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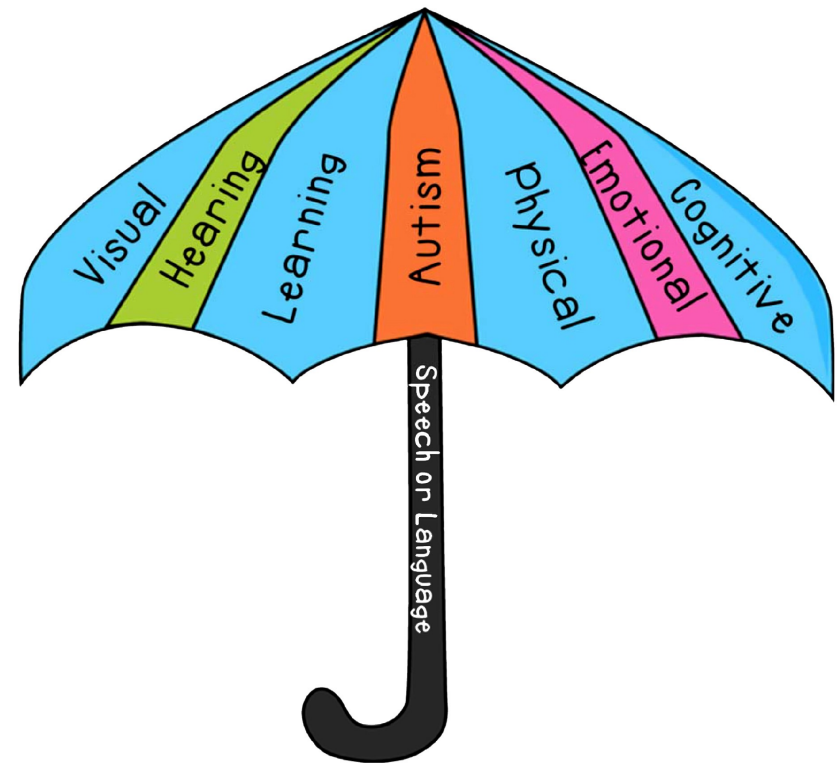
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Disability Ministry**



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

Full text of the Pastoral Statement of US  
Catholic Bishops on Persons with  
disability can be found at [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org)  
and the Guidelines for the Celebration of  
the Sacraments with Persons with  
Disabilities revised edition are available  
online at <http://www.usccb.org/>

Dr. Miguel Romero *Recognizing the Body of Christ: A Theological  
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## Mission we are called to be:

The Catholic Diocese of Des Moines works for the inclusion of persons 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 become ONE body in the Christian community.

## 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



## 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*

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 at:

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