



## The PCI Portal

A Monthly Newsletter from Porto Charities, Inc.

At Porto Charities, Inc. our mission is to increase the educational and employment opportunities available to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through grants and advocacy programs supporting the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, VA.

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## From the Director's Desk...

Dear Friends of Porto,

Two very important, and exciting, educational opportunities are right around the corner as we enter the month of November.

On **Saturday, Nov 5, 2022**, Porto Charities will be co-hosting along with Bishop O'Connell High School and the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, a half-day, in-person conference entitled: **"From Inclusion to Belonging: Embracing Disability as Part of the Church."** This event is for clergy, catechists, youth ministers, school teachers and administrators, parents and ALL advocates interested in increasing access to Catholic Education, employment, faith formation, and community resources for individuals with disabilities. More details below...



Then on **Thursday, Nov 10, 2022**, Porto will launch a BRAND NEW webinar series called **"Porto Charities Presents..."** where we discuss topics that affect families and intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals on a more personal level. Our first entry into this venue is called **"Estate Planning for Individuals with Special Needs and their Families."** This is a very important topic that many of us need more information on as we look to plan for our, and our families', future. We hope you decide to join us for this presentation and conversation...details down below.

## Inclusion in Action Webinar Series

We had a great turnout for our **Inclusion in Action Webinar Series** this past Monday night.

In her presentation, **"Growing Inclusion,"** Monica Choquette laid out the 5 core concepts of inclusion and how they are put into practice at the Basilica School of St. Mary. Monica explained each concept, gave an example and shared a wealth of resources for implementing each one.

Her inspiring presentation sparked a lively and collaborative discussion. Monica will be at the **Nov. 5th conference at Bishop O'Connell**. Please register [here](#) to continue the conversation in person!

Thank you to Monica for an amazing presentation and to all who attended.



## INCLUSION IN ACTION WEBINAR SERIES

GROWING INCLUSION:  
THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY'S  
SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH  
DISABILITIES

MONDAY OCT. 24TH  
7:00pm-8:15pm

PRESENTER: MONICA CHOQUETTE  
INCLUSION COORDINATOR  
BASILICA OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL



School administrators, teachers and parents:  
You won't want to miss this great opportunity to learn about the  
'Mater Dei' services provided for children with disabilities in a  
Catholic School in the Diocese of Arlington, VA.

TO ACCESS FREE ZOOM LINK REGISTER AT:  
WWW.PORTOCHARITIES.ORG/PORTOEVENTS



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## From Inclusion to Belonging



*From Inclusion to Belonging*  
EMBRACING DISABILITY AS  
PART OF THE CHURCH

### 2022 CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY:



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
ARLINGTON



# SPEAKERS



**BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE**  
CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST  
AT MASS



**REV. ROBERT CILINSKI**  
PASTOR, NATIVITY CHURCH



**JOYCE KELLY**  
TRANSITION SPECIALIST

KEYNOTE CONVERSATION

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**KEVIN BOHLI**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
OFFICE OF YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES,  
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



**MARY DESMARAIS**

FOUNDER,  
CATHOLIC INCLUSION SERVICES, LLC



**DR. NANCY EMANUEL**

COORDINATOR FOR SPECIAL NEEDS  
MINISTRIES, DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



**WARD JONES**

CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER,  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



**CHARLEEN KATRA**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP  
ON DISABILITY



# 05 NOV

8:00AM-12:30PM

AT BISHOP  
O'CONNELL  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ARLINGTON, VA

\$10 REGISTRATION



**A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ON INCLUSION  
FEATURING:**

- Inspiring Keynote Conversation
- Informative Breakout Sessions
- Exhibition and Networking Area
- Sensory Mass Celebrated by Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge

This event is for clergy, catechists, youth ministers, school teachers and administrators, parents and all advocates interested in increasing access to Catholic education, employment, faith formation, and community resources for individuals with disabilities.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT: [WWW.BISHOPOCONNELL.ORG/BELONGING](http://WWW.BISHOPOCONNELL.ORG/BELONGING)

Register Here

## Porto Charities Presents...



# Porto Charities

Presents

## ESTATE PLANNING FOR INDIVIDUALS

with Special Needs and their Families



Register at:  
[bit.ly/portoestate](https://bit.ly/portoestate)

**Lamya Moosa**  
Attorney at Law



**Kelly A. Thompson**  
Attorney at Law



**Wills,**  
Special Needs  
**Gov. Benefits,**  
POA, Trusts,  
**POD**

**THURSDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 10**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Zoom Webinar**

[Register Here](#)

## Did You Know?

### Tax-Smart Charitable Giving

Donating appreciated marketable securities (stocks, bonds, or mutual funds) that have been held for more than one year is the most popular non-cash asset donated to a 501(C)(3) public charity. This donation method is popular because it offers many advantages.

Donors who use this strategy can generally eliminate the capital gains tax they would pay if they sold the marketable securities first and donated the cash proceeds. The donor may also claim a charitable donation for the fair market value of the securities at the time the gift is made.

**Porto Charities Inc.** is an excellent gifting option since we have the expertise for receiving, processing, and liquidating the donated marketable securities. To learn how we can assist you in donating appreciated marketable securities to Porto Charities Inc., **please contact John Reidt, PCI Treasurer at [treasurer@portocharities.org](mailto:treasurer@portocharities.org).**

Please consult with your tax advisor or wealth manager to determine if donating marketable securities is appropriate for you and your family.

# Thank You for Supporting Porto Charities, Inc.!

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