

Archdiocese of Seattle Faith Formation Newsletter October 23, 2017

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

This week we complete our "Essential Concepts" under Task I: Knowledge of the Faith with the **Creed**. We hope you are continuing to check out the online video links and are finding creative ways to use them in your faith formation programs and classes.

In Advent, we plan to update the look of the online links with a new website. It will depict the various videos with pictures and an easy to access menu selection. This is also a good time to remind you to please share any great videos with us to include on this new website.

We hope you have taken the time to register for the **Catholic Youth Convention**. There are some wonderful speakers and events that will definitely be fun and engaging for our high school students and all of you who minister with them!

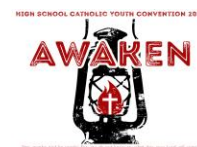
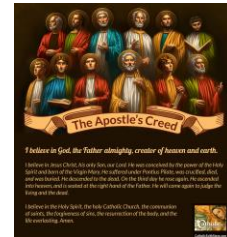
On December 5th, Paul Walker will be presenting in Isaac Orr on best practices for youth ministry. He will offering many practical suggestions for adolescent catechesis and we are looking forward to seeing many of you at this event! *Registration for this event will be opening in the near future.*

Please let us know how we might continue to support you with resource ideas and program support. You remain in our ongoing prayers.

In Christ,

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Essential Religious Education Concepts

The Creed: A Statement of our Belief- [185-1065]

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- Three Ways to Teach the Creed to Younger Children

How can we teach the Creed to children in a meaningful way? Here are three ways.

[The Apostles Creed](#)



[The Parts of the Mass: The Creed](#)



[Being Catholic Is Cool: U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults](#)



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

Spanish Faith Formation/Formación para la Fe en Español

TAREA DE LA CATEQUESIS 5:

La catequesis prepara al cristiano para vivir en comunidad y para participar activamente en la vida y misión de la Iglesia.

La catequesis exhorta a un aprendizaje en la vida cristiana que se basa en las enseñanzas de Cristo sobre la vida comunitaria. Debe alentar un espíritu de simplicidad y humildad, una preocupación especial por los pobres, un cuidado especial para los alienados, un sentido de corrección fraternal, oración común, perdón mutuo, y un amor fraterno que aglutine todas estas cualidades.



Esta tarea de la catequesis nos invita a reconocer la importancia de vivir las virtudes teologales y las virtudes humanas, conocidas como cardinales. La página católica, catholic.net nos ofrece un buen artículo que habla sobre estas virtudes. Para leerlo, favor visite el siguiente enlace: <https://www.aciprensa.com/recursos/las-virtudes-3979>

CURSOS OFRECIDOS DURANTE LAS PROXIMAS SEMANAS

[Octubre 29-Nov. 4, 2017](#)

Carlos Carrillo, M. Ed.

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

Retiro Español: "Camino, Verdad y Vida"

6-8 de Abril 2018

Un retiro espiritual dirigido por Mauricio I. Pérez

Aprende a orar, aprende a amar, aprende a vivir en presencia de Dios

Un retiro de espiritualidad bíblica en el que a lo largo de tres días, Mauricio I. Pérez, locutor de Semillas para la Vida, te enseñará: Métodos de oración; Interpretación bíblica; Amor en el matrimonio y la familia; Perdón y reconciliación; Espiritualidad mariana.

Dirigido a católicos adultos (mayores de 18 años).

Registrarse en <http://palisadesretreatcenter.org/retreat-details/?retreat=974>

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](#).

Accompaniment Workshop

Thursday, November, 2, 2017 | 9:30am-3:30 pm | Palisades Retreat Center, Federal Way
In troubled times, nothing can take the place of a companion who listens, understands, and offers their patient presence. We will explore core emotional needs and address the communication, listening, and prayer skills needed to effectively share the compassion of Christ with those facing the life's challenges. Anyone interested in learning and applying these skills to their particular ministry is encouraged to attend. Facilitated by Carla Loucks, Executive Director of Cabrini Ministry Training. View [flyer](#) for more information.
Registration closes October 20th.

Catholic Youth Convention (CYC)

November 11-12, 2017 | Washington State Fair Grounds, Puyallup, WA | **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. Our theme this year is "AWAKEN!" Our hope is that this year's CYC will initiate or rejuvenate our teen's "watchfulness" for the Lord (Matthew 25:1-13). We hope to see your youth there! Registration is now [OPEN!](#)

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.

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.

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 | 7-9 pm | 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
Friday, October 27, 2017 | Fr. Mike Raschko | 10:00-12:00 | Isaac Orr Conference Center
I View the [flyer](#) for more information *Please register by October 25th!*

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.*

Blue Christmas: A Service of Hope for the Holiday (NEW)

Monday, December 11, 2017 | 7:00 pm | St. Charles Borromeo Church, Tacoma | A service offering, prayers, scripture, song and remembrance. The service is free and open to all. This is not a Mass. If you have any questions please contact Renee Bogue at 253 564-5185 ext 3037 or rboque@stcharlesb.org

Spanish Retreat: "Camino, Verdad y Vida" (NEW)

Thursday-Saturday April 6-8, 2017 | Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way | Led by: Mauricio Perez. For complete information and to register, click [here](#).

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

Dear Marriage Ministers,

Finding good marriage preparation materials in Spanish is a challenge facing many parishes in our Archdiocese. Here are my top three recommendations for Spanish-language marriage preparation programs in Spanish which contain strong theology and catechesis. Do you have Spanish-speaking couples needing marriage prep but have difficulty finding parish staff or mentor couples who speak Spanish to help prepare them? You're in luck-one of these programs works well even without Spanishspeaking support at the parish level. [Keep 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, 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

Beginning Experience Program

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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.

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](#)

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-eighth Week in Ordinary Time) *Adolescent Catechesis: A Catechesis That Engages Youth for Discipleship* All

members of the church community are called to be disciples. Talk about discipleship with the youth in your community this week.

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.



Rights of workers and the unemployed

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](#)

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[Sadlier](#)

[Ascension Press](#)

[RCL Benziger](#)

[Lighthouse Catholic Media](#)

[Ignatius 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.

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