



## ***Sign Language Classes***

*Sign Language classes are offered to anyone who may be interested in communicating with Deaf Persons.*

*The Introductory Course is free of charge and consists of two semesters Beginner A & B.*

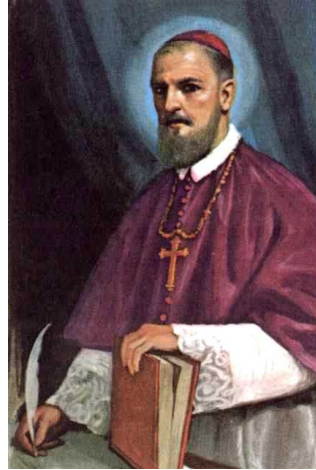
*We also offer Intermediate A & B and Advanced Classes A & B at a nominal fee. Each semester is comprised of 8 classes and take place in the Fall and Spring.*

## ***Counseling***

*Counseling is available for persons who are Deaf, hearing-impaired, or their families in American Sign Language or whichever communication mode is most comfortable. Contact Sr. Conchetta LoPresti, OSF for more information at 683-3712 ext. 408 or at [deafcounselor@gmail.com](mailto:deafcounselor@gmail.com)*



## ***St. Frances DeSales***



## ***Patron of Deaf Persons***



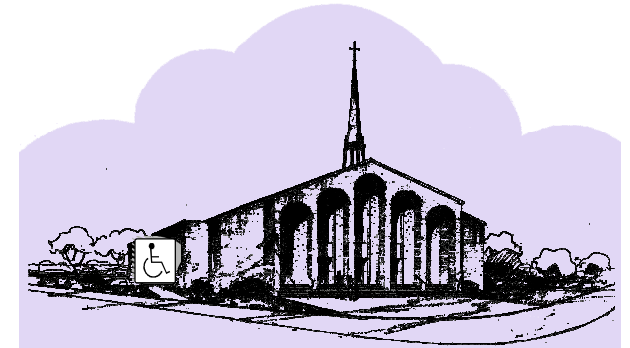
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HOME OF THE  
**Catholic Deaf  
Apostolate**  
**Diocese of Buffalo**




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## ***Brief History***

*The Diocese of Buffalo has reached out to Catholic Deaf persons ever since 1880 when Bishop Ryan ordained Rev. Patrick S. Dunne who was to become the first resident chaplain at St. Mary's School for the Deaf. Since then right up until the present time a number of priests have served as Chaplains for Catholic Deaf Persons here in Western New York. Throughout most of its history the Catholic Deaf Apostolate had been based at St. Mary's School for the Deaf. However, in 1989 it was determined that the Apostolate should assume more of a parish identity. It was then that the home base for the Apostolate moved to Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Cheektowaga, NY. In 1997 with the transfer of its present director, Rev. Conrad Stachowiak, the home base became St. Augustine's Parish in Depew, NY. However, in March of 2009 when St. Augustine's merged into St. James Parish in Depew, it was decided that the apostolate would establish its present base at Resurrection Parish in Cheektowaga, NY. It is the intent of this brochure to give a brief overview of what the Catholic Deaf Apostolate is all about.*



## ***Signed Mass Every Sunday***

*The 10:30 AM Mass at Resurrection Parish is signed and spoken each week. Deaf Persons take an active part as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers.*

## ***Interpreted Masses At Other Locations***

*The 12:30 PM Sunday Mass at St Gregory the Great Church Maple Road Adjacent to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital is interpreted weekly.*

## ***Religious Education***

*The Lifelong Faith formation program for the Deaf is centered at Resurrection and meets twice a month immediately following the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. This includes preparation for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. Please contact Mrs. Theresa Taneff 646-1022 for registration or more information.*



## ***Marriage Preparation***

*Deaf couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church should contact Fr. Conrad at least six months before their tentative wedding date.*

## ***Baptismal Preparation***

*Deaf parents wishing to have their child baptized must make arrangements with Fr. Conrad. If this is their first child they will be required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class at Resurrection Rectory.*

## ***Interpreting for Religious Services***

*An interpreter can be requested for special occasions (weddings, funerals, etc.) by contacting Sr. Conchetta at 683-3712 ext. 408. Staff is limited so requests will be honored on a first come first serve basis. Contact can also be made through e-mail at [BuffaloCatholicDeaf@gmail.com](mailto:BuffaloCatholicDeaf@gmail.com)*

