

# **BLIND/LOW VISION**

## **TIPS For Catechists**

- **Speak to the class upon entering and leaving the room.**
- **Call the student with a low vision by name if you want his/her attention.**
- **Seat the student away from glaring lights (e.g. by the window) and preferably in front of the class.**
- **Use descriptive words such as forward, left, etc. in relation to the student's body orientation. Be specific in directions and avoid the use of vague terms with unusable information, such as "over there," "here," "this," etc.**
- **Describe, in detail, pertinent visual occurrences of the learning activities.**
- **Describe and tactually familiarize the student to the classroom and surroundings.**
- **It is ok to use terms like: *Look at this* or *See you later*.**

## **Web Sites and Other Resources**

**National Catholic Partnership on Disability**— Large print Lectionary and Sacramentary, 1-202-529-2933, [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org).

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**—Provides daily liturgical Scripture readings and full Bible in downloadable format. [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**Xavier Society for the Blind**—Provides free spiritual and inspiration reading materials and lending library services in Braille, large print and audiocassette formats. 212-473-7800 / 800-637-9193

**American Foundation for the Blind**—[www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

**Associated Services for the Blind**—[www.asb.org](http://www.asb.org)

**Daily Catholic Scriptures**—monthly cassettes produced by The Word Proclaimed. 888-203-0697

**Bibles for the Blind and Visually Handicapped International**—Can help a blind person find a Bible in Braille, large print or on cassette. [www.biblesfortheblind.org](http://www.biblesfortheblind.org)

**Low Vision Gateway**—Resources for vision loss, vision-impairment, blindness, and low vision aids. [www.lowvision.org](http://www.lowvision.org)

**National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)**—[www.loc.gov/nls/](http://www.loc.gov/nls/)

**National Braille Press**— [www.nbp.org/](http://www.nbp.org/)

**Recording for The Blind & Dyslexic**—Educational lending library of academic and professional textbooks on audio tape from elementary through post-graduate and professional levels. [www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org) /800-221-4792