

Archdiocese of Seattle Faith Formation Newsletter January 9, 2017

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

The registration for our Redeeming Conflict retreat on February 9-10 is now [open](#)! We are truly excited about this upcoming event!

Our "Essential Concept" this week is **The Human Person** and we have some great online [videos](#) for you on this topic.

When we speak about the Human Person, it is a good time to highlight the new *Pastoral Letter: Who is My Neighbor?* from our Washington State Bishops and to let you know that parish study guides, videos and other resource materials can be found at WSCC's [YouTube](#) channel and the [website](#).

Also related to this week's Essential Concept is the ongoing work we are doing for child and youth safe touch. We have recently added new resources and updated lesson plans to the Safe Environment Faith Formation and Youth Ministry [webpage](#). *The high school lesson plan will be posted on this page within a week.*

In Christ,

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Essential Religious Education Concepts

The Human Person [26-48, 1691-1876, 1928-1948]

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 Concepts are listed throughout this document. Referencing CCC article numbers is a recommended resource for catechist preparation.

TASK 3- Moral Formation - Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, as modeled in a personal life of virtue, and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.

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

Catechist Journey-God's Revealing Moments [\(LINK\)](#)

God's Revealing Moments (Human Desire, Revelation, and Faith)

C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - Does God Really Exist?



Desire for Union with God

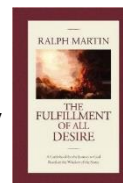


[Why Do We Believe in God](#)

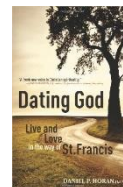


Resources from the LMC on The Human Person

The Fulfillment of All Desire: A Guidebook for the Journey to God Based on the Wisdom of the Saints (Ralph Martin) Drawing upon the teaching of seven Spiritual Doctors of the Church, Ralph Martin presents an in-depth study of the journey to God. This book provides encouragement and direction for the pilgrim who desires to know, love, and serve our Lord.



Dating God: Live and Love in the Way of St. Francis (Daniel Horan) With fresh insight and a deep personal spirituality, Horan points out that the desire, uncertainty, and love we experience in relationship with God resembles our earthly relationships: We set aside time for the people who are most important to us. Horan reminds us that St. Francis of Assisi understood and even described his relationship with God in a similar way. Drawing from the Franciscan tradition, *Dating God* encourages us to see St. Francis's spirituality in a new light, challenging us to reexamine our own spirituality, prayer, and relationships, and inviting us into a more intimate relationship with our Creator.



Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: A Guide for Spiritual Transformation (Albert Haase) In thirty-three short chapters, Albert Haase gives you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life - and then shows you how to fan it into flame until you are set ablaze. This book glows with time-tested wisdom as an experienced spiritual director shares the secrets of the

saints. Feel cold? Or maybe just smoldering? With supplemental reading suggestions and reflection questions, this eminently practical book functions like a personal, spiritual retreat.

God in Between (Sandy Eisenberg Sasso) When two wise people leave their lonely, confused town to find out if God really does exist, they make an amazing discovery about where He can be found.



Looking for an archived newsletter? Check this [link](#) for all previous editions.

Library Media Center Resources

Resource Lists

The Library Media Center has several of the materials listed available. Contact the [library](#) to request items. Our [online catalog](#) is also available to search for materials.

Library Media Center January Check It Out newsletter-National Migration Week resources and new items added to the catalog-new DVDs and books!

Upcoming Catechetical Events

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

Contact the [Office of Catholic Faith Formation](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

PAFF Deanery Meetings

Religious Education Standards and Touching Safety Training (Register [here](#))

South Sound Deanery-Wednesday, January 14th | 9:00-12:00 | St. Columban Church, Yelm.

An Encounter with "Dreamers": The People Behind the Statistics

Monday, January 9, 2017 | 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Chancery Bldg., 910 Marion St. | January 8-14, 2017 is ***National Migration Week of the United States Conference of Catholic***

Bishops (USCCB): Creating a Culture of Encounter. The evening will begin with opening remarks by Most Reverend Eusebio Elizondo providing the USCCB's perspective and will be followed by a brief video on this topic. The video will be followed by a panel conversation with fellow Catholic "Dreamers" from our area moderated by Michael Ramos. At the end of the panel discussion, we will have a Q&A session to collectively explore ways of responding to Pope Francis' and the U.S. Bishops' call to foster a culture of encounter. For more information, contact Joe Cotton:

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206-382-4847.

Mass For Life

Monday, January 23rd, 2017 | 9:30 am | Marcus Pavilion, Saint Martin's University, Lacey
Due to limited parking, all are encouraged to use buses or carpool. Directions to campus and parking are available [online](#). For Mass details: Liturgy Office, 206-382-4878. For parking and other questions: ocff@seattlearch.org For planning purposes, please view this [letter](#) from the Liturgy Office asking for some attendee information. Please pass it on to those who plan on attending this event.

Christifideles Program

The Christifideles program offers graduate formation in Theology & Ministry [*Seattle U's School of Theology & Ministry, University of Portland's MAPM Program, University of Dallas' School of Theology & Ministry*] partnered with formation & Archdiocesan certification for Lay Ecclesial Ministers. ***Recruitment is now taking place for the 2017-2018 academic year.*** Please contact the Office of Catholic Faith Formation, 206-382-4096; ocff@seattlearch.org.

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.

The Rocks and Stones will Start to Sing

Saturday, January 28th, 2017 | 10:00am -3:00pm | Isaac Orr Conference Center,
Chancery Presenter: Tony Varas, Director of Worship, Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey.
Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

PAFF Retreat Redeeming Conflict: Fruitful Ways To Minister Together

February 9-10, 2017 | ABRC @ Palisades | Conflict can be a blessing and a fruitful exchange that arises from living and working together in the diverse world God created. In this retreat, Ann Garrido will offer practical habits for responding to conflict, pair each habit with a spiritual companion from history, and offer questions and prayers for growth.

Springtime in Paris: Cabrini Ministry Training Annual Dinner & Auction

Saturday, February 11, 2017 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm | Our Lady of the Lake Event Center,
Seattle | Join us for an evening of dinner, drinks, bidding and fun! We'll have both a Silent and a Live Auction, Gift Baskets to win by Raffle, and the ever popular Dessert Dash. For more details and registration, click [here](#).

Formation Opportunities

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](#).

Digital Discipleship Boot Camp

Do you want a new learning experience? Do you need to gain digital skills? Or perhaps you want to join a network of Digital Disciples so that you will always have access to the best practices in technology for ministry. Please consider **Digital Discipleship Boot Camp** online training course. Learn more at Digital Discipleship's [event](#) page.

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

2017 DATES: February 23, 2017 (Youth Day) & February 24-26, 2017 | Theme: "**Embrace Trust**" | Held at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California. [Register](#) today! To learn more, click [here](#).

A Parish Built to Last Retreat for Pastors and Faith Formation Directors

June 30-July 2, 2017 | Led by Fr. Bill Watson, SJ. | ABRC@Palisades, Federal Way | Built to Last is the most fully resourced parish Ignatian program available today. *Forty Weeks and the Whole-Life Confession* help parishes accomplish what Sherry Weddell did in her important book, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, which says it is needed for activating the new evangelization that Popes from St. John Paul II to Francis has been calling individual Catholics and parishes to make a reality. This evangelization retreat will include the theological and spiritual components of *Forty Weeks* and *The Whole-Life Confession* presented by Fr. Watson. It will also include presentations from laity and clergy from Seattle Archdiocesan parishes who have been successfully implementing the both programs in their parishes. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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](#).

Mass & Celebration with our Community with Special Needs

Saturday, April 1, 2017 | Mass: 11:00 am | St. James Cathedral, Seattle | Reception and Spring Dance to follow Mass at O'Dea High School, Seattle. For more [information](#), contact Erica Cohen Moore 206-382-4852 | ericac@seattlearch.org

Cornerstone Catholic Conference: Together for Life and Justice (NEW)

October 20-21, 2017 | Tacoma | [Save the date!](#)-More information and registration details will be available in the coming months.

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.*



Grief Support Meeting (UPDATED!!)

Tuesday, **February 14, 2016** | 9:30 am -2:30 pm | St. Vincent de Paul Church, Federal Way | Mary Hejnal will present on how we can best serve those dealing with loss. We will also spend time talking about why having a faith centered program is so helpful. We will also discuss the best ways to share resources on the new Archdiocesan webpage for **Grief Support Ministry** found under Pastoral Care-to be coming soon.

St. John the Baptist, Covington (NEW)

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

Bridge of Hope Grief Support Ministry-8-week group meetings where those who are grieving come together to pray, learn and share with each other.

Archdiocesan News

OYYAE Website

Announcing the official launch of oyyae.org, their new online home! Feedback is welcome and encouraged! Please let us know how we can improve this new home, as well as serve you better.

NW Catholic App

The NW Catholic App is now available! [Download](#) it for Apple or Android.

NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

Check NW Catholic for the latest reviews on [books](#) and [movies](#)

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 (First Week of Ordinary Time): *Walking in the Shoes of the Magi* Freelance writer David Gibson writes about Pope Francis's belief that we all resemble the Magi in an important way, a teaching that the pope expressed in a homily for the feast of the Epiphany in 2014.

National Migration Week (Jan. 8-14, 2017) For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

To learn more about MyUSCCB and to sign up for this helpful resource, visit the **USCCB** website for more information.

NCCL-Catechetical Update



The National Conference of Catechetical Leaders publishes a weekly newsletter following the Six Tasks of Catechesis.

A 4-Day Journey through Transformational Encounters...

*Monday, May 22 - Contemplation - Personal Transformation
Tuesday, May 23 - Imagination - Prophetic Communal Transformation
Wednesday, May 24 - Vision - Articulating a Catechetical Future
Thursday, May 25 - Missionary - Leadership for the World*

Learn more about the Transformative Leadership theme for #NCCL2017 here.

Webinar Series on Amoris Laetitia

The four Catholic organizations comprising the Strong Catholic Families national partnership (NFCYM, NCEA, NCCL and NACFLM) are collaborating together this fall/winter to host a free four-part webinar series for pastoral and ministry leaders and teachers on Amoris Laetitia entitled *The Pastoral Response in Accompanying Families in Faith*. Our goal is to inspire leaders to come up with authentic pastoral responses to Amoris Laetitia, and to engage them in accompanying families in bringing home the faith.

To learn more about this organization and view their resources, visit the **website**.

Featured Websites

RE Congress 2017

RECongress is the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. The four-day event is held at the Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center and is sponsored by the Los Angeles Office of Religious Education. Begun in 1968 as an "institute" for religious education (CCD) teachers, RECongress has grown to include people of all vocations and different faiths.

365 Days with Mary App

365 Days with Mary App is designed to accompany you on a year-long spiritual journey to draw closer to Christ with the help of our Blessed Mother. The Rosary, Marian reflections and other prayers will support you on the way.



Garaventa Center

The ongoing vision at the **Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life & American Culture** is to entice people from all walks of life to come together and collaborate in novel and compelling ways to shed light and explore grace in this bruised, blessed world. Weekly podcasts are a wonderful feature of this group.



Liturgy Training Publications (New dates!!)

Virtual Training Opportunities for Teachers and Catechists (2017)

Designed specifically for teachers and catechists, this series invites all those who work with children to engage in formation and training throughout the year.

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.



December 2016

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!](#)



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Helpful Links

[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.

[21st Century Catholic Evangelization](#)

Serving Catholic leaders in their ministry of evangelization with curated knowledge, approaches, strategies, and resources to reach out to those who have never heard the gospel proclaimed, to re-engage those who have lost a living faith in their daily lives, and to engage those who are faithful and need to be renewed with increased catechesis.

[Catechist Journey](#)

Sharing the Journey of Teaching the Catholic Faith. Joe Paprocki's blog that features practical tips and resources on sharing the gift of the Catholic faith.

[eCatechist](#)

eCatechist.com is a blog from Dan Pierson, that provides ideas, inspiration, and learning resources for catechists, parish catechetical leaders, and parents.

[TeamRCIA](#)

TeamRCIA.com 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.

Teaching Catholic Kids

Teaching Catholic Kids is a valuable tool for parents, teachers and catechists. Free downloadable activities and teacher resources are updated each month and made available from the best of Our Sunday Visitor books, workbooks and writers.

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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