

Archdiocese of Seattle Faith Formation Newsletter April 24, 2017

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

We hope all of you are in the midst of a joyful Easter season! We know this is a busy time of year, with First Communion, Confirmation, and pending graduations. May the fruit of your ministry bring many blessings to you, your students, and the families you serve!

Our "Essential Concept" this week is Church History: The Church in God's Plan. As our Sunday readings take us through the Acts of the Apostles and in a few weeks bring us to Pentecost, this is indeed a great liturgical season to study the 2,000+ year timeline since Christ instituted our Church, the "universal sacrament of salvation."

Please remember to mark your calendars for the following upcoming events!

- **April 29th Cabrini Ministry - Remembering our Identity as Children of God**
- **April 29th Sacred Songs with Dan Schutte**-St Cecilia Church, Bainbridge Island
- **May 2nd Grief Support Ministry Meeting** at St. Vincent de Paul parish, for more information contact **Anne Frederick**
- **Beginning May 2nd, Liturgy Training Publications (LTP) will be offering a series of 14 virtual workshops on the RCIA**
- **June 7th Annual Conference for Catechetical Leaders** with Steve Angrisano note this year we will be gathering in the Isaac Orr Conference Room at the Chancery! *We hope to provide an opportunity for you to visit the Library Media Center to see if there are any resources that you might like to bring back to your parish. More details to come!*

In Christ,

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Essential Religious Education Concepts

The Church in God's Plan-[731-780] : Church History [464, 758-780]

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 5 - Education for Community Life- *Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church- the Body of Christ and the community of believers-as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints, and their family, the Domestic Church.*

Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

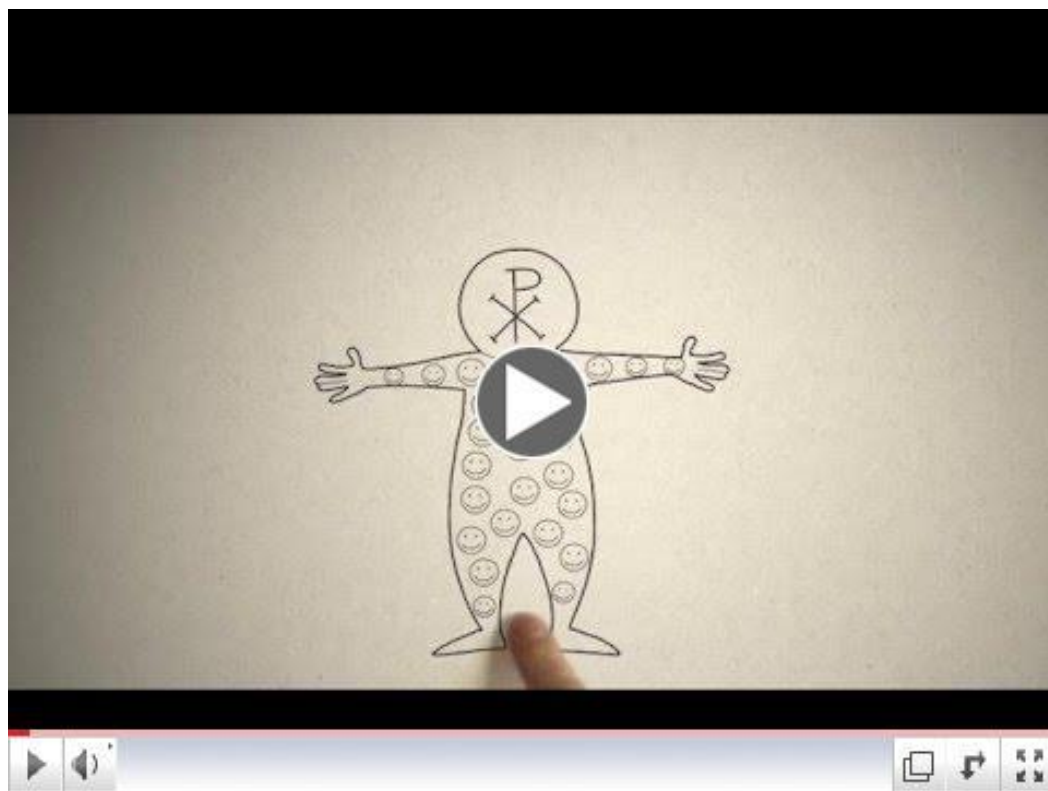
Religious Education Standards-Essential Concepts Bibliography from the LMC*

**Please note the Library's Essential Concepts list is a working document, being updated on an ongoing basis.*

Online Resources-Links and Videos

Catechist Journey - Celebrate the Joy of Jesus During the Easter Season (Link)

[3MC- What is the Church?](#)



[This Is Church](#)



[Bishop Barron on The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church](#)



[Pentecost in 2 Minutes](#)



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

Contact the [library](#) to request items. Our [online catalog](#) is also available to search for books and DVDs.

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.

Sacred Songs with Dan Schutte

Saturday, April 29, 2017 | 7:30-9:00 pm | St. Cecilia Church, Bainbridge Island | For more information, contact Terry Markuly: 206-842-3594 or tmarkuly@saintcparish.org. View the [flyer](#) for more details.

Cabrini Ministry: Remembering our Identity as Children of God Workshop

Saturday, April 29, 2017 | 9:30-1:00 | St. Bridget Church, Seattle | Facilitated by Dr. Brian DesRoches. In Scripture, Jesus invites us the call upon the Holy Spirit to "remember all

that I have told you." Come learn what the Bible and the Catechism have to say about our identity as children of God and explore practical steps offered by spiritual neuroscience to remember and live out that spiritual identity. \$25 suggested donation. For more information, click [here](#).

Annual Conference of Parish Catechetical Leaders **(UPDATED)**

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 | Isaac Orr Conference Room, Chancery Bldg. | 9:00-3:00 |
Presenter: Steve Angrisano | Click [here](#) for complete information. **Please register by May 30th.**

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](#).

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 her

Annual VIVA! Weekend Retreat

Saturday & Sunday, May 6-7, 2017 | St. Placid Priory, Lacey | A weekend retreat for single Catholic women (20-40 yrs.) who are seeking the meaning of life by exploring a call to live the Consecrated Life as a vowed Sister. Register by April 28th for early registration. For complete information, click [here](#) for the flyer.

Catholic Cornerstone: Together for Life and Justice **(UPDATED)**

October 20-21, 2017 | Tacoma | Check out the [WSCC website](#) for more information regarding location, speakers, and more. **Registration begins in May.**

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, diane@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@stlouis.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.

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.

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 Easter) *Lectio Divina for the Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)* This lectio divina guide for the Second Sunday of Easter can help one meditate, contemplate, and pray on the joy of the Easter season and the gift of faith.

[English](#) [Spanish](#)

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

NCCL-Catechetical Update



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.](#)

Catechetical Leader Survey: The Editorial Committee is inviting NCCL members to participate in a survey on Catechetical Leader magazine. NCCL is undertaking this study to determine how best to deliver quality research in applying catechetical principles to members in light of current budget conditions. We recognize that the editorial content contained in the magazine is an important benefit of your membership. Thus we want to consider your feedback during our visioning for the future of the magazine. *Please complete the survey no later than April 24, 2017.* A report of the survey will be distributed to all members later this year. To complete the survey, click [here](#).

To learn more about this organization and view their resources, 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.



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CRS-Catholic Relief Services

Responding to the Refugee Crisis The refugee crisis continues, we remain challenged as people of faith to nourish refugees' hope for the future. The resources below can be used to help involve faith communities take up Pope Francis' charge by praying, learning, acting and giving to support those in need.



Fr. Mike Schmitz Podcast

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

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!](#)

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](#).

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.

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.

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