

Access to the Sacraments

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As a people of faith we recognize every human life as a precious gift from a loving God. This means welcoming, both by our words and our actions, all members of our community including persons with disabilities. Whenever the opportunity for full access for persons with disabilities is denied, the community is diminished.

Policy Statement:

Parish liturgical celebrations and catechetical programs are to be accessible to persons with disabilities.

At least one parish in each deanery is to be fully accessible.

Procedure:

- a) Plans for a new parish or major renovations to parish/archdiocesan structures are to incorporate accessibility for disabled persons into their design.
- b) In addition to physical access, all that is possible is to be done to foster a true spirit of access whereby persons with disabilities are encouraged and feel welcome to participate in all levels of pastoral ministry.