

Archdiocese of Seattle Faith Formation Newsletter January 17, 2017

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our Essential Concept this week is "Made in the Image of God - Foundation of Human Dignity." As many of you know, this concept is central to our ongoing ministry with child protection and safety. To access information about our training in this area, **we have recently added the high school "Touching Safety" lesson plan and a training video on the resource [webpage](#).**

Our **Annual Mass for Life** on January 23rd is a great opportunity to lift up the sacredness of all human life. For details, which also includes information about driving and parking directions-visit the Faith Formation [events](#) page.

Now is also a great time to mark your calendars for the [Annual Mass and Celebration](#) for our **Archdiocesan Inclusion Ministry**. This wonderful event with Archbishop Sartain will be held at St. James Cathedral and O'Dea High School on April 1st. We are encouraging you to reach out to your families with special needs to participate in this event, which most definitely highlights our Catholic belief in the dignity of all human life!

We now have the Parish Elementary Religion Standards available in Spanish. You can download both the [Six Tasks with the Essential Concepts](#) and the entire grid of [learner outcomes](#) for Grades PreK - 8.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our February 9-10 **retreat with Dr. Ann Garrido and Fr. Scott Steinkerchner, OP**. You can [register](#) at the Archbishop Brunet Retreat Center webpage. *Please note - if you would like to spend Wednesday night at the retreat center, please contact the facility for specific information.*

Although we have just finished our Christmas season, it is already time to start planning for Lent. Starting this week and over the next several weeks, we will be continually adding to our many [resources](#) and events that can assist you with your lesson plans and other activities to share with those you serve in faith formation.

For those of you involved in **Grief Support Ministry**, **our next gathering will be on February 14th at St. Vincent de Paul. We are also working on the webpage for this ministry-[Coming soon!](#)**

In Christ,

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Essential Religious Education Concepts

Made in the Image of God-Foundation of Human Dignity [355-368, 703-706, 1004, 1700-1876]

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 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- (LINK)

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

[The Dignity of Human Life](#)



[The Image of God](#)

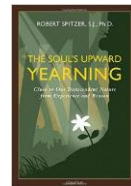


[What is Man?](#)

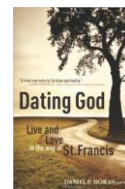


Resources from the LMC on Made in the Image of God-Foundation of Human Dignity

The Soul's Upward Yearning: Clues to Our Transcendent Nature from Experience and Reason (Robert Spitzer) Father Spitzer's work provides a bright light in the midst of the darkness by presenting traditional and contemporary evidence for God and a trans physical soul from several major sources. It shows that we are transcendent beings with souls capable of surviving bodily death; that we are self-reflective beings aware of and able to strive toward perfect truth, love, goodness, and beauty; that we have the dignity of being created in the very image of God. If we underestimate these truths, we undervalue one another, underlive our lives, and underachieve our destiny.



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.



Living in the Image and Likeness of God (DVD, Ron Rohlheiser) A three-part journey through the scriptures, Gospels and the writings of theologians and scholars to describe the "Struggles inherent in our Blessedness." Fr. Rolheiser shows us our naïveté regarding the power of this Blessedness, how it can also be a source of perpetual disquiet and restlessness, and finally, how to live with the "Divine Fire" inside of us.

Images of God for Young Children (Marie-Helene Delval) The Bible describes God in many different ways: God is light; God is joy; God is wisdom. God is the beauty that fills the earth and the rock we stand on, the promises we live by and the fire that purifies us. This volume offers a collection of these images, presented in simple language that young readers can easily understand. This book's bright artwork and lyrical text, written by the bestselling author of Psalms for Young Children, explores how, even though we cannot see or touch God, we can still discover him in our world.



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.

Lenten Resources

Maryknoll Lenten Reflection Guide 2017- Contains reflections, questions, prayers, and actions based on each week's Gospel reading and the written reflections and recorded discussions by the 83 Catholic peacemakers who attended the Nonviolence and Just Peace conference in Rome in April 2016. Lent offers us all a special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. Use this guide individually or in small groups to reflect upon our life patterns, to pray more deeply, and renew our spirits to face the realities of our world.

Best Lent Ever- (Dynamic Catholic) Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a FREE, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will

help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

[What is Lent?](#) - A short but informative video from CRS.

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 *(New Date Added)*

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

South Sound Deanery-Friday, January 20th | 10-12 | St. Vincent de Paul Church, Federal Way.

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.

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.

Forming Disciples with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Saturday, February 4th, 2017 | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm | Sacred Heart, Lacey |
The vision of the RCIA, Sorting the fish/Who belongs where?, Periods of the Process: Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification and Mystagogy, Special circumstances and canonical issues. For more information, click [here](#).

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.

Catholics Called to Accompaniment: An Immigration Summit (NEW)

February 11, 2017 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | Seattle University, Student Center RM 160 | Join other parishioners, service providers, and community leaders for a day of reflection, information, and connection. The day concludes with a mass with Bishop Eusebio Elizondo in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Liturgy As Source and Summit (NEW)

February 11, 2017 | 9:00 am- 2:30 pm | St. Joseph Church, Seattle | The Ministry Enrichment Gathering® provides an opportunity for formation, prayer, and training for those involved in the Church's liturgical ministries. For more information, click [Ministry Enrichment Gathering®](#) or [Liturgy as Source and Summit](#) For complete information, view the flyer. To register, click [here](#).

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.

Retreat with Fr. Jacques Philippe on Personal Prayer Life and Deep Relationship with God (NEW)

Saturday, February 11, 2017 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | St. Pius X Church, Mountlake Terrace | Please mark your calendars for this most important event. All are welcome to register, and don't forget to invite your friends and family. A free-will offering will be collected at the retreat. Lunch will also be offered to purchase at the retreat. Please [register](#) for the retreat to help us keep an accurate count. This way we can order lunches beforehand for

you and the other retreatants. *Another event on Monday, February 13th with Fr. Philippe-
more details to come!*

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.

Going Forth in Joy! Missionary Disciples Formation Program (NEW)

March 4th - 5th, 2017- Catholic ministers and educators play a special role in helping their communities experience the joy of participating in God's mission of love. We are called to lay the foundations that enable this mission to be passed on to the next generation. The Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle and Maryknoll invite you to join us to engage with this call and challenge. For more information and to register, click here. **Offered in English & Español**

Guatemala Immersion for Religious Educators (NEW)

June 14-22, 2017- Discover Christ in our Guatemalan sisters and brothers. Every day, these neighbors of ours from Central America make the perilous journey into the United States. Deepen your faith and enliven your ministry through encounter with their hopes, joys, and struggles. Meet and learn from the lay and religious missionaries walking with them, and discern how you can invite your own community into a spirit of encounter with our sisters and brothers on the margins, in Guatemala and here in western Washington.
Applications due March 1st! For complete information and to apply, 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 (Second Week of Ordinary Time): 9 Days for Life: FAQs On January 21, Catholics around the country are invited to join in a nine-day period of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life that surrounds the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (January 23, 2017). These frequently asked questions explain how one can participate in and promote this effort.

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.



January 2017

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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