Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

October is a busy and exciting month!

The Diocesan Encuentro V will be held on October 14th. Although you need an invitation to attend, we hope you will remember to lift our Hispanic Community up in your prayers. It also is a good time to check out the Share the Journey resources and upcoming events!

We are very close to the Cornerstone Conference on October 20-21. We hope you take a moment to register for this amazing event, if you haven't already done so!

Fr. Mike Raschko, will be offering a presentation on "How God Works in Our Lives" on Friday, October 27th in the Isaac Orr Conference Room from 10 am - noon. This truly is an amazing formation opportunity! The event is free, but you do need to register.

We are continuing on our journey through Task One of Catechesis: Knowledge of the Faith and our featured "Essential Concept" is Christology. The Incarnation and Paschal Mystery are at the center of the Good News we celebrate and witness in our Christian faith and life. All of catechesis is about entering into these mysteries and drawing into an ever deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. We hope you find the attached video links helpful as you proclaim Christ's message of love, mercy and redemption with those you serve.

In Christ,

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Essential Religious Education Concepts
Christology: [74-100, 711-720]

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** - *Teaching in a Culture Not My Own*
While discussing Christmas customs, I learned their families exchange few gifts, either on Christmas or Epiphany. I also learned that some of their parents are reluctant to discuss the holiday customs they had celebrated in their home countries. One bright, extroverted, and seemingly Americanized girl revealed she no longer asks about what it was like in Mexico because her parents told her, "We were poor. We had nothing."

**Who Jesus Really Is**
What Catholics Believe about Jesus
Who Is Jesus?
Spanish Faith Formation/Formación para la Fe en Español

TAREA DE LA CATEQUESIS 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 -tanto en su vida privada como en la pública- de la enseñanza de Cristo en la vida cotidiana. Este testimonio demuestra las consecuencias sociales de las exigencias del Evangelio. (DNC. N. 20.3)

Un artículo recomendado para profundizar sobre este tema se puede encontrar en el siguiente enlace:
http://mercaba.org/Catequetica/M/moral_fundamental_y_catequesis.htm

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OCTUBRE MES DEL ROSARIO:
El rezo del Santo Rosario es una parte vital de nuestra vida espiritual en nuestra comunidad hispana. La Iglesia, por lo tanto, ha dedicado el mes de Octubre al Santo Rosario. Como catequistas, es importante incorporar esta enseñanza a quienes participan en las clases de catecismo. Para encontrar más información sobre esta devoción, visita el siguiente enlace:
http://es.catholic.net/op/articulos/12374/octubre-mes-del-rosario.html

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CURSOS OFRECIDOS DURANTE LAS PROXIMAS SEMANAS

Curso de Certificación Catequética - Año 2 - Octubre 8 de 8 am a 12:00 pm. Parroquia de Sta. Filomena, Des Moines, WA.
Catequesis Litúrgica - Clase 2 - Octubre 8 de 3:30 a 5:30 pm. Parroquia de Príncipe de Paz, Belfair, WA.
Curso de Catequesis Litúrgica - Clase 1 - Octubre 9 de 6:00 a 8:00 pm - Parroquia de Santo Tomas, Tukwila, WA.
Curso de Mariología - Octubre 12 de 7-9 pm - Parroquia de Santa Filomena, Des Moines, WA.
Encuentro Diocesano para el V Encuentro (Solo para delegados parroquiales) - Octubre 14 de 9 am a 5:00 pm, Cancillería, Seattle, WA

Curso de Catequesis Litúrgica - Clase 2 - Octubre 16 de 6:00 a 8:00 pm - Parroquia de Santo Tomas, Tukwila, WA.
Clase para Padres de Familia - Octubre 17 de 6-7:00 pm - Parroquia de Santo Tomas, Tukwila, WA.
Curso de Catequesis Litúrgica - Clase 2 - Octubre 18 de 6:00 a 8:00 pm - Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón, Tacoma, WA.
Curso de Mariología - Octubre 19 de 7-9 pm - Parroquia de Santa Filomena, Des Moines, WA.
Curso Básico para Catequistas - Octubre 21 de 9-11 am - Parroquia Cristo Rey, Seattle, WA.
Clase para Padres de Familia - Octubre 21 de 10-11 am - Parroquia de Sta. Luisa, Bellevue, WA.

Para registrarse, consulta con la persona encargada de Catequesis o del Ministerio Hispano en tu parroquia.

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Director de Formacion en la Fe/Director of Spanish Faith Formation

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

Join Archbishop Sartain's Evangelization Team!

Director of Youth Ministry Services
Assistant 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.

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.

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

**Obsessive Compulsive Disorder 101 & Treatment (NEW)**
Thursday, October 26th, 2017 I 7-9 pm I St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Seattle
A presentation on obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) by Carol Lunerno, MA, a counselor who works with individuals with OCD and Anxiety Disorders. To view the flyer for registration information, click here.

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

**Cultivating a Life of Discernment: An Ignatian Way to Make Prayerful Decisions (NEW)**
6 Wednesdays, October 11 - November 15, 2017 I St. Patrick Parish Center, Tacoma I Marilyn Nash, presenter I 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,

Have you checked out foryourmarriage.org? This is a fantastic resource created by the USCCB for couples and marriage ministers, with articles and information for engaged couples, dating couples, information about Catholic weddings, and marriage enrichment info. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and one of the lead articles on the website features the bishops' pastoral letter "When I Call for Help." Since, sadly, domestic violence occurs in Catholic marriages and relationships just as it does in the rest of the culture, so as a matter of justice and service to the dignity of the human person, it is important to raise awareness about it in marriage prep programs. It is also important to make sure resources are readily available for women and men in your parish. 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**  
Enlightened by our faith, participants encourage one another by praying, listening and sharing stories while learning how to find joy in the midst of adversity, the role of faith and hope in healing, the importance of forgiveness and healing emotional wounds. Participation is FREE and open to anyone, Catholics and non-Catholics. Contact: Benedetta Reece at (360) 292-7143 or breece@saintmichaelparish.org
• **St Elizabeth Ann Seton - Grief Support Ministry:** This ministry provides faith based support and reaches out to those in our community who are struggling with the loss of a loved one, illness in the family and other life issues. One-to-one and group support are offered free of charge.

• **St Peregrine - Cancer Support Group:** St Michael offers free cycles of meetings for Cancer patients, survivors, family members, friends or a caregivers for someone with cancer.

• **St. Catherine of Siena Miscarriage and Loss of Infant Support Group** for those who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, still birth or neonatal death.

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**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!

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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 (Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time)** Welcoming the Refugee and Migrant Click here

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.

Growing Up Catholic
Growing Up Catholic is a set of parish resources that coaches and empowers parents to form their own children in faith. Find a wealth of resources on the website for both parishes and families.

**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](https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/word-on-fire-show/id358064450?l=en&mt=2).

**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, email courses, downloads, discussion forums, and training events led by experts in the field of initiation ministry.

**Catholic Publishers**

- Loyola Press
- Our Sunday Visitor
- Sadlier
- RCL Benziger
- Ignatius Press
- St. Mary’s Press
- Ave Maria Press
- Ascension Press
- Lighthouse Catholic Media

**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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