

## Parish Accommodations & Accessibility Checklist

Welcoming and accompanying children and adults with disabilities

### People at my parish are encouraged to ask for what they need in order to have meaningful participation at Mass and in parish life through or by:

- My pastor at Mass
- Ongoing bulletin announcements
- Parish Website Home Page
- Parish Registration Process: on-line, hard copy, in person, and over the phone
- Parish Survey

### My parish offers and promotes the following accommodations at Mass:

- Sensory Friendly Mass
- LOOP (Assisted Listening System)
- ASL Interpreter (American Sign Language)
- Braille materials
- Large-print missals/large print worship aids
- Low-gluten hosts or communion from the chalice
- Cut-out pews that allow wheelchair user to sit in pew with others
- Trained greeters, ushers, staff, and volunteers to assist if needed
- Children and adults with disabilities are trained and serve in ministerial roles and can be assisted by family/staff if desired

### My parish is intentional about providing sacramental prep for children and adults with disabilities and promotes this through:

- Expressed often by my pastor at Mass
- Conveyed by staff (parish & school)
- Ongoing bulletin announcements
- School newsletter
- Parish Faith Formation Webpage

### My parish is accessible for individuals using wheelchairs and other mobility devices by following the ADA guidelines:

- Level access to entrances of every parish building and/or
- Ramp: 36 inches wide and incline of one inch for every foot of ramp
- Entrances: 32 inches wide with an automatic door opener for church, restrooms, parish office, parish hall/activity center, and Adoration Chapel
- 60-inch diameter of clear floor space to allow a wheelchair user to make a 360° turn in restroom (including stall), cut-out pew, confessional, and gathering spaces
- Designated accessible parking spaces located by all parish buildings
- Cut-out curbs/ramps near accessible parking spaces
- Clear signage is posted to identify the accommodation provided

### My parish publicizes the support services available for individuals experiencing mental health issues:

- Parishioners are informed by the pastor and staff, through bulletin announcements and the parish website that they can contact their pastor regarding mental health issues for themselves or a loved one and he will assist in getting individuals connected to Catholic Charities for help

### My parish has a process in place to respond to an individual or family that makes a request for an accommodation:

- Dedicated staff member or volunteer makes initial contact to gather information
- The individual or family meets with the pastor, staff, parishioners, etc. to consider options and work towards a solution
- Diocesan staff can be contacted for guidance, resources, and implementation



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