

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter April 18, 2016

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "Essential Concept" this week is **Devotional Practices**. As you know, one of the greatest things about being Catholic is our rich treasure of spirituality! Our Jubilee [Year of Mercy](#) is filled with prayer opportunities. **Did you know that your parish can request the relics of St. John Paul and St. Faustina for veneration? More information can be found below in the newsletter. Also, please note that you need to contact the Archdiocesan Liturgy Office to request this extraordinary opportunity.**

Pilgrimages are also a popular devotional practice. **There are several opportunities within our Archdiocese for [pilgrimages](#).** Additionally, the bronze doors of St. James Cathedral are open during this Jubilee Year and they have open times on Sunday afternoons you can request for a pilgrimage there.

Devotional practices are both personal and communal. Churches are where we celebrate many forms of devotion. **I know that during our upcoming Catechetical Leaders workshop and retreat on April 28-29,** we will be spending time in the Chapel both praying devotions and also exploring how to encourage our children and families to do so as well. **I am hoping many of you complete your [registrations](#) for this event soon, as we are beginning to fill up our available space at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center.**

As faith formation leaders, we also are always looking for new, engaging ways for youth to encounter Christ. The Archdiocese of Seattle has a means for that to happen during the summer season at our Catholic Camps: Camp Don Bosco and Camp Hamilton! We are hoping that all of you will support this incredibly important ministry of our Archdiocese. Please encourage your families to register their youth for summer camp now!

At camp, kids will have fun shooting archery, swimming, riding horses, singing around the campfire and more...all in a Catholic environment! They get to pray together daily and go to Mass together at the end of the week. For more information about our Catholic Camping programs, click on the following link
<http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/OYYAE/Camping/Summer.aspx>.

If a child is interested in coming to camp but their family cannot afford it, please let them know that scholarships are available! The camping office wants to help get kids to camp. For more information about scholarships, click on the following link
<http://cyocamping.blogspot.com/2015/11/how-to-make-camp-more-affordable.html>

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

Contact the [Office of Catholic Faith Formation](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

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.

ATTENTION PLEASE! Engaging Children & Teens in Their Faith in a Culture of Distractions Tested Tips for Teachers, Catechists, and Parents

April 21, 22, or 23, 2016 | **Free Event! The Archdiocese of Portland** We live in a culture of distractions. There is more information, relevant or not, flying at us today than ever before. The pervasiveness of electronic media ensures that we are never far from a status update, a greeting from a friend, or a sales ad. Today's kids have grown up in this media-saturated environment, and it is affecting the brain. Come learn practical ways to better reach today's young people and hand on the faith. Presenter: Dr. Joseph White - Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

How Can I Take Up Your Cross? Being Simon of Cyrene: Tools to Serve Those in Need

April 23, 2016 | St. Michael Parish, Olympia | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm | Free event, donations appreciated-lunch included. View the [flyer](#) for registration and more information.

Best Practices for Catechetical Leadership

For the Newly Revised Parish Elementary Religion Standards
April 28-29, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | Visit the OCFF [Events & Resources](#) page for more information.

Revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony Regional Workshop

The Office for Liturgy is working with the FDLC on hosting a northwest regional workshop on the revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony. May 27, 2016 (for Clergy) & May 28, 2016 (for other ministers) | Holy Family Church, Kirkland | 8:30 am to 3:30 pm | Online registration is required and will soon be available at www.fdlc.org/marriage-rite-workshops with a cost of \$55 per person to include lunch, USCCB presenter costs, and workshop materials. Please see the [letter](#) from Andrew Casad, Director of the Liturgy Office for more details. Questions can be directed to 206-382-4838 or Andrew.Casad@seattlearch.org

Annual PAFF Conference

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | Joe Paprocki: [A Church on The Move: Getting Mission and Mercy in Motion](#) | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Formation Opportunities

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

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The Dance of Christian Life: The Camino de Santiago & Our Spiritual Journey Retreat

April 29-May 1, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades, Federal Way | Join Fr. Scott Connolly as he reflects on the Camino de Santiago journey he made in 2012, and the spiritual highs and lows we all experience along our earthly pilgrimage toward Heaven. His stories from the Camino - humorous, poignant, and insightful - will uplift and inspire you. Visit the [webpage](#) for more information and to register.

Continuing Our Catholic Walk Day Retreat

Saturday, April 30, 2016 | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm | Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Eatonville | All Catholic Women and friends are invited to continue their Catholic Walk at a day retreat in the scenic town of Eatonville near the foothills of Mt. Rainier. Come learn and celebrate Mary, Mother of Counsel, Wisdom, and Mercy with the Seattle Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women at the parish of our patron, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Join Fr. Peter Tynan from St. Martin University for Eucharist, reflection, fellowship and presentations ending with Outdoor stations and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Visit our website for information and registration: <http://www.seattleaccw.org/> or call Laurie Coykendall at 360-509-9395.

Cabrini Ministry Training Spring Retreat/Luncheon

Saturday, May 7, 2016 | 10:00 am to 1:00 pm | Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle | "Sharing Communion and Mercy with Those in Isolation" Explore how God's mercy is made available to us through the Eucharist and how we can share that mercy with others who are afflicted or isolated. Join us for prayer, reflection, and lunch! Presented by John Simpson, CMT teacher and Carla Loucks, CMT Executive Director. Registration required: www.cabriniministry.org Questions: 206-760-0583 x3 Free-will offering encouraged. All are welcome!

Foundations of Our Catholic Faith - CCP Program

Southern Deanery Summer Program: June 20-24, 2016 | St. Joseph Church, Vancouver
Seattle Summer Program: June 27-30, 2016 | Isaac Orr Conference Center-Chancery
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](#).

It's Our World-Resources for Missionary Discipleship

Visit <http://missio.org/resources> for featured downloadable resources currently available, including:

- * Laudato Si' for young people and children
- * Liturgy for Pentecost for children
- * Works of Mercy for Kids (available in English and Spanish)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Formation Course

Presented by Joann Terranova, MAPS and Lynne Shioyama

January to November 2016 For more information, see [flyer](#) or contact Claudia Petursson at Holy Family Parish 452-822-0295, ext. 122 or claudiap@hfkparish.org

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy-Summer Study Weeks

In the summer of 2017, the Center for Liturgy will be hosting three study weeks for those involved in liturgical formation, sacramental catechesis, and liturgical music ministry. For study week descriptions and other information, visit [Notre Dame Center for Liturgy](#)

June 19-23, 2017: The Liturgy of Time and Space

June 18-22, 2018: The Eucharistic Life

June 15-19, 2019: Sacraments for the Life of the World

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy Symposium: Liturgy & the New Evangelization

June 20-23, 2016 | The 2016 Symposium seeks to discern how liturgical prayer, sacramental formation, and liturgical catechesis can contribute to the new evangelization. For more information and to register, visit the Center for Liturgy [website](#).

Parish Notifications

Free Vacation Bible School Items

If your parish is planning on using the Our Sunday Visitor **Totally Catholic Cave Quest** program this summer, St. Michael Parish in Olympia has all of the corrugated cardboard signage that is used for the program available. If interested, please contact Anne Kunkle at 306-292-7114 or akunkle@saintmichaelparish.org



Essential Religious Education Concepts

Devotional Practices: Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Novenas, Simbang Gabi, etc. [1200-1209, 1674-1679, 2683-2696]

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 4 - Learning to Pray - Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

Annotated 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

Popular Devotional Practices: Basic Questions and Answers

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council recognized the importance of popular devotions in the life of the Church and encouraged pastors and teachers to promote sound popular devotions. They wrote, "Popular devotions of the Christian people are to be highly commended, provided they accord with the laws and norms of the Church." 6 More recently, Pope John Paul II has devoted an entire apostolic letter to a popular devotion, the rosary, calling on bishops, priests, and deacons "to promote it with conviction" and recommending to all the faithful, "Confidently take up the Rosary once again. Rediscover the Rosary in the light of Scripture, in harmony with the Liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives." - Pope John Paul II, *Apostolic letter On the Most Holy Rosary (Rosarium Virginis Mariae)* (October 16, 2002) (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2002), no. 43.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Virtual Stations of the Cross

Busted Halo® has created a series of virtual stations designed for personal devotion. These stations relate to Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God and the reason his vision of this Kingdom led to his death. Find a quiet place to watch these stations, and as you do the devotions be open to how God is speaking to you through the Stations of the Cross.



O Lord Hear My Prayer - Taize

O Lord hear my prayer, music by the French composer of liturgical music, Jacques Berthier (1923 - 1994). Lyrics from Psalm 102. Sunsets from various locations, by Patricia Maloney Ottawa ON Canada. The final photos were taken in the evening during the Stations of the Cross at Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Quebec, Canada



Prayer Inspiration

Beautiful video highlighting famous people's quotes on the power and importance of prayer.



Resources from the LMC on Devotional Practices

Awake My Soul: Contemporary Catholics on Traditional Devotions (James Martin) Offers a meaningful collection of fascinating essays focusing on devotions and their place in the life of contemporary believers. Originally published as part of a Lenten series in America magazine, the essays discuss a favorite devotion, its history, its place in an individual's life, and its role in the life of contemporary Catholics. Some of today's top Catholic writers celebrate many traditional Catholic devotions such as the rosary, the stations of the cross, holy water, novenas, relics, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. *Awake My Soul* introduces the practice of devotions to a new generation, and shows how the tradition of prayer can help people regain a sense of the mystery at the center of the Catholic faith.

Dictionary of Catholic Devotions (Michael Walsh) An alphabetical reference to over 1,200 devotional objects, saints, titles, and practices in the Roman Catholic Church, past and present. While Mass is the central act of Roman Catholic worship, Catholics have also performed many other acts of devotion since the early days of the Church. This dictionary is a comprehensive catalog of Catholic devotional practices, titles, saints, shrines, and confraternities, with explanations of their history and meaning.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus (Stephen J. Binz) The traditional devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus is solidly rooted in Scripture and offers a rich source of spiritual renewal today. The human heart, the biblical symbol for human will and passion, can become hardened. But God has promised to change our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. The heart of Jesus, pierced and flowing with living streams of blood and water, is a threshold inviting us into the experience of divine love.

Child's Guide to the Rosary (Elizabeth Ficocelli) A youngster's guide to the Rosary, with each mystery keyed to scripture to show how the Rosary is not centered around Mary, but leads us, through Mary, to Jesus; includes illustrations and full prayers for how to pray the Rosary.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet for Kids (DVD) Engagingly animated, this program features St. Faustina teaching her young friends Kristin, Enrique and others about the Divine Mercy Devotion and how to pray the Chaplet. Covering such topics as the origins of the Divine Mercy image, the importance of the Sacrament of Confession, and much more.

Library Media Center Resources

[Check It Out Newsletter-April 2016](#) -
[Find new resources recently added to the library catalog!](#)

Autism Awareness Month

Library Resources

The **Adaptive First Eucharist Kit** will enable many children with autism and other special needs to participate fully in their faith, children who might not be able to receive the Eucharist. Kit Includes: Helper Guide, My Picture Missal, Mass Cards (inside Picture Missal), Bless Yourself Board, Who is Jesus Card, Communion is Not the Same as Food Board, How to Receive Communion Board, I Receive Communion Book, and Backpack.

Adaptive First Reconciliation Preparation Kit: For Children with Autism and Other Special Needs Loyola Press, 2012. The Adaptive First Reconciliation Kit will enable children with autism and other special needs to participate fully in their faith, children who might not be able to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Kit Includes: The Reconciliation Flip Book; I'm Sorry Cards; The I Am Forgiven Sequence Puzzle; Jesus Forgives Instructional Story Card; Jesus Wants Us to Make Good Choices Matching Puzzle; The Good Choice/Bad Choice Cards; Examination of Conscience Instructional Card; I Celebrate Reconciliation Picture Book; Act of Contrition Instructional Card; The Helper Guide; Backpack.

Adaptive Confirmation Preparation Kit For Individuals with Autism and Other Special Needs Loyola Press, 2014. The Adaptive Confirmation Preparation Kit was designed to help individuals with autism and other special needs enter fully into the faith experience, prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and live their lives as participating members of the Catholic Church. Kit Includes: I Receive Confirmation Book, Request for Confirmation Template, I Do Card, Baptismal Promise Puzzle, I Am a Disciple flip book, Toss and Tell Conversation Starter Ball, Helper Guide, My Confirmation Songs CD, Backpack.

Special Needs Bibliography-take a look at the additional resources available from the library.

Earth Day - April 22

Online Resources

Earth Day Guide 2016 From Catholic Climate Covenant- this [guide](#) will help you plan a one-hour celebration at your parish or school. For more information, contact CatholicClimateCovenant.org

10 Catholic Ways to Celebrate Earth Day Earth Day (April 22, 2016), takes on a special meaning in light of the publication of Laudato Si', Pope Francis's encyclical "On Care for Our Common Home." The Holy Father's message is loud and clear: caring for our environment is a fundamental tenet of our Catholic faith. As such, Earth Day presents a golden opportunity for teaching about Laudato Si' as well as the Catholic principle of Care for God's Creation, one of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Here

are [10 ways](#) to make your observance of Earth Day a truly Catholic experience. (From Catechist's Journey)

Earth Ministry-Caring for All Creation For nearly 25 years, Earth Ministry has been the statewide leader in engaging the religious community in environmental stewardship and advocacy. Through education, outreach, organizing, and training, Earth Ministry builds a powerful moral constituency of people of faith taking action for the health of our communities and the environment. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Books and Videos

On Care For Our Common Home (Laudato Si) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015. Pope Francis draws all Christians into a dialogue with every person on the planet about our common home. We as human beings are united by the concern for our planet, and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Pope Francis letter joins the body of the Church's social and moral teaching, draws on the best scientific research, providing the foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows.

On Care for Our Common Home: Group Reading Guide (Twenty-Third Publications) This guide offers a summary of every article in Pope Francis' groundbreaking document and a group reflection process to help everyone read it and understand it. The article numbers in the original are retained for ease in moving between the guide and the actual encyclical. The six small group sessions outlined here include group reading, discussion, prayer, and action suggestions (for communal or personal use) making it ideal for; Youth ministry-Confirmation programs- Parish leaders- Small communities- Clergy groups- Adult formation- The RCIA- Families.

10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know about the Environment (Michael Wright) Pope Francis made headlines when he penned his new encyclical, Laudato Si, and called on the world's people to protect God's creation. In this booklet, author Michael Wright identifies 10 key themes from the popular encyclical, explaining what they mean for everyday Catholics.

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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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@divinemercurfilm.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

CYO Summer Camp

Camp Don Bosco and Camp Hamilton Summer [sessions](#) are filling up! If you want your child to have the experience of a lifetime at camp, be sure to register today. Click [here](#) to register today!



NW Catholic App

The new 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 (Fourth Week of Easter): Sunday to Sunday Use this one-page resource as a complete bulletin insert or as a handout in schools.

Webinar: Syria and Its Refugees: They Are Not Forgotten Thursday, April 28, 2016 3:00-3:45 p.m. (EDT) The concern for refugees is on the minds of many church leaders. The US bishops recently visited the Middle East to understand the plight of hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees, and Pope Francis will soon visit Syrian refugees in Lesbos. What can Catholics do about this human crisis? Join Bishop Oscar Cantú, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on International Justice and Peace, Dr. Stephen Colecchi, director of USCCB's Office of International Peace and Justice, and William Canny, executive director of USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services, as they explore the situation of Syrian refugees and the steps communities of faith can take to stand in

solidarity with them. This live event will be informative for pastors, deacons, members of religious communities, social ministry directors, Catholic Charities personnel, refugee resettlement coordinators, and catechists.

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

Catechetical Weekly-NCCL

The National Conference of Catechetical Leaders publishes a weekly newsletter following the Six Tasks of Catechesis.



Featured This Week (Fourth Week of Easter):
Evangelizing Catechesis

Questions for Reflection:-What do you think of the image of the sower in describing the work of the catechist?-What qualities might a catechist who is building the Kingdom of God possess?-The General Directory of Catechesis states "catechists are called to have a greater consciousness of the necessity to keep in mind the field in which the seed is sown." How would you describe "the field in which the seed is sown" today? Is it different than "the field" in years past?-How does it feel when observing a catechist who uses love and mercy to proclaim the Gospel?

For archived newsletters and to learn more about this organization visit the [website](#).

Featured Websites

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.



The Living the Eucharist Mobile App

[Living the Eucharist Daily Devotional app](#) from Paulist Evangelization Ministries. 3 seasonal devotionals that will ignite your spiritual growth-start with From Passover to Pentecost, an inspiring daily devotional for the Easter Season. You can preview the first week for free! Free video guides on how to use the seasonal devotionals and Lectio Divina, an ancient Catholic method of prayer, to personally encounter Christ in the Scriptures and live a life more fully as a missionary disciple of Jesus



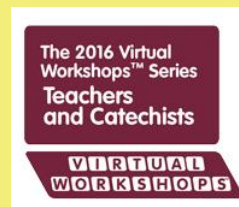
Catholicism School Enrichment

[Word on Fire](#) has partnered with the Archdiocese of New York to create 46 video vignettes and companion lesson plans, drawing from the award-winning CATHOLICISM series and the vast expertise of twelve New York teachers. These materials can be used creatively by any teacher to enhance core religion curriculum in middle or high school, and bring the beauty, truth, and goodness of the Faith more vividly into the classroom.



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.



Catholic Publishers

[Loyola Press](#)

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Helpful Links

[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

[Garaventa Center](#)

The Garaventa Center from the University of Portland explores and deploys the fruits of faith, reason and imagination that constitute the Catholic intellectual tradition to illuminate and enliven something that is implicit but often unregarded: the working of grace in human communities. Weekly podcasts are available by visiting the website or subscribing to their weekly newsletter.

[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.

NACFLAM-National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries

In response to God's word revealed through all generations and impelled by our belief in the intrinsic sacredness of family life we, the members of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, join together to be a prophetic voice for family in Church and society, to foster professional development, and to provide mutual support for those who minister with families.

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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