

## Deaf/Hard of Hearing Apostolate

The Deaf/Hard of Hearing Apostolate aim is to proclaim the kingdom of God to the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Through liturgies, prayer, religious education and pastoral care in American Sign Language, the Deaf Apostolate builds up and lives the Kingdom of God so that the deaf community are evangelized and become evangelizers.

This ministry offers:

- Masses in American Sign Language
- Interpreted Masses
- Weekly Religious Education
- Baptism & Marriage Preparation
- 2 week summer Religious Education Camp for Children
- Teen Leadership Program
- Interpreters for Archdiocesan events and Parish Events

### Closed Caption Sunday TV Mass

Broadcast on WPVI-TV– Channel 6 at 5:30 am and Channel 56 at 10:30 am.

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## Catholic Masses in Sign Language

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.

Our Lady of Ransom, Philadelphia, 12:15 pm

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.

St. Charles, Drexel Hill, 10:30 am

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.

St. Stanislaus, Lansdale, 11:00 am (not July/  
August)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sun.

SS. Peter & Paul, West Chester, 10:30 am

## Interpreted Masses

### Every Sunday

St. Pius X, Broomall, 9:30 am

### 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Our Lady of Ransom, Philadelphia, 11 am

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

St. Francis Assisi, Norristown, 9:30 am

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

St. Joseph, Warrington, 10:00 am

### 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

St. Stanislaus, Lansdale, 8:30 am

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

St. Norbert, Paoli, PA 11:30 am

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

SS. Peter & Paul, West Chester, 5:30 pm

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Epiphany of Our Lord, Philadelphia, 11:00 am

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

St. Thomas of Villanova, Rosemont, 9:00 am

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Doylestown 10:30am

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

St Denis, Havertown 11:30am

Respect Life Office

## Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate



“Welcome one another, then, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”  
Rom. 15, 7

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## PURPOSE

The Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities was established in 1991 and strives to proclaim the Gospel to all people through witness and proclamation to foster the full inclusion of people of all abilities into the life of the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Department serves as a pastoral resource for parishes, institutions, families and individuals in providing access and welcome to persons with disabilities.

## PROGRAMS

### Liturgies

Assistance is provided in planning and implementing liturgical celebrations, which include the participation of persons with disabilities.

### Awareness/Sensitivity

Experiential and attitudinal aspects of disabilities can be explored within schools or for parish staff/parishioners. Workshops including topics such as:

- Disability Etiquette and Hospitality
- Making Meetings and Programs Accessible
- Inclusion: A Gospel Perspective
- Inclusion: A Church Perspective

### Spirituality

Days of prayer and reflection offered in parishes and institutions on:

- Living with a disability
- Praying with a disability
- Saints who had a disability
- Jesus encounters persons with disabilities

Other topics available on request

## Parish Contact Program

Parish contacts act on behalf of persons with disabilities to ensure that all are invited to share in the life of the parish. The contact is appointed by the Pastor to serve as a liaison between persons with disabilities and their parish and between the parish and the Archdiocesan Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities.



## Support Services Provided

- Plan retreats
- Pastoral outreach
- Advocacy
- Accessibility reviews
- Information/referral

## Equipment Available for Loan

- Portable Ramp
- Assistive Listening System (FM System with Neck Loops and Headsets)

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## Videos/DVD\* Available for Loan

The following are sample topics:

Welcomed & Valued: Supporting People with Mental Illness\*

The Inclusive Catholic Church

Scripture Based Inclusion

The Inclusive Classroom

Disability Etiquette: How to Relate to People with Disabilities

Welcome One, Welcome All - Teaching the Gospel Around Children with Differences

We Are One Flock\* -1978 Bishop's Pastoral Statement

Attitudes that Exclude People with Disabilities

Accessibility Issues

Ten Commandments of Communication with People with Disabilities\*

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Creating Caring Congregations

Bridges to Faith

Mass for Persons with Disabilities-2006

Kids Just Want to Have Fun

*For a complete list of the titles and topics call: 215-587-3530*