

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter August 15, 2016

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Yes, the new school year is almost upon us, and we have several important pieces of information to share with you! As you are aware, **Catechetical Sunday is September 18th** and USCCB has a wide range of downloadable [resources](#). Catholic Relief Services also has several wonderful materials that you can find on their [website](#).

We are currently registering **new PAFFs and RCIA Leaders for our Orientation Day on September 13th**. Not only is this a great opportunity for networking, but participants receive multiple Church documents at no cost! RSVP to ocff@seattlearch.org

A quick reminder - for those of you preparing students for First Penance, please remember that **Canon Law and our Archdiocesan Sacramental Policies, forbid any record or certification for those participating in this sacrament!**

There still is time to register for **Cabrini Ministry Training**. This program offers not only formation for pastoral care, but the first section of the program, "**Listening Heart**," focuses on the development of active listening skills that are incredibly helpful for anyone in any Church ministry. We strongly suggest that you check out this training! See registration information below.

On **Tuesday, September 27th there will be a gathering at St. Vincent de Paul parish for all those involved with Grief and Bereavement Support Ministries**. It is sponsored by OCFF and appreciate you promoting this formation gathering with your parish colleagues. More information can also be found below. One specific resource in this ministry is **Beginning Experience**, a [program](#) that help individuals work through the trauma of losing their spouse, whether by divorce, separation or death.

Deacon Larry Sutton is a clinical psychologist and an expert on catechizing children with special needs. He is the author of several resources for adapting religious education and sacramental preparation that we have found to be a great blessing in many of our parishes and schools. **Deacon Larry will be offering a training at St. James Cathedral on Saturday, October 8th from 9 am - 3 pm**. Now would be the time to mark your calendars and consider sending someone from your parish to attend!

All of the above formation opportunities are designed to help us in our journey for this week's "Essential Concept" **Call to Stewardship and Service**. We live out our discipleship through the development and sharing of our time, talent, and treasure. We are also blessed to live in an Archdiocese with a rich and long history in encouraging us to be Stewards of our Faith. We hope you **take a moment to check out the multiple video links and other resources we have on this topic**.

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! *LAST DAY IS TODAY*

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.

Campamento para Familias/Hispanic Family Camp

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!](#)

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

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, 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

Call to Stewardship and Service [1905-1948, 2419-2422]

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.*

Online Resources-Links and Videos

[Catechist Journey-Joe Paprocki-Catholic Social Teaching](#) (link)

Love of God and love of neighbor cannot be separated. To help us keep these two connected, the Church provides us with Catholic social teachings which promote justice and dignity for all human beings. Select an article below to learn more about social justice and Catholic social teachings.

[Catholic Social Teaching in 3 Minutes](#)



[Stewardship \(The Water Parable\)](#)



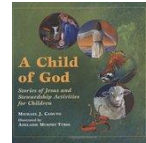
Resources from the LMC on Call to Stewardship and Service

Forming Generous Hearts: Stewardship Planning for Lifelong Faith Formation (Leisa Anslinger) Conversion, discipleship, stewardship. These three giants of parish life are essential components of a vibrant parish. They provide seven indispensable principles to guide pastoral leaders as they seek to transform their parishes into places where people embrace and live Christian discipleship. These principles are rooted in the wisdom of the Church and reflect years of pastoral experience, their own and that of many other pastoral leaders across the country. They draw too on extensive research done by the Gallup Organization to establish what kinds of parishes have the most involved and generous parishioners. This is an excellent planning tool for all pastors, parish teams, stewardship teams, and parish ministers.

Working For a Better World (Carolyn Woo) An engrossing account not only of Dr. Woo's own life, but of the ongoing critical work of CRS in meeting the needs of the poor, the traumatized, and the needy throughout the world. From typhoon-flattened cities in the Philippines to earthquake-devastated Haiti, CRS is there before the TV cameras arrive and there after they leave. And there in over 100 countries-helping subsistence farmers and health-care workers, orphans and refugees-in those neglected places where the cameras never come. We must be "docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid," Pope Francis has said. And in doing so, Dr. Woo affirms, "we never know when or how we will encounter God."

Go and Do Likewise (Mia Crosthwaite) In clear, concise language, the author discusses each of the principles of the Church's social teaching and then offers a wide range of creative ways to live them: in five minutes, ten minutes, and twenty minutes a day. An excellent resource for both individuals and groups, for peace and justice committees, for RCIA teams, catechists, teachers, and parish ministers.

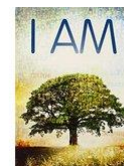
A Child of God: Stories of Jesus and Stewardship Activities for Children (Michael Caduto) Bridges faith in the wisdom of Jesus Christ with a deep caring for the natural world and all our brothers and sisters. Original versions of stories from the New Testament take children on a journey through the miracles and adventures of Jesus' life as a guide for living in a connected way with all of Creation. The stories begin with Jesus' birth and go on to show how he lived a life close to nature. Children see how Jesus finds God in the wilderness. Caduto provides reflections and activities that serve as stepping stones for growing children's faith, for exploring and strengthening their relationship to nature and humankind, and for giving thanks.



AUDIO/DVD

Good News People: Bringing Hope in Hard Times GoodNewsPeople is a fourteen-session program (seven sessions in the fall and seven sessions in the spring) designed for small groups (10 groups of 10 participants). The GoodNewsPeople Program emphasizes the privilege and invitation for us to become vessels of God's hope-filled presence in the world and the "Good News" that, with God's grace, we have the power to change the world for the better. The program is a dynamic process engaging sacred scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, readings and reflections, and Church teaching. The purpose of the program is to communicate hope, love, and possibilities found in a faithful commitment to be "Good News" in the world today.

I Am The story of a successful Hollywood director, Tom Shadyac, who experienced a life-threatening head injury, and his ensuing journey to try and answer two very basic questions: 'What's wrong with the world?' and 'What can be done about it?' With a film crew of four, Tom visits some of today's great minds, including authors, poets, teachers, religious leaders, and scientists, searching for the fundamental endemic problem that causes all the other problems, while reflecting on his own life choices.



Leadership for Transformation: Ministry Afire for the Common Good with Uncommon Excellence (Audio CD) Dr. Carolyn Woo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), inspires leadership for transformation of our world. Enjoy music by OCP artists touched by their journey to Ghana, Africa. Enter into the story of Dr. Woo's journey from her birth place in Hong Kong, her immigration to the United States to attend Purdue University, as Dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, to her current position at CRS, our U.S. Catholic community's mission to serve millions of our brothers and sisters around the world with compassion and excellence. Leave inspired with the tools to be the body of Christ in the world and lead lives and ministry "afire" for the common good.

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.

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

[Back to School Activities](#)-A variety of resources for catechists and teachers from Loyola Press.

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 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 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.

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 (Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time): [For Reflection: Hispanic Presence in the US and the Church](#) This resource discusses the roots of the Hispanic presence in the US and the important gifts Hispanics contribute to our culture and the Church. It includes questions to stimulate group discussions. Intended for: Faith-Sharing, Catechists, Sacramental Preparation, Small Groups.

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.

NCCL-Catechetical Update



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

Catechetical Sunday Resources A variety of [resources](#) from the NCCL and our partners to support your community of faith on Catechetical Sunday.

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](#).

Featured Websites

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!](#)



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.*

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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