Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "Essential Concept" this week focuses on Catholic Social Teaching and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. As you know, these are very fitting topics for us to reflect upon during Lent! Here are some short videos highlighting the Works of Mercy.

We are also grateful for the close partnership between Faith Formation and our Missions Office. To help us gain a deeper understanding of the local, regional, national and global concerns that Catholics are universally called to respond to, we have invited Kelly Hickman, Assistant Director of the Archdiocesan Missions Office to provide us with more information on how we can respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

It's an honor to be asked to share about Catholic Social Teaching and the Corporeal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The former has been called "the best kept secret" of the Catholic faith, and the latter is how we "do" this faith. As shown to us in the Trinity, we are a social people who are called by our baptism to be in loving relationship with each other and with the earth. The seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching lift up the major themes of our faith as expressed in scripture, church tradition, Catholic teachings and even our own experience. The themes are:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God’s Creation

As Catholics, we are called to love all of our neighbors - those in our local communities as well as those across the globe - by practicing these social themes through the Corporeal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Here are some ways to engage locally, nationally, and internationally with these teachings and works.

Our Washington state bishops invite us into relationship with our Washingtonian neighbors in their recent pastoral letter, *Who Is My Neighbor? The Face of Poverty in Washington State*. Grounded in Catholic Social Teaching (and thus in scripture, the catechism, encyclicals, and more), the letter from our bishops urges us to become involved in the lives of our regional neighbors, especially those who are excluded from social and economic stability. When we encounter our neighbors through
In an authentic relationship, we are transformed by Christ's love to live more fully into the social mission of the Church.

- **Ideas for action** - use the Pastoral Letter *Study Guide* to pray, learn, and commit to action in response to this invitation from our bishops. How will you show love to your neighbor?

The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, through which we are invited to respond in love to our U.S. neighbors experiencing poverty. CCHD works with this archdiocese and Archbishop Sartain to award grants to local, low-income community groups working to address the causes of poverty. Funds for these grants come directly from the Catholic parishioners of western Washington who contribute to the annual CCHD collection each September.

- **Ideas for action**
  - Pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe for Justice ([English](#) and [Espanol](#))
  - Learn about the CCHD-funded groups in this archdiocese at [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/cchd](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/cchd). For fun, see if you can match each of the funded groups with a Catholic Social Teaching (or two!).
  - Invite your community to participate in their put on a [Journey to Justice Day](#) at your parish.

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** is the official humanitarian agency on behalf of U.S. Catholics, carrying out the commitment of the U.S. bishops to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. The work of CRS is motivated by Catholic social teaching and promotes human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies. CRS helps U.S. Catholics to live our faith in solidarity with our global neighbors.

- **Ideas for action** - the [Rice Bowl Lenten program](#) has so many ways for you to pray, learn, fast and - yes - give, as a family and in your community.

In Christ,

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Essential Religious Education Concepts

Catholic Social Teaching: Consistent Ethic of Life; Love of Neighbor; and Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy [2419-2449]

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- State Farm Shouldn't Be the Only Good Neighbor** (LINK)

**One Human Family, Food for All**
DOs & DONTs of the Corporal Works of Mercy (Lifeteen)
CST 101 | Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
Resources from the LMC on Catholic Social Teaching: Consistent Ethic of Life; Love of Neighbor; and Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy

**Poor for the Poor: The Mission of the Church** (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) Pope Francis says that our human poverty invites us to stay humble and intricately connects us to our brothers and sisters. See how Cardinal Gerhard Müller, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, uncovers the liberating and evangelizing mission of the poor Church through his theological and personal reflection in this timeless book. Think about your own mission in life, as he reveals how the Church brings the Kingdom of God into a particular historical, cultural, political, and economic context. Get greater insight into enduring questions in Poor for the Poor: The Mission of the Church, as it looks at the social teaching of the Church, the writings of recent popes as well as the writings of Gustavo Gutierrez and Josef Sayer, and the experiences of the Church in Latin America, including liberation theology. Faith formation leaders, social justice ministers, catechists, pastors, theology students, and lay persons will find this book a thoughtful reflection on how poverty invites us into the blessedness of the Gospel.

**Saints and Social Justice: A Guide to Changing the World** (Brandon Vogt) The church has always taught certain undeniable truths that can and should affect our society. But over the years, these teachings have been distorted, misunderstood, and forgotten. With the help of fourteen saints, it’s time we reclaim Catholic social teaching and rediscover it through the lives of those who best lived it out. Follow in the saints’ footsteps, learn from their
example, and become the spark of authentic social justice that sets the world on fire.

**Docat: Catholic Social Teaching for Youth** (Ignatius Press) DOCAT helps young people to know and live Catholic Social Teaching. It's a great, practical follow up to YOUCAT, the hugely popular Youth Catechism, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Drawing on Scripture, YOUCAT, the Catechism, and the Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching, DOCAT shows young people how to work toward building a “civilization of love”. Popular Q & A YOUCAT style, tackles tough questions about social justice and related issues * Lots of full-color photos with young people and others * Inspirational and insightful quotes, including comments from St John Paul II, Mother Teresa, Pope Francis, Pope Benedict * Written with help from church leaders, business leaders, social activists, and young people * Guides young people in conscience formation and Catholic action on social and political issues.

**Be Merciful: Reflections on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy** (Bill Huebsch) In calling us to reflect on the traditional works of mercy, Pope Francis stands in the very center of the Christian message. He has asked the whole church to reflect on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy as a way of making mercy real in our everyday lives. Bill Huebsch offers six complete sessions on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy for individual and small group use. Ideal for Youth Ministry, RCIA, Small Christian Communities, Families, and Individuals who want to grow in living with mercy.

**The Man Who Planted Trees** (The Video Project) Tells the story of a solitary shepherd who patiently plants and nurtures a forest of thousands of trees, single-handedly transforming his arid surroundings into a thriving oasis. Undeterred by two World Wars, and without any thought of personal reward, the shepherd tirelessly sows his seeds and acorns with the greatest care. A landscape that seemed condemned grows green again. A film of great beauty and hope, this story is a remarkable parable for all ages and an inspiring testament to the power of one person. A beautifully animated parable about how the power of determination can turn a desert into an oasis.

*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
New Projects for Lent - Lenten lesson ideas for Third Graders

Pope Francis' Message for Lent - Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2017

Lenten Resources for Catechists - Here are links to the various Lenten resources that we have to offer. We hope they are helpful to you as we journey together through this holy season!

Video Collection for Reconciliation & Lent - A short list of additional links to some great videos for Lent and Reconciliation.

25 Great Things You Can Do for Lent (Besides Giving Up Chocolate) - Challenge yourself this year, and go beyond the usual practice of "giving up" something. Now is a great time to take stock of your spiritual life and to grow in it. Not sure where to start?

A Lenten Journey with ODB Films (formerly Outside Da Box) - Beginning Ash Wednesday, ODB invites you to participate in a unique Lenten experience. Encounter Christ during this 7-week journey through artfully made, spiritually rich short films, questions for personal reflection, and Scriptures for meditation.

Helping Families Celebrate Lent - We spend hours planning activities and celebrations that we hope will impact the families we serve. The reality may be sobering. Sometimes we plan too much. Do families really care about the season of Lent, and all of its signs and symbols, all of its opportunity and potential? What can we do to help the families in our charge get the most out of this sacred time without overwhelming them with the choices?

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.

**David Haas in Concert**
Friday, March 10, 2017 | 7:00 pm | St. Patrick Church, Seattle | Suggested Donation $15 Per Person, $30 Per Family | For more information and tickets, contact Sara Hanson, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, shanson@ollseattle.org or Laura Ash, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, lauradavidash@aol.com. David Haas is highly regarded as one of the most prolific composers in liturgical music today. His songs, including “You Are

Retreat with David Haas
Saturday, March 11, 2017 I 9:00 am - 3:00 pm I Our Lady of the Lake Church, Seattle. "That You Might Have Life: Spiritual Practices for the Call to Holiness" To view the flyer, click here.

Catholic Advocacy Day
Thursday, March 16, 2017 I 9:00 - 3:00 I Olympia, WA. Meet us at St. Michael Church for our program and a legislative briefing before going to scheduled appointments with your legislators at the capitol. All parish members, staff, and Catholic organizations are invited to join us to ensure that the Gospel message to care for our neighbors is heard in Olympia. For more information and to register, click here.

Seattle Catholic Men's Conference: Iron Sharpens Iron 2017 (NEW)
Saturday, April 8, 2017 I St. Pius X Church, Mountlake Terrace I We invite men of all ages and ethnic backgrounds to build up their families through prayer and sacrificial action. By sanctifying all attendees may the Holy Spirit put its leaven of truth and love into the culture of the Pacific Northwest and the world. For more information and to register, 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.

Junior High Rally: Souls On Fire
Saturday, March 11, 2017 I 8:00 am - 8:00 pm I Forest Ridge School, Bellevue I 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.

Set the World Ablaze Women's Retreat (NEW)
March 17-19, 2017 I Our Lady's Retreat House I Stevenson, WA I -Please join us for a relaxing and Spirit-filled weekend away to reflect, renew, and reconnect with women of faith. We'll spend time with St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, who shows us, through imagery and beauty, the relationship with God and neighbor to which we are all invited. Enjoy thoughtful discussion, quiet reflection, and witness talks, as well as free time in the beautiful Skamania hillside. Register at holyredeemervanc.org Questions: email jamiek@holyredeemervanc.org
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 missioners 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 I Led by Fr. Bill Watson, SJ. I ABRC@Palisades, Federal Way I 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.

Mass & Celebration with our Community with Special Needs
Saturday, April 1, 2017 I Mass: 11:00 am I St. James Cathedral, Seattle I 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 I Tacoma I Save the date!-More information and registration details will be available in the coming months.

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.

Healing Ministry for Divorced Catholics
Beginning Tuesday, March 7th, the parish will offer a 12 week DVD and discussion program called "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide". Many people find themselves stuck in pain and anger after the breakdown of their marriage, but the church is here to help. The group facilitator will guide you and others who are separated or
divorced through the DVDs in a private, confidential group support environment. Contact Diane Boggs 360-823-2828, dianeb@stjoevan.org.

St. Louise, Bellevue
**Bereavement Support Ministry** - Our mission is to support the grieving process after the death of a loved one. This is achieved with one-on-one contact and a monthly support group which includes prayer, sharing our stories and learning from one another. Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7PM in the Parish Center. Contact Kathy Riley at 425-4450-x5466 or Kathy@stlouise.org

Beginning Experience Program
**Beginning Experience** - Divorced, Widowed or Separated? If you are ready to deal with the grief of being widowed, divorced or separated, there is help. As a faith-based organization, *Beginning Experience* offers men and women the opportunity & skills to build deeper self respect, to cope with the pain of loss, and to move into the future with renewed hope. Join us for a weekend away for a lifetime of change - available twice a year, in April & October. 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, 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 (First Week of Lent) How to Make Service Truly Transformational This guide from the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development explains how the "Act, Reflect, Transform" process can inspire those participating in service projects to a real and sustained desire to live their faith and work for the transformation of the world in need.

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.

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](#).

## Featured Websites

### Fr. Mike Schmitz Podcast

Fr. Mike’s popular Ascension Presents video series in audio form, so that you can listen on the go.

### 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](#).

### 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.

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

Loyola Press
St. Mary's Press
Our Sunday Visitor
Ave Maria Press
Sadlier
Ascension Press
RCL Benziger
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.