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Dear Father,

As it does each year, the Pathways Awareness Foundation is beginning to prepare our parishes to participate in *Inclusion Awareness Sunday*, to be held this year on October 10, 2010. I write today to assure you of my support for this important effort and to encourage your parish's participation.

You may already be aware of the good work done through Pathways Awareness's "Open Hearts, Open Minds" initiative, which I think can be very easily connected to our ongoing "Catholics Come Home" campaign. We want people of all abilities to feel welcome in our parishes and make certain that everyone – especially parishioners with special needs – is included in worship as well as other aspects of parish life.

Information on how to fully celebrate *Inclusion Awareness Sunday* can be found at www.inclusioninworship.org. In addition, I will be making a letter available for publication in your bulletins that weekend that directly addresses this matter.

Thank you for all you do for the people whom God has called you to serve. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago