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NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY

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Dear Brother in Christ,

As the Episcopal Moderator for the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD), I am contacting you regarding the great need for ongoing training and resources to ensure persons with disabilities can fully live out their faith in the Church.

NCPD addresses this need by providing access to valuable disability ministry resources and direct assistance for your diocese. *I respectfully ask that you consider partnering with NCPD as an Affiliate Diocese by including a \$1,500 membership fee in your budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.* NCPD does not receive funding from the USCCB—this highly specialized ministry depends on diocesan support. Our diocesan membership helps ensure that persons with disabilities have access to the sacraments, faith formation opportunities, and meaningful participation in parish life.

NCPD regularly offers Affiliate Connect virtual meetings for Affiliate diocesan staff to collaborate with colleagues and learn from disability ministry experts. Other benefits include discounts on conferences, online courses, and presentations. A new benefit is the Catholic Disability Exchange (CDX), a resource-sharing platform. Leaders can now contribute forms, documents, handouts, and more, making materials available across the country, eliminating the need to create them from scratch. Complimentary access to its contents is provided to Affiliate members.

Today, a record number of dioceses have joined NCPD's Affiliate program, affirming its value in serving the needs of the Church. Please prayerfully consider being an Affiliate member so we can continue this important work together. May this Lenten season bring abundant blessings to you and all those entrusted to your pastoral care.

Faternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington
NCPD Episcopal Moderator

P.S. Enclosed is a form for you to return with your membership fee. Charleen Katra, NCPD Executive Director, can be reached directly at (713) 416-1032, if needed.



Affiliate Benefits

Since its establishment in 1982, NCPD has relied on the generous support of Bishops and their dioceses to advance the goals of the USCCB's 1978 *Pastoral Statement on People with Disabilities*. NCPD is grateful to its Affiliate Dioceses for their ongoing support, which makes this vital ministry possible through the commitment of the U.S. Bishops.

In appreciation of Affiliate Diocese's financial support, NCPD is proud to offer the following benefits:

Catholic Disability Exchange (CDX)

Exclusive access to the Catholic Disability Exchange, NCPD's new resource sharing site. Disability ministers across the country are uploading prayers, forms, checklists, and other items they use in their ministry. This has invaluable potential for anyone in an Affiliate Diocese including parish staff and volunteers.

Networking with Fellow Diocesan Leaders

Engage in monthly Affiliate Connect meetings with disability diocesan directors who exchange ideas, share success stories, and current best practices. Relevant topics recently discussed were:

- initiating a parish advocate program
- sensory-friendly Eucharistic Adoration
- starting a Deaf ministry
- creating a purposeful website

Consult with NCPD Staff

Receive individualized support virtually or invite NCPD to present in-person training at a reduced cost.

Receive Complimentary Disability Resources

When publishers provide NCPD with disability-related resources, NCPD sends them to Affiliate Dioceses.

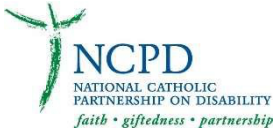
Enjoy Discounts on any NCPD Offering that has a Cost

Discount codes are available for the following:

- Online courses available in English and Spanish
- Summer Intensive 4-day online registration
- Conference registration in person or virtual
- Diocesan training in-person or virtual

“Having been involved in ministry at all levels for over 40 years...I am very impressed with NCPD and the level of support, resources, trainings, and connection they are providing. I have sent many of my parish leaders and individual families to the website to discover all the wonderful resources they have.”

Diocesan Leader following an Affiliate Connect



2025-2026 (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 2025-2026 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 43 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: _____

Website: _____

***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: (771) 203-4477

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Thank you!