

# Archdiocese of Seattle Faith Formation Newsletter July 24 , 2017

**Dear Catechetical Colleagues,**

Even though we are still in the midst of a wonderful summer, **we are looking ahead to several upcoming events for ongoing formation**. We hope you take a moment to check them out and also to share the following resources with those you serve!

**In particular, please note the August dates for "*Touching Safety*" training that was initiated last year.** This is a required class for all parish faith formation students. If you have not previously attended this workshop, it is mandatory for you or someone from your parish to do so!

**We are continuing to build online links for our "Essential Concepts." This week we are featuring the "Domestic Church."** We have found several short videos that can be quite helpful with explaining this concept with your families. We hope you find them both informative and also some of them rather humorous!



Please remind any new hires in faith formation, youth ministry and/or the RCIA that we will be having our **Annual New Ministers Formation Day on September 5th at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center**. We are also planning a **formation day for all new AND experienced catechetical ministers on September 6th**.

In Christ,

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**Essential Religious Education Concepts**

## **The Domestic Church** [1655-58, 1666, 2257, 2685]

*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-Helping Parents Model Catholicism for Their Children** Because children are so strongly influenced by their parents, we need to do all we can to equip parents with what they need to model Catholicism for their children. Recently, blogger and author Katie Warner shared a post where she suggested seven ways for parents to make their faith visible so that their children "catch" it from them. [Continue Reading](#)

**7 Habits of a Faithful Catholic Family Infographic**  
[\(ChurchPop.com\)](#)

<h1>7 HABITS of CATHOLIC FAMILIES</h1> 		 <p><b>PRAY TOGETHER</b> Pray every day. Try the Rosary or simple prayers as Our Father or Hail Mary</p>
 <p><b>ATTEND MASS</b> Go to church every Sunday and all Holy Days of obligation</p>	 <p><b>HAVE AN ONGOING FAMILY CHARITY EFFORT</b> Choose a cause to collaborate with financially or by volunteering</p>	 <p><b>GET SACRED ART IN YOUR HOME</b> Use Catholic paintings or statues to add richness to the family's devotion</p>
 <p><b>GO TO CONFESSION FREQUENTLY</b> It is important to encourage all members of the family to go to confession regularly</p>	 <p><b>USE CATHOLIC MEDIA</b> It is a good resource to keep all the members of the family close to God and the Church</p>	 <p><b>CELEBRATE!</b> Saints' Day, Church Seasons... Keep the joy of the Gospel in your family!</p> <p> CatholicLink</p>

[Inside the Domestic Church](#)



[Love Is Patient](#)



[C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What Makes a Happy Family?](#)



[Bishop Barron-Marriage & Relationships](#)



### [Walking with Families - Pope Francis & the Art of Accompaniment](#)

The Life, Marriage & Family Office is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne ([6 videos](#))

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

## **Spanish Faith Formation/Formación para la Fe en Español**

### **TAREAS DE LA CATEQUESIS.**

Tarea 5: La catequesis prepara al cristiano para vivir en comunidad y participar activamente en la vida y misión de la Iglesia. "La catequesis... debe alentar un espíritu de simplicidad y humildad, una preocupación especial por los pobres, un cuidado especial por los alienados, un sentido de corrección fraternal, oración común, perdón mutuo y un amor fraterno que aglutine todas estas actitudes." (Directorio Nacional para la Catequesis, p. 69).



### **LOS CATEQUISTAS QUE QUIERE EL PAPA FRANCISCO:**

El Papa Francisco ofrece 10 expectativas que tiene para los Catequistas de hoy. Para ver el artículo completo y descubrir estas 10 expectativas favor de ir al siguiente enlace:



<http://www.religionenlibertad.com/los-catequistas-que-quiere-el-papa-francisco-33594.htm>

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## Upcoming Catechetical Events

### Join the CRS Parish Ambassador Corps!

Over the past 2 years, the Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle has been engaged in a pilot initiative developed by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) called the "Parish Ambassador Corps" (PAC). PAC is a corps of local Catholic volunteers who are passionate about global solidarity and want to take action by helping with Rice Bowl in their parish as well as two other initiatives over the course of the year. Visit [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/crs](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/crs) or contact the Missions Office for more info: [missions.office@seattlearch.org](mailto:missions.office@seattlearch.org); (206) 382-4580.

### Home from the Sea Shipboard Luncheon

Saturday, August 19, 2017 | 10:15 to 2:00 pm | \$50 per person | Smith Cove Cruise Terminal Pier 911 Seattle | Reserve a table with friends, family, & colleagues to enjoy an elegant four-course meal with wine aboard Holland America Line's *ms Eurodam*. View the [flyer](#) for more information.

### New Ministers Orientation & Youth Ministers Fall Gathering

September 5th, 6th 2017 | ABRC @ Palisades | Please pass on this date to all of your new parish staff in faith formation, youth ministry, and the RCIA. We will be providing all participants with a treasure of resources and contact information. ***A flyer for this event will be distributed later in July.***

### Catechetical Sunday 2017

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. 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.

### 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.

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## Formation Opportunities



### Autism: Personal Stories, A Son and His Mom

Thursday, July 27, 2017 | 7-9 PM | St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Seattle | Victoria Hall | Nichols Eveland is 23 and on the autism spectrum. He recently graduated Cum Laude from Seattle Pacific University with a major in theater. As a senior in high school, Nick organized an educational event for his school and spoke to a standing room only crowd of his peers about the impact of autism on his life and his methods for coping. Vicki Eveland is Nick's mother. She is a marketing professor at Seattle Pacific University. Since her son's diagnosis she has faced a number of challenges and celebrated lots of proud moments. [Flyer-RSVP](#): Trez Buckland, [bucklandmike@hotmail.com](mailto:bucklandmike@hotmail.com) or 206-930-2739.

### Tribunal Advocate Introductory Training

September 13, 14, 15, 2017 | ABRC @ Palisades, Federal Way | Please see the attached [letter and registration form](#) for complete information. The *candidates for advocate must be approved by parish leadership. Therefore, please ensure that the pastor or parish coordinator approves of any registrant. Please note: any registrations received after August 28 will be accepted only if space is available and a \$30.00 fee will be applied.*

### Share the Compassion of Christ

Are you being called by God to bring a compassionate presence to those in need? Are you interested in learning the listening, communication, and prayer skills that can increase your effectiveness as a lay minister? Then [Cabrin](#)  
[Ministry Training](#) is for you! Register now for our 6-month formation program that begins in October, or for our 1-day [Accompaniment Workshop](#) scheduled for Saturday, September 16. To register, click [here](#).

### Going Forth in Joy! Ministry Formation Training

Tuesdays, October 10, 17, and 24th | 6-9PM | Maryknoll Mission House, Seattle. Catholic ministers and educators play a special role in helping their communities experience the joy of participating in God's mission of love. We are called to lay the foundations that enable this mission to be passed on to the next generation. The Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle and Maryknoll invite you to join us for three sessions to engage with this call and challenge. For more information and to register, visit <http://conta.cc/2rZeZxn>

### Cornerstone Catholic Conference 2017

Cornerstone Catholic Conference: An opportunity to gather with other Catholics and hear inspiring presentations by Bishop Robert Barron, Professor Helen Alvaré, and other great speakers including the Washington State Bishops. It all takes place October 20-21 at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. Go to [CornerstoneCatholic.org](http://CornerstoneCatholic.org) to sign up.

### 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](#).

### 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](#) *While the current program is being updated, Year 2 & 3 will be available for current participants as on-demand webinars, beginning this Fall.*

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## 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**

St. Joseph Parish, Vancouver offers 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, [dianeb@stjoevan.org](mailto:dianeb@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](mailto: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, *June 21st through August 2nd, 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***

**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.

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## **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 information in Western Washington and the of Seattle. The [mobile app](#) is packed with features to catch up on current news, pray, learn, and interact with community.



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### **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!

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## **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 (Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time) Natural Family Planning: Why and What*** Theresa Notare, assistant director of the Natural Family Planning Program of the USCCB's Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, explains the basics of natural family planning (NFP), which reflects God's

loving design and Catholic teaching on the nature of human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood.

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

## NCCL-Catechetical Update



***Are you New to Adult Faith Formation? A Seasoned Veteran looking for fresh ideas-*** Watch an [exciting and informative webinar](#) on the Faith Formation for the Generations and Seasons of Adulthood. Catechesis is most successful when adults can relate the practice of the faith to their everyday lives. In this webinar John Roberto, shared keys ideas and strategies for making your adult faith formation sessions more relevant to the specific needs of your audience. Join the on-going discussion with catechetical leaders from around the country as we strive to enhance the practice of adult faith formation today!

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

## Featured Websites

### 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](#).

### 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.



Those distant from the Christian faith

## The Faith Series: Faith in Action

The Faith Series booklets are a great way to help Catholics expand their grasp on various elements of the faith through conversation and small group sharing. Designed to facilitate open discussion among the participants, these booklets allow Catholics at all levels of catechesis to experience ongoing formation in a personal and community-based way.

## 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!](#)



## TeamRCIA

TeamRCIA 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.

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## Catholic Publishers

[Loyola Press](#)

[st. Mary's Press](#)

[Our Sunday Visitor](#)

[Ave Maria Press](#)

[Sadlier](#)

[Ascension Press](#)

[RCL Benziger](#)

[Lighthouse Catholic Media](#)

[Ignatius Press](#)

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## Helpful Links

[Real Life Catholic](#)

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.

## 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.

## 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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