



# BENEFITS OF INCLUSION IN CATHOLIC CLASSROOMS



# MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

The Journey Begins  
A principal's Point of View



# WHO BENEFITS?

- STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
- PEERS
- TEACHERS & STAFF
- PARISH COMMUNITY



# BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

# MILD/MODERATE DISABILITIES

- Normalizes that everyone needs help
- As teachers learn skills to help students with more significant needs, they expand their toolbox to help those with lesser needs
- Culture of inclusion decreases bullying (often targets are students with mild/moderate disabilities)
- Para support in the classroom helps students with lesser needs

# Students with Significant Needs

- Prepares students for the real community they are a part of, including their faith community
- Increases their academic exposure and achievement
- Strengthens social skills and job skills
- Provides Peer models
- Build real and meaningful relationships within the community of learners

# Benefits for Peers

- Exposure to a more diverse group of learners
- Prepares them for the real community they will be a part of
- Additional support (Special Educators, Paras, therapists, etc.) help catch students who might fall through the cracks
- As teachers expand their toolbox of teaching strategies and supports, all students benefit.
- Teaches our Catholic values in a real life setting

# Benefits for Teachers & Staff

- Expands their toolbox
- Techniques they learn can be transferred to other students
- Allows them to live their faith more fully



# Benefits for the Parish Community

- Brings the *Mission* of our Church to Life
- Increases Awareness
- Pushes us to grow from acceptance to embracing
- Brings community together - gives us a common goal
- Brings healing



Q & A

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!