

# ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC CHURCH FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE OF GREATER NEEDS

“All baptized persons with disabilities have a right to adequate catechesis and deserve the means to develop a relationship with God.”

*National Directory for Catechesis, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**Purpose:** To provide a comprehensive faith formation sacramental prep program for people with disabilities who are unable to receive traditional instruction.

**Objective:** To help families with a family member with disabilities understand the basic concept and understanding of the Catholic Faith while discovering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **FUNCTION AND SUPPORT**

The Greater Needs program at St. Brigid is a homeschool based program where parents and/or other family members and friends are the catechist. Training, guidance and support will be provided to those giving instruction by a Greater Needs Team member and/or the Advocate and Support Team. The Advocate and Support Team Member (AS) will contact families monthly to check on their progress with the program and offer support.

## **READINESS & CATECHESIS**

It is important to not focus on memorization but rather expressions of belief. Expressions of belief may be different for each person with disabilities. It is important to recognize and acknowledge it when expressed.

A person with disabilities is not to be rushed when learning a concept of the fundamental practices of the Catholic faith nor the sacraments. If a person is preparing for a sacrament, those giving instruction will determine when a person with disabilities is ready to celebrate the sacrament.

## **REGISTRATION/FEE**

A registration form must be filled out before a family can start with the program. It is very important that a detailed description of the condition of the person with disabilities be written on the form. There is no standard fee to register, however, we ask for a kind donation. Other supplement material may be available to purchase at the family expense.

## **Program to be used - Loyola Press Publications**

- “Adaptive Finding God Kit”
- “Adaptive First Eucharist Preparation Kit”
- “Adaptive Reconciliation Kit”
- “Adaptive Confirmation Preparation Kit”