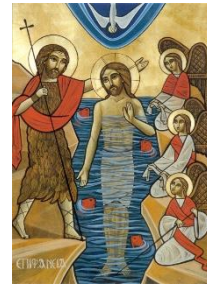


# Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter August 8, 2016

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**Dear Catechetical Colleagues,**

As we move through August, we know that many of you are starting to plan for our upcoming school year. **For our new PAFFs and Catechetical Leaders, we would like to remind you that our PAFF/RCIA Orientation on September 13th** will provide you with many free resources to assist you in your new ministry. We also appreciate hearing from you about any recent faith formation hires in your parishes.



Did you know that the **Liturgical Ministries Institute (LMI)** is offering a **three day intensive training** at **St. James Cathedral on August 16-18?** This training is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our Mass, Sacraments, and Rites!

Our "Essential Concept" this week is ***Our Baptismal Call and Discipleship!*** By virtue of our baptism, we are called to proclaim, witness, and share our faith with others in our daily lives. As disciples of Christ, we are helping to build the Kingdom of God through our words and deeds. We share the gifts we have received to serve the Church and the Common Good. We are part of the Church's missionary mandate to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (MT 28:19-20).

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.

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## 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](mailto:jennifer.ibach@seattlearch.org).

### Campamento para Familias/Hispanic Family Camp \*NEW\*

Totalmente en español, le invitamos a usted y a toda su familia a pasar un fin de semana con nosotros en el novena campamento arquidiocesano para familias. ***Friday, August 26 (5:30) -Sunday, August, 28 (2:00)*** | Camp Don Bosco, Carnation, WA | Hispanic camp, entirely in Spanish.

[¡Inscribase hoy!/Register, Information](#)

### 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](mailto:claudiap@hfkparish.org)

### Going Forth in Joy: Missionary Disciples Formation Program

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-3:30pm beginning Sept. 17.*** For application and information contact [info@cabriniministry.org](mailto:info@cabriniministry.org), 206-760-0583 x3 or visit [www.cabriniministry.org](http://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](mailto:katiem@namiseattle.org)

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## 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](mailto:breece@saintmichaelparish.org)



## Essential Religious Education Concepts

### Baptismal Call and Discipleship (the mandate to "go forth") [816, 849]

*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 6- Missionary Discipleship and Service-** *Students acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.*

### 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

#### [Catechist Journey-Joe Paprocki-Being a Disciple Takes Practice](#) (link)

In a recent session, a class talked about being a disciple in the context of Ordinary Time. Since this Church season occupies most of the liturgical year, the discussion centered on how we can follow Jesus in everyday life. We focused on the works of mercy as ways to practice our discipleship.

#### [Go Forth and Make Disciples](#)

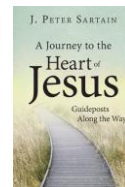


[Bishop Barron on Intentional Discipleship](#)

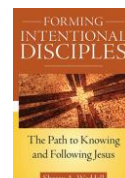


## Resources from the LMC on Baptismal Call and Discipleship

***A Journey to the Heart of Jesus: Guideposts Along the Way*** (Archbishop Peter J. Sartain) Archbishop Sartain shares reflections on the pilgrimage of Christian discipleship. Through these often humorous, but always deeply personal, pieces you will discover: How to keep your perspective along the road to discipleship. How to remove the stumbling blocks to spiritual maturity. How to encounter God in prayer. How to share the fruit of the cross. How to experience happiness through works of mercy. *A Journey to the Heart of Jesus* is an insightful collection of meditations that offer timely counsel to all Christian disciples making the journey to the Heart of Jesus.



***Forming Intentional Disciples: Path to Know and Follow Jesus*** (Sherry Weddell) A book designed to help Church leaders, parish staff and all Catholics transform parish life from within. Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms, and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world. Learn about the five thresholds of postmodern conversion, how to open a conversation about faith and belief, how to ask thought-provoking questions and establish an atmosphere of trust, when to tell the Great Story of Jesus, how to help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship, and much more. *Separate study guide also available.*





***Catholic Update Guide to Baptism*** (St. Anthony Messenger Press) The first sacrament of initiation is not just a one-time event, but an invitation to a lifelong journey of Christian discipleship. Drawing on the trusted and popular "Catholic Update" newsletter, the "Catholic Update Guide to Baptism" will answer your questions about Baptism. Whether you were baptized as an infant or as an adult, this guide will help you fully understand and accept God's call to be renewed in faith and love.

***Baptism*** (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) This booklet brings readers on a journey through Baptism, teaching history, Scripture, and the rites and effects of the sacrament along the way. In a simple, joyful way, it outlines the roles and responsibilities of the parents, the godparents, and the baptized. Aimed toward families and those interested in increasing their knowledge of the faith, this booklet will bring you and those you love into deeper understanding and relationship with Christ and his Church.

#### **AUDIO/DVD**

***Reborn - You, Your Child, and the Heart of Baptism*** (Parish Edition) (DVD, Augustine Institute). With the Reborn program, the true meaning of baptism comes alive for everyone involved in the baptism of a child. Reborn explores the deeply personal and Sacramental power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself to illuminate the significance of every phrase and action, and includes the many ways to nurture the spiritual lives of the Baptized. Reborn covers the breadth of baptism's place in Scripture and Tradition, as well as the practical preparation parents and godparents need to grasp the wonder of the Sacrament and impact in the life of the baptized.



***Catholic Update Guide to the New Evangelization: Disciples Called to Witness*** (DVD, Ignatius Press) The U.S. bishops' document Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization outlines how to live as disciples and, ultimately, evangelists to proclaim what we believe by both our words and our actions. Using that document as its foundation, Catholic Update Guide to the New Evangelization: Disciples Called to Witness provides a simple, practical resource for parishes, schools, and small groups to understand how to put their faith into action as Jesus instructed. The package features a DVD of brief video segments and a CD-ROM with corresponding reproducible handouts illuminating the bishops' methodologies for evangelization. The CD-ROM also includes a detailed leader's guide to assist anyone who wants to lead a study group or class.

***Teen Discipleship*** (DVD, St. Anthony Messenger Press) Captures for Catholic youth how their baptismal commitment comes alive in service to others and looks at the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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## **Library Media Center Resources**

### **Resource 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.

[Back to School Prayers and Resources](#)-A variety of resources for catechists and teachers.

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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.

### Venerate Relics of Pope Saint John Paul II & Saint Faustina Kowalska

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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 [aclarke@maryknoll.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-264-2086.

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## Archdiocesan News

### New OYYAE Website

Exciting news! Announcing the official launch of [oyyae.org](http://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.

### 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](#)

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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 (Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time):** [Ember Days](#) This resource explains the centuries-old church tradition of setting aside special times of penance and intercession near the beginning of each season and gives an appropriate Psalm (Psalm 102:2-5,13) to pray on these days.

**August Meditation on Mercy** Each month during the Jubilee of Mercy, we 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. The monthly reflections are based on scripture passages and Misericordiae Vultus, the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee of Mercy. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

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

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## 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.

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

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## 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.

CRS has created [resources](#) for Catechetical Sunday, focusing on justice and solidarity themes

### 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.



August-Sports, a Culture of Encounter

## 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.

## 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.

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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.

## 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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