

Religious Education Office

Program Design

SPRED -

Archdiocese of Chicago
Special Religious Development
2956 South Lowe Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

SPRED is a program of religious education specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental disabilities. SPRED invites and trains volunteers to prepare a special place where they can welcome persons with developmental disabilities. Through the experience of friendship in one-to-one relationships, our friends with developmental disabilities discover a place where they belong and can enjoy meaningful relationships that help them realize their own giftedness and dignity. Through participation in a SPRED community of faith our friends are better able to celebrate the sacraments and enter into the worshipping experiences of the whole Church.

SPRED provides training, observations, on-site resourcing and materials for catechesis and special liturgy.

Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd
P.O. Box 1084
Oak Park, IL. 60304

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children 3-12 years of age inspired by Montessori principles of education. The catechesis is based on the conviction that God and the child are in relationship. The curriculum covers Covenant, Christology, and Liturgy. Sacramental preparation is a major piece in the curriculum. The curriculum is divided into two separate parts, children ages 3-6, and ages children 6-12. The materials in this structured curriculum guide the catechist in teaching the child.

REACH -

Religious Education Office
430 North Center Street
Joliet, IL 60435

815-727-6411

REACH provides a variety of curriculums and other resource materials that can be adapted to fit the need of your program.

CHRISTOS -

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
8404 Cass Avenue
Darien, IL 60561
630-852-3303

Christos takes the ideas of a number of different programs and adapts them to fit the unique needs of each student.

Additional Program Design

Opening Doors to People with Disabilities - Volume II: The Resource File

Edited by: Janice LaLonde Benton & Mary Jane Owen

National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities
P.O. Box 29113
Washington, D.C. 20017-0113

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The Resource File includes models for structuring ministry; explorations of specific issues within ministry such as education, ethics, family; disability fact sheets and statistics, pages of all sorts of essential information, eminent church documents, original essays and resource lists. It is packaged in two loose-leaf binders which provides the flexibility you need in planning workshops and conferences.

CATECHESIS WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - WHAT'S A PARISH TO DO?

Rev. Richard J. Malone, S.T.L., Th.D., Director

Edited by: Patricia A. Friel

Copyright: 1995 (Revised Edition 1998)
Office of Religious Education
1 Lake Street
Brighton, MA 02135

Used in conjunction with the *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities* this booklet provides the basic information needed to include individuals with disabilities in parish religious education programs and related activities.

STRATEGIES TEACHING RELIGION TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Prepared by: Marci Blum, OSF

Office of Special Needs
Archdiocese of Dubuque
1229 Mt. Loretta Avenue
Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0479

Helpful ideas in teaching children and adults with mental and physical disabilities in the religious education classroom.