

DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

For St. Brigid Parish Liturgy Volunteers

Saturday, August 16, 2025

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

In Vance Hall

(Food will be provided)

Training conducted by: Diana Infante-De Leon

Diana is an early childhood special education teacher with 25 years of experience working with multilingual learners with and without disabilities. She pursues transformative research at UTSA as a third-year Interdisciplinary Learning & Teaching program doctoral student. Her work intersects language, culture, and special education, focusing on translanguaging and culturally responsive teaching for emergent bilinguals with disabilities. She addresses critical issues like disproportionality in special education, aiming to bridge theory and practice in bilingual special education for marginalized populations.

Building an Inclusive Parish Community

As a parish family, we are called to welcome all community members with open hearts. This training will help liturgy volunteers better understand how to support parishioners with disabilities and create a more inclusive worship environment.

Many families who have children with disabilities may feel uncertain about participating fully in parish life. Parents often worry about how the community will receive their child. Through this training, we can help ensure that all families feel genuinely welcomed and supported.

What You'll Learn

This awareness session will equip you with practical knowledge and skills to:

- Understand different types of disabilities and their impacts
- Recognize appropriate ways to offer assistance
- Create welcoming environments for all parishioners
- Support families who have members with disabilities
- Respond with compassion and understanding in various situations

Who Should Attend

This training is essential for all liturgy volunteers, including:

- Ushers and greeters
- Sacristans
- Eucharistic ministers
- Lectors
- Altar servers ages 16 on up
- Clergy and pastoral staff

As representatives of our parish community, we have the privilege and responsibility to ensure that every person who enters our doors feels the love of Christ through our actions.

Our Commitment

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops emphasizes that "persons with disabilities have the same right as all members of the community to pray and worship." This training supports our parish's commitment to creating an environment where all can participate fully in the life of our faith community.

Please RSVP by August 14, 2025

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