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Dear Brother in Christ,

As I mentioned in my presentation at the General Assembly in November, I serve as the Episcopal Moderator of The National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD), an organization that has supported Catholics with disabilities for over four decades. In my second year in this role, I am convinced now more than ever that NCPD is a vital resource for every diocese in the United States.

NCPD frequently hears from families who feel forgotten or as though they are living on the margins of their parish community. We know that being present to the needs of persons with disabilities is at the heart of gospel values, yet pastoral ministers often need additional guidance on how to best offer meaningful support.

NCPD equips diocesan leaders with the formation and resources required to successfully accompany faith communities with their outreach efforts. Parishes are called to prepare children and youth with autism to receive sacraments; to know what materials are available for a person who is blind to grow in their faith; and how to journey with a parishioner who is feeling suicidal. In all these cases, NCPD assists leaders in sharing Christ's love with every person.

I respectfully ask that you consider including the NCPD Affiliate Membership fee of \$1,500 in your budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Your investment in NCPD provides your local Church with personalized assistance and the assurance that training and resources for this specialized ministry continue.

May you and all entrusted to your pastoral care have a blessed Lent filled with abundant spiritual gifts. Thank you for prayerfully considering being an NCPD Affiliate Member.

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington
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P.S. This letter and affiliate information form were also mailed directly to your office. Below is a form for you to return with your membership fee. Charleen Katra, Executive Director of NCPD, can be reached directly at (713) 416-1032, if needed.



2023-2024 (July–June) NCPD AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Please complete and return this form with your fee.

Name: _____ Arch/Bishop of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is our 2023-2024 NCPD Affiliate Membership Fee: \$ _____
(**\$1,500 Requested**)

Please mail check made payable to “NCPD” to:
NCPD, 415 Michigan Ave. N.E., Ste. 95, Washington, DC 20017-4501

The National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) provides clergy, pastoral, and educational staff with resources and training, faithful to Church teaching, on issues related to systematic, sacramental, and liturgical access for Catholics with disabilities. NCPD advocates daily for the full sacramental and social inclusion of the estimated 15 million Catholics living with a disability in the U.S.

NCPD was founded 41 years ago with a grant from the Catholic Bishops’ Home Missions Office to implement the *US Catholic Bishops’ 1978 Pastoral Statement on People with Disabilities*. **NCPD relies upon your Arch/Diocesan Affiliate Membership fee of \$1,500 to support our programming and educational materials**, in addition to the generous support of foundations and individuals. NCPD works closely with USCCB offices to provide relevant resources and pastoral training which supports diocesan disability ministry.

NOTE: We request that Your Excellency provide contact information below for the individual on your staff primarily responsible for ensuring access and inclusion for members of your local Church who have a disability. This person will be listed on NCPD’s website:

Name*: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

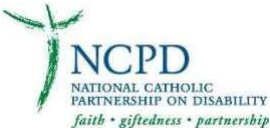
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***If your Arch/Diocese has an additional staff person(s) who you want included in our database, please also provide us with their contact information.**

Visit NCPD: www.ncpd.org Email NCPD: ncpd@ncpd.org Call NCPD: (202) 529-2933

Please mail check made payable to “NCPD” to:
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Thank you!



Affiliate Benefits

NCPD Affiliates partner with leaders and lay ministers devoted to disability ministry. Affiliates participate in monthly Affiliate Connect meetings and receive ongoing support so that they are up to date on the latest ministry models and resources.

Affiliate benefits include:

Connections with National Leaders

Engage in monthly Affiliate Connect conversations with national leaders about disability-related topics. Past meeting topics:

Digital Accessibility - Peter McNally, Senior Consultant at Bentley University's User Experience Center

Protecting Vulnerable Children, Youth and Adults - Deacon Bernard Nojadera, Executive Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Human Sexuality Catechesis for Persons with Disabilities – Dr. Claire Kilbane and Dr. Mary O'Callaghan from the University of Notre Dame

Federal Legislation Concerning Disability – Ingrid Delgado and Julie Bodnar, Policy Advisors at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Networking with Fellow Diocesan Leaders

Converse monthly with diocesan directors who address disability to exchange ideas, share success stories, and ask questions.

Consultations with NCPD Staff

Meet with staff for individualized support.

Complimentary Disability Resources

Receive the latest books, tools, and other resources related to disability.

Discounts on NCPD Programing

Pay less for in-person or virtual trainings, online courses, and event tickets.

Advanced Notice for NCPD Programing

Hear about disability ministry events ahead of time to promote more effectively.

“When I began this ministry, I did not know where to start. NCPD was a hidden treasure. I really felt like I was not alone in beginning this ministry.”

Patty Origer, Diocese of Des Moines
NCPD Affiliate