Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

We are getting very close to the Cornerstone Conference, October 20-21, at the Tacoma Convention Center. If you haven't already registered, now is the time and here is the link to do so! Our Washington State Bishops will all be presenting as well as Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Helen Alvaré, and Dr. Ralph McCloud.

We continue to add more parish and regional events to our activity calendar. In particular, please check out the new offerings at St. Madeleine Sophie with Jack Jezreel and the Ignatian Spirituality Center. Remember to take a look at Dr. Sarah Bartel's webinars. Contact her by email to sign up for upcoming classes.

Did you know that the Vatican is planning a synod on youth and young adults? The Archdiocese of Seattle is requesting us to have our young people participate in a planning survey. Please share this important information with your youth ministers, families with teens, and parish staff.

With our Religion Standards, we continue with Task One: Knowledge of the Faith with the highlighted "Essential Concept" of Salvation History. Remember to check the Essential Concept section for some videos and helpful links.

We hope you are sharing this newsletter with your Spanish faith formation staff and volunteers. Carlos Carrillo's Spanish Faith Formation section includes a list of upcoming classes and lots of helpful information. He is also searching for people interested in participating in a pilot program to update catechist certification.

Please let us know if we can assist you in any way with your catechetical programs. You and those you serve remain in our prayers!

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Essential Religious Education Concepts

Salvation History: [50-73]

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 1 - KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH - Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

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: Biblical Literacy for Catechists: Adam and Eve

Every catechist should be able to tell the timeline of Salvation history, because it is so important to understanding Jesus, the Bible, and Catholic doctrine. Salvation history is the story of our faith. Familiarity with important characters from this story helps us form a foundation of our belief in Christ. Jesus associated himself with major figures from the Old Testament such as Moses, Elijah, and others. So did his first followers. The Church continues to do so today.

Salvation History
The Covenants of Salvation
Spanish Faith Formation/Formación para la Fe en Español

TAREAS DE LA CATEQUESIS:

El modelo de formación de Cristo se logró mediante diversas tareas interrelacionadas... Por eso la catequesis abarca seis tareas fundamentales... Todos los esfuerzos en la evangelización y en la catequesis deben incorporar estas tareas, dicen los Obispos de Estados Unidos en el Directorio Nacional de Catequesis. Cada semana presentaremos cada una de estas 6 tareas. Esta semana presentamos dos:

Tarea 1: La catequesis promueve el conocimiento de la fe. La catequesis ofrece a los creyentes un conocimiento del contenido de la revelación propia de Dios, la cual se encuentra en la Sagrada Escritura y en la Sagrada Tradición, e introduce al creyente en el significado del Credo.

Tarea 2: La catequesis promueve un conocimiento del significado de la liturgia y de los sacramentos. El creyente llega a conocer a Cristo en las celebraciones litúrgicas...
de la Iglesia y es invitado a la comunión con El. Por eso, la catequesis sacramental prepara la celebración inicial de los sacramentos y enriquece a la persona después de la recepción de los demás sacramentos.

Algunos recursos para profundizar sobre estas tareas pueden encontrarse en los siguientes enlaces:
REVELACION: https://www.ewtn.com/library/catechism/spanish/p1s1c2a1.asp
LITURGIA: https://www.aciprensa.com/liturgia/

PROGRAMAS DE FORMACION EN LA FE:

Hemos comenzado con nuestros programas de formación en las parroquias. Esta semana tenemos los siguientes programas:

CURSO BASICO PARA CATEQUISTAS:
PARROQUIA DE CRISTO REY, SEATTLE - Octubre 7 de 9am a 12:00 pm.

CATEQUESIS LITURGICA:
PARROQUIA DE SAN ANTONIO RENTON: Octubre 3, 2017 de 6:30 a 8:30 pm
PARROQUIA SAGRADO CORAZON, TACOMA: Octubre 4, 2017 de 6:30 a 8:30 pm.
PARROQUIA PRINCIPE DE PAZ, BELFAIR: Octubre 8, 2017 de 3:30 - 5:30 pm.
PARROQUIA SANTO TOMAS: Octubre 9, 2017 de 6-8 pm.

Para registrarse habla con la persona encargada de tu parroquia.

VOLUNTARIOS PARA PILOTEAR EL PROGRAMA DE CERTIFICACION CATEQUETICA

Comenzando en Enero del 2018, la Oficina de Formación en la Fe, implementará el Programa de Certificación Catequética que ha sido actualizado. Este programa consistirá de 6 clases de 3 horas en persona y 24 clases por internet. Además se requerirá de llevar un diario personal. Pensamos que el programa se llevará de 12 - 18 meses para completarlo. Se irán ofreciendo más detalles a como vaya avanzando el tiempo. Si estás interesada/o, o conoce a alguien que lo puede estar en tomar este programa piloto, por favor de comunicarse con Carlos Carrillo a la siguiente dirección: carlos.carrillo@seattlearch.org. Necesitamos de 15 - 25 voluntarios.

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Chancery Job Opportunities
Is God calling you to serve youth and young adults?

Join Archbishop Sartain’s Evangelization Team!

Director of Youth Ministry Services
Director of CYO Athletics
Director of Young Adult Ministry
To view specific job descriptions and application instructions, visit the Archdiocese of Seattle employment webpage.

Upcoming Catechetical Events

Maryknoll Annual Student Essay Contest
"In a world where violence is all around us - in the news, schools, communities, entertainment, etc. - Pope Francis calls us to "take a clear stand for creative and active nonviolence and against all forms of violence." Maryknoll invites all students grades 6-12 to write an essay in which you cite examples of violence and tell what actions you are taking or could take to promote peace. Entry deadline is November 10th. For complete information, click here.

Join the CRS Parish Ambassador Corps!
Over the past 2 years, the Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle has been engaged in a pilot initiative developed by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) called the "Parish Ambassador Corps" (PAC). PAC is a corps of local Catholic volunteers who are passionate about global solidarity and want to take action by helping with Rice Bowl in their parish as well as two other initiatives over the course of the year. Visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/crs or contact the Missions Office for more info: missions.office@seattlearch.org; (206) 382-4580.

Beginning Experience Retreat
Widowed, Divorced 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 and 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 the Spring and Fall. This coming Fall Puget Sound area weekend is Friday - Sunday, October 27 to October 29 in Carnation, WA. Please call Chris, our BE Registrar, at (253) 223-2645 for more information and a brochure.

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Catholic Youth Convention (CYC)
November 11-12, 2017 I Washington State Fair Grounds, Puyallup, WA I Save the Date and spread the word! CYC is a weekend convention for high school teens who want to grow deeper in their relationship with God. We hope to see your youth there! Registration is now OPEN!

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.
Formation Opportunities

How Does God Work in Our Lives: The Eucharist Within the Dynamics of the Trinity (NEW)
Friday, October 27, 2017 | Fr. Mike Raschko | 10:00-12:00 | Isaac Orr Conference Center | Registration information coming soon!

Strong Catholic Families Webinar Series (NEW)
The four Catholic organizations comprising the Strong Catholic Families national partnership (NFCYM, NCEA, NCCL and NACFLM) are collaborating together this fall to host a free three-part webinar series for pastoral and ministry leaders and teachers on engaging parents around the sacramental touchstones within a family's life. Our goal is to inspire leaders to come up with creative and engaging practices and processes that will transform the traditional Sacramental prep process into an integrated and holistic Sacramental Living plan for families that will empower them to live their faith as a Domestic Church between the Sundays. Register here.

Catechist Formation Opportunity - Going Forth in Joy!
Tuesdays October 10, 17, 24 from 6-9PM - We the Church are called to embody the love of God in and for a world in need. Join us for our Going Forth in Joy! Ministry Formation Training, a weekend of encounter, discernment, and formation for living the Gospel within and beyond the walls of your parish, school, or office! The Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle and Maryknoll invite you to join us in this program which offers Catholic ministers and educators the knowledge, skills, and resources to better help your communities go forth as agents of encounter and positive Christian change. For more information and to register, click here.

Cultivating a Life of Discernment: An Ignatian Way to Make Prayerful Decisions (NEW)
6 Wednesdays, October 11 - November 15, 2017 | St. Patrick Parish Center, Tacoma | Marilyn Nash, presenter | In this Ignatian discernment series, you will learn a process to listen to God in your life decisions, consider St. Ignatius’ guidelines for discernment, and apply the principles of Ignatian discernment to your particular circumstances. Join presenter Marilyn Nash (Campus Minister, Seattle University) and others to learn how to cultivate a life that facilitates discernment! Each gathering will include prayer, presentation, reflection and conversation. For more information and to register, click here.

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Answering Pope Francis' Call to Serve One Another with Compassion (NEW)
Saturday, November 18, 2017 | St. Madeleine Sophie Church, Bellevue | 8 am - 3:30 pm | 20.00 per person. An Advent Day of Reflection with Jack Jezreel! This event is brought to you by the St. Madeleine Sophie Parish Social Justice Committee. For more information and to register, click here. Please register by November 14th.
2017-2018 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.

Marriage and Family Life (NEW!)
Dear Marriage Ministers,

The marriage ministry webinar series is off and running! We began Tuesday, Sept. 26th. Apologies for the typo that listed it as the 29th! A recording is available for those who missed it. At any time, if you wish to register for the rest of the series, email me your name and parish to sarahbartel4@gmail.com, and put "WEBINAR SERIES" in the subject line. You can also print the form linked here to share with any mentor couples, volunteers, or others in your parish who would be interested in signing up. Please then email me an image of the form or the list of sign-ups.

Continue Reading...

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, dianeb@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@stlouise.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 (New Fall Dates!)
Grief Support Group - 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. St. Michael Parish provides faith-based grief support via cycles of group meetings and one-to-one support. We also offer regular monthly open meetings for those who are suffering.

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

Archdiocesan News

NW Catholic APP
Northwest Catholic is your source for Catholic News and information in Western Washington and the Archdiocese of Seattle. The mobile app is packed with features to help you catch up on current news, pray, learn, and interact with the Catholic community.
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!

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 (Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time) How to: Respect Life Display Use this guide to set up a Respect Life Display in your church this month.
English  Spanish

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

NCCL-Catechetical Update

Purchase Audio Recordings from the NCCL 2017 Conference
Various inspiration speakers from #NCCL2017 provided transformational encounters for the NCCL membership. If you missed the opportunity to experience this great conference, or if you want to re-visit those moments, purchase and download the mp3 recordings for your spiritual development and nourishment. Click here

Webinars of Faith Formation Practices
In partnership with Ave Maria Press, the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership's Adult Faith Formation committee presents a webinar series on faith formation practices for various ages. Scheduled webinars begin September. For more information and to register, click here.

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

Featured Websites
**V ENCUENTRO**

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.

**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.

**Catholic Publishers**

Loyola Press  
St. Mary's Press  
Our Sunday Visitor  
Ave Maria Press
**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.