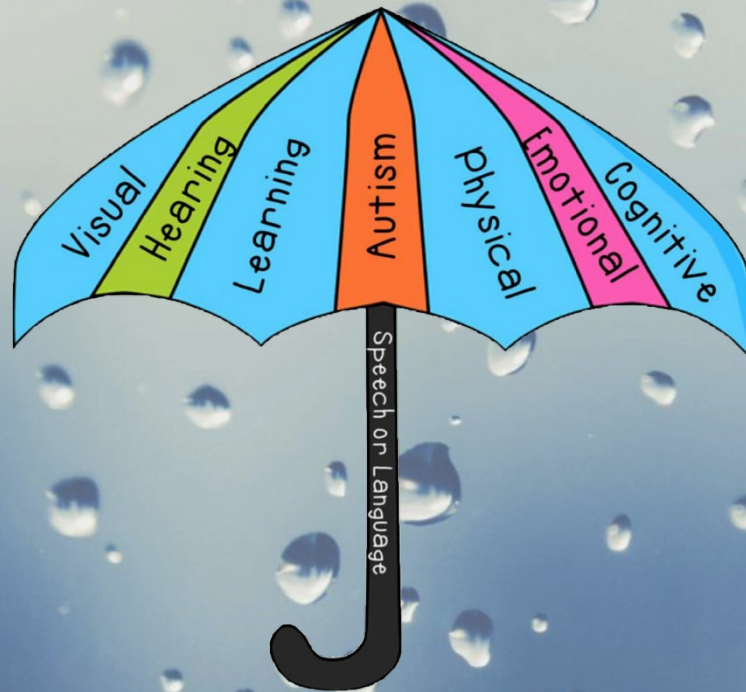


Disability Ministry



**“No abled vs. disabled.
There is just us.”**

Dr. Miguel Romero Recognizing the body of Christ: A Theological Engagement on Disability
talk on “Called to Beatitude: Our Wounds, God’s Grace and the Sacrament of the Church”



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Mission we are called to be:

The Catholic Diocese of Des Moines works for the inclusion of person with disabilities along with those who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. We want everyone to be full, conscious and active participants in their faith life and to live out their call to holiness. We do so by working with parish pastors and staff, families and community partners for ALL to live out their baptism in the Christian community and society.





Essential Partners and Relationships:

- **Persons and their Families with Disabilities**
- **Deaf and Hard of Hearing community**
- **The Bishop**
- **Pastors and Clergy**
- **Catechetical Leaders**
- **School and Parish Leaders**
- **Volunteers**
- **Organizations who serve Persons with Disabilities**

Our Principles:

“He who welcomes you welcomes me and he who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me.”

Matthew 10:40



“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Rom. 13:9) “In His wisdom, Jesus said, ‘as yourself.’ We must love others from the inside out, so to speak, accepting their difference from us in the same way that we accept our difference from them.”

Pastoral Statement of U.S. Bishops on Persons with Disabilities, para 3

“Persons with disabilities are not looking for pity. They seek to serve the community and enjoy their full baptismal rights as members of the Church. We are one flock that follows a single shepherd.”

Pastoral Statement of the U.S. Bishops on Persons with Disabilities, Concluding Remarks para 1

Learn more of how to promote this ever-evolving mission to-and-with all people with disabilities, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, and their families through multiple initiatives throughout the diocese and our parishes.



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The work of the Disability Ministry is formed by the 1978 Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Statement, which calls upon people of good will to promote the well-being of those who are Deaf or who have a disability and their full inclusion into the life of the parish and our Church. The Pastoral reminds us that all persons have unique gifts to share and that these gifts can be harnessed in service to the Church and our communities. (Find the full text of the Pastoral Statement located at the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. And in June 2017, the United State Bishops approved the Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacrament with Persons with Disabilities, revised edition.)