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Dear colleague in ministry,

As you may know, the USCCB is beginning work around a pastoral document focused on persons with disabilities. The first stage of that process is attentive listening.

In short, we want to listen to you. You (or someone you might delegate) are invited to participate in a listening session with the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth in collaboration with the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) to guide us in the document's development. Specifically, we want to hear from you to see what the current needs are in your ministry (or ministries) and, if applicable, in your various areas of work with persons with disabilities. This particular session is intended for those clergy and religious in diocesan, parish, or other pastoral and ministerial settings, regardless of the individual experience or expertise with ministries with persons with disabilities.

A listening session for those clergy and religious who are serving in any form of ministry will be held on Wednesday, January 17, at 2pm EST. Please register for this session by using the link provided below.

Clergy and Religious Listening Session

Jan 17, 2024: 2:00 PM EST | 1:00 PM CST | 12:00 PM MST | 11:00 AM PST

Register in advance for the January 17 meeting [here](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. We look forward to hearing from you and other clergy and religious at this listening session. The work that you do each day is very much appreciated and we are grateful.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns about this invitation, you can contact Maria R. Parker at the USCCB at mrparker@usccb.org or by calling her at 202-541-3421.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Jarzembowski and Maria R. Parker

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