

## Disability Awareness Speakers

- **Deacon Mike Quinn.** Mike's faith and his compassion for people with disabilities, has led him to speaking at various gatherings within our Catholic church such as Generations of Faith programs, confirmation classes and parents. Contact Deacon Mike at [DEACONMIKE@aol.com](mailto:DEACONMIKE@aol.com).
- **Deacon Bill Willis.** In Bill's 25 years of experience as a parent of children with disabilities, a coordinator of a parish religious education program for children with special needs, an educational presenter to seminarians, deacons, parents, chairman of the Diocesan Council for Persons with Disabilities and Spiritual Moderator of the Victorious Missionaries, he has inspired, educated and advocated many people at the parish, Diocesan and National level. Contact Deacon Bill at 675-5891 or [WSDEACBILL@aol.com](mailto:WSDEACBILL@aol.com).
- **Dave Whalen.** With the experience of twenty years of service to people with disabilities and a son with disabilities, Dave customizes his presentation to the specific issues, sensitivities and level of awareness within each organization and offers his service beyond as a resource. Visit [www.disabilityawarenesstraining.com](http://www.disabilityawarenesstraining.com) for more information or contact Dave at [davidvwhalen@yahoo.com](mailto:davidvwhalen@yahoo.com).
- **Ameri-Corps.** This group of adults with disabilities has shared their life experiences with youth in Catholic elementary schools and religious education programs. They would like to share their presentation with parish councils and parish groups. To schedule them, contact Sophia at [sophiar@frontiernet.net](mailto:sophiar@frontiernet.net).
- **Kids on the Block Puppeteers** travel to elementary schools, colleges/universities, and other local venues across Western New York to promote awareness, education, and acceptance of individuals with disabilities through the use of large and life-like puppets. Kids on the Block relays the message that being different is a universal condition that should be celebrated! Kids on the Block puppeteers would be happy to do a free performance at your school or organization! Call Project Coordinator, Brie Hofschneider at (716) 817-7478.

