

# Open Hearts

# Open Minds

# Open Doors

Celebrating Our Tenth Anniversary of Creating Access and Inclusion in Worship

## Inclusion Representatives Meet at Annual Gatherings

The first of six annual Inclusion Representative Gatherings brought together volunteers from parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago to network and share progress on including parishioners with disabilities. Guest speaker Deacon Tom Lambert of the Commission on Mental Illness spoke on how parishes can reach out to parishioners affected by mental illness. Remaining meetings are:

**Thursday, April 20** from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Julie Billiart, 7399 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Tinley Park, IL 60477

**Wednesday, May 3** from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Ligouri, 411 N. Wheeling Rd., Prospect Heights, IL 60070

**Wednesday, June 7** from 2 to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 3200 E. 91<sup>st</sup> Street, Chicago, IL

**Tuesday, July 18** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary's, 1500 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605

**Thursday, August 24** from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart, 1077 Tower Rd., Winnetka, IL 60093

All parishes are invited to send a

representative to the Gatherings. RSVP to 708-922-9455 or [jmeyer@pathwaysawareness.org](mailto:jmeyer@pathwaysawareness.org).



*Deacon Tom Lambert, Guest Speaker and Deacon Paul Spala, Inclusion Rep from St. Mary of the Lake, at the first Inclusion Rep Gathering*

## Deadline for Awards Applications Extended

The deadline for Open Hearts Awards and Junior Open Hearts Awards is extended to **July 1, 2006**. The annual awards program honors congregations for outstanding inclusion efforts with grants of up to \$1,000. For applications call 1-800-955-2445 or visit [www.inclusioninworship.org](http://www.inclusioninworship.org). Winners are announced on Inclusion Awareness Day, September 24, 2006.

### ABOUT PATHWAYS AWARENESS FOUNDATION

Pathways Awareness Foundation was established in 1988 to raise awareness about early intervention and inclusion of 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).

## Award Winning Congregations Present Workshop

Rosaria Aguirre, Inclusion Rep from Santa Maria Addolorata parish and Karen Johnson, Inclusion Rep from St. Paul of the Cross parish shared how their congregations used their Open Hearts Awards to further their inclusion efforts in a workshop "Great Things Happen in Inclusive Congregations" at the Arc of Illinois Convention on April 5. Rosaria shared about her inclusive summer program for children. Karen and mentors from her parish explained how adults with developmental disabilities participate in ministry.



*Inclusion Reps Rosaria Aguirre and Karen Johnson presenting at the Arc of Illinois Convention*

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### NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Inclusion Rep Meetings Scheduled**
- **Open Hearts Awards Deadline Extended**
- **Open Hearts Award Winners Present Workshop**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **Feb. 1 to July 1, 2006**

Open Hearts Awards Applications Accepted

#### **April 22, 2006**

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

#### **Weekend of September 24, 2006**

Inclusion Awareness Day

### EXHIBITS AND WORKSHOPS

#### **APRIL 26, 2006**

Open Hearts Presentation at the Hesburg Sabbatical

#### **MAY 18 – 20, 2006**

Henri Nouwen Symposium, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Canada

### Inclusion Tip

A series of six bulletin articles on mental illness awareness are available in *Mental Illness: What Can Faith Communities Do?* by Tom and Rita Lambert. Attend an Inclusion Rep meeting for your free copy.

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