

Have accommodations been made to meet the needs of these people? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Additional Obstacles Noted During this Survey:**

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**Access to Participation in Ministries:**

People with which specific disabilities serve in which of the following ministries:

	<b>Intellectually</b>				
	<b>Mobility</b>	<b>Vision</b>	<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Challenged</b>	<b>Other</b>
Altar Server	___	___	___	___	___
Catechist	___	___	___	___	___
Eucharist Ministers	___	___	___	___	___
Greeters/Ushers	___	___	___	___	___
Lectors	___	___	___	___	___
Parish Councils	___	___	___	___	___
Parish Staff	___	___	___	___	___
Youth Ministry Service Groups	___	___	___	___	___

(K of C, Circles, Youth service groups, etc.)

Other Ministries (list each one in your parish)

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**Parish Accessibility Survey**

In 1978 the U.S. Catholic Bishops declared in their Pastoral Statement on People with Disabilities, "It is essential that all forms of the liturgy be completely accessible to people with disabilities....To exclude members of the parish from these celebrations of the life of the Church, even by passive omission, is to deny the reality of that community."

**To assess how well our parish is following the Bishops' mandate to "do all in our power to...reach out to welcome people with disabilities who seek to participate in the ecclesial community," please take a few moments to complete this survey of facilities and ministries.**

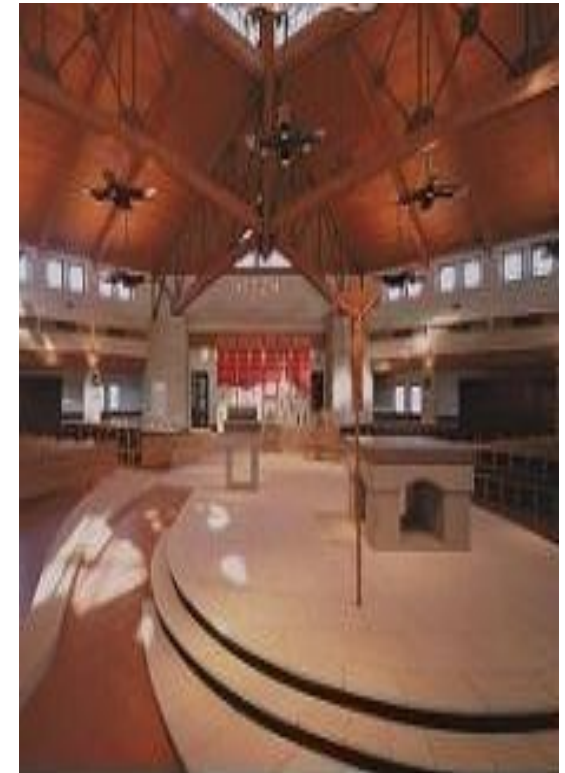
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Diocese of San Jose

**PARISH ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY**



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**Mobility Access to/within Church and Facilities:**

Is the parking area convenient and easily used by people with mobility impairments?

- Yes No  
  Clearly marked reserved parking spaces with access on both sides of the vehicle  
  Paved access pathway to buildings  
  
  4-foot wide curb-cut to sidewalk

Is at least one entryway to each building accessible to people with mobility impairments (parishioners and guests who use wheelchairs, canes, crutches, or walkers or who are unsteady)?

- Yes No  
  Church  
  Parish Office  
  Meeting Rooms  
  Social Centers (e.g., Parish Hall)  
  Classrooms

Does accessibility to all buildings meet these criteria?

- Yes No  
  Ramps: hand rails on both sides; non-slip surface  
  Elevator or lift device: remains unlocked Or has someone to provide access to it  
  Steps: have continuous hand rails  
  Doors: open easily or automatically and are at least 32" wide  
  Thresholds: smooth transition between doorway and floor surface

Are these **interior** areas accessible to people with mobility impairment?

- Yes No  
  Altar  
  Ambo  
  Reconciliation room

Are these **interior (cont)**

- Yes No  
  Choir area  
  Restrooms/water fountains  
  Telephones

Are there one or two pews or rows of chairs 32" apart for use by people who use crutches, canes, or walkers?

- Yes  No

Have several pews or rows of chairs been shortened (preferably in various locations), enabling people in wheelchairs to sit with family/friends?  Yes  No

Are the following areas well lighted?

- Yes No  
  Parking area  
  Approach and entryways to buildings  
  Body of church  
  Sanctuary  
  Parish center/Hall  
  Other meeting/social-gathering spaces  
  Classrooms

**Visual Access to Worship and Activities:**

Are the facilities safe for persons with visual impairments?

- Yes No  
  Free of hazardous overhangs and protruding objects  
  Clearly marked abrupt changes in level

Which of the following does our parish use to make worship and activities accessible to people with visual impairment?

- Yes No  
  Large print material (worship aids, hymnals, bulletins, newsletters, signs)  
  Braille material  
  Audio description

**Auditory Access to Worship and Activities:**

Does our parish **have and use** the following to make worship and activities accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing?

- Yes No  
  Assistive listening devices (Infrared, Audio Loop, FM system)  
  Sign/oral interpreters  
  Written text of verbal presentations  
  Captioned audio visual materials

Are the following devices **available and in working condition**?

- Yes No  
  A visual emergency alarm system in the church, parish center/hall  
  A Telephone Device for the Deaf in parish administration center **and staff familiar with its use**

**Other**

Has there been a survey or is there a place on parish registration forms to ascertain if any parishioners have allergies or chemical sensitivities to such things as the wheat host, paint, perfume, cleaning fluids, incense, etc.?

- Yes  No

Have accommodations been made to enable such persons to participate in worship?

- Yes  No

Are **non-allergenic** incense and candles being used as part of worship?  Yes  No

Is there a place on parish registration forms for newcomers to indicate an allergy or special need that, **if met**, would allow fuller participation in Liturgy or other aspects of parish life?

- Yes  No