

## **Ministry for Person with Special Needs (MPSN)**

Diane Hietpas is the Diocesan consultant for the Ministry for Persons with Special Needs. Diane has a Master's Degree in Education and Special Education and has 35 years of experience working with students with special needs in public & private school systems. She may be able to assist with students who are experiencing difficulties in the classroom due to academic or cognitive challenges such as:

- learning disabilities
- dysgraphia
- non-verbal learning disabilities
- autism spectrum disorders
- cognitive delays
- fetal alcohol syndrome
- long/short term processing deficits
- attention deficit disorder
- traumatic brain injury
- other disabilities

She is also able to assist teachers with students who exhibit social or behavioral challenges in the classroom due to:

- diagnosed mental health disorders
- having experienced trauma

Diane is available to provide teacher inservice trainings or other professional development opportunities on a variety of disability topics. She will also recommend resources that could be used in the home and classroom.

Please contact Beth Johnson at the diocesan office to make arrangements for Diane's services:

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**Grant Money is available to help pay for Diane's services and/or resources needed for students through The Ministry for Persons with Special Needs Committee (MPSN). The Office for Catechesis and Evangelization coordinates the Committee, which consists of Directors of Pastoral Curia Offices. Contact Ann Lankford at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org) for more information.**