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**DISABILITY MINISTRY  
IN A SYNODAL CHURCH**

**St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church - Spring, Texas**



## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

On behalf of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, I want to welcome you to our conference, “One Lord, One Faith, One Family: Disability Ministry in a Synodal Church.” Our goal is to provide an opportunity for disability advocates, professionals, and people with disabilities to come together and share ideas and best practices. Catholics across the US have a longing to see parishes be places of belonging for all, including individuals with disabilities, as has been heard throughout the synodal process. Many times, however, parish leaders don’t know where to start. We believe you will hear many ways to address this point throughout the conference. We are honored to have such a talented and experienced group of speakers and attendees, and we look forward to a productive and informative conference. Thank you for joining us!

We will be blessed by a keynote address by the Most Rev. Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, S.T.D., Diocese of Victoria in Texas, and a keynote address by Dr. Joseph White, Director of Catechetical Resources for

Our Sunday Visitor Publishing. There will also be numerous breakout sessions, a panel presentation, roundtables, and a plenary address. In addition, we have exhibitors and in-person networking opportunities available to enhance your conference experience that will support catechists, families, caregivers, and more.

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC  
PARTNERSHIP ON  
DISABILITY, WELCOME  
TO “ONE LORD, ONE  
FAITH, ONE FAMILY.”





# FRIDAY, OCT 21

8:00 am	Check-In Exhibits Open
9:00 am	Opening Prayer
9:30-10:15 am	Keynote – Most Rev. Bishop Brendan J. Cahill
10:30-11:30 am	Session 1
11:45 am-1:00 pm	Lunch Roundtables
11:45 am-1:30 pm	Exhibits Open
1:45-2:45 pm	Session 2
3:00-4:00 pm	Session 3
4:15-4:45 pm	Exhibits Open & Door Prizes
5:00-5:30 pm	Panel Discussion
5:30-6:30 pm	Networking Social

# SATURDAY, OCT 22

8:00 am	Check-In Exhibits Open
9:00 am	Opening Prayer
9:30-10:15 am	Keynote – Dr. Joseph White
10:30-11:30 am	Session 1
11:45 am-1:00 pm	Lunch Roundtables
11:45 am-1:30 pm	Exhibits Open & Door Prizes
1:45-2:45 pm	Session 2
3:00-4:00 pm	Session 3
4:15-4:45 pm	Plenary Address
5:15 pm	Sensory-Friendly Mass

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## VISIT OUR EXHIBITORS

We are excited to welcome our exhibitors to the conference. This is an opportunity for attendees to learn about disability services and products, as well as to connect with disability-related organizations. Thank you for engaging with our conference exhibitors!

### *Exhibits Open*

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
8:00-9:00	8:00-9:00
11:45-1:30	11:45-1:30
4:15-4:45	

### *Door Prizes*

**D**oor prizes will be announced in the Christus Center at 4:30 pm on Friday and at 1:15 pm on Saturday.



We thank all of our exhibitors for their generous support and excellent resources!

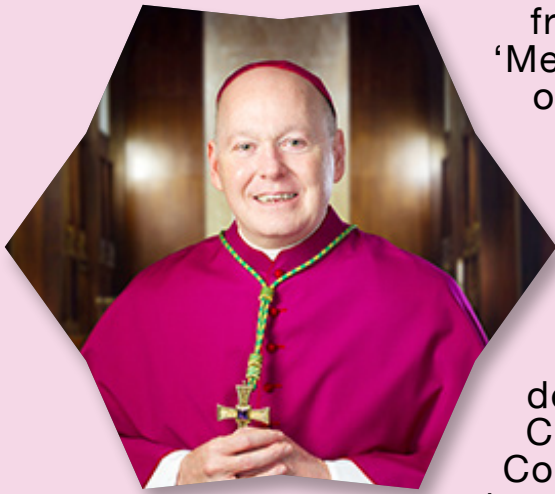


# FRIDAY KEYNOTE

**MOST REV. BISHOP  
BRENDAN J. CAHILL, S.T.D.**

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**Christ's Love Impels Us  
(2 Cor. 5:14)**



Sixty years ago St. John XXIII in communion with the Catholic Bishops from around the world delivered a 'Message to Humanity' before the start of the Second Vatican Council. This message served as an inspiration and motivation for the work of the Council. Bishop Cahill will trace the background of this address and its influence on the opening days of the Council. This serves as a guide to understand more deeply the teaching at the end of the Council in *Gaudium et spes* 27: 'the Council lays stress on respect for the human person.' This teaching still can inspire and motivate our work!

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Brendan Cahill received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master of divinity from the University of St. Thomas in Houston in 1985 and 1990, respectively.

Following ordination, he served as parochial vicar of St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Houston (1990-1992) and Christ the Good Shepherd in Spring, Texas (1992-1998). He earned a master's degree in Black Catholic Studies from Xavier University, New Orleans, in 1993, and a doctor of sacred theology from the Gregorian University, Rome, in 1998. Since 2010, he served as director of the Secretariat for Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy Services of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He was ordained Third Bishop of Victoria in Texas, in June 29, 2015.



## FRIDAY PRESENTATIONS: SESSION ONE



**Dr. Anne Masters**

### *Synodality, Disability & the Church: A Foundation for Pastoral Ministries and Engagement*

In a synodal Church, all members are welcomed and engaged in its journey, both on the move and in pausing to reflect on progress and concerns. In this workshop we will explore implications of synodality concerning ministry and persons with disability in parish life and practical considerations. This session will provide a useful foundation for all areas of pastoral ministries and engagement. It is based on a presentation given in June at the Italian Bishops' Conference, "Us" NOT "Them": Disability in the Church.

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**Peter McNally**

### *How to Improve Digital Accessibility in your Faith Community*

Digital platforms such as websites and mobile apps are a primary way many people expect to receive information and work in business today. For the Church, it is important that all accessibility barriers are removed from digital platforms when evangelizing Christ's message. This session will offer practical advice about ensuring websites and mobile applications are accessible for people with visual, physical, cognitive, and hearing disabilities as well as persons who are Deaf. You will learn several accessibility best practices that Catholic parishes and organizations can use when working with designers/developers or when working with vendors on your platforms.

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**Robin Rettie**

### *Creating a Safe and Trusting Learning Environment*

Deepening your understanding of neuroscience; the integration of the Central and Peripheral Nervous Systems, 8 Sensory Systems, and the Limbic System, teachers begin to better understand their own behavioral needs and the needs of their students. Applying information shared in the session's hands-on presentation is supportive of creating a safe and trusting learning environment. A learning environment anchored in science provides the safety needed to allow trust. Learning becomes more fluid in all domains; social, emotional, and academics when a child feels safe.

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# ROUNDTABLES



## ROUNDTABLE TOPICS & TABLE NUMBERS

Join a focused topic discussion during lunch.

Roundtables provide an opportunity to discuss with peers various focused topics in disability ministry. This is an opportunity to network with others in the field, learn new strategies and information, and gain insights from different perspectives. Roundtables are a valuable part of the conference experience, so be sure to participate in one or two during lunch.

There will be various Roundtables available in the Christus Center on the topics noted below. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch to the Roundtable of choice. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from and connect with others who are passionate about disability ministry!



1. The Science of Learning and Behavior
2. Hosting Retreats and other Community Events
3. Five Tasks of Catechesis
4. Las cinco tareas de la catequesis
5. Supporting Parents of Children with Disabilities in the Parish
6. Accessibility in Your Faith Community
7. Cómo servimos las necesidades de las personas ciegas y con discapacidad visual
8. Using Social Stories to Teach Abstract Concepts to Concrete Thinkers
9. Adapting Sacramental Preparation in the Parish Setting
10. Synodality - is it Something to Define or Describe? Why?
11. Sharing Best Practices for Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in a Classroom
12. Created for Community and its Effect on Social Emotional Health
13. Dando la Bienvenida a las Personas con Discapacidades: Orientaciones para la Celebración de los Sacramentos



## FRIDAY PRESENTATIONS: SESSION TWO



**Noelle  
Collis-DeVito**

### ***Catechetical Learning Plans: Tools for Goal Setting and Adaptations for Learners with Disabilities***

In order to create a culture of inclusion and meaningful participation in our parishes, it is essential to recognize the individual needs of each student that enters our classroom for catechesis. Using a Catechetical Learning Plan can assist the parish staff and catechist to identify and evaluate the needs of diverse learners in order to make appropriate accommodations. Come learn how these plans work and how to implement them in your parish to better meet the needs of diverse learners in your classroom!

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**Dr. Ines  
Chisholm**

### ***Beyond Ramps and Accessible Parking: The Human Factor in Accessibility***

This workshop will suggest some “Do’s and Don’ts” for inclusion of persons with disabilities and discuss some social barriers to inclusion. Presenters and participants will share experiences and ideas for helping parishes become a place where all belong.

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**Melissa  
Waldon**

### ***Created for Community and Its Effects on Social and Emotional Health***

Humans were created for community, and it is in thier DNA when God says in Genesis 2:18, “It is not good for man to be alone,” so he created woman. Community and interaction are paramount to social emotional health. Whether isolation stems from the pandemic or a disability that keeps one at home or from something else, this workshop will explore ways to enhance community driven ministries which build relationships and helps one another to experience the fullness of Christ and his goodness.

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## FRIDAY PRESENTATIONS: SESSION THREE



Jackie Hopper

### *Adapting Sacramental Preparation in the Parish Setting*

Parishes often struggle to adapt sacramental preparation for persons with disabilities and often will offer the very basics as a result. How do we begin to rethink what it means to accompany persons among us who have disabilities? What does it look like to offer sacramental preparation for all?

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Debra Kelsey-Davis & Kelly Johnson

### *Caring for the Lifelong Caregiver*

This session explores the tools, resources and methods that encompass caring for the whole person to better support lifelong caregivers of persons with disabilities. Caregiving across the life span results in caregivers experiencing higher rates of poor physical health and mental health symptoms, as well as reporting more stress and less satisfaction with caregiving. Learn how a holistic approach encompassing the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of lifelong caregivers significantly reduces stress, improves well-being and builds resilience so that they can find the blessings in their caregiving and encounter Christ in unexpected and joy-filled ways.

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Barbara Kielaszek

### *Hosting a Sensory-Friendly Mass*

This learning session will provide information for creating an accepting environment for persons with disabilities by providing accommodations during Mass to have meaningful participation and experience in the Eucharistic celebration. We will share resources and best practices to ensure persons with disabilities and their families have access to sensory-friendly Masses or liturgies. Come learn how to coordinate a sensory modified Mass.

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# PANEL OF SPEAKERS

Interact with a panel of speakers as they share their experiences of disability ministry.



**FRIDAY  
5-5:30 PM**

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**Joshua Ruoff**



**Erin Jeffries**



**Leo Zanchettin**

**D**isability affects not just the person with the disability, but also their loved ones. For a comprehensive perspective, our panel of speakers includes a catechetical leader with a disability, a father of children with disabilities, and a sibling of a sister with multiple disabilities. The father will share his experiences of raising children with disabilities and the challenges they face in society. The sibling will talk about what it's like to grow up with a sister with a disability, and how they interact with the world. And finally, the diocesan director will share his own unique perspective on serving in this ministry and living with a disability. This is an opportunity to gain a greater

understanding of the realities of living with a disability, and to learn how we can all be more inclusive and supportive of those who struggle with societal barriers and sometimes even barriers in our parishes.





## NETWORKING SOCIAL

### *JOIN FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES*

Networking is an important part of any ministry toolkit. It can help you make connections, visit with friends in the field, and learn about new opportunities. That's why we're excited to offer a networking social. This is your chance to meet others in disability ministry and discuss the latest practices and initiatives. Whether you're looking for new ideas or to learn more about what others are doing in disability ministry, we look forward to seeing you at the social.



### *OUR THANKS TO ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH...*

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# COUNCIL ON INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



## **Kelsey Bell, Chair**

Kelsey holds a BA in Social Work and Spanish and an M.A. in Pastoral Ministry, both from the University of Portland. One of the biggest influences in Kelsey's life is her younger sister Gina, who has Down syndrome.



## **Leo Zanchettin, NCPD Board Liaison**

Editorial director for *The Word Among Us*, and associate member of the Catholic Biblical Association. Father of six children, all of whom are on the autism spectrum.



## **Bridget Brown**

Bridget is a 33 year old young adult with Down syndrome, actress and public speaker. Bridget is also 2nd Vice President of the National Association for Down Syndrome NADS board. She helps train self-advocates to become leaders.



## **Noelle Collis-DeVito**

Noelle is the Campus Minister for First Year students at the University of Dayton. She spearheaded the establishing of the Office for Persons with Disabilities within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. She is a certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor and a member of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers.



## **Barbara Kielaszek**

Barbara worked in special education in public schools for 33 years. She also worked part-time for six years at St. Ambrose Catholic School where she coordinated educational services for students with learning needs.

CIDD Mission Statement - Rooted in the gospel values that affirm the dignity of every person, the NCPD Council on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (CIDD) works collaboratively to ensure the meaningful participation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), of all cultures, in every aspect of the life of the Church by providing resources and education for spiritual and pastoral support.



### **Jessica Massey**

Jessica is a registered Behavior Technician in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. She has experience working directly with children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She is currently pursuing her board certification to become an assistant behavior analyst.



### **Sue McCrea**

Sue is the Director of Religious Education at St. Bonaventure Parish in Miami, FL. For the last 22 years, they have held small clusters of faith formation for children with autism, cerebral palsy, the Deaf and other disabilities.



### **Joshua Ruoff**

Joshua is the Lead Consultant for Special Needs Ministry in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. He is a licensed social worker. Formerly a parish advocate, a hospice & home health care worker and a case manager.



### **Lisa Wagner-Carollo**

Lisa is the Deaf and Disabilities Ministries Coordinator for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Founder of Chicago's Still Point Theatre Collective, she also established "The Imagination Workshop," for adults with developmental disabilities.



### **Esther Garcia, NCPD Staff Liaison**

#### **Director of Outreach and Diocesan Relations**

Develops and coordinates effective outreach with Catholic dioceses, parishes, and communities.



# SATURDAY KEYNOTE

**DR. JOSEPH WHITE**

**DIRECTOR OF CATECHETICAL RESOURCES  
FOR OUR SUNDAY VISITOR PUBLISHING**

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**Better Together: How a Mindset of Inclusion  
Benefits the Whole Church**



Inclusion of persons with disabilities is part of what it means to be “One Church,” but effective disability ministry requires a paradigm shift for clergy, lay ministry leaders, and parishioners. Together, with a catechetical author and clinical psychologist, we will reflect on what it takes to have an inclusive mindset, what this looks like in practice, and why disability ministry benefits the whole Church – not only persons with disabilities. We’ll also talk about how to navigate potential challenges and pitfalls, including fear of the unknown.



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Dr. Joseph White earned his doctorate in clinical psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. At the Medical College of Virginia, he completed a program in the assessment and treatment of childhood neurodevelopmental disabilities. His pre-doctoral internship in clinical child psychology was completed at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, and his post-doctoral fellowship at Scott and White Clinic.

Dr. White is a member of the American Psychological Association and the Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology. He is recognized by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology and is board certified in sexual abuse by the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress.

Dr. White’s primary areas of focus include adjustment difficulties, coping with anxiety, phobias and traumatic experiences, sensory-behavioral issues, chronic pain, and concerns about cognitive, social, or emotional development.

## SATURDAY PRESENTATIONS: SESSION ONE



John Barone

### *Adaptive Ministry: Reaching & Teaching All of God's Children*

In this fun and interactive workshop, you'll discover ways to maximize the effectiveness of your lessons with concrete strategies that will benefit all learners!

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Barbara  
Kielaszek

### *Five Tasks of Catechesis for Diverse Learners*

The five tasks of catechesis, grounded in the mission of Jesus Christ, serve as the model for Christian life for ALL disciples. Jesus taught his Apostles about the mystery of God and how to pray, he shared himself completely so that they would learn from him, the master catechist, how to lovingly care for ALL members of the community. Guided by the same mission, we are called to embrace Jesus' teachings and especially his love for the vulnerable and marginalized: our sisters and brothers who live with a disability or a diagnosis, visible or invisible.

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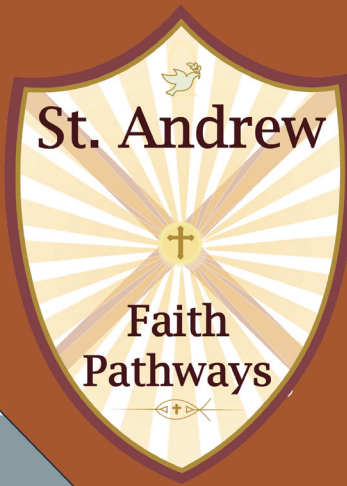
Kelly Mantoan

### *How Parishes Can Work with Parents of Children with Disabilities*

In this session, we will learn how to tap into the knowledge parents of children with disabilities have in order to create better accommodations in our parishes. These accommodations can include more accessible buildings, more inclusive education, and greater networks of support. There are so many families with children with disabilities who want to be involved at your parish: learn how to make it easier for them to do so.

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- \* **What is the curriculum?**  
*Catholic catechesis, lives of saints and at home assignment.*
- \* **Where are the classes held?**  
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## SATURDAY PRESENTATIONS: SESSION TWO



John Barone

### *How to Get and Keep Attention in the Classroom*

Traditional methods of shushing, correcting and scolding only exacerbate the situation. In this session, you learn techniques that help students with attention differences stay focused and take ownership of their attention.

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Jessica  
Massey

### *Using Social Stories to Teach Abstract Concepts to Concrete Thinkers*

Social stories are an empirically validated supplemental tool that can be utilized to break down complex subjects areas to make them more palatable for learners of all backgrounds. Important topics such as attending Mass, receiving the sacraments, reciting prayers, and more can all be taught through the use of social stories. This session will teach attendees how to create and implement individualized social stories that can be used to help better educate and empower all learners within the Church.

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Noelle  
Collis-DeVito

### *How Accessible is Your Parish? Use the LAMB (from NCPD) to Create Short and Long-term Goals*

Universal Accessible Design is an essential part of establishing a culture of belonging in a parish, but it goes beyond ramps, the layout of the church, and wheelchair accessible bathrooms. NCPD has created an excellent tool called the LAMB Assessment that evaluates language, accessibility, meaningful participation, and belonging in order to enable all people to feel wanted and expected at church. Join me as we explore this assessment and discuss short-term and long-term goals to work towards inclusion and meaningful participation for all.

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## SATURDAY PRESENTATIONS: SESSION THREE



**Maggie  
Rousseau**

### *Adapt, Adapt, Adapt: Best Practices for Including All*

Maggie Rousseau will present strategies for adapting curriculum to include all children as we learn to know, love and serve God, while having fun doing it!!! This session will be hands-on. Come ready to learn together and share ideas!

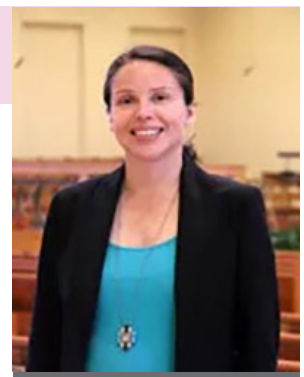
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**Janet  
Kelly**

### *Being a Church for ALL*

There are multiple ways persons with disabilities can be involved within the parish. Some examples are altar servers, lectors, ushers, helping at social functions, singing in the choir, and so on. Session includes personal experiences to highlight some successes, struggles, and possible accommodations. Participants will share in exploring ways to serve God and his Church regardless of disabilities.



**Deanna  
Negrete**

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**Monica Rivera**

### *How Catholic Communities Can Support Persons with Disabilities: from Pregnancy to the Present*

This session will discuss the challenges my husband and I faced when receiving a prenatal diagnosis and how this impacted the care my son received. The large network of support we had from family, friends, professionals and various organizations will be highlighted. We will explore suggestions of how our Catholic community and parishes can support people who receive a prenatal diagnosis, persons with disabilities, as well as their caregivers.

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## PLENARY

CHARLEEN KATRA

SATURDAY

4:15-4:45 PM

CHRISTUS CENTER

### One Lord, One Faith, One Family

As we conclude this conference on disability ministry, we are encouraged to take what we have learned here to make our Church not only more accessible but also a place of true belonging for all. The disability community is our priority, not because they need us, but because a synodal Church can only truly exist when the Body of Christ is complete. The Church needs the gifts that persons with disabilities offer by their very lives. We all have different gifts and opportunities to help make the Church more welcoming. There is no one way, though there is one call received by all to do so. Having heard from many experts and having had the opportunity to share our own experiences and expertise, now is the time to make an even greater difference in our families, parishes and dioceses.







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# SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

5:15 pm Saturday

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In recent years the Catholic Church has begun offering sensory-friendly Masses for persons who have trouble processing certain stimuli. Such liturgies are designed to be more accessible and inclusive, and they typically feature dimmed lighting, reduced noise levels, and fidget objects to improve a person's

ability to focus. In addition, the liturgy may be shortened, and the homily simplified so that it can be more easily understood. These small changes in sensory-friendly Masses make the liturgy more accessible for everyone and provide an important opportunity for persons with disabilities to participate.



Sensory-friendly Masses typically offer reduced lighting, sounds, and scents.



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Michele Chronister &  
NCPD Education Committee



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## ONLINE LEARNING



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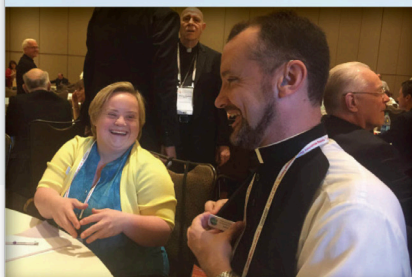
### SENSORY FRIENDLY MASSES

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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### Speaking of Disability: Pastoral Guidelines on Language



In our fast-paced, constantly-connected world, it's easy to forget that not everyone communicates in the same way. That's why it's so important to be mindful of the language we use when speaking about disabilities.

*Speaking of Disability: Pastoral Guidelines on Language* is designed to help clergy and other faith leaders navigate these delicate conversations. With sensitivity and compassion, these guidelines offer concrete advice on how to respectfully discuss disability in a way that is both inclusive and empowering.

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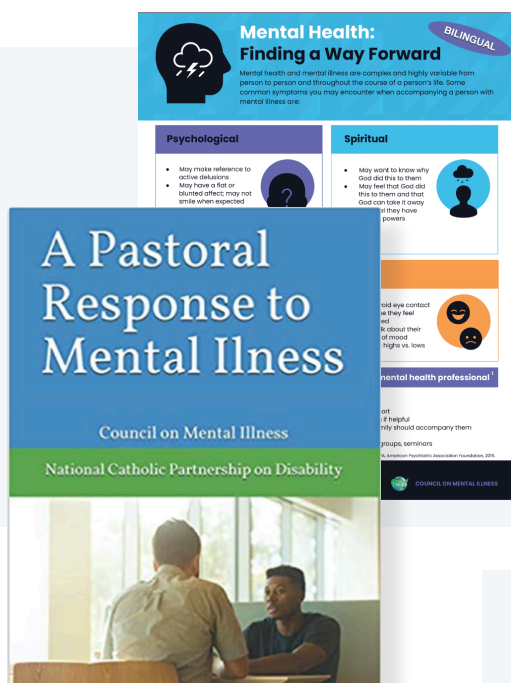
Language, Accessibility,  
Meaningful Participation, Belonging



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A Pastoral Response to Mental Illness includes a Mental Health Literacy Guide that provides vital information on how to identify and address mental health issues. It covers topics such as when to seek urgent care, the four legs of recovery, and treatments and support services. This guide also contains information on suicide prevention and advocacy. This bi-lingual comprehensive resource is an invaluable tool for clergy, pastoral leaders, and other mental health professionals.

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**Seminar 5: Wed, November 9**

God's Plan for Us: Relationships

**Seminar 4: Wed, November 2**

How God Created Us: Addressing  
Physiology and Reproduction with IDD's  
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**Seminar 6: Wed, November 16**

God's Care for Us: Ensuring Safety and  
Protection

Register at QR Code:



## NCPD STAFF



### Charleen Katra

**Executive Director**

Began December 2019, after directing disability ministry for over twenty years in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.



### Esther Garcia

**Director of Outreach and Diocesan Relations**

Develops and coordinates effective outreach with Catholic dioceses, parishes, and communities.



### Julia Gilberto

**Manager of Programs and Resource Development**

Works to identify, share, and develop best practices, programs, and resources which reflect the mission of NCPD.



### Bob Quinlan

**Project Manager**

Coordinates online trainings, large-print Roman Missals, graphics, videos, print production and database management.



## Speaker Bios

### John Barone

John Barone received his B.A. in Religious Education from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, and his M.A. in Private School Administration at the Institute for Catholic Educational Leadership, University of San Francisco. He has extensive background in child and adolescent development, education, youth ministry, workshop facilitation and teaching students with neurological differences. He currently serves as the Director of The Learning Resource Center at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory and the Executive Director of the DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Scholars. He is the author of *A Place for All: Ministry for Youth with Special Needs and Jesus Christ: Catechist Guide*, and is and is co-author with Charleen Katra of *The Adaptive Teacher: Faith-based Strategies to Reach and Teach Learners with Disabilities* (Loyola Press, 2019).

### Dr. Ines Chisholm

Inés M. Chisholm has a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (Bilingual Education) and is a spiritual director in the Diocese of Tucson, serving the blind and elderly across several states. Ines serves on the Board of Directors of the Xavier Society for the Blind. She is writing a book on the Church and persons with disabilities.

### Noelle Collis-DeVito

Noelle and her family reside in Centerville, OH where she works in Campus Ministry for the University of Dayton. She previously served as the Associate Director for the Office for Persons with Disabilities of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. In her time working for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Noelle spearheaded the development of the new Office for Persons with Disabilities, worked to institute sensory-friendly liturgies as a regular part of parish life,

and collaborated with parishes and other Archdiocesan Offices to establish a sense of belonging for all. Noelle is pursuing her Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from the University of Dayton with a Certificate in Disability and Ministry, and has received catechetical certification in Special Needs Ministry through the VLCFF Program.

### Debra Kelsey-Davis & Kelly Johnson

Deb and Kelly co-founded Nourish for Caregivers, a ministry whose mission is to support and empower caregivers through the gift of faith. Deb cares for her aging parents, is a nurse by training and currently sits on the board of the National Association of Catholic Nurses and the Illinois Catholic Health Association. Kelly cares for her son with disabilities, is Director of Adult Faith Formation at her parish and is an active member of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers. Both live in the Chicago-land area, surrounded by their family, friends and amazing faith communities.

### Barbara Kielaszek

Barbara has served for over 30 years at St. Matthew the Evangelist in Houston; as a catechist, Confirmation team member, Education Committee member, Ministry with Persons with Disabilities (MPD) parish representative, and Eucharistic Minister. She served as a member of the MPD Core Team for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and was the lead for its curriculum subcommittee which wrote lesson plan adaptations and a catechetical module. She has 34 years of special education experience in public schools and for 6 years, coordinated educational services for students at St. Ambrose Catholic school. She is currently a member of NCPD's Council on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

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### Jackie Hopper

Jackie Hopper has served in ministry for over 40 years on the parish, diocesan and national level. She currently serves in the Diocese of Boise in the area of religious education. She is married to her best friend and has 3 amazing adult children. Jackie is passionate about helping the helpers!

### Janet Kelly and Deanna Negrete

Janet Kelly is a retired special educator of 32 years. She herself is hard of hearing. Her passion lies in helping persons with disabilities integrate into parish life on a regular basis. Involvement is a sure fired way to keep the faith burning! Come share in the joy of paving the pathway in service to the Lord.

### Peter McNally

Peter McNally is a Catholic accessibility and user experience professional with over 20 years' experience. He currently is a senior user experience consultant working with businesses across various industries such as healthcare, financial services, and technology. He lives in the Archdiocese of Boston, Massachusetts with his family and serves on the board of Catholic Polytechnic (<https://catholicpolytechnic.org/>), a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the intersection of faith and science as seen through the lens of faithful Catholic teachings.

### Kelly Mantoan

Kelly Mantoan is the author of *Better Than OK: Finding Joy As A Special Needs Parent*, published by Our Sunday Visitor, and the founder of *Accepting the Gift*, an apostolate for Catholic parents of children with disabilities. *Accepting the Gift* provides resources and support to help these parents thrive in their unique vocation.

### Jessica Massey

Jessica is a Board Certified assistant Behavior Analyst in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. She holds a B.S. in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis and has been working in the field since 2015. Jessica is passionate about using her years of experience working with people with disabilities to educate others, uphold the dignity of all persons, and share the Gospel call to love with the world.

### Dr. Anne Masters

Anne Masters, Ph.D., FAAIDD is the Director of the Office for Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities for the Archdiocese of Newark. Her published work includes academic and pastoral resources, and she presents on theology, adaptive catechetical and pastoral practices in the US and Europe. Anne collaborates with Catholic, ecumenical, and interfaith partners and has contributed to the work of the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities (NCPD), is a Fellow of the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) and a past president of its Religion & Spirituality Interest Network.



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### Robin Rettie

Robin Rettie, M.Ed. in Special Education, has a life-long history supporting individuals with neurological and genetic differences. Her sister, Laurie Lorraine Rettie (LLR), was challenged in her life due to microcephaly. In her honor, Robin founded Lighthouse Learning Resources (LLR), an educational consulting business supportive of collaborative relationships between parents and schools. Robin's professional training includes a B.A. in General Education EC-8 and M.A. in Special Education, extensive training in autism, curriculum, sensory processing, behavior, *All Kinds of Minds*; 8 neurological constructs of learning, mediation and negotiation training, and special education law.

### Monica Rivera

Monica is a mother of a 6 year old boy with Trisomy 13 (Patau Syndrome) who was not expected to live past birth. By profession, she is a social worker who has worked with children with disabilities in a hospital setting even before being pregnant with her son. She is currently a volunteer with Jerome's Hope, in the Office of Pro-Life Activities in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Jerome's Hope is a support ministry for miscarriage, early infant death, prenatal diagnosis or infertility.

### Maggie Rousseau

Maggie Rousseau is the Director of the Disabilities Ministry for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Maggie and her husband Scott have three children. Their son Christopher was born with Mucopolysaccharidosis II, a very rare, terminal genetic disorder which caused both physical and developmental disabilities. Following his passing at the age of 9 1/2, she earned a Master of Education – Early Childhood Education/Multiple Severe Disabilities from Georgia State University, and worked for over ten years teaching students with multiple/severe disabilities and visual impairments. She is a graduate of Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. The Rousseau family currently resides in Smyrna, Georgia.

### Melissa Waldon

Melissa Waldon is the Associate Director for Disabilities and Mental Health for the Diocese of Dallas and has been in her position for 11 years. She has 25 years of combined lived experience as a parent advocate, former special education teacher, school counselor and catechist. She is married with 4 children and enjoys camping, cooking, and reading all things Church related. She is expecting her first grandbaby in September and is over the moon excited and blessed to be a "Mimzi."





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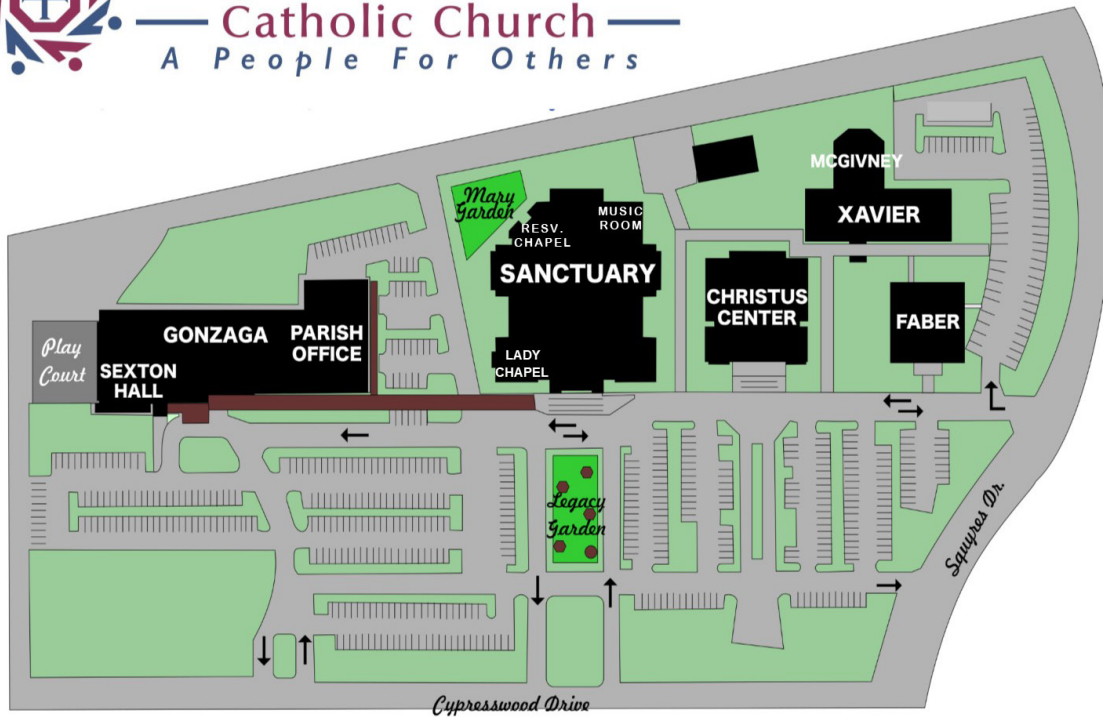
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