

Archdiocese of Seattle Faith Formation Newsletter November 14, 2016

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

As you know, Advent is almost upon us! Advent offers us multiple opportunities for prayer and other ways we can celebrate our faith both in our classrooms and our homes. We are grateful to have so many wonderful [resources](#) to share with you, as we all prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our lives.

One very special event coming up on December 9-11, is the "[Building a Practice of Contemplative Reading in Your Life](#)" retreat at the **Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center**. This retreat will focus on *Lectio Divina* and is intended for Young Adults. If you would take some time to actively promote this retreat, we would be grateful.

Our "Essential Concept" this week is Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Advent is often a time when we are preparing children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and it is also a great season for all of us to participate in this awesome sacrament. Again, we would like to draw your attention to the rich set of books, DVDs and online materials for our healing sacraments.

It has been a joy to visit with many of you for our Safe Environment trainings. **The graciousness and enthusiasm you have shared for protecting our children and youth has been a blessing and deeply appreciated by our partners in the Human Resources Office.** Please let us know if you would like any information about these trainings and new requirements.

Also, please mark your calendars now for our **February 9-10, 2017 retreat**. [Dr. Ann Garrido](#) will be leading us in prayer and reflection based on her very popular book, *Redeeming Conflict*. These two days will definitely be a great gift for all of us!

In Christ,

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Essential Religious Education Concepts

Sacraments of Initiation [966-977, 1212-1419]

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 2- Liturgical Education- *Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the 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

Catechist Journey- We Are All Broken- The Sacraments of Healing
(LINK)

3MC-What are Sins?



St. Camillus



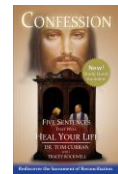
Sacraments 101: Anointing of the Sick (who it's for)

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Resources from the LMC on the Sacraments of Initiation

Confession: Five Sentences that will Heal Your Life (Tom Curran) Dr. Curran explores five sentences, based on the Acts of the Penitent that are connected to Confession: "I did it. I am sorry. Forgive me. I will make up for it. I will never do it again," and relates each sentence to the Sacrament of Confession and to our everyday lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. Woven through each chapter is teaching about Confession as a sacrament of healing, as it is expressed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and in the writings of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, probably the two greatest Doctors of the Catholic Church. Using his unique combination of humor, storytelling and keen theological insight, Dr. Curran addresses many of the obstacles that keep Catholics from Confession. By the end, you will be running to this great Sacrament instead of away from it!



Anointing of the Sick (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)
This booklet is clearly and concisely presents the Church's teaching on perhaps its most misunderstood sacrament: the Anointing of the Sick. Through a series of seven question-and-answer sections, the reader comes to a greater knowledge of and appreciation for this beautiful aspect of the faith. Perfect for families and those concerned about the Anointing of the Sick, this booklet will reassure you and bring you and those you love to a deeper understanding of this beautiful Sacrament.

Child's Guide to Reconciliation (Elizabeth Ficocelli) Provides guidance on receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, describing the purpose and procedure of the rite and why it is a reason to celebrate.



Go Seek and Find-Discover God's Treasures-Reconciliation (Sacramental Preparation, St. Mary's Press) Through this new and unique program, children are led on an adventure of discovery as they explore the rich and beautiful significance of the sacraments in their lives. Go Seek Find will engage and inspire children, creating a spirit of excitement and joy around their journey toward encountering Jesus through the treasures that are the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.



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.

[November Check It Out](#)-Monthly newsletter highlighting new materials added to the Library Catalog each month-*find some great Advent resources!*

[Advent Jesse Tree Slideshow](#) from Loyola Press

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 *(New date added!)*

Religious Education Standards and Touching Safety Training

Southern Deanery -Tuesday, November 15th | 10:00 am | St. Rose Church, Longview

Eastside Deanery -Thursday, November 17th | 10:00 am | St. Jude, Redmond

Snohomish Deanery-Friday, November 18th | 10:00 am | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bothell

South King Deanery-Friday, December 9th | 10:00 am | St. Vincent de Paul, Federal Way

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 Workshop/Retreat on February 9-10, 2017

February 9-10, 2017-Save the Dates!-More information to come.

Formation Opportunities

Venerate Relics of Pope Saint John Paul II and Saint Faustina Kowalska

The Liturgy Office can coordinate the scheduling of those parishes who wish to arrange for the relics of St. John Paul and St. Faustina to be conveyed to the parish for veneration by the faithful. You may reach the Liturgy Office at 206.654.4652 or by e-mail at andrew.casad@seattlearch.org in order to reserve the relics for your parish, campus ministry, or faith community. For more information regarding the process, 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](#).

An Advent Evening of Prayer "Welcoming the Stranger Home"

Tuesday, December 6th | 7:00 pm-9:00 pm | St. Joseph Church, Seattle. What would it mean to welcome and make a home in our hearts for the immigrant... the stranger... the Other? Might we encounter Beauty in an unexpected place? Jesus on earth? Contemplate the immigrant stories of the Holy Family, our presenters, and your own. Give yourself time this Advent to breathe during a hectic season and rest in an evening of silence, prayer, art, music, & reflection. *Event is free of charge, and all are invited to attend. Donations appreciated.* For more information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org. If you have questions or to RSVP, contact andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center, Seattle.

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](#).

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.*



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.

Catholic Support Groups- A list of support groups available at St. Michael Parish. Several groups are available such as cancer support and infant loss support.

St. James Cathedral

Grief Support Group-A new 6-week grief support group facilitated by St. James Cathedral staff-Nancy Granger, Suzanne Lee, and Rosanne Michaels.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has called the special **Jubilee Year for Mercy** to begin Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. It will close on Nov. 20, 2016, the day celebrated that year as the feast of Christ the King.

Brief History of Holy Years and Jubilees in the Church

by Fr. Thomas Rosica-Salt & Light blog.

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The Arts & Faith Top 25 Films on Mercy

These films show us visions of a world so often lacking in mercy, as well as worlds in which one merciful act alters the landscape of human experience forever. Produced by

the Arts & Faith online community, this [list](#) spans 93 years of cinema, from 1921's The Kid and The Phantom Carriage to 2014's Love & Mercy.

Maryknoll Year of Mercy Resources

Maryknoll has developed various resources to use for the Year of Mercy: Watch a Mercy [Movie](#), Record a Mercy [Moment](#), set up a Parish [Mission](#) for your community, and more. Email Anna Clarke at aclarke@maryknoll.org with any questions or requests.

Meditations on Mercy

Each month during the Jubilee of Mercy the USCCB will offer a [Meditation on Mercy](#)-a resource that can be used with small groups to foster a greater awareness of God's call to act with mercy in our lives.

Archdiocesan Webpage for The Year of Mercy

Please take a look at all of the resources and current information found dedicated to the Year of Mercy. Be sure to check back often for added events and resources.

Library Media Center Year of Mercy Resources

Here is a printable annotated [bibliography](#) of resources available from the Library Media Center. Materials may be added to the list, so check back for new titles.

The Original Image of Divine Mercy-Documentary Film

A timely documentary, [The Original Image of Divine Mercy](#) features key witnesses to the mysterious case of a painting that survived the Soviet Occupation of Vilnius, with exclusive commentary by Bishop Robert Barron, George Weigel, Christoph Cardinal Schönborn of Vienna, Stanisław, and many others including a special footage with Pope Francis. For more information about how to bring the film to your community, contact the production office at tour@divinemercyfilm.com or at 210-232-7647.

Online Courses for the Year of Mercy-Diocese of St. Cloud

Three online courses [available](#) Titles include: Forgive All Offenses/Injury; Comfort the Afflicted; and Shelter the Homeless/Welcome the Stranger.

Divine Mercy for Kids

You can find a dozen free downloadable worksheets for various age groups that explain the Divine Mercy image and devotion. Visit TheDivineMercy.org

Divine Mercy & The Divine Comedy

During this Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016) Pope Francis has asked us to use Dante's Divine Comedy as a "spiritual guide." Knowing how intimidating this project sounds, the **Department of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Diocese of Rochester** has put together [a reading plan](#) along with a group of theologians, literary scholars, and other lovers of Dante's work to help us all mine the riches from one whom Pope Benedict XV called "the most eloquent singer of the Christian idea."

A Biblical Year of Mercy

A 13-part series is being published from December 2015 to December 2016 in [Arkansas Catholic](#), the weekly newspaper for the Diocese of Little Rock. These articles are being written by the staff of Little Rock Scripture Study for the Holy Year of Mercy. Each one includes questions for group study.

CRS Year of Mercy Resources

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has developed a number of resources that illustrate how Catholics in the United States can participate in acts of mercy through CRS. Click [here](#) for details.

Archdiocese of Seattle Year of Mercy Prayer Card

Here is a [printable prayer card](#) for use in your parish. The prayer card can be printed out using Avery 8387 labels.

Year of Mercy App

Our Sunday Visitor's FREE [365 Days to Mercy app](#), is designed to accompany you on a spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis.

St. James Cathedral Tours

St. James Cathedral is inviting both parishes and school groups to set up visits for the Year of Mercy, which can be just a time of prayer and pilgrimage, or can include a guided tour as well. Corinna Laughlin claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-264-2086.

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 (Thirty-Second Week of Ordinary Time): [Seen and Unseen: Marvels of the Moment, Wonder, and Thanksgiving for](#)

[Nature](#) Donna and Tim Bishop, bloggers on the For Your Marriage website, reflect on how easy it is to ignore the good, true, and beautiful in our imperfect world and how unexpected moments from nature can remind us of the need to be thankful.

November Meditation on Mercy For this final month of the Jubilee of Mercy, we offer this Meditation on Mercy, a resource that can be used with small groups to foster a greater awareness of God's call to act with mercy in our lives. The resource is based on scripture passages and *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee of Mercy.

[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



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

Liturgy Training Publications

[Virtual Training Opportunities for Teachers and Catechists \(2016\)](#)

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.



November 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!](#)



Catholic Publishers

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[Sadlier](#)

[Ascension Press](#)

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[Lighthouse Catholic Media](#)

[Ignatius Press](#)

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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