



CATECHETICAL SERVICES

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DALLAS

October Virtual Events Calendar

Ministering with People with Disabilities

October 21st from 10am - 11:30am

Date: October 21st

Time: 10am - 11:30am



Ministering with people with disabilities during a time of a pandemic requires us to move forward in some new and renewed types of ways, but it also allows us to do what we always have been doing and that is meeting people where they are at, offering support in the best ways we know how and most importantly embracing the journey we are all on. We will take a look at some best practices put together by a team of national directors who sit on NCPD's Council for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. We will also explore ways of just being present to those with disabilities as well as allow for time to share your experiences and concerns in this new era exploring as a group best practices and practical solutions.

Presenter: Melissa Walden, M.S.

Melissa Waldon, M.S., is currently serving as the Associate Director of Ministry to Persons with Disabilities for the Catholic Diocese of Dallas. One main responsibility she has is coordinating catechesis for persons with disabilities at the parishes. She has taught children with disabilities at the elementary and secondary levels and has been a school counselor. Her experience as a catechist includes multiple grade levels. Melissa is married with 4 young adult children. She has 23 years of combined experience as a parent, educator and of being an advocate for children with disabilities. She has been a presenter for the University of Dallas Ministry Conference, the Diocese of Corpus Christi, as well as the Diocese of Tyler to help raise awareness of disabilities and to offer best practices in order to foster meaningful participation of all persons within the full life of the church.



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Domestic Violence Discussion Wednesday, October 28th

Date: October 28th
Time: 1:00pm

Guest Panel: Genesis Women's Shelter, Brighter Tomorrows, The Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center, Hope's Door New Beginnings, Human Rights Initiative, and the Family Place.

The Family Life Office and the Domestic Violence Outreach Committee cordially invite you to join us in an educational and informative panel discussion with professional counselors, therapists, and educators from our community. Our panel of experts will share with us the current resources and services available to assist victims of Domestic Violence within our diocese.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. The purple ribbon was established by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence to remind victims that help is available. Purple is the symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending violence. We encourage you to join us by wearing purple during the month of October, as we continue our efforts to raise awareness of Domestic Violence in our diocese.

To Join Click: [Domestic Violence Discussion Meeting ID: 844 6580 1906](#)
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