

## Diocese of Albany Ministry for People with Disabilities

### Sacramental Formation Resources For People with Disabilities and Special Needs

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#### *Sacramental Preparation with Persons with Disabilities*

##### **Official Church Statements**

Pope John Paul II, *Catechesi Tradendae (On Catechesis in Our Time)* no. 41.  
Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1979.

*Pastoral Statement of the United States Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities*  
Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1978/1989 (with updated language).

##### **Albany Diocese Document**

*Sacramental Guidelines for Persons with Developmental Disabilities*, found in Section D, pages 9 - 20 of *Guidelines and Policies for Parish Catechetical Programs*.

##### **General Resources for Sacramental Preparation**

*Developmental Disabilities and Sacramental Access: New Paradigms for Sacramental Encounters*, Edward Foley, editor. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1994. An excellent resource that deals with the canonical, liturgical, and catechetical aspects of ministering with persons with developmental disabilities.

*Opening Doors to People with Disabilities*, Vols I & II. Washington, DC: National Catholic Partnership on Disability, 1995/1997. See especially Volume II, Chapter 3, Section A.6 and Section E.

##### **Resources for Specific Sacraments**

###### Eucharist

*Adaptive First Eucharist Preparation Kit, for Individuals with Autism and Other Special Needs*, Kit contains an assortment of items such as social stories and puzzles.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/special-needs-eucharist-products.htm>

*Preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist*, Diocese of Rockville Centre: Office of Faith Formation Ministry with Persons with Special Needs, 2011. <http://www.drvc-faith.org/special-needs/faith-formation>

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*Sacraments: Gifts for All –Eucharist.* Dayton, OH: Institute for Pastoral Initiatives/University of Dayton, 2002. Reproducible resource binder and participant booklets available. Call 1-888-532-3389 or on the web at <http://www.udayton.edu/~ipi/nice>

#### Reconciliation

*Adaptive Reconciliation Preparation Kit, for Individuals with Autism and Other Special Needs,* Kit contains an assortment of items such as social stories and puzzles. <http://www.loyolapress.com/special-needs-eucharist-products.htm>

*Preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation,* Diocese of Rockville Centre: Office of Faith Formation Ministry with Persons with Special Needs, 2011. <http://www.drvc-faith.org/special-needs/faith-formation>

*Sacraments: Gifts for All –Reconciliation,* Dayton, OH: Institute for Pastoral Initiatives/University of Dayton, 2003. Reproducible resource binder and participant booklets available. Call 1-888-532-3389 or on the web at <http://www.udayton.edu/~ipi/nice>

#### Confirmation

*Adaptive Confirmation Preparation Kit for Individuals with Autism and Other Special Needs,* Kit contains an assortment of items such as social stories, a CD of confirmation related songs and a conversation starter ball. <http://www.loyolapress.com/adaptive-confirmation-preparation-kit.htm>

*Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation,* Diocese of Rockville Centre: Office of Faith Formation Ministry with Persons with Special Needs, 2011. <http://www.drvc-faith.org/special-needs/faith-formation> ]

*Sacraments: Gifts for All –Confirmation,* Dayton, OH: Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, University of Dayton, 2003. Reproducible resource binder and participant booklets available. Call 1-888-532-3389 or on the web at <http://www.udayton.edu/~ipi/nice>

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### Historical Sacramental Resources

*Seasons of Grace: Sacramental Preparation for Mentally Handicapped Teens and Adults, by Brigid O'Donnell. (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor), 1991. [Out of print] This now classic resource is geared for those in the mild to moderate range of disability but can be adapted to meet a variety of needs.*

### Websites

*National Catholic Partnership for Disability, [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org) . “Rooted in Gospel values that affirm the dignity of every person, the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) works collaboratively to ensure meaningful participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of the life of the Church and society.” Many resources for catechesis and specific disabilities.*