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January 2012

## Faith Formation Luncheon

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Archbishop Brunett Retreat and Faith Formation Center at the Palisades,  
Federal Way

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Priests, Deacons, Principals, Religion Teachers,  
Catechists, and all those involved in parish and school ministry

The New Evangelization and the Human Person

Presented by Fr. Brian Bransfield

USCCB Associate General Secretary and author of

*The Human Person: According to John Paul*

*(There will be limited copies of Fr. Bransfield's books below available for purchase)*



[The Human Person: According to John Paul II](#) (Book)  
Bransfield, J. Brian, Pauline Books & Media, 2010. In the 20th Century three social revolutions--the industrial, sexual and technological revolutions--challenged the religious convictions of many. John Paul II's teaching on the theology of the body was his response to the resulting societal shifts. In this volume, Fr. Bransfield explores John Paul's response to the challenges raised by these revolutions. In this context Bransfield then explores how TOB leads us to live the fullness of the Christian life. (S,A)

[Living the Beatitudes: A Journey to Life in Christ](#) (Book)  
Bransfield, J. Brian, Pauline Books & Media, 2011. Bransfield breaks open the richness of the Beatitudes and gently guides us into the journey of growing into the person God called us to be. He explains the admirable qualities that we see in Jesus and desire for ourselves: gentleness, fidelity, purity of heart, mercy, poverty of spirit, justice, peace, and perseverance in time of persecution. (S,A)

## *New Titles*

[Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: An Ordinary Christian](#) (Book) 1st English ed., Di Lorenzo, Maria, Pauline Books & Media, 2004. Athletic, handsome, and always good for a laugh, Pier Giorgio Frassati was the charismatic leader of a band of rowdy friends. He smoked, pulled pranks, relished extreme sports, fiercely debated politics into the night... and secretly gave away his wealth to help the poor: a mother unexpectedly widowed, a homeless invalid, a boy without warm clothes... and plunged eagerly into intense experiences of Eucharistic prayer. An inspiring biography that captures Frassati's spirit, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: An Ordinary Christian explores the adventuresome personality and forthright love of a man who succeeded in wresting holiness from everyday life. (S,A)

[RCIA Team Training Video Resource](#) TeamRICA, 2011. Each video is between 9 to 24 minutes, perfect as a discussion-starter or topic in your team training sessions. Have your team members watch them before a training session, or show them as part of your team meetings. Video topics include: Sponsors; Discernment; The importance of names in the rites of the RCIA; Using the parish for faith formation; Evangelization and an ongoing initiation process; Baptized candidates; RCIA adapted for children. *Please contact the Library to get the website information and password to gain access to the 7 video bundle that can be viewed on-line.*

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# Poverty Among Us

Today, 37.3 million Americans and 1 in 6 children (that's 18 percent of all American children)—are living below the poverty line. They live in families who are of necessity making hard choices between food, health care, heat and rent. To bring attention to this national crisis, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has designated January as **"Poverty in America Awareness Month."**

For more information, go to [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org)

[My Own Four Walls](#) (DVD, 21 min.) HEAR US, Inc., 2006. Program features personal accounts of homelessness among children and youth living in rural and suburban communities around the country. (I,J,S,A)

[This Is What Solidarity Looks Like](#) (DVD, 6 min.) Catholic Relief Services, 2010. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services call on one million Catholics in the United States to confront global poverty. Advocate with us to end hunger, disease, conflict, and other issues that affect the lives of our brothers and sisters worldwide. This short DVD explains and shows examples of how parishes can be effective in participating in this effort. (S,A)

[Nickel and Dimed: On \(not\) Getting by in America](#) (Book) Ehrenreich, Barbara, Metropolitan Books, 2001. Nickel and Dimed reveals low-wage America in all its tenacity, anxiety, and surprising generosity -- a land of Big Boxes, fast food, and a thousand desperate strategies for survival. Instantly acclaimed for its insight, humor, and passion, this book is changing the way America perceives its working poor. (S,A)

[Scenes from a Parish](#) (DVD, 85 min.) Lost Nation Pictures, 2008. When a young, irreverent priest arrives at St. Patrick Parish in Lawrence, Massachusetts, he discovers the unexpected--boiling ethnic tensions in a changing working-class community. Father O'Brien works with the parish diligently to build a community center and pantry to feed the area's poor. (S,A)



[Dorothy Day: Don't Call Me a Saint](#) (DVD, 57 min.) One Lucky Dog Productions, .2007. Tells the story of the New York writer and social reformer whom the Vatican is considering for canonization. The film begins at the height of the Depression with Dorothy meeting the French peasant philosopher, Peter Maurin. Together they created the Catholic Worker, a peace and justice movement that persists to this day in hospitality houses and soup kitchens around the world. Taken from back cover. (S,A)

[Room at the Inn](#) (DVD, 150 min.) San Damiano Foundation, 2006. Tells the inspirational story of the St. Francis Inn, a soup kitchen located in the Kensington area of Philadelphia. The Inn is operated by a community of Franciscan friars, sisters and lay people dedicated to living a life of service among the poor. (S,A)

[A Framework for Understanding Poverty](#) (Book) Payne, Ruby K., 4th rev. ed. Aha! Process, 2005. Poverty is not just a condition of not having enough money. It is a realm of rules, emotions, and knowledge that override all other ways of building relationships and making a life. This book is a guide and exercise for middle-class teachers, who often don't connect with their impoverished students--largely because they don't understand the hidden rules of poverty. In the same way, poor children misconnect with school because they don't understand the hidden rules of middle-class life. Ruby Payne, a former teacher and principal who has been a member of all three of the economic cultures of our time (poor, middle-class, and wealthy) compassionately and dispassionately describes the hidden rules and knowledge of each, then takes a pivotal next step by offering proven tools educators can use immediately to improve the quality of instruction in their classrooms. (A)