foraker bforaker2002@yahoo.com

Website: www.niceconference2009.com

Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 3:00-4:00 p.m. EDT

NCPD Webinar

Access in Catholic Education, Part I: Elementary Schools

In partnership with the:

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Marie Powell, Moderator

Sally Todd and Eileen Grams, Presenters

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(*Part II: High Schools* coming Feb. 16, 2010)

Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT

NCPD Webinar (EXPANDED TIMEFRAME)

Access to Tools in Addressing Suicide: Pastoral Supports and Prevention Strategies

In partnership with the:

NCPD Council on Mental Illness

National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL)

National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers (NFCYM)

Fr. Ron Rolheiser and Claire Woodruff, Presenters

Dr. Tom Welch, Moderator/presenter/interviewer

[Click here](#) for a flyer.

Tuesday, December 1 - Thursday December 10, 2009

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Xavier Society for the Blind

Fr. John Sheehan will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, designed specifically for people who are blind or visually impaired. For more details, contact the Xavier Society by Email at

Xaviersocietyfortheblind@Yahoo.com or call (212) 473-7800.

Registration deadline is October 1, 2009.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 3-4:00 p.m. EDT

NCPD Webinar

Access in Catholic Education Part II: High Schools

In partnership with the:

USCCB Secretariat on Catholic Education and

National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL)

Marie Powell, Moderator

Dr. Karen Tichy and Doreen C. Engel, MA, Presenters

[Click here](#) for a flyer and registration.

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 - Saturday, August 28, 2010

STAUROS "Access to the Land of the Bible"

Holy Land Pilgrimage for people with physical disabilities, especially those actively engaged in parish Bible Study or ministry who wish to deepen their understanding of the Bible. Open to spouses, family members, friends, or to any persons who wish to serve as personal care attendants. [Click here](#) for more information.

Our Mission:

Rooted in Gospel values that affirm the dignity of every person, the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) works collaboratively to ensure meaningful participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of the life of the Church and society.

Visit our Website: www.ncpd.org

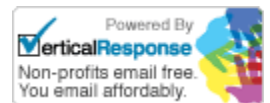
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