

NATIONAL CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS IN MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Operates a free, large-print and cassette lending library and will transcribe material upon request.

National Apostolate with People with Mental Retardation

(NAPMR)

4516 30th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008
(202)686-6715

<http://www.nafim.org>

Membership organization with bi-monthly newsletter, quarterly journal, annual conference, advocacy for active Church membership for persons with mental retardation. Information and referrals are provided regarding: Religious Education, Adult Education, Residential Facilities, Inclusive Education, Parental Concern and Self Advocacy.

National Catholic Office for the Deaf

(NCOD)

Executive Director
7202 Buchanan Street
Landover Hills, MD 20784
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<http://www.ncod.org>

Membership organization for pastoral workers; provides magazine (*Vision*), religious education materials, workshop retreats, sign language materials, assists newly developing programs. A sample of material includes: Eye-centered - (a study on the Spirituality of Deaf people), Policy for Working with Sign Language Interpreters in Catholic Religious Settings, Signs for Catholic Liturgy & Education and The Gospel of Luke in ASL Video - (a two-parts video featuring Patrick Graybill).

**National Catholic Partnership on Disability
(NCPD)**

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Works with Catholic bishops to assist dioceses in establishing office and ministry based on the *Pastoral Statement of US Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities*; advocacy in religious and secular issues. NCPD likewise promotes the Guidelines for the Celebration of Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities approved by the US Bishops in June 1995 to provide guidance on sacramental access for persons with disabilities. NCPD also offers extensive resources including *Opening Doors to People with Disabilities* in two volumes, videos and a quarterly newsletter, *NCPD National Update*.

**Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators
(NICE)**

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Membership organization which is committed to the belief that every child can be educated in a regular classroom. The NICE Team, which consists of professional educators, pastoral ministers and parents, teaches courses and workshops, and sponsors conferences. In addition NICE produces videos, publications, connects people to people, schools to schools and consults in the field of Inclusive Education.

Xavier Society for the Blind

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Free materials mailed directly to visually impaired and deaf-blind persons in braille, large-print or tape; lending library service in all three areas. Free paperback service.