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Did you know ...

- that when Catholics with disabilities are able to access their faith and receive sacramental preparation, their parish participation makes families whole and enriches parish life for all?
- that many of the estimated 15 million Catholics with a disability don't come to church because of access and/or inclusion issues?
- that children with special needs sometimes don't receive sacraments beyond Baptism because parishes do not have appropriate materials and trained catechists?

The U.S. Catholic Bishops ...

- envisioned an independent national office to serve these Catholics and their families, in their 1978 *Pastoral Statement of US Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities*. NCPD was created to serve the Catholic Church, its (arch) dioceses, seminaries, parishes, schools and ministries...and always its families.

NCPD implements the *Pastoral Statement* by ...

- advocating on issues affecting the life and dignity of people with disabilities
- providing ongoing support and guidance to diocesan disability directors and other leaders in catechetical and pastoral ministries
- evaluating dioceses and training priests, seminarians, deacons, and other parish and diocesan personnel
- developing and distributing Disability Ministry Toolkit resources via NCPD.org
- sponsoring on-line distance-learning web seminars
- providing large-print Lectionary & Sacramentary for priests with visual impairments

So that Catholics with a disability can...

- share their giftedness
- deepen their faith through the sacraments & parish participation
- create communities of belonging within the Catholic Church

To carry out this work, NCPD relies on donations from diocesan Affiliate memberships, grants, and individual and corporate donations. For more information about our programs, services and giving opportunities, visit:

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