

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter July 25, 2016

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

We hope your summer has been restful and grace-filled. As we move toward the end of July, we are starting to look ahead toward fall faith formation activities. We would like to remind you that we are hosting our **New PAFF/RCIA Leader Orientation on Tuesday, September 13th at the Chancery**. This is an opportunity for receiving multiple catechetical resources, Archdiocesan policies, and also learning more about how we are here to support your parish ministries. If you or someone else you know would like to receive more information about this workshop, please contact the [Office of Catholic Faith Formation](#). Registration information coming soon.



Our **Essential Concept** this week is **"The Communion of Saints."** As disciples of Christ, we are all called to be saints. Thus anyone, living or dead, who is in union with Christ, is part of the Communion of Saints. As catechists, we are also journeying with others to help them know, love, and serve God in this world and the next.

Ongoing formation is essential to our roles as catechetical leaders. Two current opportunities are:

- **Catechist Certification Program (CCP), which will be held at Bellarmine Prep from August 1-4.** More information and registration can be found at [click here](#).
- **Going Forth in Joy: Missionary Disciples Formation Program** sponsored by our Missions Office and Maryknoll, who invite you to join them for three sessions on Mondays, September 12, 19, and 26th from 6-9PM to engage with this call and challenge. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Please also keep our World Youth Day pilgrims in your prayers! As you know, our Young Church will be in Krakow with Pope Francis this week. We pray that this gathering will be a great blessing for them, as they celebrate the global presence of our Catholic faith!

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

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.

New Faith Formation/RCIA Directors Orientation

September 13th, 2016 | 8:30 am to 3:00 pm | Isaac Orr Conference Center | Chancery Bldg., Seattle

PAFF Workshop/Retreat on February 9-10, 2017

February 9-10, 2017-Save the Dates!-More information to come.

Formation Opportunities

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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](#)

Join the Corps! ***Revised due date***

The ***Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Parish Ambassador Corps*** is a great way for individual parishioners to grow in their leadership and live out their faith while educating fellow parishioners, helping staff, and ultimately making a difference in the lives of those dealing with poverty around the world. CRS Parish Ambassador Corps is a volunteer leadership opportunity for you in your parish. ***Applications are due by August 15, 2016.*** For more information, visit the [CRS website](#). For an application, contact Jennifer Ibach: jennifer.ibach@seattlearch.org.

Ministry Discernment Workshop

Wednesday, August 3, 2016 | 7:00pm -9:00pm | Sacred Heart Parish, Bellevue | Through Scripture study, prayer, and small group discussions, you are invited to discover how God is calling you to a deeper, more intentional commitment to discipleship and ministry. This 2-hour workshop presented by **Cabrini Ministry Training** will give an overview of the different stages of discipleship and introduce the discernment and application of our spiritual gifts. Contact info@cabriniministry.org or 206-760-0583 x 3 for more information or to sign-up. No charge.

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

Going Forth in Joy: Missionary Disciples Formation Program ***NEW***

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 on **Mondays, September 12, 19, and 26th from 6-9PM** to engage with this call and challenge. For more information and to register, [here](#).

Cabrini Ministry Training

Invites you to BRING MERCY, BE PRESENT, & CHANGE LIVES! When you enroll in one of our training programs, you will be transformed. You will learn profound techniques that enable you to effectively and compassionately share God's mercy and the gift of your presence with others who are isolated or afflicted. This will transform THEIR lives. **Classes will be held in Kirkland on Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30pm beginning Oct. 25 and in Seattle on Saturdays (monthly) from 9:30am-2:30pm beginning Sept. 17.** For application and information contact info@cabriniministry.org, 206-760-0583 x3 or visit www.cabriniministry.org.

NAMI Family-to-Family Educational Program

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 12-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people living with mental illness. It is a designated evidenced-based program. Research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to an individual living with a mental health condition. **Coming this fall to St. James Cathedral, Seattle, Monday evenings weekly from September 26th to December 12th.** Anyone interested should contact Katie Mahoney, Program Coordinator at NAMI Seattle. Her info is (206) 783-9264 or katiem@namiseattle.org

Parish & School Notifications

Faith Based Support Groups

At **St Michael Church, Olympia** we offer support for those who are grieving and have a heavy heart:

Bridge of Hope: twice a year we offer cycles of 8 consecutive meetings for those grieving and carrying a heavy heart. We also offer one to one support for those unable to come to group meetings. Upcoming meeting will start Thursday, JULY 28th , 6:00-8:00 pm, Room 8 in the Office Building

St Peregrine Cancer support group: A cycle of six consecutive weekly meeting for those diagnosed with cancer and their loved ones. Upcoming meeting will start Saturday, August 27th , 1:00 to 2:30 pm, Room 6 in the Office Building

Miscarriage and loss of infant: Date and time to be scheduled in the Fall.

Whether present events brought sorrow to you or you are carrying the pain of grief and a heavy heart from long ago; whether faith brings you support while your heart aches or whether affliction causes your faith to tremble, please join us. We gather to support one another, and to share our thoughts and feelings, sustained by our faith and enlightened by Christ.

All meetings are FREE. No need to be a parishioner to attend. If you wish to participate and if you have any questions please contact Bene Reece at 360-292-7143 or breece@saintmichaelparish.org



Essential Religious Education Concepts

Communion of Saints [946-962]

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.*

Updated June 23rd

Online Resources-Links and Videos

[Bishop Barron on the Desire to be a Saint](#)



[Word of the Week - Communion of Saints](#)

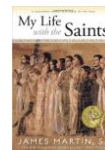


[All Saints Day Pep Talk](#)



Resources from the LMC on Communion of Saints

My Life With the Saints (Fr. James Martin) With wisdom, charm, and self-effacing humor, Father Martin supplies not only a biographical overview on a wide assortment of saints throughout history, but also demonstrates, through stories of his own life, how useful it is to continually turn to the saints for encouragement and guidance.



Signs of Life: 40 Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots (Scott Hahn) Provides a guide to the biblical doctrines and historical traditions that form the basis of forty Catholic beliefs and practices, covering topics such as the Sacraments, guardian angels, and the celebration of Easter and Christmas.



Mystics & Miracles: True Stories of Lives Touched by God (Bert Ghezzi) Explores the lives and saintly miracles of twenty-four ordinary people chosen by God to do his extraordinary work. From visions and healing to prophecies and miracles, these mystics provide a direct connection between the human and the divine. Ghezzi's easy-to-understand writing style makes this collection of biographies ideal for anyone who wants to better understand the saints and the miracles they performed.



My Best Teachers Were Saints (Susan Hendricks Swetnam) Anyone involved in education--whether teaching religion or mathematics, kindergartners or graduate students--will discover how the saints, through their words and actions, are examples of some of history's best teachers. They can be mentors for teachers today. A biographical overview of each saint accompanies each chapter.

AUDIO/DVD

The Saints' Guide to Happiness: Everyday Wisdom from the Lives of the Saints (Audio CD, Robert Ellsberg) The book offers a series of "lessons" in the life of the spirit: the struggle to feel alive in a frenzied society; the search for meaningful work, real friendship, and enduring love; the encounter with suffering and death; and the yearning to grasp the ultimate significance of our lives. In these "lessons," our guides are the saints: historical figures like Augustine, Francis of Assisi, and Teresa of Avila, and moderns such as Dorothy Day, Flannery O'Connor, and Henri J. Nouwen. In the course of the book the figures familiar from stained-glass windows come to seem exemplars, not just of holy piety but of "life in abundance," the quality in which happiness and holiness converge.

In Her Footsteps: The Story of Kateri Tekakwitha (DVD, Salt & Light) This moving documentary takes us on a journey from northern New York State to Montréal and Kahnawake; from Washington State to New Mexico, as we follow St. Kateri's incredible journey of deep faith, heroic sacrifice and love of Christ. Featuring many people who have been touched by her -including Philadelphia's Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM, of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe, the only Native American archbishop; Bishop James Wall of Gallup, NM, the diocese with the largest number of Native American Catholics; Sr. Kateri Mitchell, SSA, the Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference, and Jake Finkbonner, the little boy who received the miraculous healing that led to her canonization.

Library Media Center Resources

Books and Movie Lists for Summer

The Library Media Center has several of the materials listed available. Contact the [library](#) for check our requests. Our [online catalog](#) is also available to search for materials.

[Catholic Summer Book List](#)-Short list of good books recommended by Life Teen.

[Books for Catholics](#)-Books ranging from classics to contemporary for adults.

[Catholic News Service's Top 10 Movies from 2015](#)-Includes top ten overall and also top ten family films.

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 Arts & Faith Top 25 Films on Mercy

These films show us visions of a world so often lacking in mercy, as well as worlds in which one merciful act alters the landscape of human experience forever. Produced by the Arts & Faith online community, this [list](#) spans 93 years of cinema, from 1921's *The Kid* and *The Phantom Carriage* to 2014's *Love & Mercy*.

Maryknoll Year of Mercy Resources

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 acclarke@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@divinemeracyfilm.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

[New OYYAE Website](#)

Exciting news! 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.

World Youth Day

Help your youth experience WYD. July 25th-31st.

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 (Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time): Fact of Faith: What is World Youth Day? This week, thousands of teens and young adults from all over the world, including 40,000 pilgrims from the United States, will gather in Krakow, Poland, for the thirteenth World Youth Day. Learn more about this international event instituted by Pope John Paul II in the mid-1980s. Intended for: Catechists, Educators, Faith Formation, Small Groups, Social Ministry.

July Meditation on Mercy- Each month during the Jubilee of Mercy, we offer a Meditation on Mercy, a resource that can be used to foster a greater awareness of God's call to act with mercy in our lives.

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

NCCL-Catechetical Update



The National Conference of Catechetical Leaders publishes a weekly newsletter following the Six Tasks of Catechesis.

Coming in Fall 2016...Webinar Series on Amoris Laetitia: The four Catholic organizations comprising the Strong Catholic Families national partnership (NFCYM),

NCEA, NCCL and NACFLM) are collaborating together this fall/winter to host a free four-part webinar series for pastoral and ministry leaders and teachers on Amoris Laetitia entitled *The Pastoral Response in Accompanying Families in Faith*. Our goal is to inspire leaders to come up with authentic pastoral responses to Amoris Laetitia, and to engage them in accompanying families in bringing home the faith.

Upcoming Webinar: ***Think Diversity, Not Disability!*** July 28, 2016 3 p.m. EDT
If lifelong catechesis and sacramental celebrations are a means of spiritual growth in one's faith life . . . how are people with disabilities being catechized and prepared to celebrate sacraments at your parish? In this webinar, you will gain strategies and resources to successfully include diverse learners in faith formation, especially individuals who have intellectual and/or developmental delays. It is for anyone interested in learning best practices that promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families in the full life of the Church. Register [here](#)

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

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.

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.



July-Respect for
Indigenous Peoples

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship \(en Espanol\)](#), our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our

democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. *Hard copies and the DVD are available for loan from the Library Media Center.*

The Journey-Paulist Evangelization Ministry

[The Journey/El Camino](#) is a new parish resource to help your parishioners experience Jesus Christ more personally and deeply. Prayer, video, scripture, and sharing all provide a powerful way to help strengthen faith today. Available in English and Spanish, with a special component for youth.

Stages Learning Materials

[Autism Goes to Hollywood: Our Favorite Documentaries, Movies and TV Shows Depicting Characters with Autism](#) The documentaries, movies, and shows reviewed below are not without their flaws, but they help spread awareness about the unique traits and abilities, joys and hardships, along with achievements of those with autism.

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

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 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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