

Helpful Links for those Working with Children with Disabilities:

www.ncpd.org

National Catholic Partnership on Disability - This organization works collaboratively to ensure meaningful participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of the life of the Church and society.

<http://www.ncpd.org/webinars/symboliccatechesis>

The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd partnered with the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD), the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis, and the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership to present a webinar to provide tools for catechetical ministry with those having mild to severe disabilities. Fr. Bill Gillum, OFM Cap, M.Ed., Director of Pastoral Care, McGuire Memorial, and Mary Mirrione, MAPS-CGS, Director, National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, presented.

www.autismspeaks.org

Autism Speaks - This organization gives information on autism, including networking, events, community outreach, resources, and more on the national and local levels.

https://udayton.edu/artsscience/ipi/inclusive_catechesis_resources/index.php

Network for Inclusive Catholic Education (NICE) - This resource includes sacramental preparation and overall planning materials for a religious education program for those with disabilities.

<http://www.aaidreligion.org/>

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) – Religion and Spirituality Group – This organization is an interfaith, interdisciplinary association of professional ordained and lay people who journey with persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

<http://www.usccbpublishing.org/>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Pastoral Statement of United States Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities, 1978

Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities, 1995

<http://www.larcheusa.org/>

L'Arche USA web site

Founded by Jean Vanier in France in 1964, L'Arche communities bear witness to the reality that persons with intellectual disabilities possess inherent qualities of welcome, wonderment, spirituality, and friendship. They make explicit the dignity of every human being by building inclusive communities of faith and friendship where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together and recognize the gifts of persons with intellectual disabilities.

If you would like to request a website to be added please contact marymirrione@cgsusa.org.