Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "Essential Concept" this week is the Body of Christ. As we journey from Pentecost into Ordinary Time, it offers us a moment to pause and consider how we as members of the Church use our hands and bodies to share the works of mercy. We are especially excited that on June 1st, Dr. Joe Paprocki will be sharing ideas on how we can live out these works more fully through our faith formation programs.

As we continue with our Jubilee Year of Mercy, we would like to let you know about a new documentary, The Original Image of Divine Mercy. This video featuring a variety of Catholic speakers will be shown at Sacred Heart Parish in conjunction with the celebration of their feast day on June 3rd. See the Year of Mercy section below for specific details.

As summer approaches, we would like to remind you about our multiple CYO Camping opportunities. We hope you are encouraging your students to participate in this rich faith and fun experience!

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

Grief Support Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2016 I 9:00 am to 3:00 pm I St. Vincent de Paul Church, Federal Way I Please RSVP before May 13th contact the Office of Catholic Faith Formation for more information.

Annual PAFF Conference
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 I ABRC @ Palisades I Joe Paprocki: A Church on The Move: Getting Mission and Mercy in Motion I 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) I Holy Family Church, Kirkland I 8:30 am to 3:30 pm I Online registration is required and will soon be available at [www.fdlc.org/marriage-rite-workshops](http://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](mailto: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.

Community and Life-Long Learning (CALL)
Sponsored by the [University of Portland MA in Pastoral Ministry Program](#)
Saturday, May 21, 2016 I 8:30-2:30 I [Griffin Center, Milwaukie, OR](#) I 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 I ABRC@ Palisades I Fr. Pat Freitag I 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 I St. Joseph Church, Vancouver
Seattle Summer Program: June 27-30, 2016 I 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 I 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.

Cabrini Ministry Training
Do you have a desire to offer a compassionate presence and listening ear to others experiencing isolation or affliction? Cabrini Ministry Training can equip you with the tools you need to be an effective instrument of Christ's love. This fall we will offer a 20-week class in Kirkland on Tuesday afternoons, and a 5-session, all-day class in Seattle on Saturdays. Go to www.cabriniministry.org, email info@cabriniministry.org, or call 206-760-0583 x3 for more information.
Parish Notifications

Job Opportunity (St. Hubert Church-Langley)

**Faith Formation Coordinator:** A faith-filled and creative self-starter to coordinate ongoing faith formation for all ages. Imagine yourself on beautiful Whidbey Island, active in helping a small faith-filled community as they come to fuller understanding of the call to discipleship. This part-time role offers opportunities for personal deepening of faith and the fun of seeing new programs take shape. Weekend and evening work required. Salary and benefits in accord with Archdiocesan guidelines. This position is open until filled. Please submit a resume and application by May 25, 2016. For a full job description and application, please go to the website [www.sthubertchurch.org](http://www.sthubertchurch.org). If you have questions, please contact the Terri in the parish office sthubert@whidbey.com or (360) 221-5383.

**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-Body of Christ** [787-796]

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

**Pope Francis Proclaims the Church is the Living Body of Christ and Calls for Christian Unity** (written article) Too often, even Catholics do not understand that to belong to Jesus the Head means to belong to His Body, the Church. That belonging is meant to be a lived,
The teaching of this pope is beautiful and profoundly important.

The Body of Christ

Song of the Body of Christ
Resources from the LMC on Models of the Catholic Church-Body of Christ


*What You Do Best: In the Body of Christ* (Bruce Bugbee) Helps you identify your God-given passion, spiritual gifts, and personal style. And he shows how together they point to your unique role and purpose in the body of Christ. Drawing from biblical principles, What You Do Best provides proven tools and a conversational approach that will guide you to a greater fulfillment of God's will for your life.

*Being the Body of Christ: What the People of the Passion Teach us about Jesus Today* (Marci Alborghetti) One is his mother. Another is a friend. Still another is a stranger. They are among the seven people who witness Jesus' death on the cross. Drawing from Scripture and tradition, Marci Alborghetti creates tender, profoundly personal depictions of each encounter; we feel Mary's anguish as she holds her son's...
cold, tattered body and recalls rocking her newborn; we stand with John at the foot of the cross, somewhere between hope and despair. We feel the Centurion's bewilderment, Mary Magdalene's grief, and Nicodemus' wrenching regret. “These are the people who can become our guides as we seek to commit ourselves physically, emotionally, and spiritually to Jesus and his teaching,” says Alborghetti. Each chapter offers questions and topics for personal reflection or group discussion, making this an inspiring and cherished companion for all who seek deeper participation in the body of Christ.

**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.

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**Library Media Center Resources**

**Check It Out Newsletter-May 2016**
Find new resources recently added to the library catalog!

**Rosary Resources**

**Library Resources**

*The Rosary: Keeping Company with Jesus and Mary* (Karen Edmisten)  
Whether you love the rosary or struggle to understand its appeal, Edmisten will help you enter more fully into its mystery. She offers here an encouraging guide that will enable you to leave behind the distractions and time constraints of daily life, the temptations to rote repetition, and allow you to find yourself, through the rosary, in the presence of Jesus and his Mother.

*The Seeker's Guide to the Rosary* (Liz Kelly) This comprehensive guide invites you to explore the history and mysteries of the Rosary and bridge its communal language of faith with modern-day life. It gives you the opportunity to develop a purposeful connection with the Rosary, meditation and, ultimately, God.

*Linking your Beads: The Rosary’s History, Mysteries and Prayers* (Patricia Kasten)  
Whether you are a Rosary rookie or daily devotee, this book will give you a whole new perspective on the power of prayer with the Rosary. As you learn the depth of faith behind this simple string of beads, prayers, and meditations, you'll find yourself equally enlightened and encouraged. The book covers the history of the Rosary and its prayerful predecessors, the power of meditative prayer in various forms, the significant role of sacramentals in our walk of faith, the origins
of each of the Rosary prayers and the Creed, the meaning and purpose of the Rosary's many colors, styles, and lengths.

*The Rosary Project: A Celebration of Prayer and Song* (Audio CD, St. Anthony Messenger Press) Experience the Rosary with this celebration of prayer and song. Offers a fresh look at the ancient practice of meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. Listen to the Rosary being recited while interspersed with songs to lead you deeper into the life of Christ.

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**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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**The Original Image of the Divine Mercy-Documentary *NEW***

Friday, June 3 - 7:00 pm | Sacred Heart Parish, Bellevue
Celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy on the Feast of the Sacred Heart Divine Mercy Chaplet in church Procession to gym for movie. *The Original Image of Divine Mercy* recounts the thrilling story of the only painting of the Divine Mercy image that St. Faustina ever saw. In 1934, at the request of Jesus himself, St. Faustina and her confessor secretly began working with an artist on reproducing the mystical vision of the Merciful Jesus. The movie features Bishop Robert Barron, Catholic comedian Jim Gaffigan, singer Harry Connick Jr., Cardinal Christoph Schonborn, Immaculee Ilibagiza, and other noted Catholics.

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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, Stanislaw, 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 cloughlin@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!

World Youth Day
Help your youth experience WYD Seattle. To learn more and register, click here

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 Ordinary Time): Use this one-page resource as a complete bulletin insert or as a handout in schools.
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 Ordinary Time):
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

Real Life Catholic *NEW*
Real Life Catholic’s purpose is to ignite a bold, contagious faith in the heart of every Catholic in America, by building a movement of Catholics who share the beauty, power and truth of the Gospel with a world that has largely forgotten.

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 @ 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.