

# Archdiocese of Seattle Faith Formation Newsletter June 26 , 2017

## Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

We hope you are at the beginning of a summer filled with God's grace and joy! **As we enter this time for vacations, we will be sending out this newsletter just once or twice a month, until the beginning of the school year.**

We know many of you use the summer to plan out your upcoming catechetical sessions. Priscilla McKinney at Our Lady Star of the Sea, has kindly shared her [liturgical calendar mapping tool](#) with us. She does a great job matching Essential Concepts from our Religion Standards to the Sunday Gospel readings. Please check it out!

We also would like to bring a few items to your attention. First of all, there is a **training on Autism Spectrum Disorder at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Seattle** June 29th. Take a look at the [flyer](#) for more information.

Secondly, **Bishop Barron** recently recorded a [video](#) promoting our **October Cornerstone Conference**. We recommend you consider adding it to your parish website and to share it with your catechists!

We have heard from many of you regarding possible **job opportunities**. If you haven't looked at the parish openings posted on the [NW Catholic classified webpage](#), please do so.

Our featured "Essential Concepts" for this newsletter is **The Laity: Rights and Responsibilities**. Once again, Lisa has found some great [video clips](#) to add to your media resource list!

In Christ,

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## Essential Religious Education Concepts

### The Laity: Rights & Responsibilities [897-913, 2041]

*The Essential Concepts come from the Table of Contents for the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). They have been re-organized to fit under the Six Tasks of Catechesis. CCC articles numbers associated with each Essential Concept are listed throughout this document. Referencing CCC article numbers is a recommended resource for catechist preparation.*

**TASK 5 - Education for Community Life**- Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church-the Body of Christ and the community of believers-as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints, and their family, the Domestic Church.

### Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

#### Religious Education Standards-Essential Concepts Bibliography from the LMC\*

*\*Please note the Library's Essential Concepts list is a working document, being updated on an ongoing basis.*

#### Online Resources-Links and Videos

#### Our Hears are Burning Within Us-A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States

**What ARE Lay Leaders?**-In the 1960s the Catholic Church released the document "Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity". In it the Catholic Church strove to add new life to the laity by giving firm theological affirmations about what it means to be a Christian lay man or women. In it they declared that God's plan for the world is for human beings to "renew and perfect" the temporal order. [Continue reading](#)

**Catechist Journey-Thinking of Becoming a Catechist** Are you thinking of becoming a catechist? Or are you a catechetical leader, looking for ways to help parishioners understand what it means to be a volunteer catechist? Here are some resources to help. [Continue reading](#)

[Bishop Barron on Vatican II and the Power of the Laity](#)



[Role of Laity](#)



[Catholic Word of the Day - Laity](#)

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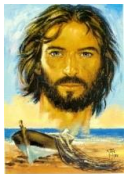
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## Spanish Faith Formation/Formación para la Fe en Español

### TAREAS DE LA CATEQUESIS.



Tarea 3: La catequesis promueve la formación moral en Jesucristo. "La catequesis moral tiene como objetivo adecuar al creyente a Cristo, es decir, producir una transformación y conversión personales. Debe animar al creyente a dar testimonio... de la enseñanza de Cristo en la vida cotidiana. Ese testimonio demuestra las consecuencias sociales de las exigencias del evangelio".

### CATEQUISTA COMO LIDER:

En la página de Catholic.net Mayu Anaya de Dollero escribió un artículo sobre el rol del catequista como líder. En el menciona la importancia de tener clara nuestra misión que recibimos en el bautismo. Para leer el artículo completo, visita el siguiente enlace:



<http://es.catholic.net/op/articulos/64974/el-catequista-lider.html>

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## Upcoming Catechetical Events

### Fortnight for Freedom 2017

June 21-July 4, 2017-Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21-the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More-to July 4, Independence Day. For resources, click [here](#).

### New Ministers Orientation & Youth Ministers Fall Gathering

September 5th, 6th 2017 | ABRC @ Palisades | [More details to come!](#)

### Catechetical Sunday 2017

This year, the Church will celebrate [Catechetical Sunday](#) on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

### Liturgy Workshop Opportunities

Spread the word about these liturgical workshops, events and formation opportunities from the Liturgy Office. Please see the Liturgy Office [Workshop & Events](#) page for more information.

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## Formation Opportunities

### Autism Spectrum Disorder: The Facts

Thursday, June 29, 2017 | 7:00-9:00 pm | St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Seattle | Victoria Hall | Please attend for a presentation by Ashley Penney, PhD, BCBA-D, the director of Applied Behavior Analysis Services at the University of Washington. Ashley will provide an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder, discuss services for individuals with autism and be available to answer questions. Click [here](#) for more info and to register

### Cornerstone Catholic Conference 2017

Cornerstone Catholic Conference: An opportunity to gather with other Catholics and hear inspiring presentations by Bishop Robert Barron, Professor Helen Alvaré, and other great speakers including the Washington State Bishops. It all takes place October 20-21 at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. Go to [CornerstoneCatholic.org](#) to sign up.

### 2016-2017 Retreat Calendar

There are many opportunities for retreats at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades. Please take a look at the retreat schedule and see what great retreats are coming up! To learn more about the Retreat Center, click [here](#).



## Foundations of Our Catholic Faith - CCP Program

This program includes Scripture, Theology, Catechetics, and Church History to support the Church's mission to evangelize. FOUNDATIONS...provides an opportunity to hear the Gospel message, understand the Church's teachings, and grow in the fullness of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. For class schedules, registration and more, visit the CCP [webpage](#) *While the current program is being updated, Year 2 & 3 will be available for current participants as on-demand webinars, beginning this Fall.*

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## **Grief Support Ministry**

Listed in this section are some upcoming events and resources that are occurring in the specified parishes related to grief support. As new events and resources become available, they will be added to this section. *Please let us know if there are related events happening around the Archdiocese that should be shared here.*



### ***Healing Ministry for Divorced Catholics***

St. Joseph Parish, Vancouver offers a 12 week DVD and discussion [program](#) called "*The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide*". Many people find themselves stuck in pain and anger after the breakdown of their marriage, but the church is here to help. The group facilitator will guide you and others who are separated or divorced through the DVDs in a private, confidential group support environment. Contact Diane Boggs 360-823-2828, [diane@stjoevan.org](mailto:diane@stjoevan.org).

### ***St. Louise, Bellevue***

**Bereavement Support Ministry** - Our mission is to support the grieving process after the death of a loved one. This is achieved with one-on-one contact and a monthly support group which includes prayer, sharing our stories and learning from one another. Meetings are on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 7PM** in the Parish Center. Contact Kathy Riley at 425-4450-x5466 or [Kathy@stlouis.org](mailto:Kathy@stlouis.org)

### ***Beginning Experience Program***

**Beginning Experience** - Divorced, Widowed or Separated? If you are ready to deal with the grief of being widowed, divorced or separated, there is help. As a faith-based organization, *Beginning Experience* offers men and women the opportunity & skills to build deeper self respect, to cope with the pain of loss, and to move into the future with renewed hope. Join us for a weekend away for a lifetime of change - available twice a year, in April & October.

### ***St James Cathedral, Seattle***

**Grief Support Group**-meets Wednesdays, *June 21st through August 2nd, 2017.* The grieving process has no timeline and is unique to each individual, but meeting with others who are going through a similar experience can provide support and help us cope. You are invited to join a new 6-week grief support group facilitated by St. James Cathedral Staff- Nancy Granger, Suzanne Lee, and Rosanne Michaels

### ***St. John the Baptist, Covington***

**Grief Ministry**- meets every 2nd Weds at 7 PM, providing compassionate and confidential support to parishioners and families who have suffered a loss. Various tools

are provided that will help manage the grieving process, fostering hope through faith, prayer, and fellowship, with God's love and grace as our guide. Meetings are open to anyone in the Archdiocese. (Richard: 949.290.8670, Page: 253.569.5326, or Frank 425.241.9190)

### ***St. Michael Church, Olympia***

**Faith Based Support Groups**-Support groups offered for those who are grieving and have a heavy heart.

**Safe Crossings-A Children's Grief Support Program**-A program for children who are facing or have experienced the loss of a loved one.

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## **Archdiocesan News**

### **CYO Summer Camps**

Registration is Open! We are starting to fill some of our more popular programs. [Register](#) today to reserve your spot!



### **NW Catholic APP**

Northwest Catholic is your source for Catholic News and Western Washington and the Archdiocese of Seattle. The is packed with features to help you catch up on current learn, and interact with the Catholic community.



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### **NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews**

Check out the latest reviews on [TV](#), [movies](#) and [books](#). Also, check out the [crossword puzzles](#)-a great way to learn more about the Catholic Faith!

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## **MyUSCCB**

*This Week in Ministry provides timely content every week formatted for use in a variety of ways: parish bulletins, websites, E-newsletters, social media and more.*

***Featured This Week (Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time) What Is Holy Leisure?*** Freelance writer Paul Senz expounds on the concept of holy leisure. He explains that it is not about doing what we want, but is instead about taking the time to do important things and truly giving ourselves over to God.



To learn more about MyUSCCB and to sign up for this helpful resource, visit the [USCCB website](#) for more information.

## NCCL-Catechetical Update



**Are you New to Adult Faith Formation? A Seasoned Veteran looking for fresh ideas-** Watch an [exciting and informative webinar](#) on the Faith Formation for the Generations and Seasons of Adulthood. Catechesis is most successful when adults can relate the practice of the faith to their everyday lives. In this webinar John Roberto, shared keys ideas and strategies for making your adult faith formation sessions more relevant to the specific needs of your audience. Join the on-going discussion with catechetical leaders from around the country as we strive to enhance the practice of adult faith formation today!

**Walk with Christ. Camina con Cristo-NCCL Annual Conference-Save the Date!** May 30-June 2, 2018. Rosemont Illinois. Registration begins Fall 2017. For more information, click [here](#). *Apart from the opportunity for prayer, rejuvenation, and formation, our gathering will provide us with the best opportunity to come together as catechetical professionals for networking. We are the nation's experts (diocesan, parish, academics, and resource providers) on evangelization and what makes NCCL an extraordinary organization is that it brings together the full complement of ministry collaborators.*

To learn more about this organization and view their resources, visit the [website](#).

## Featured Websites

### V ENCUESTRO

What is the Goal of the [V Encuentro](#)? The main goal of the V Encuentro is to discern ways in which the Church in the United States can better respond to the Hispanic/Latino presence, and to strengthen the ways in which Hispanics/Latinos respond to the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church.



To learn more, get parish resources and watch a video with a special message from Bishop Elizondo, check out the Archdiocese of Seattle's V National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry [page](#).

## Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions on Video

Apostleship of Prayer receives monthly prayer intentions from the Pope and urges Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer for those intentions. Each month Pope Francis will film his monthly prayer intention and it will be distributed on social media. Check back for a new video on the next month's prayer intention.



Eliminate Arms Trade

## The Faith Series: Faith in Action

The Faith Series booklets are a great way to help Catholics expand their grasp on various elements of the faith through conversation and small group sharing. Designed to facilitate open discussion among the participants, these booklets allow Catholics at all levels of catechesis to experience ongoing formation in a personal and community-based way.

## Word On Fire Show

A weekly podcast from Bishop Robert Barron on faith and culture. Each week, the Word On Fire Show will release a new episode featuring Bishop Barron and our Content Director, Brandon Vogt. To learn more information and find out how to subscribe (iPhone, Android, PC, etc.) to this great resource, click [here!](#)



## TeamRCIA

TeamRCIA is a free online resource for Catholic parishes and dioceses that want to form Christians for life. Offers a variety of online and in-person training for church ministers and volunteers, through webinars, e-mail courses, downloads, discussion forums, and training events led by experts in the field of initiation ministry.

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## Catholic Publishers

[Loyola Press](#)

[st. Mary's Press](#)

[Our Sunday Visitor](#)

[Ave Maria Press](#)

[Sadlier](#)

[Ascension Press](#)

[RCL Benziger](#)

[Lighthouse Catholic Media](#)

[Ignatius Press](#)

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## Helpful Links

### Real Life Catholic

Real Life Catholic's purpose is to ignite a bold, contagious faith in the heart of every Catholic in America, by building a movement of Catholics who share the beauty, power and truth of the Gospel with a world that has largely forgotten.

### NFCYM-Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth

A collaborative effort by four national Catholic organizations to help church leaders envision how the Catholic Church can more effectively partner with parents to help bring home the faith.

### Vibrant Faith at Home

Vibrant Faith @ Home supports Christian leaders and families who are intentional about their faith and religious practice as they raise the next generation of committed Christians.

### Word On Fire

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Father Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into- or back to- the Catholic faith. Word on Fire is evangelical; it proclaims Jesus Christ as the source of conversion and new life. Word on Fire is Catholic; it utilizes the tremendous resources of the Roman Catholic tradition-art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the saints- in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ.

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