

Archdiocese of Seattle Faith Formation Newsletter May 8, 2017

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

As we journey through this month of May that celebrates Mary, the Mother of our Church and also a time for First Communion, Ordinations, and Graduations we hope you are finding time to pray and enjoy our almost sunny weather!

Here is some information about [upcoming ordinations](#) in our Archdiocese to the transitional diaconate and priesthood. We are blessed! Not only do the Ordinations continue into June, but we also hope that you are taking a moment to [register](#) for our very exciting June 7th conference featuring Steve Angrisano!

Good News! [Catechetical Sunday 2017](#) materials are now available from the USCCB. This year's theme is "*Living as Missionary Disciples*". Catechetical Sunday will be September 17, 2017.

How many of you have had a chance to view Pope Francis' TED talk? If not, here is the link to his awesome [presentation](#) and [lesson plan](#) from *The Religion Teacher!*

Our "Essential Concept" this week is the Marks of the Church. We are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Here are some [video links](#) that highlight each of these of the 4 Marks for us.

As we get closer to summer, we are also hearing about more [parish ministry openings](#). The Northwest Catholic does a great job of providing this information. We suggest you check out their webpage if you know of someone seeking a catechetical leadership position!

Attendees of the Annual PAFF Conference will have the opportunity to take home books & media from the Library Media Center after the meeting. We would suggest you plan to stay for at least one hour to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime event!

In Christ,

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Essential Religious Education Concepts

The Mystery and Marks of the Church: One; Holy; Catholic; and Apostolic- [811-870]

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 - We Are the Church (Link)

One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic



[Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What are the Marks of the Church?](#)



[What are the four characteristics of the Church?](#)



[CATHOLICISM Series -The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church](#)

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[Outline/Lesson Plan for CATHOLICISM video above](#)

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

Resources for May: We Honor Mary

[5 Children's Books Perfect for Celebrating Mary](#)-Besides knowing that Mary is the mother of Jesus and their participation in a May Crowning, what else do our children know about Mary? There are some excellent children books out there about Mary.

[Marian Resources](#)-Mary has a unique and privileged place in salvation history and in the Church. Because she responded yes to becoming the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God.

[Rosary Activities](#)-Includes handout meditations on each mystery of the Rosary to help young people not only recite the prayers but enter into the mysteries of the lives of Christ and Mary.



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.

2017 Ordination Schedule

There are several ordinations occurring around the Archdiocese. Please click [here](#) to see where and when!

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.**

New Ministers Orientation & Youth Ministers Fall Gathering
September 5th, 6th 2017 | ABRC @ Palisades | [More details to come!](#)

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 [here](#).

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

October 20-21, 2017 | Tacoma | Check out the [WSSC 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 (UPDATED)

Faith Based Support Groups-Support groups offered for those who are grieving and have a heavy heart.

Safe Crossings-A Children's Grief Support Program-A program for children who are facing or have experienced the loss of a loved one.

Archdiocesan News

CYO Summer Camps

Registration is Open! We are starting to fill some of our more popular programs. [Register](#) today to reserve your spot!



NW Catholic APP

Northwest Catholic is your source for Catholic News and information in Western Washington and the Archdiocese of Seattle. The [mobile app](#) is packed with features to help you catch up on current news, pray, learn, and interact with the Catholic community.



NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

Check out the latest reviews on [TV, movies](#) and [books](#). Also, check out the [crossword puzzles](#)-a great way to learn more about the Catholic Faith!

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) A Brief History of Our Lady of Fatima May 13, 2017, marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Marian apparitions that occurred in Fatima, Portugal. This article recalls the events that took place over a period of six months in 1917, in the fields of Fatima. Pope Francis will visit Fatima to mark this anniversary and canonize Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta Marta, two of the three children who witnessed the apparitions.

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

NCCL-Catechetical Update



Last weeks to register for #NCCL2017! **Transformative Leadership Conference:** May 22-25, Dallas, TX. For more information and to register, click [here](#). *Registration ends May 15th.*

A 4-Day Journey through Transformational Encounters...

Monday, May 22 - Contemplation - Personal Transformation

Tuesday, May 23 - Imagination - Prophetic Communal Transformation

Wednesday, May 24 - Vision - Articulating a Catechetical Future

Thursday, May 25 - Missionary - Leadership for the World

[Learn more about the Transformative Leadership theme for #NCCL2017 here.](#)

To learn more about this organization and view their resources, visit the [website](#).

Featured Websites

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.



Christians in Africa

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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