

# Confidence and Capacity

## Parish communities knowing and supporting people with disability

This resource book is written to assist faith communities to reflect on their capacity to be communities in which people with disability are integral members.

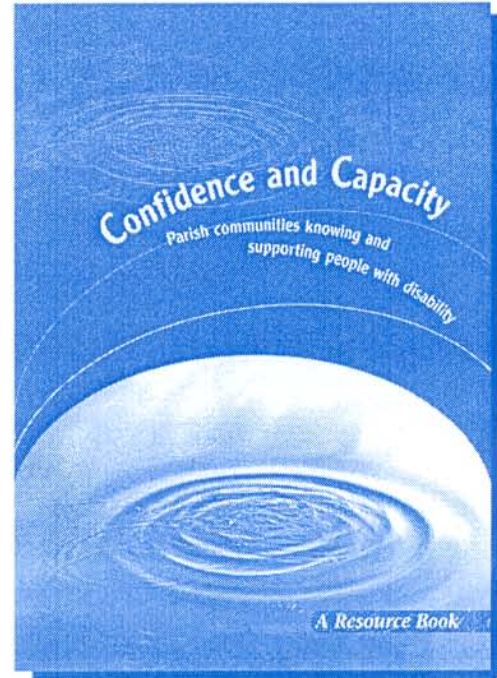
It is designed to build confidence in individuals and communities to develop the necessary actions that ensure that people with disability have every opportunity for full participation in their faith community.

The book is a learning tool with information about:

- disability as a pastoral priority and a theological issue;
- changes in community attitudes to people with disability;
- meeting and supporting people with disability in your faith community.

The book is a guide to action with suggestions about:

- networking and educating within your faith community;
- challenging your own ideas about people with disability and their place in the faith community;
- investigating what is already happening for people with disability in that community;
- working alongside people and their families to identify opportunities for participation;
- establishing a Parish Disability Connections group to facilitate change.



Confidence and Capacity is based on the experiences and insights of people with disability and their families, and their desire to be connected members of faith communities. The ripple effect is an image that richly captures the power of connections in community – each time one person acts, many people are reached. This book will assist you to identify how you can be part of a ripple effect in your own faith community.

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