

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **September 24, 2006**, I invite parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago to celebrate Inclusion Awareness Day and the tenth anniversary year of the Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors inclusion program.

Many of our parishes have made great progress in providing accommodations so that people of varying abilities can participate in liturgical ministries and leadership roles. I ask you to continue your efforts so that our Archdiocese becomes a model of access and inclusion, not only on Inclusion Awareness Day, but every day of the year.

If your parish is unable to observe Inclusion Awareness Day on September 24, please set aside another weekend to reflect on your progress on this important issue. Pathways Awareness Foundation has provided Inclusion Awareness Day liturgy-planning materials at [www.inclusioninworship.org](http://www.inclusioninworship.org) to assist you. If your parish does not have an Inclusion Representative, please contact Pathways Awareness Foundation at 1-800-955-2445 for more information.

Thank you for your sensitivity to the needs of parishioners with physical, sensory, emotional and mental differences. Please provide an accessible and welcoming environment in your parish so that all may share their gifts at the altar. Thank you and may God bless you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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