

# Open Hearts    Open Minds    Open Doors

Access and Inclusion in Worship Newsletter

## Meetings Tell How to Include Parishioners of All Abilities

All parishes are invited to send a representative to receive information and materials about how to include parishioners with disabilities at the annual Inclusion Representative meetings scheduled throughout the Archdiocese. Father Joseph Mulcrone, Director of the Catholic Office of the Deaf will speak on how parishes can reach out to parishioners with hearing loss. All meeting places are accessible. Please call for any additional accommodations. Please RSVP to Joanne Meyer at [jmeyer@pathwaysawareness.org](mailto:jmeyer@pathwaysawareness.org) or call 708-922-9455 to reserve a space at one of the following meetings:

**Thursday, April 19, 2:00- 4:00 p.m.**  
Sacred Heart Church  
8245 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street  
Palos Hills, IL 60465

**Thursday, May 24, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
St. Marcelline  
822 S. Springinsguth Rd.  
Schaumburg, IL 60193

**Wed., June 20, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (north)  
1775 Grove Street (Glenview Rd. between  
Waukegan Rd. and Church Street)  
Glenview, IL 60025

**Thursday, July 19, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Old St. Mary's  
1500 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60605

**Wed., August 1, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

St. Robert Bellarmine  
4646 N. Austin Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60630



*Inclusion Committee members from Infant Jesus of Prague parish welcome the representative from St. Irenaeus Church to the first inclusion meeting of 2007 held on Wednesday, March 21.*

### ABOUT PATHWAYS AWARENESS FOUNDATION

Pathways Awareness Foundation was established in 1988 to raise awareness about early intervention and inclusion for children and youth with physical challenges. The Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors Program promotes inclusion in worship. For more information please call 1-800-955-2445, write to 150 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60601, email [friends@pathwaysawareness.org](mailto:friends@pathwaysawareness.org) or visit [www.inclusioninworship.org](http://www.inclusioninworship.org).

## Deadline for Awards Nominations Extended

The deadline for Open Hearts Awards and Junior Open Hearts Awards nominations has been extended to **July 1, 2007**. The annual awards honor congregations for outstanding inclusion efforts with grants of up to \$1,000. Call 1-800-955-2445 for application forms or visit [www.inclusioninworship.org](http://www.inclusioninworship.org). Grants will be announced on Inclusion Awareness Day, September 30, 2007.



*A young parishioner's drawing and essay about inclusion at St. Mary's parish in Buffalo Grove, IL was granted a \$1,000 Junior Open Hearts Award to help further the parish's inclusion efforts.*

Pathways Awareness Foundation  
150 N. Michigan Ave.  
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## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Inclusion Meetings Set in Vicariates**
- **Open Hearts Awards Deadline Extended**
- **Inclusion Tip**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Feb. 1 to July 1, 2007**

**Open Hearts Awards Nominations Accepted** See article on page 2.

**April through August**

**Inclusion Representative Meetings**  
See article on page 1 for details.

**June 29, 2007**

**Deadline for Retirement Research Foundation Accessible Faith Grants**  
Visit [www.rrf.org](http://www.rrf.org) for details.

**September 30, 2007**

**Inclusion Awareness Day**

## EXHIBITS AND WORKSHOPS

**APRIL 27, 2007**

Bernardin Symposium  
Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

**MAY 16, 2007**

Hesburgh Sabbatical  
Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

## Inclusion Tip

The American Foundation for the Blind's "Braille Bug" uses interactive games to teach children about Braille. Visit [www.afb.org/braillebug](http://www.afb.org/braillebug).

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