

Sanctity & Dignity of Life

What does this look like?



Persons with physical and intellectual disabilities

The richness of the person with disabilities is a constant challenge to the Church and to society, to open to the mystery present. The person with disabilities is the place of the wonders of God and a person rich in humanity. Disability is not a punishment; indeed it is a privilege, which God uses to manifest his love and crown all with the glory of the resurrection. In the “full integration and insertion of persons with disabilities in the life of the Church and society, to valorize the gifts they bring, to reconcile ourselves with them for failings in their regard in the spirit of the Great Jubilee and to encourage an attitude of caring, assistance and solidarity”

www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000/jubilevents/events_jubildisabled_en.htm

Pray

Lord, we see you in all those living with disabilities and give you thanks for loving parents who welcome and nurture them. Even in the face of obstacles or rejection.

Reflect *“While He was delivering God's word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed man to Him. The four who carried him were unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof over the spot where Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, ‘My son your sins are forgiven’”*

(Mark 2: 3-5).

The faithful people of Jesus' day took some very practical steps to get a person with a disability to Jesus. Because of their faith, Jesus healed the person with a disability. To help us get through crowds & clear a path to Jesus, there are a variety of resources which we can consult (A vital caution, however, is that some resources do not fully appreciate the vision of the Gospel of Life.).

Act We need to understand the needs and concerns of those with special needs, to plan for the inclusion of all our brother and sisters with disabilities. What practical steps can we take to help people get closer to Jesus?

- Known them by name
- Make them feel welcomed, invited, befriended, needed and loved
- Volunteer and donate to organizations that support people with disabilities (Special Olympics, Respite care of Larimer County and Foot Hills Gateway,

You can make a difference

For resources visit northerncoloradoforlife.com