Show Us Your Face
Prayer based on Rejoice and Be Glad [Gaudete et Exsultate]

“Amid the thicket of precepts and prescriptions, Jesus clears a way to seeing two faces, that of the Father and that of our brother. He does not give us two or more formulas or two or more commands. He gives us two faces, or better yet, one alone: the face of God reflected in so many other faces. For in every one of our brothers and sisters, especially the least, the most vulnerable, the defenseless and those in need, God’s very image is found. Indeed, with the scraps of this frail humanity, the Lord will shape his work of art.”

– Pope Francis, Rejoice and Be Glad [Gaudete et Exsultate], no. 61

Father and Creator,
Show us your face reflected in the faces of our brothers and sisters, especially the least, the most vulnerable, the defenseless, and those in need.

In refugee families fleeing violence or war, show us your face.

In those suffering from hunger, show us your face.

In children not yet born, show us your face.

In those enslaved by drug addiction, show us your face.

In parents who work two jobs but still struggle to get by, show us your face.

In those on death row, show us your face.

In young immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, show us your face.

In those aging and alone, show us your face.

In all faces, we know that your divine image is reflected. Help us to recognize always that image.

Help us to work together to protect the dignity of all people—each one created in your image.

Lord, in our families, communities and world shape your final work of art with the scraps of our frail humanity (cf. GE, no. 61).

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Muéstranos tu rostro
Oración basada en Alegroas y Regocijasos (Gaudete et Exsultate)

“En medio de la tupida selva de preceptos y prescripciones, Jesús abre una brecha que permite distinguir dos rostros, el del Padre y el del hermano. No nos entrega dos fórmulas o dos preceptos más. Nos entrega dos rostros, o mejor, uno solo, el de Dios que se refleja en muchos. Porque en cada hermano, especialmente en el más pequeño, frágil, indefenso y necesitado, está presente la imagen misma de Dios. En efecto, el Señor, al final de los tiempos, plasmará su obra de arte con el desecho de esta humanidad vulnerable”.

—Papa Francisco, Alegroas y Regocijasos [Gaudete et Exsultate], no. 61

Padre y Creador,
Muéstranos tu rostro reflejado en los rostros de nuestros hermanos y hermanas, especialmente los más pequeños, los más frágiles, los indefensos y los necesitados.

En las familias de refugiados que huyen de la violencia o la guerra, muéstranos tu rostro.

En los que sufren de hambre en todo el mundo, muéstranos tu rostro.

En los niños aún no nacidos, muéstranos tu rostro.

En los esclavizados por la adicción a las drogas, muéstranos tu rostro.

En los padres que tienen dos trabajos pero aun así luchan por sobrevivir, muéstranos tu rostro.

En los que envejecen y están solos, muéstranos tu rostro.

En todos los rostros sabemos que se refleja tu imagen divina. Ayúdenos a reconocer siempre esa imagen.

Ayúdanos a trabajar juntos para proteger la dignidad de todas las personas, cada una de ellas creadas a tu imagen.

Señor, en nuestras familias, comunidades y mundo plasmasmos tu obra de arte final con el desecho de nuestra vulnerable humanidad (cf. GE, no. 61).

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.

Amén.
Good News from the Missions Office

**Missionary Discipleship Institute (MDI) for 7th Grade**

The Missionary Discipleship Institute (MDI) consists of three units—aligned with our Archdiocesan Religion Standards—to provide a framework for students to encounter the lives of their neighbors on the margins and the injustices that they face; reflect on how the Church responds in love and the disturbance this creates in our own sense of discipleship; and discern, develop, and carry out a missionary response. Throughout the year, students engage in a local immersion experience, research issues currently prevalent in our world, and are empowered to take hopeful Christian action.

A commitment to these three units can serve as the core 7th grade religion curriculum for the school year.

Click here to register your class for the MDI or visit https://tinyurl.com/MDI1819. Questions? Contact either Kelly Hickman (email below) or Anna Johnson (aclarke@maryknoll.org) of Maryknoll.

**Join the Corps: Catholic Relief Services Parish Ambassador Corps**

You’re invited to participate in a Catholic Relief Services initiative called the Parish Ambassador Corps (PAC). PAC is a corps of local Catholic volunteers who are passionate about global solidarity and want to take action.

CRS Ambassadors commit to helping support global solidarity efforts in their parishes by helping with Rice Bowl as well as two other initiatives over the course of the year. Learn more at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/crs or by contacting us (info below).

**Intentional Service and Welcoming Spiritual Community**

**Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps** (JV EnCorps) is now accepting applications for 2018-19!

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps (JV EnCorps) engages women and men ages 50 and older in a transforming experience of volunteer service and spiritual growth.

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps members (JVEs) commit to a year or more of significant service in their local communities and to JVC Northwest’s four core values. Visit the JV EnCorps page to learn more.

During their volunteer service, participants meet regularly in community to deepen their spirituality and explore the values of community, simple living and social & ecological justice. Groups have formed in Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver.


**Called to Missionary Discipleship 24/7**

Pope Francis reminds young people that Jesus calls each one of us to become His missionary disciples - the path to sainthood. MISSIO, from the Pontifical Mission Societies USA, helps all children on the path of holiness, those at home and those in mission countries.

Visit http://missio.org/resources.

**Social Action Summer Institute**

This year’s Social Action Summer Institute (SASI), an annual conference by the Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors, will gather Catholic leaders from dioceses and parishes to learn and experience creative work occurring in the Church and larger community. This year’s SASI will be held at St. Joseph’s U. in Philadelphia and is themed Cultivating Creativity in Social Justice Ministries: “Love requires a concrete, creative response.” -Pope Francis. To learn more, visit www.catholicroundtable.org.

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**Season of Creation!**

During the Season of Creation, September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation) through October 4 (Feast of St. Francis), consider ways in which your community can embrace care for God’s creation!

Please visit www.ipjc.org/programs/a-new-solidarity-with-creation for ideas, resources, and a calendar of events.

Save the date: Mass Celebrating Care for Creation, Saturday, September 22, 2018, 10:30am, at St. James Cathedral.
Encounter and Evangelization

Diversity is part of the Church's identity and mission to evangelize. Jesus enjoined us to love our neighbors as ourselves, which is a considerable challenge, because it seems we are generally unable to see the "others" as ourselves. A fresh or first encounter with Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those marginalized by the prevailing culture, can rekindle commitment to social justice and solidarity. As people from different cultures encounter one another, they may be able to see their faith in a new light.

(The above, and the prayer below, are adapted from Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers from the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church, USCCB)

There are a variety of ways Catholic communities can help support refugees and immigrants in the U.S. and around the world. Consider answering the questions below to encourage the inclusion and fuller participation of all God’s People in the life and ministry of your parish or school community.

How Welcoming Is Your Faith Community Towards Immigrants And Refugees?

Please complete the survey by choosing yes or no for each question. Each "yes" answer is worth one point. Use the rubric below to review your results.

(This survey is adapted from Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC). CLINIC is supported by your donations to the CRS Collection in all of our parishes each year).

Do we promote immigration as a benefit to our community?

YES NO

Do we include immigrant integration in our mission statement?

YES NO

Are immigrants represented among our staff and volunteers?

YES NO

Do we offer services in languages other than English?

YES NO

Do we offer ESL, language exchange, or citizenship classes for our immigrant members?

YES NO

Do we foster friendships between newcomers and the receiving community through our programming and public events?

YES NO

Do we connect our immigrant members with local immigration legal services?

YES NO

Do we connect our immigrant members with local social services?

YES NO

Do we ask the immigrant community how they would like us to provide them with additional assistance or support?

YES NO

Do we assist our eligible immigrant members to register to vote?

YES NO

Do we advocate for immigrants within our community at the local and state government levels?

YES NO

Do we support public education events given by local immigration legal and refugee resettlement services with our resources? (Such as volunteers, available facilities, promotional network, etc.)

YES NO

0 points Poor You have some work to do, but this list gives you a good idea of where to start.

1-4 points Fair You’re off to a good start, but there are definite opportunities for more active efforts.

5-8 points Good You do a great job of actively seeking to integrate new neighbors as members of the community!

9-12 points Excellent You work hard at making new immigrants feel welcome. Keep looking for allies and share your strategies.

Wondering Where To Go Next?

Find educational and pastoral resources — including prayers, activities, videos, Church teaching, and ideas for action — at the websites below:


Archdiocese of Seattle’s Immigrant and Refugee Ministry www.seattlearchdiocese.org/irm

Justice for Immigrants: www.justiceforimmigrants.org

Catholics Confront Global poverty: www.confrontglobalpoverty.org

CLINIC: Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.: https://cliniclegal.org

Read the Good News (and other items!) on our website.
Loving God,
You are the Creator of all that exists.

You sent your Son into our world, born within a human culture.

Open our eyes to your blessings in the world; inspire us to use them for your good and for the good of all.

Heal the wounds that separate us from one another and from your love, and bind us together as one human family.

May we continue to live in a manner worthy of our baptismal call, with humility and gentleness, with patience and respect, bearing with one another through love, and the bond of peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

Sharing the Journey through PREPARES

Throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle, PREPARES volunteers accompany nearly 150 mothers and provide over 2,000 items annually so needed by pregnant women and mothers of young children. PREPARES, a program of Catholic Community Services, is a recipient of Catholic Campaign for Human Development funding, as part of the statewide Life to Justice Initiative CCHD national (over $2 million) grant. Info can be found at http://ccsww.org/prepares.

PREPARES recently received a lovely thank you note from a family with four young children connected to PREPARES at a parish. We are so pleased that we were able to help support them!

“To all you lovely people at PREPARES,

I would like to try [to] express to you just how much I appreciate your wonderful program. For the few months since starting with PREPARES, I have become more & more thankful. My family lives on a very small income & as a result we have a tight budget. Because of your kindness, we now have some very helpful wiggle room in order to afford other necessary items with which to take good care of our little ones. This program is an answer to our prayers & truly a powerful testament of God’s love & faithfulness. Thank you so very much, & may God bless & keep you all.”

Here is a recent account from a volunteer couple at another parish:

“Six months ago my husband and I were partnered with a family who had come to Catholic Community Services for help with food and clothing. The parents of a 6-month old had been homeless and had suffered from problems with addiction, but now had been clean and sober for two years. [The mom] continued to follow up with her recovery program, but with very limited family, this was their only support system. As PREPARES volunteers, our role is to be supportive and non-judgmental companions to these parents. We meet weekly to go to the food bank, share a meal or cup of coffee, or just go for a walk. We strive to be good friends and listeners. Recently we attended the birthday party for their now 1-year old toddler, who is a beautiful and happy little boy!”

Did you know?

Four Things About CCHD

1. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) was founded by the bishops of the United States as a Catholic anti-poverty initiative.

2. CCHD was organized in order to end the cycle of poverty. CCHD works to make real, lasting reformatory changes in the lives and communities of low-income sisters and brothers. CCHD provides funds to community-based programs that empower those on the margins to make permanent changes in themselves and their communities.

3. Since its beginning, CCHD has made nearly 8,000 grants to projects created and managed by low-income people. These projects aim to improve lifestyles and promote financial stability through fair housing, education, accessible health care and child care, and vocational training.

4. In this archdiocese many grants are at work, including the one described above! We all support these efforts through the annual CCHD collection held each September in our parishes.

CCHD carries out Jesus’ mission to “bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, new sight to the blind, and to set the downtrodden free” (Lk 4:18). Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

PREPARES
Pregnancy & Parenting Support
7th Grade Missionary Disciples in the Making

From Margaret Whetham, 7th grade religion teacher at Holy Rosary School in West Seattle.

This year our forty-eight seventh grade students have participated in the Missionary Discipleship Institute (MDI), first encountering the love of God themselves, and then taking that love to others on the margins.

In the winter, we experienced an immersion at St. James Cathedral, receiving formation in discipleship and then serving dinner at St. James Cathedral Kitchen. Following this, we decided on a class response to reach out with God’s love to immigrants.

We worked with the refugee assistance program at St. Madeleine Sophie Parish in Bellevue, contributing household items from lamps to laundry soap to help outfit an apartment for a Rohingya Muslim refugee family from Burma [Myanmar] who arrived in May. Through the Immigrant Assistance Outreach at St. James Cathedral, we also contributed $100 to sponsor Hanna, an elderly immigrant from Eastern Europe who is becoming an American citizen.

Students made slide presentations on the issue of immigration, and how we responded, to share with the 3rd grade students in the school. We are currently using a rubric to see how God is further calling us to move our response even closer to God’s Mission: this may involve praying daily for immigrants, writing letters to the legislature, or writing letters to our special immigrant family or soon-to-be citizen.

May this missionary discipleship formation become our way of life! For more information on the MDI, and how to become involved, see our item on page 2.

Volcan de Fuego – Fire Volcano

“Remember the sufferings of every person in your heart. Then bring them all to God in your prayers.” – Pope Francis

A volcano erupted Sunday, June 3 in Guatemala, burying one whole community in ash and blocking roads with a deadly flow of rocks, ash and hot gas. Roads, bridges and houses were destroyed, families evacuated the area. Over 100 people lost their lives.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been working with Caritas Escuintla (the local Church) and the local government on responses that meet the growing needs. Current information can be found at www.crs.org.

CRS provides monthly updates on global emergencies, and our responses to them through CRS. We offer the updates at our website, www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions. Additionally, we frequently connect our CRS parish ambassadors with information and prayer resources for their parish communities. Contact our office to learn who is the ambassador in your parish, or how to become one yourself, and be a living resource for sharing the journey of global solidarity!
Granted, we took your money

CRS Rice Bowl Grants in 2018

The grants process is completed, using the 25% share of CRS Rice Bowl donations from last Lent. Over $500,000 was donated by students, parishioners, and other people of good will in western Washington – a new record! And so, over 280 food-security grants (also new record amount) have been approved by Archbishop Sartain and awarded to parishes, schools, St. Vincent de Paul conferences, Catholic Community Services/Catholic Housing Services and other organizations in our archdiocesan area. Information on the grant program and a list of the grantees are posted at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/ricebowl. And a one-minute “Thank you” video is viewable at www.crsricebowl.org.

Rice Bowl is a “signature program” of the Share the Journey initiative announced globally by Pope Francis and locally by Archbishop Sartain. And thus in this particular way all of our parishes and many of our schools are participating in Share the Journey!

“Jesus said to them, ‘There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.’” (Matthew 14:16)