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Serving Those with Special Needs

Resources for Religious Educators

<u>Handbook for Adaptive Catechesis</u> (Book) Chronister, Michele E., Liguori Publications, 2012. This handbook reflects on the needs of individuals with a wide range of disabilities and calls on catechists and religious education programs to consider special needs students for their mainstream and specialized programs. This comprehensive book covers a variety of the most-encountered special needs, along with approaches for meeting those needs.

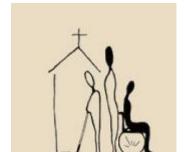
Adaptive First Eucharist Preparation Kit: For Children with Autism and Other Special Needs (Kit) Loyola Press, 2012. The Adaptive First Eucharist Kit will enable many children with autism and other special needs to participate fully in their faith, children who might not be able to receive the Eucharist. Kit Includes: Helper Guide, My Picture Missal, Mass Cards (inside Picture Missal), Bless Yourself Board, Who is Jesus Card, Communion is Not the Same as Food Board, How to Receive Communion Board, I Receive Communion Book, and Backpack.

Adaptive First Reconciliation Preparation Kit: For Children with Autism and Other Special Needs (Kit) Loyola Press, 2012. The Adaptive First Reconciliation Kit will enable many children with autism and other special needs to participate fully in their faith, children who might not be able to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Kit Includes: The Reconciliation Flip Book; I'm Sorry Cards; The I Am Forgiven Sequence Puzzle; Jesus Forgives Instructional Story Card; Jesus Wants Us to Make Good Choices Matching Puzzle; The Good Choice/Bad Choice Cards; Examination of Conscience Instructional Card; I Celebrate Reconciliation Picture Book; Act of Contrition Instructional Card; The Helper Guide; Backpack.

<u>Children's Ministry Pocket Guide to Special Needs Quick Tips to Reach Every Child</u> (Book) Group Publishing, 2008. Discover teaching techniques-plus tips for parents and other kids in the classroom. You'll understand how to make children with special needs part of your ministry, and give them roles where they can thrive-and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

The Special Needs Ministry Handbook: A Church's Guide to Reaching Children with Disabilities and their Families (Book) Rapada, Amy, CGR Publishing, 2007. Educationally, spiritually and experience based; a practical instructional guide and inspirational resource written for church leaders, Sunday school teachers, and families with disabilities.

Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families, & Congregations (Book) Carter, Erik W., Paul H. Brookes Pub. Co., 2007. With this guide, congregations will get the realistic how-to strategies they need to become places of welcome and belonging for people with a wide range of disabilities. Gives readers workable strategies for identifying "indicators of welcome," encouraging community outreach, and gathering important information about the support needs



of people with disabilities and their families. Service providers, families, religious leaders, and congregation members will learn how they can collaborate to include people with disabilities in a welcoming, supportive community of faith.

Special Needs Smart Pages: Advice, Answers, and Articles about Ministering to Children with Special Needs (Book) Joni and Friends, Gospel Light, 2009. Provides churches with a comprehensive resource to help them reach out to individuals with different kinds of special needs, including autism, cognitive brain disorders and physical disabilities. Learn how to recruit and train leaders and teachers for a special needs ministry, how to meet the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of disabled children, and how to help these children discover and use their unique gifts to serve the Body of Christ. Includes lessons for specially tailored Bible stories, motivational teacher devotionals, planning information, training articles, tips and mini posters, in addition to inspiring stories of kids with special needs living for Jesus.

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Resources for **Families**



Faith, Family, and Children with Special Needs: How Catholic Parents and their Kids with Special Needs Can Develop a Richer Spiritual Life (Book) Rizzo, David Loyola Press, 2012. David Rizzo—whose 12-year-old daughter has autism—offers great hope for parents who want to grow in their own spirituality while helping their children with disabilities experience God in a deeper way. Rizzo's abiding though sometimes tested Catholic faith is made clear as he explains everything from the practical, such as how parents can maintain sanity during Mass when the child with special needs becomes disruptive, to the profound, such as how parents can understand God in a way that is relevant to their predicament. At other times, Rizzo's advice is intended to help the child grow in his or her own faith, as when he explains how kids with special needs can participate meaningfully in the Eucharist.

Autism Guidebook for Washington State: A Resource for Individuals, Families, and Professionals. Governor's Caring for Individuals with Autism (Book) Task Force, 2010. This publication was developed by the Governor's Caring for Individuals with Autism Task Force. It is a comprehensive guide with information on a variety of issues and resources on caring for an individual with autism spectrum disorder, including: defining autism, medical aspects, components of an instruction program, community transition, future life planning and community autism awareness training.

Asperger's and Girls (Book) Attwood, Tony, Future Horizons, 2006. A comprehensive guide to Asperger's syndrome, focusing on female cases. Experts discuss whether "Aspie girls" are slipping under the radar, undiagnosed; why many AS women feel like a minority within a minority (outnumbered by men 4:1); practical solutions school systems can implement for girls; social tips for teenage girls, navigating puberty, the transition to work or university, and the importance of careers.

The Horse Boy: A Memoir of Healing (Book) Isaacson, Rupert, Back Bay Books, 2010. Rupert Isaacson shares how he learned to connect with his autistic son Rowan through horses. describing the boy's unique ability to connect with horses and the many adventures the pair had as they traveled around the world riding horses.

The Everything Health Guide to Adult ADD/ADHD: Expert Advice to Find the Right Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Treatment (Book) Jacobs, Carole, Adams Media, 2010. A guide to adult attention-deficit disorder and attention-deficit/ hyperactivity disorder, that provides information on symptoms, causes, diagnosis, evaluation, and treatments.

The Aspie Teen's Survival Guide (Book) Kraus, J. D., Future Horizons, 2010. The Aspie Teen's Survival Guide (Book) Kraus, J. D., Future Horizons, 2010. The teenage years are a time when being social is the #1 priority for kids. But for kids with Asperger's, who have acute social challenges, these years can be the most difficult, confusing time in their lives. Enter J. D. Kraus, a young man who has been there. He offers practical advice to his peers so they can get the most out of middle school and high school, both academically and socially. From sensory sensitivity to awkwardness, dating to driving, he tackles it all. Parents and teachers will love seeing life through J. D.'s eyes, plus "Notes to Parents" sections offer great advice for caregivers and educators alike.

Ask and Tell: Self-Advocacy and Disclosure for People on the Autism Spectrum (Book) Autism Asperger Pub. Co., 2004. Aims to help people with autism effectively self-advocate in their pursuit of independent, productive, and fulfilling lives. Unique by being the first book to speak to the twin issues of self-advocacy and disclosure for people with autism and by consisting exclusively of contributions by those on the autism spectrum for persons on the spectrum.

Behind the Glass Door-- Hannah's Story (DVD, 53 min.) Gateway Films, 2001. One family's struggle with the mysterious and debilitating disorder of autism and the heartwarming account of a mother determined to break through the glass door that separates their two worlds. Hannah's story is an inspiring account of how one, dedicated family has learned to raise a child diagnosed with PDD, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, a form of autism. Viewers will be touched by the story's revealing truth--that a family's committed, God-centered love can help us survive even the most challenging valleys of life.

Archdiocese of Seattle Mass for the Special Needs Community Archbishop Sartain invites is to celebrate a Mass for our special needs community,

including families, friends and our faith communities.

Saturday, March 23rd, 2013 - 11:00 am St. James Cathedral-Seattle

Reception to follow in the Isaac Orr Conference Center

Contact Erica Cohen Moore-206-382-4852 for more information