

Help Us Grow Our Ministry

Overview

The Archdiocese of Seattle Disability Inclusion Ministry works collaboratively with its parishes and schools to promote the inclusion and meaningful participation of people with disabilities in the life of our Catholic faith community. The ministry is seeking to understand both the potential breadth of the community as well as the needs within the community so that it can better serve the community and align to its mission.



Research Objectives

This research study seeks to understand:

- The breadth of the disability community in the archdiocese, including the size of the community as well as the types of disabilities that are most common within the community.
- The impact of disability on parishioners and their caregivers, specific to their ability to participate in their faith practice.
- The impact of disability on parishioners and their caregivers, specific to their ability to participate in events and activities in their faith community.
- The level of inclusion felt by disabled parishioners and their caregivers.
- The importance of inclusion is to disabled parishioners and their caregivers.
- Ways in which the archdiocese has been successful in including disabled parishioners.
- Areas of growth for disability inclusion at the archdiocese.

Methods

Quantitative Survey:

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/2411/responses/new>

Focus Groups:

Focus groups/listening sessions will be held. Participants may be recruited from survey participants or alternative methods.

Inclusive Program Audit: An audit of inclusive programs and events at archdioceses across the U.S. will be conducted.

Goal

Disability Inclusion Committee seeks to more than identify parishioners with disabilities, the Committee seeks to find ways to increase inclusion and provide opportunities for lifelong discipleship and formation.