Catechetical Resources for Children and Youth with Disability

A PARTIAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

CATHOLIC CURRICULUM RESOURCES

Network of Inclusion Catholic Educators (NICE), University of Dayton:
Sacramental Preparation Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation: Individualizing Lesson Plans
Sacraments: Gifts for All (Confirmation, Eucharist, and Reconciliation available)
Welcome One, Welcome All: Inclusive Religious Education Resource Binder

All About Mass - Student Edition (Uses limited vocabulary and simple images to explain the mass in a way that both young children and adults with developmental disabilities can understand.)

Apostles Creed/ Mary/Sacraments/Beatitudes/Saints: Individual books on a variety of topics that can be used as a supplement.

Contact: Margaret.Shufflebarger@notes.udayton.edu
www.udayton.edu/artssciences/ipi/inclusive_catechesis_resources/index.php, 1-888-532-3389

Loyola Press:
Adaptive First Eucharist Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs
Adaptive Reconciliation Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs
Adaptive Confirmation Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs
The kits contain tactile components, including picture cards and other manipulates. This kits also includes social stories and picture exchange communication system (PECS) strategies.

My Picture Missal App developed for children with special needs and for young children. With a choice of English or Spanish, all children can learn, understand, and fully experience the Mass. When used at Mass, it's a great tool to help children follow along step-by-step and join in appropriately and reverently. Available on the iPad now for purchase at itunes.com

Adaptive Finding God Program (available in fall of 2014) a program offering faith formation for children with special needs adaptable to a variety of settings and situations.


Faith, Family and Children with Special Needs by David Rizzo 2012

Contact: www.loyolapress.com (Special Needs web site: www.loyolapress.com/special-needs)
Our Sunday Visitor

*My First Eucharist / Sacrament of Reconciliation:* These videos and teacher’s guides created by the National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) provides a signed and closed captioned sacrament preparation to assist in preparing deaf children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation (www.ncod.org or www.osvparish.com).

*Strengthened in Faith: Confirmation:* Three DVD’s that contain 12 video lessons in American Sign Language, captioned and voiced in English and a Teacher Manual. Produced by the National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) for individuals who are deaf and very effective for any visual learners.

**Contact:** www.osvparish.org or call 1-800-348-2440, ext. 2173

RCL-Benziger:

*Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Program to Improve Catholic Religious Education for Children and Adults with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities.*

- Level based Student Activity books are also available.
- Published by Diocese of Pittsburgh; distributed by RCL-Benziger

Series of picture books published by Diocese of Pittsburgh and distributed by RCL-Benziger:

- **My Church:** A young girl shares her Catholic Deaf Community
- **Created in God’s Image:** A Photo-essay on Faith, Family, and Friendship
- **Seeing Through God’s Eyes**
- **Just Like Me**
- **We Go To Mass** (geared for children with autism)
- **One Flock, One Shepherd:** A Collection of Prayers by Parents of Children Who Are Disabled

**Contact:** RCL-Benziger - www.rclbenziger.com or 1-877-275-4725

Labosh Publishing:


**Contact:** Labosh Publishing: East Petersburg, PA, 2007. www.laboshpublishing.com

Cardinal Stritch University Bookstore:

*Journey with Jesus: Call to Love* by Sr. Sheila Haskett, O.S.F. Suggestions for Special Religious Education for Persons Categorized as Severely/Profoundly Mentally Retarded. Topics covered: Call to Be; Call to Respond; Call to be Loving

*Call to Communion; Call to Reconciliation. Call to Service* (Confirmation). Each of these also has a black line picture book for the participants. (Note: These are for those with special education needs, but not classified as severely/profoundly mentally retarded.)

*Seasons of Grace: Sacramental Preparation for Mentally Handicapped Teens and Adults* by Brigid O'Donnell
Journey with Jesus Gospel Study: A Curriculum Guide for Adult Special Religious Education by Sr. M. Sheila Haskett, O.S.F., Ph.D. and Sr. M. Coletta Dunn, O.S.F., Ph.D.

Contact: Cardinal Stritch University Bookstore; (414) 410-4035 or http://www.csu.bkstr.com/

OTHER CATHOLIC RESOURCES

A Place for All: Ministry for Youth with Special Needs by John E. Barone, St. Mary Press, 2008. A manual that provides background and practical skills for creating a learning environment and preparing dynamic lessons to accommodate all youth in religious education programs. St. Mary Press, www.smp.org, 800-533-8095


Creative Teaching website: Offers creative resources for understanding the sacraments and the teachings of Catholic Church. Useful for learners with and without disabilities. Creative Teaching activities have been given an Imprimatur. 1-586-992-2368 or www.creativeteaching.net


This Is My Church. A power point template of a church tour that you may insert digital photos of your own church to share with your child(ren) to become familiar with it. Department for Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Newark. masteran@rcan.org or 973-497-4309
Resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):
Bishops’ Statements/Publications:

Web Version of these documents also available at: www.ncpd.org

INTERFAITH RESOURCES


A Place Called Acceptance: Ministry with Families of Children with Disabilities by Kathleen Deyer Bolduc.

Autism and Faith: A Journey into Community. A resource booklet for faith communities on including people and families living with autism. It is a collaborative product of The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and COSAC.


Learning the Lord’s Prayer; Time with God and other titles available from Friendship Ministries, 1-800-333-8300 or www.friendship.org.


CHILDREN’S BOOKS


AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESOURCES


www.aslpro.com – video online dictionary. Has religion section, as well as other categories.


Signing at Church for Adults and Young Adults. Order # GP-098.
Signing at Sunday School. Order #GP-099.

BRAILLE & LARGE PRINT RESOURCES

Xavier Society for the Blind—Provides free spiritual and inspiration reading materials and lending library services in Braille, large print and audiocassette formats. 1-212-473-7800; 1-800-637-9193, www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

AUTISM-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

*My Best Friend Will* by Jamie Lowell and Tara C. Tuchel, M.S., CCC-SLP. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Co., 2005. www.asperger.net. Jamie introduces us to her friend Willie, who has autism. She does so in a way that is both informative and natural, as if we were sitting together in person. In the process, we learn many specifics about autism, which is part of his uniqueness, but also about the things that she and her friend shares. Jamie is a 5th grader from Wisconsin. She and Willie have been friends since Kindergarten.


WEBSITE RESOURCES


**NCOD** - The National Catholic Office for the Deaf, www.ncod.org

**Church Access** for Persons with Disabilities; Catholic Theological Information & Practical Advice - http://www.catholicdisabilityteachings.com/

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