

Options for Religious Instruction for Children/Youth with Disabilities

Full Inclusion

Student participates in the general education classroom.



Inclusion with Support

Student participates in the general education classroom with the support of an aid.

Individual

Student receives individual instruction, using adapted materials, from a catechist. They meet at the same time as general classes so they can participate in programs, activities and liturgies.



Small Group

Student receives instruction, using adapted materials, in a small group setting with other students with disabilities. They meet at the same time as general classes so they can participate in programs, activities and liturgies.

Home

Student receives instruction, using adapted materials, in a home setting by a parent or guardian.

Parish catechetical programs should be accessible to persons with disabilities and open to their full, active, and conscious participation according to their capacity.

A Framework of Access and Inclusion: Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities
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