

Parish Advocate

Suggested Responsibilities and Tasks

- Assist the pastor in their ministry with parishioners with disabilities and their families.
- Identify people with disabilities in the parish.
- Sensitize the parish to the gifts and needs of people with disabilities.
- Assess current access levels of the parish, identifying existing resources and unmet needs.
- Work collaboratively with parish staff and volunteers to enhance, but not duplicate, other ministries within the parish.
- Welcome parishioners with disabilities and their families to participate fully in parish life and programs.
- Make referrals to appropriate agencies or diocesan offices.
- Participate in meetings and training workshops offered by the diocesan Special Needs Ministry.
- Maintain contact with the Special Needs Ministry office.