

What is NCOD?

The National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to promoting Pastoral Ministry with persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

NCOD implements its ministry by collaborating with Bishops, diocesan leaders and pastors; by providing support to ordained and lay pastoral workers in Deaf Ministry and by assisting catechists and families with deaf children. NCOD is a clearinghouse of information and creates special media resources for Deaf Catholics.

Making a Difference

Outreach: NCOD Leads outreach efforts and collaborates with Dioceses and other organizations to foster the role and full participation of Catholic Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in the Catholic Church.

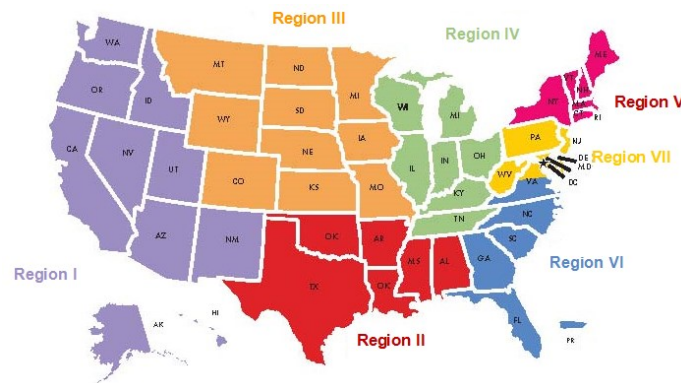


Accessibility: NCOD plays a key role in providing accessibility for spiritual growth and for training Pastoral Workers to work with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

Training: NCOD provides an annual Pastoral Week Conference as well as National Workshops, including:

- Spiritual Retreats
- Religious Education;
- Liturgical Interpreting; and
- Strategies for Surviving Abuse.

NCOD Structure



NCOD is led by a membership-elected Board of Directors which includes a representative from each of the seven Regions, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Pastoral Workers, and the International Catholic Deaf Association-United States.

The Beginning of NCOD

The bond between Deaf Culture and the Catholic Church has remained a vital one since the 18th century, when Abbe Charles L'Epee, a French priest established the first school for deaf people in the world! Here in the United States the Catholic Church has devoted over 150 years to serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals as well as promoting their full participation in the life of the Church and their community.

First established in 1971, NCOD strives to empower Deaf and Hard of Hearing Catholics—a culturally rich community with common language and experience, and assist them to answer God's call to Holiness which is common to all members of the Body of Christ.



For more information about NCOD,
Please visit: www.ncod.org

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*Serving the Church by
promoting the full and
active participation of
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
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Our Mission

“Spread God’s message through the support of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Pastoral Ministry so that we may all be one in Christ!”

To promote this mission, NCOD will:

- Act as a resource to Catholic Bishops in developing and/or supporting Deaf Ministry programs in their diocese.
- Focus on spiritual growth development that leads to ministry in the Catholic Church;
- Provide resources, pastoral training opportunities and networking;
- Develop and provide religious education materials;
- Increase awareness of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people by recognizing their language, culture, and experience;
- Collaborate with other organizations with similar missions; and
- Provide an annual pastoral Conference (Pastoral Week).

Membership Benefits

As a NCOD member, you will receive:

- Subscription to **Vision** quarterly (two printed issues per year and two online issues at www.ncod.org);
- Membership Directory (Biennial);
- Subscription to our ENewsletter.
- Voting privileges at business meetings during Pastoral Week;
- Reduced Registration fee at Pastoral Week;
- Opportunities for consultation, collaboration, support; and
- Resources (Members receive a special discount).



NOTE: *Student members receive only Vision and a 10% discount on the Member’s Directory.*

Our Resources

NCOD is a clearinghouse for Deaf Catholics and produces specialized media resources, including:

- “My First Eucharist” (*English and Spanish*);
- “My First Reconciliation” (DVD);
- “Strengthened in Faith: Confirmation” (DVD);
- “Liturgical Prayers in ASL: Basic Congregational Responses in the Mass” (DVD);
- “Policy for Working With Sign Language Interpreters in a Religious Setting”;
- “Principles for Understanding Deaf Ministry and Guidelines for Hiring Pastoral Ministers for the Deaf Community”; **and more...**

Membership Form

New Member Renewal **Vision Only**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Hearing

Phone (W): _____ TTY Voice Both VP

Phone (H): _____ TTY Voice Both VP

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Designated Voter (for Family and Executive Members only): _____

Annual Membership Fees (USA Rate):

- Pastoral \$70 Individual \$70
 Family \$100 Student \$35
 Executive (Diocese/Agency) \$250

Vision Subscription Only:

- One Year \$20 Two Years \$35

International Vision Subscribers:

- One Year \$30 Two Years \$55

Please send me printed copies of the two online issues of Vision.

Donate Today

NCOD is a non-profit organization that is supported by membership fees and donations. Donations and bequests are greatly appreciated.

Yes, I would like to donate \$ _____

Please mail your application or donation to:
National Catholic Office for the Deaf
c/o Arrow Bookkeeping
8737 Colesville Road, Suite 501
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Please use U.S. funds only. Thank you!

Or ONLINE : <http://www.ncod.org/membership>