

## **COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

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### **RESOURCES - CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Catholic Celiac Society** [www.catholicceliacs.org](http://www.catholicceliacs.org)

#### **CUSA – An Apostolate for Persons with Chronic Illness and Disabilities**

[www.cusan.org](http://www.cusan.org) A community of people who are chronically ill or who have a physical disability who support one another through prayer and correspondence. CUSA provides a way for members to encourage, care, and listen to one another.

#### **International Catholic Deaf Association—United States Section** [www.icda-us.org](http://www.icda-us.org)

Deaf/hard of hearing Catholics; Deaf Catholic priests, deacons, brothers, sisters and lay ministry people and those working with the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Catholics.

**National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry** [www.nafim.org](http://www.nafim.org) **Envisions** that every person with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) will be welcome to full inclusion into our Catholic communities.

#### **National Catholic Educational Association** [www.ncea.org](http://www.ncea.org)

A professional membership organization that provides leadership, direction and service to fulfill the evangelizing, catechizing and teaching mission of the Church.

#### **National Catholic Office for the Deaf** [www.ncod.org](http://www.ncod.org)

Spreads God's message through the support of the deaf and Hard of Hearing Pastoral Ministry so that we may all be one in Christ.

#### **National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD)** [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org)

Works collaboratively to ensure meaningful participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of the life of the Church and society.

**National Conference for Catechetical Leadership** [www.nccl.org](http://www.nccl.org)

Formed as an organization of diocesan, parish, academic, publishing, and other catechetical personnel, strive to enrich and strengthen the ministry of catechesis throughout the Catholic diocese of the United States, and seeks to serve the Church.

**National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM)**

[http://www.nfcym.org/resources/pastoral\\_response/disabilities/index.htm](http://www.nfcym.org/resources/pastoral_response/disabilities/index.htm)

No family is prepared for the birth of a child with a disability or the challenges of a disability that may develop by result of accident, age, or illness. Inclusion is perhaps the biggest challenge these individuals and their families face. As they look for welcome and justice in society, the church stands in solidarity with them.

**Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators** <http://ipi.udayton.edu/nice.htm>

Serves as a support network and resource to individuals with disabilities and their families by providing conferences, DVD and print resources, consultations, workshops and networking opportunities on the national and local level.

**The Victorious Missionaries** [www.vmusa.org](http://www.vmusa.org)

This is a unique, uplifting and united organization that provides spiritual support for persons with disabilities, chronic illness or those who want to walk the journey with them. We offer programs and publications throughout the year.

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

This is an assembly of the hierarchy of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands who jointly exercise certain pastoral functions on behalf of the Christian faithful of the United States. The purpose of the Conference is to promote the greater good which the Church offers humankind, especially through forms and programs of the apostolate fittingly adapted to the circumstances of time and place. This purpose is drawn from the universal law of the Church and applies to the Episcopal conferences which are established all over the world for the same purpose.

**Xavier Society for the Blind** [www.xaviersociety.com](http://www.xaviersociety.com)

Its mission is a simple one: to make writings on religion and spirituality available to the blind. It has now added large print, audiocassette and most recently digital formats to its Braille offerings.

**Additional Resources:**

**Alzheimer's Hotline – 24 Hours A Day/7Days Per Week**

Provides reliable information and support to all those who need assistance. The Alzheimer's Association 1-800-272-3900

**Legal Hotline Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

If you are 60+ there is a state-wide toll-free, legal information, advice and referral service for you: **The Utah Senior Legal Helpline 1-800-662-1172**

[www.aging.slco.org/caregiversupport/](http://www.aging.slco.org/caregiversupport/)> Care giving ideas and resource options

**Upcoming Events:** [www.slco.org/calendar/index.cfm?siteID=13](http://www.slco.org/calendar/index.cfm?siteID=13)