

# Archdiocese of Seattle Faith Formation Newsletter February 6, 2017

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## **Dear Catechetical Colleagues,**

Last week, Archbishop Sartain and Bishop Elizondo wrote a [letter](#) regarding the recent immigration concerns following the Executive Order by President Trump. They highlighted the ongoing role of the Catholic Church in the United States to protect the vulnerable and those seeking shelter. They also are encouraging us to visit the USCCB Justice for Immigrants [website](#). The Bishops' Justice for Immigrants website provides this [action alert](#) for concerned citizens to send a message to President Trump and Congress.

Within our Archdiocese we also suggest that you visit the rich set of resources from our [Missions Office](#). Another great resource and contact is [Joe Cotton](#) who is the Assistant Director for [Pastoral Care and Outreach](#).

The current events we are facing definitely correlate with our "Essential Concept" this week, Covenant and the Ten Commandments. Our relationship with God and our Church calls us to remember that in our encounter with the immigrant, the migrant, and the refugee in our midst, we encounter Christ. We also recommend you review some of these videos on the Ten Commandments, "being good" and moral law.

We hope those you involved with junior high students are registering for the March 11th Rally, "[Soul on Fire](#)." It will be held at Forest Ridge High School and has a wide range of formation activities for our youth.

Believe it or not, registration for [CYO camps](#) is moving ahead at a record pace! Now is a great time to reserve space for your parish students to have a wonderful faith-filled experience this summer!

In Christ,

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## Essential Religious Education Concepts

### Covenant and the Ten Commandments [2052-2557]

*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- Ten Commandments Games (LINK)

#### What are the 10 Commandments?



[Ignite Your Catholic Faith - Does Being Good Matter?](#)



[Do Catholics Follow All Those Weird Old Testament Laws?](#)



### Resources from the LMC on Covenant and the Ten Commandments

***Living the Ten Commandments as a Catholic Today*** (Mathew Kessler) This book is written to "open up" the commandments and make them understandable and relevant for our lives today. Their messages are timeless--tell the truth, respect your parents, don't commit adultery--but it's hard sometimes to put their meaning into the context of today's hectic, fast-paced world. This book brings the holy messages alive and helps us understand that the word of God lives on through our actions and reactions to the world around us.

***Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You*** (DVD, Saint Benedict Press) An 8-week journey through salvation history, from God's merciful promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, to the prophets' call to renewal, to the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ. Fr. Jeffrey Kirby will guide you through God's covenant with his people, from Adam and Eve to Jesus Christ, showing how God cares for his people and offers them mercy even after they stray from Him again and again. Each weekly session is capped by a personal testimony from various Catholic authors, speakers, and clergy, which demonstrates the power of Divine Mercy in the world today, inspiring you to seek God's mercy and to foster a closer relationship with Christ.

***Being Catholic: How Catholics Live*** (DVD, Oblate Media) An enlightening and enriching exploration of the third pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Ten Commandments. Focusing on Christian ethics and morality, viewers will see the value of critical thinking and the importance of making right decisions. After explaining the commandments, the program goes on to explore the Beatitudes as taught by Jesus. This

presentation helps lay the groundwork for a positive attitude toward moral laws, and young people especially, will be challenged to grow in their appreciation for the teachings of the Catholic Church.

***Kid's Ten Commandments*** (DVD, Tyndale Entertainment) The voices of Peter Strauss (Massada), Paul Winfield (Touched by an Angel), Jodi Benson (The Little Mermaid), and guest stars Tim Curry (Wild Thornberrys), Rene Auberjonois (Little Nemo), Lou Diamond Phillips (The King and I), John Schneider (Smallville), and Tom Bosley (Happy Days), bring to life the Kids' 10 Commandments animated mini-movie series. Kids learn biblical values through this entertaining and educational series utilizing state-of-the-art animation.

***Mekhail's Dream*** (Michael R. Albert) Mekhail's Dream shares the story of Mekhail, a very inquisitive child who questions all of God's creations. During the course of his young life, a dream answers some of his questions, but it creates others. Follow Mekhail as he spends years searching for the answer how one is to live and fulfill God's instructions. Mekhail's Dream reminds us how God wants us to live our lives.

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

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## **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***

***The Significance of Ash Wednesday*** They may just be ashes, but Fr. Mike points out that what they represent goes far beyond mere dust of the earth. With a simple cross on the forehead, we are recognizing that we are far from perfect, but that God loves and redeems us-not despite our brokenness, but in the midst of it. If you want to start off your Lent with a reminder of Ash Wednesday's deeper meaning, listen to Fr. Mike's heartfelt words in this **video**.

***Ash Wednesday and Lent in Two Minutes*** Always a great video to share each year, this brief video explains the what and why of Ash Wednesday and Lent, from the history of wearing ashes dating back to the Old Testament, to the practices of Catholics and Christians during Lent.

***From Passion to Pentecost: A Lenten Reflection (Webinar)*** "Were you there when they crucified my Lord . . .?" This familiar hymn is a staple in many churches on Good Friday. Have you ever thought about those who would have answered

"yes"? What would Mary Magdalene or Simon of Cyrene tell us about their heartbreaking experiences and the aftereffects on their lives of faith? Join Kathy Hendricks for a meaningful Lenten webinar in which we'll reflect upon six witnesses of Jesus's Passion and Death and the connections each one makes to our own experience. For more information, click [here](#)

**[Teaching Second-Graders the Beauty of Lent](#)**- The beauty of Lent offers a time for the Church to relive salvation history. By practicing the penitential disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, many adults savor this transformative season. But how does an untrained teacher who meets only briefly with her wiggly second-grade faith formation class communicate the beauty and relevancy of [Lent](#) in language they can understand? The short answer: by acting out Christ's desert experience in a way that highlights how fasting, prayer, and almsgiving give us strength as we walk with the Lord.

**[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?

Library Media Center February [Check It Out](#) newsletter-**NEW LENT RESOURCES** and items added to the catalog-new DVDs and books!

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## Upcoming Catechetical Events

### 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.

### 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

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

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](#).

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## **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](#).

### Retreat with Fr. Jacques Philippe on Personal Prayer Life and Deep Relationship with God

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](#).

### Catechist Formation Opportunity - Going Forth in Joy!

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 with the Missionary Disciples Formation Program. For more information and to register, click here. ***Offered in English & Español***

### Junior High Rally: Souls On Fire (NEW)

Saturday, March 11, 2017 | 8:00 am - 8:00 pm | Forest Ridge School, Bellevue | Junior High Rally is a day designed to celebrate Catholic youth (in grades 6-9) and all they bring to the Church. Over 600+ youth from Washington, Oregon and Canada will come together for an interactive day where you will have the opportunity to meet new people, listen to talks that will deepen their faith, and be invited to participate in various interactive activities with the day closing with Mass! Check [here](#) for more information.

### Guatemala Immersion for Religious Educators

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](mailto: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.

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## **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.

### **Divorce and Beyond (NEW)**

Sunday, February 26, 2017 | 4:00 - 5:30 | St. Louise Church, Bellevue | An **8 week Catholic support series** for anyone struggling with the pain of marital separation or divorce. Topics covered are self-esteem, stress, blame and guilt, anger, loneliness and pathways to growth. A \$20 donation is asked to cover cost of book and materials, but scholarships are available for the asking. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please call Kathy Riley (425-214-5466) for further information or to register.

### **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](mailto:Kathy@stlouise.org)

### **Beginning Experience Program (NEW)**

**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. This coming Spring's Puget Sound area weekend is **Friday to Sunday, March 31 to April 2, 2017** at historic Carnation Farms in Carnation, WA. Please call Chris, our Beginning Experience Registrar, at (253) 223-2645 for more information and a brochure.

### **St James Cathedral, Seattle**

**Grief Support Group**-meets Wednesdays, January 25-March 1, 2017. 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**

**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.

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## **Archdiocesan News**

### **OYYAE Website**

Announcing the official launch of [oyyae.org](http://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](#)

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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 (Fifth Week of Ordinary Time): Seven-Day Virtual Marriage Retreat with Pope Francis*** Celebrate National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2017), by embarking on a virtual retreat for married couples that takes quotes from the ministry of Pope Francis for inspiration.

***Hearing the Voice of the Poor*** Tom Dwyer, chair of the National Voice of the Poor Committee of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, writes about ways Catholics can work to heal divisions after a contentious national election year, by being a voice not just to the poor but to all who are feeling left out.

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

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## 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.](#)

To learn more about this organization and view their resources, visit the [website](#).

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## Featured Websites

### V ENCUESTRO

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](#).

### 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.

### Fashioning Faith

**Fashioning Faith** is a subscription website designed especially for parish catechetical leaders that provides access to hundreds of program, strategies, and resources for promoting faith formation with people of all ages. New features make Fashioning Faith even easier to use and new resources easy to find! This includes resources delivered each year that help to gather the whole community of faith, connect families to children's faith formation, and build faith in families at home.



## Liturgy Training Publications

### 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.



Welcome the Needy-  
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## 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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## Catholic Publishers

[Loyola Press](#)

[st. Mary's Press](#)

[Our Sunday Visitor](#)

[Ave Maria Press](#)

[Sadlier](#)

[Ascension Press](#)

[RCL Benziger](#)

[Lighthouse Catholic Media](#)

## Ignatius Press

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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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