

**THE CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF BUFFALO**



**DIRECTORY OF  
SPIRITUAL RESOURCES  
FOR PERSONS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

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The human person  
is  
the clearest reflection of  
God's presence in the world;  
all of the Church's work  
in pursuit of both justice and peace  
is  
designed to protect and  
promote the dignity of every person.

For each person not only reflects God,  
but is the expression of God's creative work  
and  
the meaning of Christ's redemptive ministry.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 1983 Letter  
"The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response"

The Diocese of Buffalo has  
open hearts, open minds and open doors  
to all persons of God.  
This guide is designed to provide information to assist  
persons with disabilities  
to fully participate in the life of the Church.  
As Baptized members of our Catholic Church,  
we welcome all people  
to share in the liturgical, spiritual, ministerial,  
educational and social activities  
in parishes throughout our diocese.

**To keep all connected in prayer and presence you are asked to notify your pastor if you or any member of your family has a change in residence, either temporarily or permanently. This would include any hospitalizations, rehab facilities, nursing home or group homes.**

## **DIOCESAN MINISTRIES ASSISTING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

### **The Diocesan Council for Persons with Disabilities**

This advisory council communicates to the Bishop on issues and activities related to the spiritual needs of persons with disabilities and their families throughout the Diocese. Members of this council are appointed by the Bishop and consist of persons with disabilities and their advocates. For information call (716) 675-5891.

### **Catholic Charities**

#### **Office of Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities**

assists parishes through a network of individual Parish Volunteer Advocates to welcome and include persons with disabilities as full and participating members of the parish community. Parish Advocates are appointed by pastors.

For information call (716) 856-4494 ext. 3003 or visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org)

**The Diocesan Department of Catholic Education** serves as a link to programs available for the faith formation of persons with disabilities. It provides consultation, support and resources to catechetical leaders, parents, and pastors for the inclusion of all people with special needs into spiritual formation programs.

For information call (716) 847-5514 or visit [www.buffalodiocese.org](http://www.buffalodiocese.org)

**The Diocesan Family Life Department** provides support that enhances all aspects of Christian marriage and family living through diverse programs from womb to tomb. We advocate accessibility to respond to the needs of all persons with disabilities on an individual basis.

For brochures and information contact (716) 847-2210, visit [www.buffalodiocese.org](http://www.buffalodiocese.org), or e-mail [familylife@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:familylife@buffalodiocese.org)

**The Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities** advocates for the sacredness of all human life from conception until natural death, and responds to any threats to life such as abortion and euthanasia. It is our hope to build a "culture of life" that respects and protects all life, particularly the most vulnerable among us: the unborn, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and the terminally ill.

For information call (716) 847-2205 or visit [www.buffalodiocese.org](http://www.buffalodiocese.org)

## **DIOCESAN MINISTRY ASSISTING PERSONS WITH MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES**

**EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE FOR RECIPIENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND CARE-GIVERS** - A twenty minute service designed for those who may find the traditional Sunday Mass setting too crowded, long, or confining. The service is held on the Second Friday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at St. Joseph University Parish Chapel, 3275 Main St., Buffalo. For more information call (716) 833-0298.

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS FOCUSING ON LIFE ISSUES**

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE** - an interactive prayer service and social offered for people with disabilities and their families. This event is held twice a year, the Friday after Thanksgiving and the Thursday after Easter. The celebration is at St. Albert Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Boulevard, North Tonawanda, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** - a celebration on the First Sunday in October. Persons with disabilities are invited to this Mass which is celebrated by our Bishop at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral.

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** - Mass followed by recitation of the Rosary, procession to an abortion clinic, public prayer and witness across the street from the clinic. St. Rose of Lima Church, 500 Parker Avenue, Buffalo, 8:00 a.m., the last Saturday of each month from March through November. For more information contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities, Diocese of Buffalo, (716) 847-2205.

**LIFE CHAIN** - annually, on the first Sunday in October, churches in cities and towns across North America stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for **one hour**, while holding one of the approved pro-life sign messages. For more information contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities, Diocese of Buffalo, (716) 847-2205.



## **Services for People with Hearing Impairments**

### **Buffalo Catholic Deaf Society**

Home of the Catholic Deaf Apostolate - Chapter 2 (ICDA)

#### **Rev. Conrad Stachowiak**

Director of Ministry for Persons with Deafness

#### **ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH**

425 Penora Street  
Depew, NY 14043-3721

Voice Phone (716) 683-3038 TTY (716) 681-0846  
Fax (716) 583-9918

#### **MASS INTERPRETED IN SIGN LANGUAGE**

EVERY SUNDAY at 10:30 a.m.  
VIGIL OF HOLY DAYS 7:00 p.m.

#### **Call the Rectory for Information on:**

Adult and Child Sacramental Preparation  
Social Events  
Religious Education for Children with Deafness  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)  
Marriage  
Wakes and Funerals  
Home and Hospital Visitation  
Sacrament  
of the Anointing of the Sick  
National Deaf Cursillo

For information on

#### **Religious Signing Classes or Catholic Interpreters**

call the Department of Catholic Education at the Catholic Center  
(716) 857-5514 or TDD (716) 847-8784

## **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES**

### **New York Relay Service**

- \* A HEARING OR SPEECH-IMPAIRED PERSON WITH A TTY CALLS the New York Relay Service by dialing 1-800-662-1220 and asks the Communication Attendant to connect them with the person with whom they wish to communicate.
- \* A N.Y. RELAY SERVICE COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT RECEIVES and responds to the typed T.D.D. message, phones the other person with whom the caller wishes to communicate, and relays the conversation back and forth.
- \* A PERSON WITH A REGULAR TELEPHONE ANSWERS and picks up the line of communication with the calling party through the Communication Assistant at the N.Y. Relay Service.

The System also works in reverse when a caller with a regular telephone wishes to communicate with a hearing or speech-impaired person across New York State or across the Country. Dial 1-800-421-1220 (voice).

An ALD is a device that picks up sound (voice, music, etc.) at or close to its source, amplifies the sound, and delivers it to the user's ear. An ALD has advantages over conventional amplifications systems. Because the signal to be listened to is the only sound picked up by the system and transmitted directly into the user's ear, the hard of hearing person's perception of that sound is significantly improved because the user is not distracted by outside sound and can usually control the volume. ALDs can improve interpersonal communication in meetings and other forms of public assembly.

### **Types of Assistive Listening Devices**

Audio Loop System  
Infrared Systems  
FM Systems

### **Amplification Devices**

Telephone Adapter  
Handset Amplifiers  
Portable Amplifiers  
Permanent Amplifiers

### **Contact Catholic Charities Office of Pastoral Ministry**

(716) 856-4494 ext. 3003

for Advisors and Consultants for audio equipment in parishes

**Parishes with Assistive Listening Devices  
(Area Code is 716 unless otherwise listed)**

St. Columba & Brigid, Buffalo . . . . .	852-3331
St. John the Evangelist, Buffalo . . . . .	822-0608
St. Joseph Cathedral, Buffalo . . . . .	854-5855
St. Joseph University, Buffalo . . . . .	833-0298
St. Louis, Buffalo . . . . .	852-6040
St. Margaret, Buffalo . . . . .	876-5318
St. Martin de Porres, Buffalo . . . . .	883-7729
St. Thomas Aquinas, Buffalo . . . . .	822-1250
St. Teresa, Akron . . . . .	542-9103
St. Joseph, Albion . . . . .	(585) 589-4243
St. Leo the Great, Amherst . . . . .	835-8905
St. Joseph, Batavia . . . . .	(585) 343-5800
St. Brigid, Bergen . . . . .	(585) 494-1110
Our Lady of Peace, Clarence . . . . .	759-8554
St. Barnabas, Depew . . . . .	685-2320
St. Elizabeth, Dunkirk . . . . .	366-1750
St. Mary, East Eden . . . . .	992-4237
St. William, Gardenville . . . . .	822-5449
St. Stephen, Grand Island . . . . .	773-7647
St. Mary of the Lake, Hamburg . . . . .	627-3123
SS. Peter and Paul, Hamburg . . . . .	649-2765
Nativity of the B.V.M., Harris Hill . . . . .	632-8838
St. John the Baptist, Kenmore . . . . .	873-1122
St. Paul, Kenmore . . . . .	875-2730
Sacred Heart, Lakewood . . . . .	763-2815
St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster . . . . .	683-6445
St. Joseph, Leroy . . . . .	(585) 768-6600
Sacred Heart, Medina . . . . .	(585) 798-0356
St. Mary, Medina . . . . .	(585) 798-2834
St. Bridget, Newfane . . . . .	778-9822
St. Mary of the Cataract, Niagara Falls . . . . .	282-0059
St. Albert the Great, North Tonawanda . . . . .	694-0540
St. Joseph, North Tonawanda . . . . .	693-2791
St. John, Olean . . . . .	372-5313
St. Mary of the Angels, Olean. . . . .	372-4841
St. John Vianney, Orchard Park . . . . .	674-9133
St. Joseph, Perry . . . . .	(585) 237-2625
Holy Cross, Salamanca . . . . .	945-2666
St. Mary, Silver Springs . . . . .	(585) 493-5265
Christ the King, Snyder . . . . .	839-1430
St. Amelia, Tonawanda . . . . .	836-0011
St. Christopher, Tonawanda . . . . .	692-2660
St. Timothy, Tonawanda . . . . .	875-9430
St. Michael, Warsaw . . . . .	(585) 786-2400
St. Bonaventure, West Seneca. . . . .	823-1090
St. Gregory the Great, Williamsville. . . . .	688-5678
St. Peter and Paul, Williamsville . . . . .	632-5559
St. Bernard, Youngstown . . . . .	745-7460

**Parishes Offering Masses in a Language  
Other than English  
(Area Code is 716 unless otherwise listed)**

Croatian

Our Lady of Bistrica,  
Assumption of the B.V.M., Buffalo . . . . . 822-9828  
St. Elizabeth, Buffalo . . . . . 875-6586

Italian

St. Anthony of Padua, Buffalo . . . . . 854-2563

Korean

St. Andrew Kim, Tonawanda . . . . . 693-1600

Latin

St. Anthony of Padua, Buffalo . . . . . 854-2563  
Our Lady Help of Christians, Cheektowaga . . . . . 634-3420

Polish

Corpus Christi, Buffalo . . . . . 896-1050  
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Cheektowaga . . . . . 822-5590  
St. Adalbert Basilica, Buffalo . . . . . 895-8091  
St. John Kanty, Buffalo . . . . . 893-0412  
St. John Gualbert, Buffalo . . . . . 892-5746  
St. Josephat . . . . . 893-1086  
St. Stanislaus, Buffalo . . . . . 854-0170  
Holy Trinity, Niagara Falls . . . . . 284-6628  
Our Lady of Czestochowa, North Tonawanda. . . . . 693-3822

Spanish

Holy Angels, Buffalo . . . . . 885-3767  
Holy Cross, Buffalo . . . . . 847-6930  
SS. Columba and Brigid, Buffalo . . . . . 852-3331  
Our Lady of Fatima, Elba . . . . . (585) 757-6891  
St. Anthony, Lackawanna . . . . . 823-0782  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Dunkirk . . . . . 366-0750  
St. James, Jamestown . . . . . 487-0125

Vietnamese

Coronation BVM, Buffalo . . . . . 822-2650

## **PARISHES THAT OFFER HEALING MASS/SERVICE**

**Please call for more information and times**

Blessed Trinity, Buffalo . . . . . (716) 833-0301  
Precious Blood, Buffalo . . . . . (716) 854-4623  
St. Ambrose, Buffalo . . . . . (716) 822-5962  
St. Gerard, Buffalo . . . . . (716) 833-0301  
St. Michael, Buffalo . . . . . (716) 854-6726  
Sacred Heart, Bowmansville . . . . . (716) 683-2375  
St. Mary, Cattaraugus . . . . . (716) 257-9351  
St. Pius X, Getzville . . . . . (716) 688-9143  
St. Mary, Little Valley . . . . . (716) 257-9531  
St. Anthony, Lockport. . . . . (716) 433-5792  
St. Joseph, Lockport . . . . . (716) 433-5792  
St. John de LaSalle, Niagara Falls . . . . . (716) 282-0059  
Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Youngstown . . . (716) 754-7489

### **MASS BROADCAST ON TELEVISION**

Daily Mass from St. Joseph Cathedral  
Noon and 6:05 p.m.  
Cable Channel 20

Sunday Mass with Guest Diocesan Priests  
7:30 a.m. on WUTV, Fox 29  
Consult local listings for cable channel times

EWTN Cable Channel  
Daily and Sunday, 8:00 a.m.  
with encore presentation at Noon, 7pm and Midnight

### **MASS BROADCAST ON RADIO**

Holy Trinity, Dunkirk, (716) 366-2306  
8:30 a.m. Sundays, WDOE 1410

101.7 WLOF FM - (EWTN radio)  
Daily and Sundays 8:00 a.m. and Noon

St. Stanislaus, (Polish language), 12:00 p.m. Sunday, AM WHLD 1270  
Provided through the: Diocese of Buffalo  
Office of Communications.  
847-8719

**DIOCESAN MINISTRY ASSISTING  
PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

**The Catholic Guild for the Blind**

Serves individuals who are blind or visually impaired, including those with new vision loss.

The Guild strives to promote positive attitudes about visual impairment and to assist its members in achieving dignity and independence at home, in the workplace and in the community.

The local chapter has been serving Western New York for over thirty years. It unites volunteers and persons with blindness and vision loss to encourage spiritual and social activities.

The Guild sponsors five activities during the year including Days of Recollection, Lenten Services, Mass and Communion Breakfast, Christmas Party, and Summer Picnic. Social Service referrals are also available.

For more information call 856-4494, or visit online at [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org)

**The Xavier Society for the Blind**

A National Catholic organization that serves visually impaired and print-disabled persons in the United States and Canada. It provides free spiritual material in the form of Braille, large print, and audio tape. For more information call 1-212-473-7800.

## RETREAT CENTERS THAT ARE PHYSICALLY AND ATTITUDINALLY ACCESSIBLE

St. Columban Center  
6892 Lake Shore Road  
Derby, NY 14047  
(716) 947-4708

Stella Niagara Center of Renewal  
4421 Lower River Road  
Stella Niagara, NY 14144  
(716) 754-7376

St. Joseph Center for Spirituality  
4975 Stickler Road Clarence, NY 14031  
759-6893 ext. 408

Christ the King Seminary  
P.O. Box 607 East Aurora, NY 14052  
(716) 652-2271

## FAITH SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

**CONTINUING ADULT FAITH FORMATION** for developmentally delayed adults. Third Saturday of each month, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., followed by Vigil Mass for Sunday.

For information call Donna Michael at (716) 683-0165.

**GOD'S FAMILY: LEARNING, LOVING AND LIVING OUR FAITH** - a program for Persons with disabilities and Their Families. Third Saturday of Each Month, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Baker Victory School, Ridge Road, Lackawanna. Lunch, topic presentation, small group learning, whole group sharing. For more information contact Faith Formation for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Catholic Education, 847-5514 or e-mail [surbaniak@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:surbaniak@buffalodiocese.org)

**VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES**, a spiritual network for persons with a disability or chronic illness. Its founder, Father John Maronic believed that people with disabilities have gifts that could and should be shared with the Universal Church and the World! They meet monthly from March through December for prayer and socialization in a Christian atmosphere. They also have two days of renewal each year. The group assists with transportation as needed. For information, membership, and a schedule of activities call 694-0514.

**FAITH AND SHARING PRAYER COMMUNITIES** for adults with developmental disabilities and their advocates. They have regular monthly meetings. There are accessible locations in both Erie and Niagara Counties. For information in Erie County call (716) 881-4834; in Niagara County call (716) 754-4052.

**FAITH AND SHARING RETREAT** is held at the Stella Niagara Center of Renewal yearly, on weekend in March. The retreat is sponsored by Faith and Sharing Communities.  
For more information call (716) 881-4834.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** is held at St. Mary Parish in Lancaster on the Third Monday of each month at 7pm. For more information, call 856-4494 ext. 3003

## **DIOCESE OF BUFFALO SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Catholic Charities is the single largest direct human service provider in Western New York, reaching all eight counties with professionally staffed locations. For more information or help call (716) 856-4494 or visit online at [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org).

### **MONSIGNOR CARR INSTITUTE**

The Monsignor Carr Institute is a Catholic Charities outreach service that provides clinical services, long term counseling, as well as traditional services for persons experiencing a wide range of emotional and mental challenges. For more information or help call (716) 835-9745 or visit [online at www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org)

### **CATHOLIC HEALTH SYSTEM**

The Catholic Health System combines medical excellence with a tradition of caring. Within this system there are Acute Care Hospitals, Adult Homes, Diagnostic and Treatment Centers, Family Health Care Centers, and a Free Standing Surgery Center. Among the many services offered by the Catholic Health System are Health Education and Referral, Substance Abuse Programs, Home Care, and Rehabilitation Care Skilled Nursing Care and Specialty Services are also available. For information on Catholic Health System services and programs, call (716) 447-6205. or visit online at [www.chsbuffalo.org](http://www.chsbuffalo.org)

### **BAKER VICTORY SERVICES**

Baker Victory Services offers a wide range of services for individuals with physical, developmental and/or behavioral challenges. In addition, Baker Victory Services includes programming which supplies a lifetime of care from infancy to late adulthood.

For information call (716) 828-9500 or visit online at

[www.bakervictoryservices.org](http://www.bakervictoryservices.org)

### **RESPITE SERVICES**

#### **CLADDAGH COMMISSION INC.**

Working together for a brighter tomorrow, for persons with developmental disabilities

716 947-5857

[www.Ccommissio@aol.com](mailto:www.Ccommissio@aol.com)

#### **AGAPE**

A fellowship dedicated to parents and families of loved ones with disabling conditions, either physical, mental, or emotional.

716 827-5407

e-mail at [agape1@wnyip.net](mailto:agape1@wnyip.net)

#### **CANTALICIAN CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES**

This program offers day schools for children with disabilities, ages infancy through 5, and for mentally and multiply handicapped children ages 6 through 21. It also offers day care and residential placement for developmentally delayed adults ages 21 and up. The Cantalician Workshop provides rehabilitation, work activities and sheltered employment services to persons with disabilities between the ages of 21 through retirement. The workshop offers daily living skills, work adjustment training, counseling, sheltered work, and traveling training.

716 874-0913

[www.cantalician.org](http://www.cantalician.org)

### **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**

Recovery-Persons with mental illness attend structured meetings with leaders. They discuss daily life experiences.

(716) 694-0104

[www.recovery-inc.org](http://www.recovery-inc.org)

email 135@recovery-inc.org

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**ACTION for Mental Health, Inc.**

Services for persons with mental health issues in Erie County.

[www.actionformentalhealth.org](http://www.actionformentalhealth.org)

**Broken Body Angels**

Website by Deacon Mike Quinn for Parents and caregivers of People with Disabilities

[www.wnyreligion.net](http://www.wnyreligion.net)

**Catholic Celiac Society**

Information about Catholic Communion and Celiac Disease

[www.catholicceliacs.org](http://www.catholicceliacs.org)

**Faith and Light Communities USA**

[www.faithandlightusa.org](http://www.faithandlightusa.org)

**L'Arche USA , A Place to Be and to Become**

[www.larcheusa.org](http://www.larcheusa.org)

**New York State School for the Blind, Batavia, New York**

585 343-5384

**National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry Resource Links**

[www.nafim.org](http://www.nafim.org)

**National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD)**

V/TTY 301 587-7992 (voice/TTY)

[www.ncod.org](http://www.ncod.org)

**National Catholic Partnership on Disability**

(202) 293-5960 [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org)

**National Organization on Disabilities**

(202) 293-5960

TTY (202) 293-5968

[www.nod.org](http://www.nod.org)

New York State Catholic Conference(NYSCC)  
[www.nyscatholicconference.org](http://www.nyscatholicconference.org)

Pathways to Promise (Ministry and Mental Illness)  
314 644-8400  
[www.pathways2promise.org/resources/index.htm](http://www.pathways2promise.org/resources/index.htm)

St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Buffalo, New York  
V/TTY 716 834-7200  
[www.smsdk12.org](http://www.smsdk12.org)

The Arc  
[www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Xavier Society for the Blind –Serves as the National Catholic Lending  
Library and Publishing House. Publishes the Xavier Review in  
Braille, large print and audiocassette.  
212 473-7800

## **GROUPS THAT ASSIST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Stauros Center ,for Compassion and Healing  
[www.stauros.org](http://www.stauros.org)

International Order of Alhambra, Cordova Caravan #26, Buffalo, NY  
[www.orderalhambra.org/26cordova/index.htm](http://www.orderalhambra.org/26cordova/index.htm)

Catholics United for Spiritual Action (CUSA)  
Online support group for chronically sick and disabled persons  
[www.cusan.org/who.htm](http://www.cusan.org/who.htm)

Parent Network of WNY  
Parents helping parents and professionals to enable individuals  
with disabilities to reach their own potential.  
[www.parentnetworkwny.org](http://www.parentnetworkwny.org)

Deacon Mike Quinn has a wonderful Disability Awareness Web site with news and information, events and recreation, reflections and much more. Here's the link:

<http://www.wnyreligion.net/quinn-pg1.html>