

## **COUNTDOWN TO THAT EVERY ABILITY MAY BELONG MONTH**

Use the checklist below to plan  
That Every Ability May Belong Month:

- Meet with your pastor, principal and religious education coordinator to schedule a joint That Every Ability May Belong Month. Get ideas and planning materials from the *TEAM Belong Month Workbook*.
- Start a That Every Ability May Belong Ministry and commission the ministry team during TEAM Belong Month. Use the *TEAM Belong Ministry Handbook* and *Commissioning Ceremony* to get started.
- Educate everyone so they feel confident in offering hospitality to all with *Know Your Disability Etiquette*, *The 4 D Approach* and the *TEAM Belong Bulletin Series*.
- Plan special liturgies for the school and parish. Use the *TEAM Belong Month Workbook* for prayers, homily hints and petitions.
- Invite members of your congregation who happen to have disabilities to begin a liturgical ministry. Provide any accommodations needed and make sure their participation continues throughout the year.
- Use the *Accessibility Audit for Ministries* handout to educate ministry leaders about making accessibility and belonging for all abilities a priority in their ministry.
- Print our *Survey of Needs* and place in pews with golf pencils to survey the congregation. Use the *Facilities Survey* to conduct a walkthrough of the church, school and campus. Use the *Accessibility Plan Worksheet* to draw up an action plan based on the results of both surveys.
- Apply for a \$1,000 TEAM Belong or children's Junior TEAM Belong Award to help fund access projects. Visit [TEAMBelong.org](http://TEAMBelong.org) for deadline date and application packets.