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**Ministry for Persons with  
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Loss/Deafness**

**Ministry for Persons with  
Physical Disabilities**

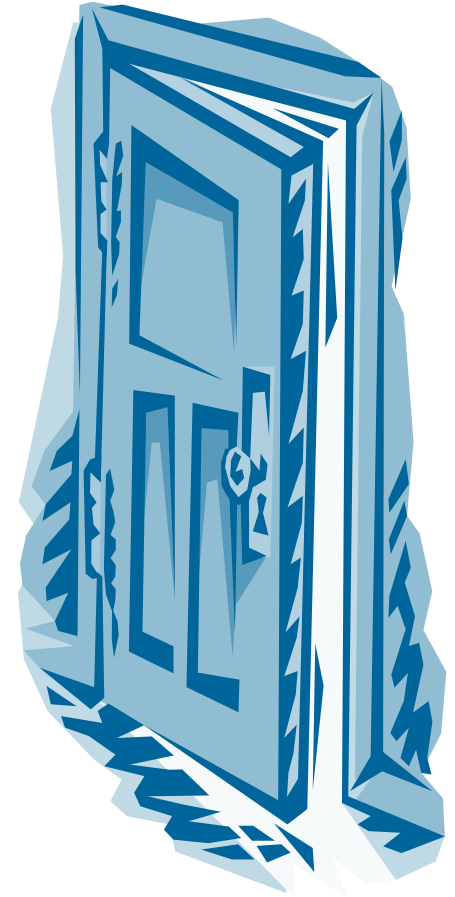
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# OPENING DOORS

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## OPENING DOORS



The Opening Doors Program is an educational awareness program of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh about understanding Persons with disabilities.

The program is designed for students, grades K through 12, in Catholic Schools, Religious Formation Programs, Youth and Parent Groups.

Staff of the Department for Persons with Disabilities, Persons with disabilities, and representatives of agencies who serve People with disabilities share with participants the needs, gifts and challenges surrounding various disabilities.

## PROGRAM

- **Prayer Service**  
“We are One Body”
- **DVD**  
“*Opening Doors*”
- **Presentations** on the spectrums of understanding Persons with:
  - *Cognitive Disabilities*
  - *Hearing Loss/Deafness*
  - *Physical Disabilities*
  - *Vision Loss/Blindness*
- **Resource Materials** for Participants

## PURPOSE

The goal of the program is to encourage participants. . .

- To see People with disabilities through the eyes of Christ.
- To dispel any myths or misconceptions they may have about People with disabilities.
- To grow in knowledge and understanding of disabilities.
- To open their hearts to welcome People with disabilities into friendship.

