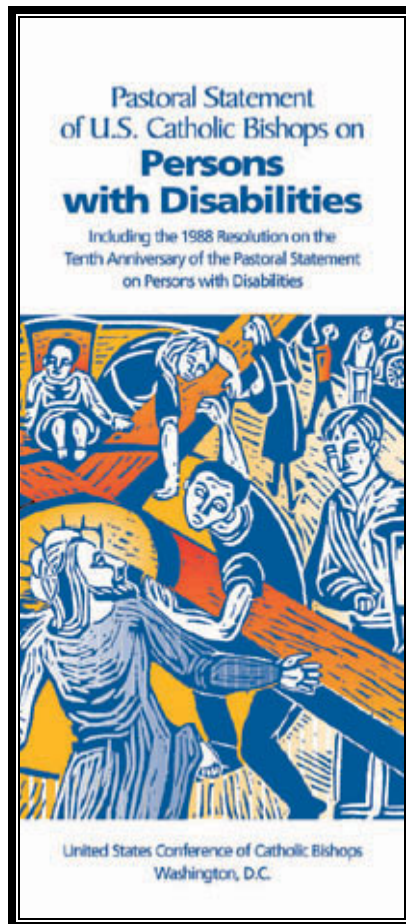


30th Anniversary Year

As we approach the year long celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the publication of the *Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities*, we are encouraged at how far we as a diocese have come in our efforts to include all people in faith formation, worship, and ministry. We are proud of our history of inclusion. We recall the words of the Bishops, **“Persons with disabilities...seek to serve the community and to enjoy their full baptismal rights as members of the Church. There can be no separate Church for people with disabilities. We are one flock that follows a single shepherd.”**(33) The *Ministry with Persons with Special Needs* in this diocese continues to advocate for full inclusion of all in faith formation, worship, and ministry!



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