

"Inclusion begins in our hearts. It begins with affirmation. We should open our hearts to one another and recognize the strengths of every person... When we open our hearts and our community to the gifts each person brings, we are all strengthened."

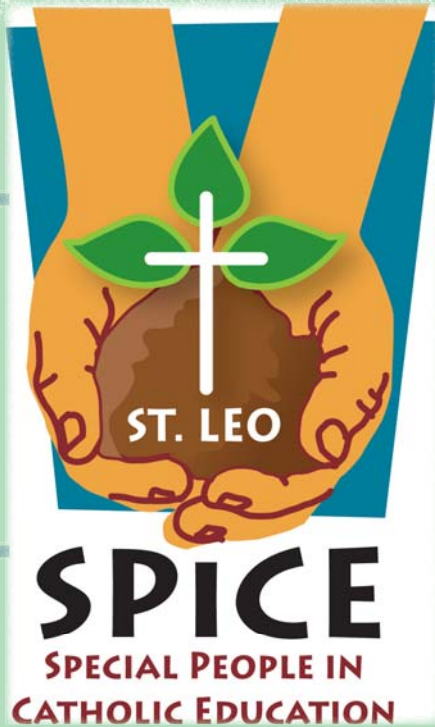
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

"It is not our purpose to become each other; it is to recognize each other, to learn to see the other and honor him for what he is."

Hermann Hesse

"It is not how much we do... but how much love we put into that action."

Blessed Mother Teresa



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Disability is not a punishment; indeed it is a privilege, which God uses to manifest His love and to work His wonders.*



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Dear Friends of Catholic Education,

The Diocese of Lexington is proud of our Catholic Schools and the many accomplishments our students have realized over the past twenty one years. As we continue to look toward the future, one of the important issues currently being addressed in our schools is the inclusion of students who may have special learning needs.

Through the work of the Office of Catholic Schools, the Diocesan Inclusion Committee and the dedication of the professional staff in individual schools, we are working to develop a culture where all students, whether gifted or with specific learning needs, may be served effectively in our Catholic Schools. The issue of inclusion will continue to be a point of emphasis for the Diocese of Lexington in all of our educational programs so that children can attend the school where they can receive an excellent education, and be nurtured in their journey of faith formation.

There are many special accomplishments involving the inclusion effort that have been made in our diocese. One particular effort that has been undertaken successfully is the initiation of the SPICE Program at St. Leo School. The SPICE Program (Special People in Catholic Education), is making a difference for children and helping to create a culture in our schools that supports and effectively provides an environment in which all of our children can thrive. The staff at St. Leo School is to be commended for their dedication to all children and for the necessary learning and development that comes with the creation of new programs.

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lexington will continue to advance the cause of inclusion through SPICE and other important program and curricular advancements, toward our goal of effectively serving all of our children.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Lexington



William A. Farnau
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

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Dear Parish Community,

Our parish family is very fortunate to have embarked on a new program we have adopted from St. Catherine Catholic Church, in Columbus Ohio, called Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE).

The SPICE program will provide ALL of us with an example of a living Catholic community that places the dignity of the individual and the call to human relationship at the center of the educational experience.

This program will serve us in all areas of our parish and school including PREP, St Leo School, Youth Ministries, Family Ministries, Liturgical Ministries and RCIA.

We pray that you will consider being a part of our commitment to these wonderfully talented young people through this innovative program. St. Leo SPICE will bring richness to the lives of everyone in our parish community and beyond. Add SPICE to your life!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sr. Mary Ann Warner
Parish Life Director

Fr. Dan Noll
Parish Priest

Mrs. Cathie Nuno
St Leo School Principal

Pat Newell
PREP Coordinator

"The challenge of learning to know, to be with, and to care for a person with disabilities is nothing less than learning to know, to be with, and love God" (Arthur McGill, quoted by S. Hauerwas in Suffering Presence, 1986).

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

"My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action" (1 John 3:18).

SPICE puts faith into action.

SPICE is rooted in the gospel values affirmed in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's statement, *Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities: A Framework of Access and Inclusion* (www.usccb.org).

SPICE supports our parish by providing services to meet not only the individualized needs of students, but also offers benefits for all in our parish community.

SPICE provides additional funding for classroom aides, continuing education for faculty and staff, classroom support materials, software, and more.

SPICE supports inclusion by bringing the awareness necessary to embrace the diversity of parishioners; thus promoting understanding, compassion and respect.

SPICE is a program designed to support the education and formation of people with special needs in our parish community.

SPICE provides ALL people with an example of a living Catholic community that places the dignity of the individual and the call to human relationship at the center of the educational experience.

How can you be a part of SPICE?

Your prayers, commitment and financial support are all needed for the success of the SPICE Program. All of the above are equally important, and we thank you for whatever you can do. All gifts are tax deductible. Gifts of securities are easily accepted and corporate matching programs are welcome. Questions can be directed to 859.873.4591 or stleospice@saintleoky.org.

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