

# Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter August 22, 2016

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**Dear Catechetical Colleagues,**

As summer comes to a close, so we come to a close on our first year of covering the 47 Essential Concepts from our Archdiocesan Elementary Religion Standards. Our final "Essential Concept" for this week is ***Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue and the New Evangelization***.



As many of you are aware, the goal of ecumenism is unity among Christian churches and interreligious dialogue focuses on deepening respect with non-Christians. The New Evangelization is an opportunity for all of us to encourage both those seeking faith and also those, who may have been baptized Catholic, to a deeper participation in our faith through new methods, ardor, and enthusiasm.

The week after Labor Day, we will resume our newsletters and once again, cover each of the Essential Concepts beginning with Revelation. Also, **our goal for this upcoming school year is to provide you with a list of annotated resources (print, digital, and online) divided by age groups for each of the Essential Concepts.** Click [here](#) to take a sneak peek.

We also would like to draw your attention to a **recent article in [America magazine](#) that features multiple resources and stories about welcoming people with disabilities to our parishes.** Our adapted sacramental preparation kits and other [materials](#) for diversified learners have been very popular and we are encouraged by the ever growing desire for our catechists and teachers to embrace all students in our religious education classes!

As we move toward September, please keep the following dates and events in mind:

- September 4 - [Canonization of Mother Teresa](#)
- September 13 - New PAFF/RCIA Leader Orientation (*Flyer coming soon*)
- September 18 - [Catechetical Sunday](#)

We also encourage you to check out the new [webinars](#) from LTP for both parish catechists and Catholic School teachers!

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

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

The Liturgy Office can coordinate the scheduling of those parishes who wish to arrange for the relics of St. John Paul and St. Faustina to be conveyed to the parish for veneration by the faithful. You may reach the Liturgy Office at 206.654.4652 or by e-mail at [andrew.casad@seattlearch.org](mailto:andrew.casad@seattlearch.org) in order to reserve the relics for your parish, campus ministry, or faith community. For more information regarding the process, 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

### 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](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

### Call to Ecumenism, Interreligious Dialogue and the New Evangelization [848-860, 927-933, 905, 2044, 2472]

*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-Breaking the Silence on Using the Word Evangelization** [\(LINK\)](#)

The word evangelize comes from the Greek word meaning "to bring the Good News." Simple enough, right? And yet it seems that many Catholics are afraid of the word evangelization and barely use it at all.

What is Evangelization?



What is Interreligious Dialogue?



[Bishop Barron on Keith Richards, Bob Dylan, & Evangelization](#)



### Resources from the LMC on Call to Ecumenism, Interreligious Dialogue and the New Evangelization

***The Simple Wisdom of Pope Francis: The Joy of Evangelization*** (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) Pope Francis has captured the attention of the world with his simple ways, humbleness, and love for the poor and sick. With the Simple Wisdom of Pope Francis, be transported to St. Peter's Square and listen to his teachings as he presents simple and profound insights for our modern times..

***Catholic Evangelization in an Ecumenical and Interreligious Society*** (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) As Christians we are called to evangelize the world around us. However, Vatican II made it clear that we are also called to be people of dialogue, especially with people of other faiths. In a society that is ever more diverse, how can we properly dialogue with non-Roman Catholic people of faith, yet remain faithful to our mission to evangelize? The presentations offered in this book give helpful insights to this timely question.

***How to Share your Faith with Anyone: A Practical Manual for Catholic Evangelization*** (Terry Barber) Terry Barber, founder of St. Joseph Communications, has written a practical guide that takes much of the pain and uncertainty out of sharing one's faith. Based on Barber's decades of personal experience as an effective evangelist and masterful communicator, and drawing on the perceptions, examples, and lessons of other great evangelists and apologists, *How to Share Your Faith with Anyone* informs, entertains, and inspires would-be, as well as, seasoned evangelists and teachers. Barber

explains how to bring people to Christ and to his Church without compromise or conflict. This is a superb, easy-to-follow playbook for the New Evangelization.

### **AUDIO/DVD**

***Thomas Keating: A Rising Tide of Silence (Mannes Productions)*** A reflective portrait of Father Thomas Keating, one of today's most influential spiritual leaders. Interweaving historical footage, interviews, and extensive conversations with Father Thomas, the film traces his spiritual journey from an affluent New York City childhood, to an austere Trappist monastic life, to his rise through the Order, and his election as Abbot of St. Joseph's Abby in 1961. While at the Monastery in the early 1970's Father Thomas introduced Eastern religious practices to the monks and became one of the originators of Centering Prayer. After resigning as Abbott in 1981, Father Thomas founded Contemplative Outreach in 1984 to bring Centering Prayer to a worldwide audience. A renowned theologian and author of more than 30 books, Father Thomas Keating is widely recognized for his ecumenical approach to spirituality. For those who encounter him, his example is a moving modern journey of faith.

***Heaven on Earth: Monuments to Belief*** (Films for the Humanities and Sciences) A graceful blend of religion, and history, this series seeks to understand how people of different faiths have expressed their spiritual devotion through architecture and art. The series was filmed on location in fourteen countries. Volume one: Hinduism; Volume two: Buddhism; Volume three: Judaism; Volume four: Islam.

***Walking God's Path: Christians and Jews in Candid Conversation*** (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) A resource for adult education, ecumenical officers and interfaith marriage counselors. Six fifteen-minute discussion-starting segments help participants experience each tradition's understanding of how the two faith communities can relate to one another in positive ways.

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## **Library Media Center Resources**

### **Resource Lists**

**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.**

**[September Check It Out](#)**-Monthly newsletter highlighting new materials added to the Library Catalog over the summer.

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

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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@divinemeracyfilm.com](mailto: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](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 (Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time): [Racism: Confronting the Poison in Our Common Home](#)*** This backgrounder from the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development explores the US bishops' teaching about the sin of racism and some of the resources on the topic and programs that are working to combat racism.

***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.*

**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](#).

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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

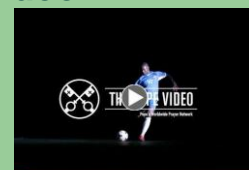
### Being A Faith-Filled Catechist APP

Follow the theme of this year's **Catechetical Sunday "Faith: The Faith Prayed"** all year round with this [helpful APP](#) from Our Sunday Visitor.

The "Being a Faith-filled Catechist" App is designed to nourish each catechist's vocation, allowing them a way to pray with modern tools. There are sections for praying with the Saints, excerpts from books published by Our Sunday Visitor about prayer, prayer activities and blessings to use with learners in the classroom, daily devotionals, and much more. This app is designed with Catechists and Catechetical leaders in mind to support prayer in all aspects of their daily life.

### 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

## 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!](#)



## 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.

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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.

## Stay Connected



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