



Disability Advocates Formation Workshop

Saturday, November 10, 2018 • 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Gym
2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans

9:00 am Gathering

9:15 am Welcome, Prayer, Opening Announcements

9:30 am Topic 1

Liturgical Inclusion for Parishioners with Special Needs

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From a warm hello to a cheerful goodbye, and throughout your liturgical celebration or parish gathering, the way a person is made to feel welcomed and included can impact one's meaningful encounter with Christ. This session will address practical and accessible strategies to create a supportive environment for those with special needs and their families.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Topic 2

Caring for the Caregiver

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While we strive to include the disabled in our parish, we cannot forget about those who care for them. This session will address tips on how to be supportive of caregivers, both familial and institutional, and what you can incorporate into your disability ministry to ensure you're serving the whole family.

11:45 am Announcements

12:00 Noon Refreshments Available



About the Speaker

Erin Jeffries serves people with special needs by promoting inclusion and full participation in the life and ministries of the Catholic Church. In keeping with the three-pronged catechetical approach of the archdiocese to serving people with special needs, her responsibilities include promoting awareness of both special needs and resources; helping parish leadership in the formation of inclusion teams, which become resources for catechists serving those with special needs; and facilitating implementation of specialized programs, such as SPRED (Special Religious Development). Erin is also a point of contact with the deaf community.

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