



# 'We Have a Story'

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## **Newsletter of the National Network for Disability and Spirituality**

**A Work of the Bishops Committee for the Family and for Life**

Welcome to the second edition of "We Have a Story", the quarterly newsletter of the National Network for Disability and Spirituality.

### **Articles**

Some articles are accompanied by images. Please refer to the Printable Version (PDF) for the full version of the document.

### **Congratulations!**

We extend our congratulations to one of our contacts, Associate Professor Christopher Newell. Read all about it at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/2005031213.pdf>

### **Invitation and Competition**

The Bishops Committee for the Family and for Life is seeking 'good news' stories for a new publication on the full participation for people with disability and their families in the life of the Church. The book will be launched to coincide with the celebration of International Day for People with Disabilities in December 2006. For full details go to <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/200503126.pdf>

### **Mental Illness - Sr Mary Trainor**

We hear so much these days about Mental Illness. It's always a mystery to me that the media seem to refer to people suffering this illness as "The mentally ill". Interestingly, we do not hear about "the arthritics" or "the diabetics" or "the cardiacs". Read the article at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/2005061219.pdf>

### **Taking Alex to RE – Mrs Catherine Hurley**

How Alex came to join the RE class for the first time in 2005 is a story that I often share with people because it is reasonably unique in my experience of having a disabled child. Read Catherine's story at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/2005031218.pdf>

### **Rodney's Story – Rev Trevor Whitney**

Through Rodney I've been compelled to understand more than ever that there is more to be "heard" in worship than can be absorbed through my ears. Read this article at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/2005071210.pdf>

### **Meet Edward – Sr Marie O'Shay**

The Whyalla West Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians endeavours to be inclusive and welcoming of people with a disability, be it physical or intellectual. Read this article at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/200508129.pdf>

### **Naomi – A Short Story – Mrs Rita Elswyk**

Recently Naomi received an award from our local Rotary Club and from the Rotary region. She spoke at a disability day breakfast at Monash University in front of lecturers and heads of campus about her experiences as a disabled student entering the workforce. Read this article at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/200503125.pdf>

### **Disability News – Rev Trevor Whitney**

A newsletter, produced by Reverend Trevor Whitney for UnitingCare South Australia, can be read at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/2005011114.pdf>

### **The Globe – One Family – Mr Sun Tae Yoo**

I am a disabled young man. I am a member of a literature association named SOT-DAE. I am serving at the association of mentally disabled people in South Korea. Read my poem "The Globe – One Family" at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/200502120.pdf>

## **'I Have a Story' reaches South Korea**

View some photographs from a Sunday school in South Korea after Sun Tae Yoo requested assistance and resources for children with disability to participate in the Sunday school programme. Read this witness of hope with some great images at

<http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/200503129.pdf>

## **News from the Dioceses**

### **Bathurst**

Jennifer Kellaway, our contact for the Diocese of Bathurst, sent us a report on the celebration of International Day for People with Disability in her Parish of St Brigid's in Dubbo. View the photographic images at

<http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/2005031219.pdf>

## **New Websites**

We have added the following websites to the Resource List. The completed Resource List can be viewed and downloaded from

<http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/200503106.pdf>

A Feast for All

<http://www.cctheo.org/disability.html>

Auslan Sign Bank

<http://www.auslan.org.au/index.cfm?skinname=content&page=6>

Australian Music Therapy Association

<http://www.austmta.org.au/>

Disability Rights Home Page

[http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability\\_rights/index.html](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability_rights/index.html)

Faith and Worship

<http://www.faithandworship.com/liturgy3.htm>

Lent Activities for Children

[http://www.catholicmom.com/kids\\_lent\\_activities.htm](http://www.catholicmom.com/kids_lent_activities.htm)

Pathways Awareness Foundation

[http://www.pathwaysawareness.org/Inclusion\\_Sunday\\_Workbook.php](http://www.pathwaysawareness.org/Inclusion_Sunday_Workbook.php)

People with Disability

<http://www.pwd.org.au/>

Picture Communication Symbols

[http://www2.edc.org/NCIP/tour/Resources\\_PictureSym.html](http://www2.edc.org/NCIP/tour/Resources_PictureSym.html)

The Lord's Prayer

<http://www.interviewwithgod.com/playprayer.htm>

## Major Events

Fifth World Meeting of Families

<http://www.wmf2006.org/en/>

World Youth Day – Sydney 2008

<http://www.wyd2008.org/>

## Subscription

**The main purpose of this newsletter** is to provide resources, stories, assistance, advice and up to date information on how we, as Church, can promote and encourage the full participation of people with disability and their families. The newsletter is a direct response to the consultation undertaken for 'I Have a Story'.

<http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/bc/famlife/2004090711.htm>

**'We Have a Story' Newsletter** is a project of the Disability Consultant of the Bishops Committee for the Family and for Life. This work has its origin and continued support of the Family Working Group, which is a lay arm of the Bishops Committee for the Family and for Life. More information on the Family Working Group is available at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/org/fwg/index.asp>

**For the audio version of the articles**, click on "Printable Version" to download the portable document format. Save the file to your computer, open the file, go to the View button and click on the 'read out loud' button for the audio version.

**"We Have a Story" is published quarterly.** Our next edition will be the winter edition in June 2006. Please direct articles, stories and any comments to the Disability Consultant at <mailto:disability@catholic.org.au>

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