

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter May 9, 2016

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "Essential Concept" this week, is the People of God. We are reminded that through Baptism we are called to the three-fold ministry of Jesus Christ - to be a priestly, prophetic, and royal people.

"The whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them" (CCC 783). In other words, each day: we intentionally offer our lives to God; we proclaim Christ through the way we speak and live; and we humbly serve others.

As the People of God, we are hoping that the love of Christ has been deeply experienced in your faith communities during this Easter season and the many celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation. **We are also looking forward to the ordinations of four of our seminarians to the Priesthood at St. James Cathedral on June 25th.**

We are also looking forward to the **May 17th gathering of our Grief Support ministers** at St. Vincent de Paul and our **Annual PAFF Conference on June 1st** at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center. Please check out more information about these events and other upcoming programs listed below.

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

Grief Support Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm | St. Vincent de Paul Church, Federal Way | Please RSVP before May 13th contact the [Office of Catholic Faith Formation](#) for more information.

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

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.

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

Formation Opportunities

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

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Seasonal Morning Prayer

In the revised religion standards for the Archdiocese of Seattle both for Catholic Schools and Faith Formation a deliberate attempt was made to include an introduction to and familiarity with the Liturgy of the Hours. Please find a [worship aid](#) prepared by the Liturgy Office which could be used for a classroom or all school celebration of Morning Prayer for a feast day. "Side A" and "Side B" may be designated as either "boys" and "girls" or "men" and "women" or any other designation you deem appropriate. If you have any questions about the Liturgy of the Hours, please feel free to contact [Andrew Casad](#), director of Liturgy for the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Opioid & Opiate Epidemic in Our Community-What Families Need to Know

Sunday, May 15, 2016 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Isaac Orr Conference Center, Seattle | Our communities are struggling with prescription drug misuse and opioid addiction. Please join us to hear from prevention experts, people in recovery, and a mother who has been impacted by our current drug culture. [Learn more](#)

Community and Life-Long Learning (CALL)

Sponsored by the **University of Portland MA in Pastoral Ministry Program**
Saturday, May 21, 2016 | 8:30-2:30 | [Griffin Center, Milwaukie, OR](#) | Igniting the Fire: **Breaking Open the Word to Unleash the Power of God's Spirit**, presented by Elaine Park, Ph.D. This workshop/retreat will draw us into the depths of the fire of God's merciful love in our own lives. It will provide resources for individual spiritual development for all people of faith desiring a deeper relationship with Christ. At the same time, it will provide resources for Retreat Directors, Parish Ministers, RCIA Facilitators and Sponsors, Deacons, Teachers, Parish Leaders, and all who find themselves in situations where they are called upon to give spoken witness to their faith. All are welcome, whether for personal spiritual enrichment or enrichment of your ministry. [Learn more](#)

"Habits of a Very Loving Marriage" Married Couples' Enrichment Retreat
June 3-5, 2016 | ABRC@ Palisades | Fr. Pat Freitag | Consider this marriage enrichment retreat as an extended date-night, the chance to get away together and talk without the distractions and demands of everyday life. The seminar is based on Stephen R. Covey's No. 1 bestseller *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and *The Five Love Languages* by Dr. Gary Chapman. This marriage workshop offers a framework for applying a universal, self-discovery approach that enables couples to communicate successfully. [Learn more](#) and register.

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](#).

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

Models of the Catholic Church-People of God [781-786]

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:

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

Priest, Prophet and King

(written article) "A classic characterization of Jesus is that he is priest, prophet and king. As priest, he sanctifies, that is to say, he reestablishes the lost link between divinity and humanity; as prophet, he speaks and embodies the divine truth; and as king, he leads us on the right path, giving guidance to the human project." (Bishop Robert Barron, Northwest Catholic, 2014)

Aren't All Churches the Same?

There's an ancient symbol that uses a ship or boat to represent the Catholic Church. In this video, Fr. Mike Schmitz takes that analogy a step further, using it to explain how everything Christians love about their church, whichever one it may be, originally came from the flagship or mothership of Christianity. She has had her struggles, some of which have caused others to



leave and start their own fleet, but ultimately she has stayed her course and will always welcome her crew home.

Providence

We need God and we need each other.
Christopher Stefanick: reallifecatholic.org



Resources from the LMC on Models of the Catholic Church-People of God

Jesus: What Catholics Believe (Alan Schreck) Dr. Alan Schreck offers a thorough answer to this question. Jesus is central to everything the Church believes and teaches, yet few people really understand the significance of who Jesus is in their own lives. Schreck explains when and how Jesus lived, what he taught, his human and divine nature, and how the Risen Jesus continues to act today in the sacraments, through the Holy Spirit, and in his people and ministers. Written in an engaging, straightforward style, this is a book for anyone wanting to know more about Jesus.

The Church of God: Body of Christ and Temple of the Spirit (Louis Bouyer) How does the Church perceive herself? Fr. Louis Bouyer's *The Church of God* sets out to answer that question, in light of Tradition and theological reflection through the centuries, but especially by drawing on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. This book is a highly-readable, thorough synthesis of ecclesiology after the Council, presented by one of the greatest theologians of the 20th century. Bouyer, himself a former Lutheran minister, also explores Reformation views of the Church, as well as the Catholic Church's deepened understanding of her distinctive identity and her imperfect but real communion with the Orthodox churches and Protestant ecclesial communities. It offers a foundation for sound ecumenical discussion about the nature of the Church.

The Vision of Vatican II for Today (DVD, St. Anthony Messenger Press)
Father Michael Himes looks at the theological background to the Second Vatican Council, some of the revolutionary teachings of the Council itself, and how the wisdom and insights of the Council guide us today. VOLUME 1: "The Roots of Vatican II" examines John Henry Cardinal Newman's ideas and how the whole Church is challenged to live out the roles of priest, prophet and king in our era. VOLUME 2: "The People Are the Church" looks at the indispensable role of the laity and invites lay people to full participation in their Church. VOLUME 3: "The Church Human and Divine" explores the divinity and humanity of Christ and affirms that the Church has much to learn from human experience and insights from such disciplines such as sociology, the sciences and political theory. VOLUME 4: "The Church Before and After Vatican II" examines the document *Lumen Gentium* and shows how the Church's missions of sanctification and social mission are placed on equal ground and how such a restatement of the Church's mission has a profound impact on how we view the Church today. VOLUME 5: "The Sacrament of Everyday Life" shows how the sacred and secular merge in everyday life and helps us consider a vision of the Church where all the baptized participate as full and equal partners.

Priest, Prophet, King (DVD, Word On Fire) The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? In *Priest, Prophet, King*, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One-the

ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Father Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. This deeply biblical program, filmed in high-definition video, features an accompanying study guide by notable Catholic writer and apologist, Carl Olson, written under Fr. Barron's direction.

Library Media Center Resources

[Check It Out Newsletter-May 2016](#)

Find new resources recently added to the library catalog!

In Honor of Mary~Our Mother

Library Resources

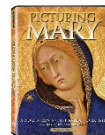
Holding Jesus: Reflections on Mary, the Mother of God (Alfred McBride)

The most popular image of Mary in paintings, icons, stained glass, and statuary is her role as the Madonna, the mother of the Word made flesh. The imagination and genius of artists supply us with images of the maternal wonder, innocence, and affection that our faith discerns in this holy Mother of God. But the story of Mary's relationship with Jesus goes beyond her nurturing him as a child. She also accompanies him throughout his life stages from childhood to the teen years, from young adult to his maturity, from his thirtieth year to his passion and death, and from his resurrection to his ascension. Throughout his life, Mary continues to hold her son in her love and in her outstanding prayer and contemplation. In 42 scriptural reflections, Fr. Alfred McBride invites us to consider Mary as a young wife and new mother who holds her infant, as the Mother of Sorrows who holds her son when he is taken down from the cross, and as a witness to the infant Church when the Holy Spirit descends in the Upper Room at Pentecost.

Discovering Mary: Answers to Questions about the Mother of God (David

Mills) Discovering Mary brings together essential Marian information in an engaging manner not only to instruct but also to deepen devotion to "the one who bore our Savior and deserves our love.

Picturing Mary (DVD, Educational Broadcasting Corp) Visit museums, chapels and cathedrals in eight countries to view rare and sacred masterpieces portraying Mary by artists such as Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Caravaggio, Duccio, and van Eyck in their original locations. Looks at artwork ranging from tiny personal images to giant mosaics and frescoes to examine the way artists have expressed their personal devotion and communicated their vision of Mary.



Mary: the Mother of God (DVD, Ignatius Press) The Footprints of God series follows Mary on her extraordinary journey on location in Turkey, Israel and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray as guide. Down-to-earth teaching on subjects like Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption

into Heaven, and her role of intercessor, and more are offered in an energized, high-impact style that combines the best elements of a travel documentary, biography, Bible study, apologetics course, and church history review.

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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Maryknoll Year of Mercy Resources *NEW*

Maryknoll has developed various resources to use for the Year of Mercy: Watch a Mercy [Movie](#), Record a Mercy [Moment](#), set up a Parish [Mission](#) for your community, and more. Email Anna Clarke at aclarke@maryknoll.org with any questions or requests.

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@divinemercyfilm.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 (Seventh Week of Easter): [A Mother's Reflection on Liturgy](#)

As we celebrate Mother's Day, a mother looks at how observing the powerful signs, symbols and words of liturgy can help even a child make connections between everyday life and our liturgical life.

[9 Days Intentions for May](#): Join in this extension of the prayer campaign for life that began in January. The intention for May is that the Blessed Virgin Mary's example inspire us to authentic love graced with generosity and respect.

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 (Seventh Week of Easter):

NCCL launches new website! Take a look by selecting the link below.

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.



It's Our World-Resources for Missionary Discipleship



The resources on this page are designed to supplement the digital experience provided by the Missio mobile app bringing you and those with whom you are connected - students, families, faith communities - to a greater awareness of the great needs of our world. [Download](#) our "featured" resources or use the filter function to access additional materials.

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.

Catechetical Sunday 2016

[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.

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](#)

[St. Mary's Press](#)

[Our Sunday Visitor](#)

[Ave Maria Press](#)

[Sadlier](#)

[Ascension Press](#)

[RCL Benziger](#)

[Lighthouse Catholic Media](#)

[Ignatius Press](#)

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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