



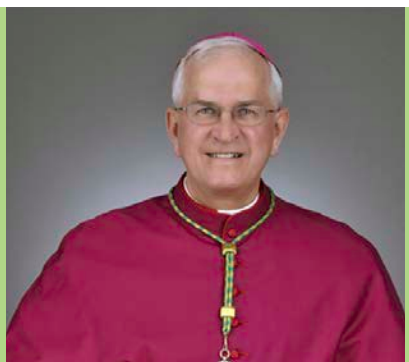
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Catholic Disability Gala



Aug. 27, 2022

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Gala Schedule

**4:15 pm
Vigil Mass**

**5:30 pm
St. Margaret of Castello
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**6:00 pm
Cocktails &
Silent Auction**

**7:15 pm
Dinner, Live Auction
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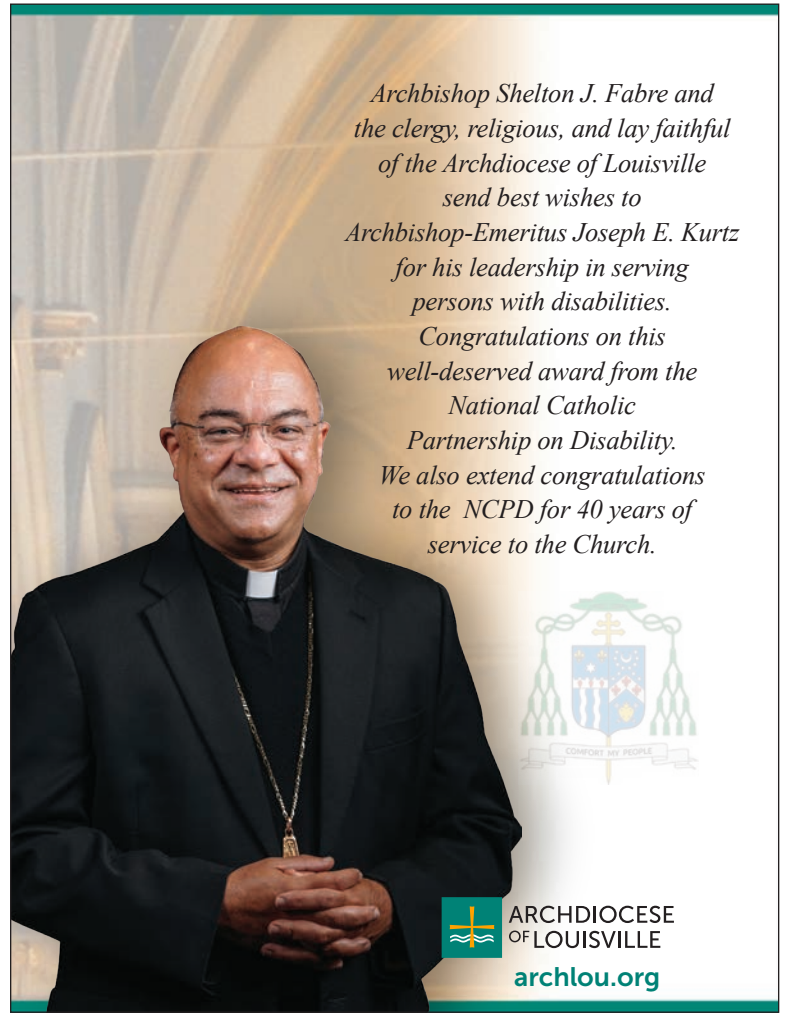
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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops joins the National Catholic Partnership on Disability in joyfully honoring

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz

former USCCB president, for his lifelong devotion to ensuring that persons with disabilities are embraced in all aspects of Church life and supported in their vocations.



The USCCB expresses profound gratitude to the National Catholic Partnership on Disability for its tireless work in promoting the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the Church and society.

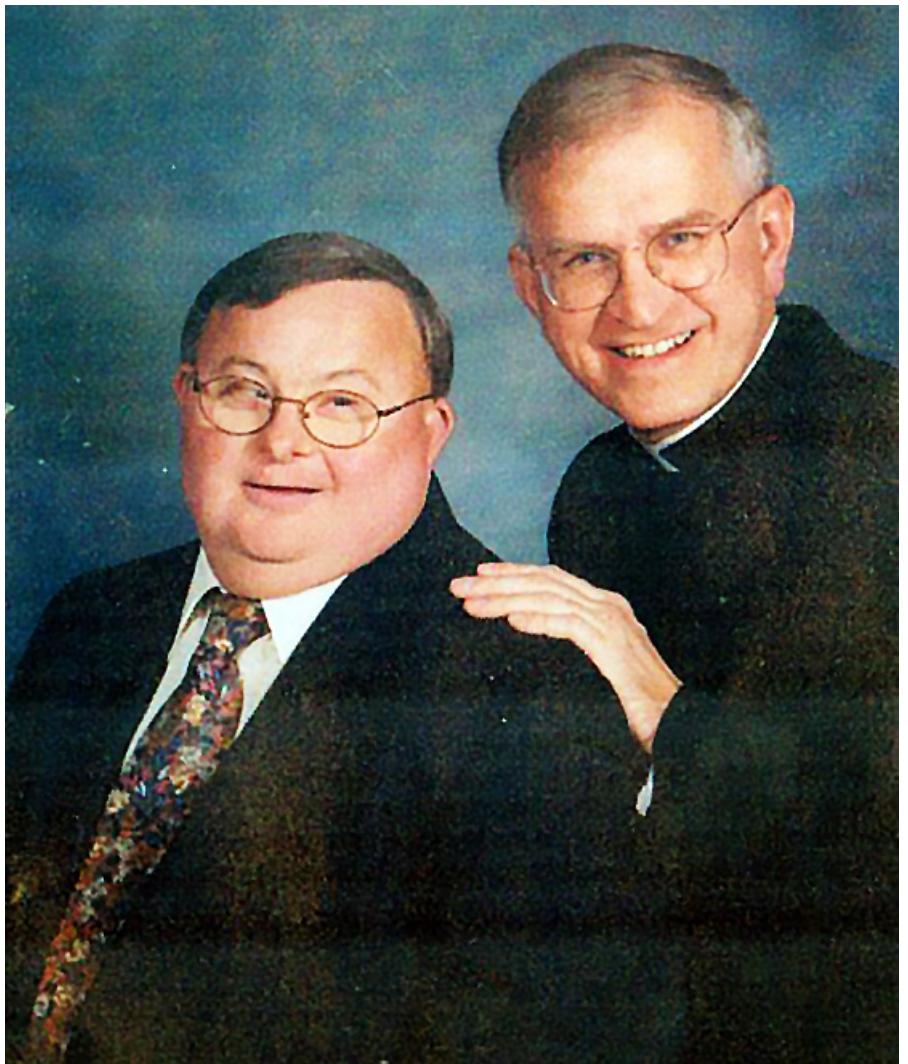


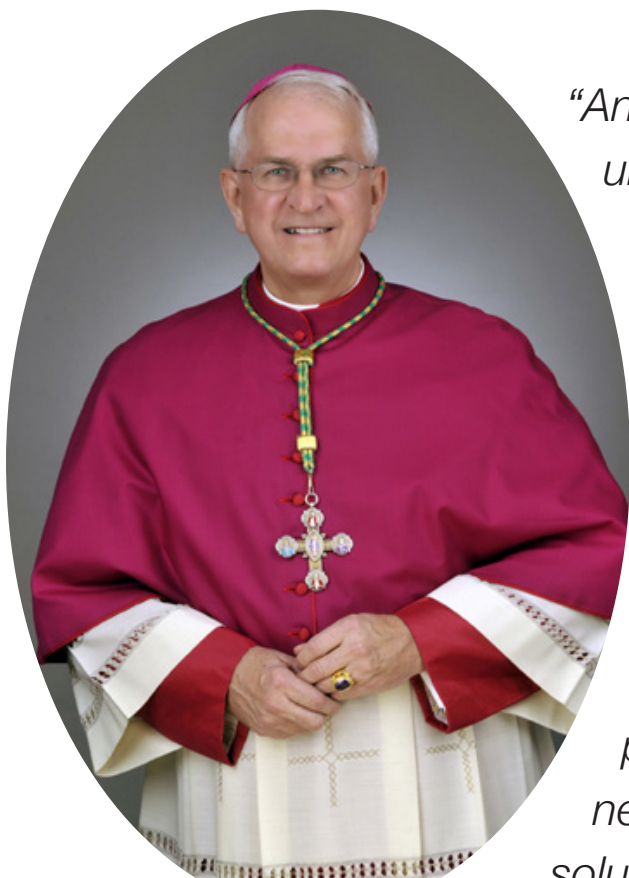
Archbishop Emeritus Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.

Archbishop Emeritus Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., served as Episcopal Moderator for the National Catholic Partnership on Disability from 2017-2021. He oversaw many NCPD milestones, such as:

- ‘Catechesis and Persons with Disabilities’ conference at the Vatican sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization
- Revision of the U.S. Bishops’ *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments for Persons with Disabilities*
- 40th Anniversary of the U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Statement on Persons with Disabilities
- NCPD’s first academic symposium at The Catholic University of America.

Archbishop Kurtz has stated in the past that one person who has had the most impact in his life is his brother George who lived with Down syndrome. For many years George resided with him in the parish rectory where he served. He recalls, “[In] September of 1989 [when] Georgie moved into that rectory...he changed that rectory into a home.”





“And perhaps if we want to truly understand the mystery of Christian anthropology, we have to come to understand what it means to enter into someone’s life. I worry that sometimes parish programs, concerning disability, become kind of a quick checklist. Let’s make sure things are accessible. Let’s make sure we have various programs and projects, all of which, by the way, are necessary and true. But it’s the quick solution that we should be very cautious of because when all is said and done, if you want to understand the mystery of the human person and especially the mystery of someone who’s born with or has a disability, we need to linger with that person, to spend time with that person. And that’s a great, great lesson for me, and perhaps for yourself.”

Archbishop Kurtz, November 2020



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PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE



NCPD helps persons with disabilities and their families find a home in the Church, and informs parishes of the many strategies, big and small, that will help make their parishes more accessible. There are thousands of families across the country who have found relief in caregiver support groups, have reached out to a priest for prayers and counsel when their adult child is having a hard time, have enrolled their child with autism in faith formation classes, or have witnessed their loved one who is blind being a lector at Mass. With the right education and support at every level—from NCPD, to dioceses and parishes, to the faithful themselves—such stories can become the norm in parishes across the country.

NCPD supports the Church nationally by training diocesan leaders, seminarians, clergy, and pastoral leaders to advocate for and support persons with disabilities.

Too often, persons with disabilities lack even a basic access to participation in the life of the Church through its liturgy and sacraments. NCPD’s consultations, trainings, and networking opportunities for disability ministers and other Catholic leaders are

contributing to a world where persons with disabilities, and their families, are fully supported in their faith and find a welcome home and a sense of belonging in the Church.

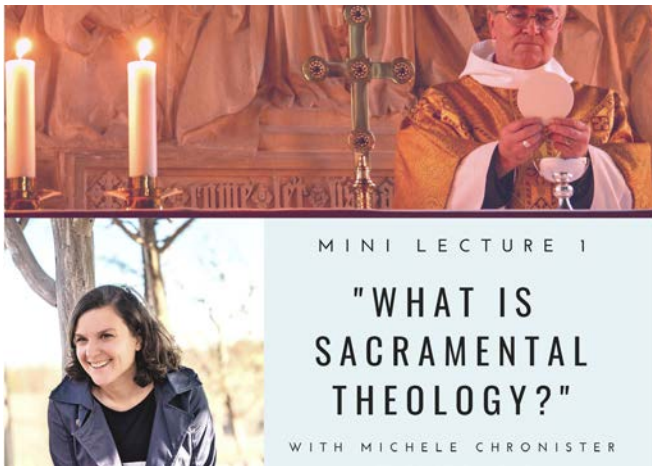


NCPD seeks to increase disability support and access in parishes across the United States through three core programmatic focuses:

- Collaborating with dioceses to proactively address disability initiatives
- By training Church leaders, NCPD reaches over 100 dioceses in the United States, offering direct consultation and opportunities for diocesan directors to network with one another. The Diocesan Affiliate program offers exclusive presentations and workshops, monthly virtual meetings with NCPD staff and other disability experts, and complimentary or discounted resources.



- Working with universities and colleges to train tomorrow's pastoral leaders. NCPD develops curricula and workshops, collaborates on ministry trainings, and hosts symposia that explore the theological and philosophical dimensions of disability. Through this work we not only influence persons currently in disability ministry, but also the future trajectory and scope of disability ministry in our Church for decades to come; offering advocacy and resources to the Church as a whole.



NCPD provides webinars, tip sheets, faith formation guides, blogs, and conferences. These resources address topics such as prenatal diagnosis, mental health support, suicide, autism, dementia, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and more.

NCPD provides trainings and networking opportunities that help create a world where parishes are accessible, persons with mental illnesses receive support from their faith community, and families who experience disability find a home in the Church.



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We also offer sincere gratitude to NCPD for its contributions in helping all people find a fulfilling and welcoming home in the Church.

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NCPD Expands Online Training Presence

NCPD has recently launched a new training initiative: an online course, titled “Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities.” This course is designed as a resource for persons who are preparing children or adults with disabilities to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (with an additional module devoted to the Sacrament of Reconciliation). Each module provides written, audio, and video resources to explore the topic.

Other online trainings now available are “Parish Based Mental Health Ministry” and “Sensory Friendly Masses.” Additional trainings aimed to assist diocesan and parish staff with tools and information on ministry with persons with disabilities will be coming.

Drawing on its history and partnership with professionals and committed personnel in Church ministry, NCPD will offer an increasing selection of online trainings and courses. See more information at ncpd-us.teachable.com.



NCPD Online Trainings



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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This 8 module online course is designed as a resource for persons who are preparing children or adults with disabilities to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (with an additional module devoted to the Sacrament of Reconciliation).

Professed by:
Michelle Christoffer &
the NCPD Council on Intellectual & Developmental Disability



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PARISH BASED MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

This online course is designed as a resource for persons who are interested in participating in mental health ministry at a parish level. It includes components on three levels of mental health ministry: a 5-night parish training series; a multi-parish support meeting; and a diocesan wide ministry.

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ONLINE LEARNING

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SENSORY FRIENDLY MASSES

In an effort to embrace and welcome members of our Church who have autism, down syndrome, and other intellectual and developmental disabilities, some churches have begun offering sensory friendly Masses. In this course we will explore the logistics of such a ceremony.

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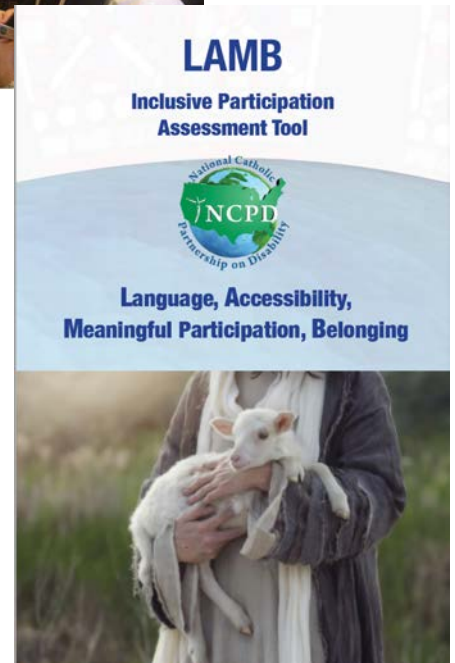
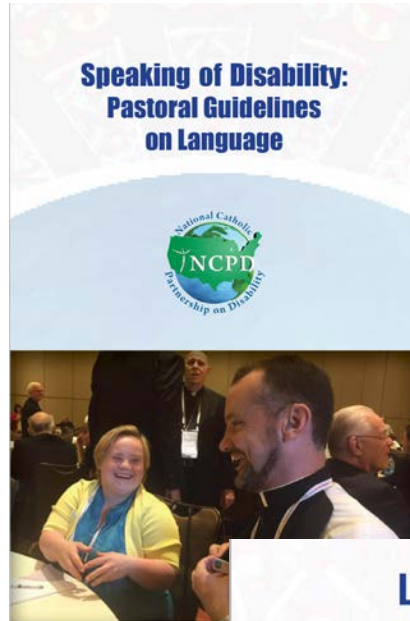
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persons with disabilities are fully embraced
in all aspects of Church life. We miss your
Conversations series on CatholicTV.**

*Enjoy the Peace for Belonging:
Catholic Disability Gala!*

NCPD Resources

To view these three bilingual resources produced by NCPD use the QR code below:

- A Pastoral Response, (which includes a “Mental Health Literacy Guide”) from the NCPD Council on Mental Illness
- “Speaking of Disability” from the NCPD Council on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- “LAMB” from the NCPD Council on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



A Pastoral Response to Mental Illness

Mental Health: Finding a Way Forward BILINGUAL Council on Mental Illness
National Catholic Partnership on Disability

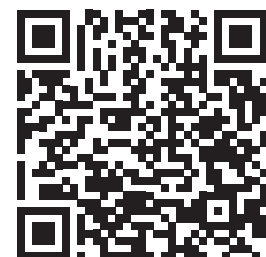
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Key elements to know when referring someone to a mental health professional¹

- Communication is key. Be clear and transparent
 - Inform them why you are making the referral
 - Clarify the difference between spiritual support and clinical support
- Collaborate: work together with the individual; include other supports if helpful
- If going to emergency room, make sure they are not alone; you or family should accompany them
- Follow-up: reach out, visit, but make sure to check in other some time
- Consider adding community supports: available resources, support groups, seminars

1. American Psychiatric Association Foundation. Mental Health: A Guide for Faith Leaders. Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Association Foundation, 2015.

For more information regarding mental health, visit www.ncpd.org COUNCIL ON MENTAL ILLNESS



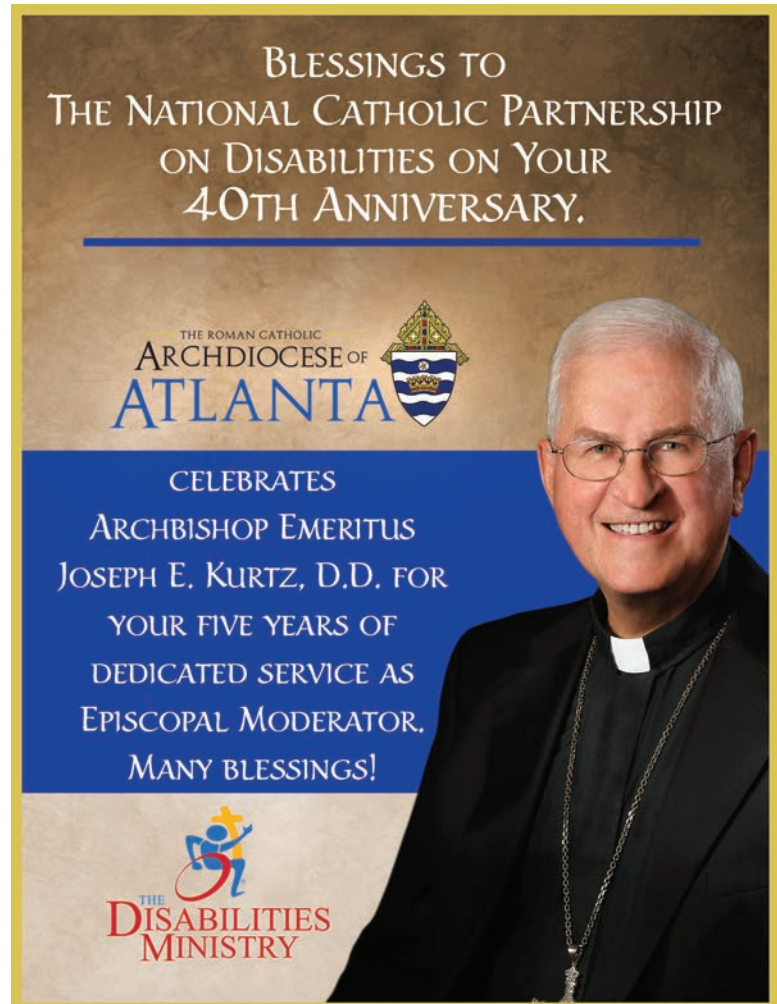
Thank You Archbishop Kurtz from NCPD

NCPD offers our profound gratitude to Archbishop Kurtz for his years of service as our Episcopal Moderator.

Your insight and wisdom lent a steady hand to the guidance of our ministry which is dedicated to maintaining a place of belonging for persons with disabilities in the Church.

We have no doubt that some of your insight was the fruit of your dedication and love for your brother George, who lived out his sense of belonging in the rectory alongside you. Some wisdom can only be born out of lived experience and we are grateful that you generously shared yours with NCPD.

We wish you all the best as you enjoy your well-deserved retirement. We pray that God blesses you with a long and healthy life and a heart always filled with peace and joy. Be assured of our continued prayers of thanksgiving for your service to NCPD and the Church.



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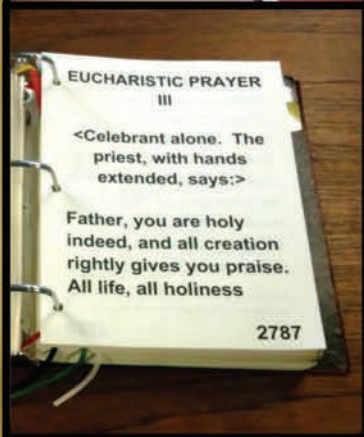
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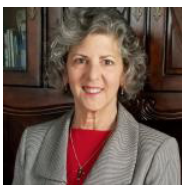
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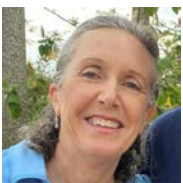
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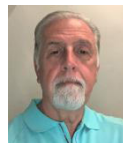


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