

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Happy New Year! As we return to our school and parish faith formation ministries and draw closer to the end of our Christmas Season, I hope you and your students are filled with peace and joy!

Also, I am excited to share with you some upcoming events for 2013. First of all, **Fr. Robert Barron** will be speaking at Holy Rosary Parish in Edmonds on Monday, **January 28<sup>th</sup>** from 7 – 9 p.m. You can find the flyer at <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/YOF/Events.aspx>.

Secondly, please mark your calendars now for a very exciting presentation on Thursday, **February 28<sup>th</sup>** at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades with Fr. Bill Watson, S.J. from the **Sacred Story Institute** ([www.sacredstory.net](http://www.sacredstory.net)). The theme of his presentation is **Evangelization: The Vocation of Living a Sacred Story**. Archbishop Sartain will be opening the day with prayer and will joining us for Fr. Watson's presentation.

**Maryknoll is offering a Mission Education Training Program on February 1-3** in Seattle. This training will be an excellent opportunity for people seeking to deepen their understanding of mission and how to incorporate it into their current ministries. Register by going to <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4wmvzncab&oeidk=a07e6nz36hy2d734bfd&oseq=a01u4fl9y3t4j>.

This week is **National Migration Week** with the theme of “*We are Strangers No Longer: Our Journey of Hope Continues.*” More information is provided in this newsletter.

Serra International is offering three kits to promote vocations to the religious life. More information is available further down in this newsletter and by contacting them at [www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org).

In Christ,

*Anne*

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<p>Archdiocesan website for the <i>Year of Faith</i>: <a href="http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/yof">www.seattlearchdiocese.org/yof</a></p>
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# YEAR OF FAITH<sup>2012</sup><sub>2013</sub>

## Speaker Series

# Father Robert Barron

Monday, January 28, 2013

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Holy Rosary, Edmonds



Father Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian. He is the rector of Mundelein Seminary near Chicago and the founder of *Word On Fire*. Fr. Barron is also the creator and host of *CATHOLICISM*, a ten-part documentary series and study program about our Catholic faith. He is a passionate student of art, architecture, music and history, which he calls upon throughout his global travels and presentations.

RSVP: 206-382-4096 or [ocff@seattlearch.org](mailto:ocff@seattlearch.org) by Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

# ANNUAL FAITH FORMATION LUNCHEON

**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2013  
**Place:** Archbishop Brunett Retreat and Faith Formation  
Center at the Palisades, Federal Way  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 1:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$25/person (presentation and lunch)  
**Audience:** Priests, Deacons, Catechetical Leaders, Principals,  
Religion Teachers, and all those involved in parish  
and school ministry

## PRESENTER AND TOPIC

### *Evangelization: The Vocation of Living a Sacred Story*

Presented by Fr. William Watson, SJ



Father William Watson is Founder, President, and Executive Director of the Sacred Story Institute. He has spent over thirty years developing Ignatian programs and retreats. In 2011, his provincial missioned him to start a non-profit institute to take what he learned about Ignatian program development and build a project for the Society of Jesus and the Church to bring the time-tested Examination of Conscience of St. Ignatius to as wide an audience as possible.

RSVP to [ocff@seattlearch.org](mailto:ocff@seattlearch.org) or 206-382-4096  
by **Thursday, February 21st**



## *From the Missions Office...*



### ***Give Yourself the Gift of Mission...*** **Continuing Pentecost Today: Mission Education Training Session**

#### **When**

Friday February 1, 2013 at 6:00 PM PST

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Sunday February 3, 2013 at 12:00 PM PST

[Add to Calendar](#)

#### **Where**

**Maryknoll Mission House,  
Seattle**

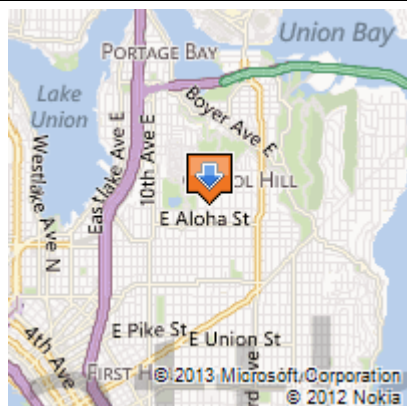
958 16th Ave E  
Seattle, WA 98112

Prepare for Lent this February by giving yourself the gift of mission! You are warmly invited to participate in our upcoming Mission Education Training Program at our Maryknoll Mission House in Seattle.

Jesus passed his mission on to his disciples and for almost two thousand years the mission has been passed down from generation to generation. It's now up to us to make sure that this gift of mission is given to the next generation.

We are excited to offer a Mission Education Training Program for teachers, principals, DREs, lay ecclesial ministers, catechists, priests, deacons and wives, and Maryknoll Affiliates.

- Incorporate a stronger sense of mission into your ministerial identity and spirituality.
- Develop skills and resources to better integrate the mission into your ministry and programs.



[Driving Directions](#)

- **Help your students and parishioners come alive in their faith as you animate and support them in their calling to take part in the mission of Jesus.**

[Get more information and register](#)

**We hope to see you here! For more information, please contact me via the information below.**

**Sincerely,**

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## **JANUARY IS POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has created a calendar that offers suggestions for learning and action on U.S. poverty for each day during the month. Join others around the country in prayer, reflection, learning and action to address the root causes of poverty in the U.S. **Download the 1-page calendar.** [ [www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/povertyusa/upload/poverty-awareness-month-calendar.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/povertyusa/upload/poverty-awareness-month-calendar.pdf) ]

### **CCHD Multi-Media Youth Contest for Schools and Parishes**

Each year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offers a Multi-Media Youth Contest to help schools and parishes engage youth in learning about the causes of poverty and the Church's response. Students in grades 7-12 learn about poverty in the U.S., its causes, Catholic social teaching, and the work of Catholic groups to address poverty. Then they work to educate others through creative work of any medium (e.g. video, song, painting, drama, poetry, etc.). Dioceses judge entries locally, then send top entries to the national contest by March 31. In the Archdiocese of Seattle, our local **deadline is March 15**; entries are to be sent to the Missions Office. The grand prize winner receives \$500 plus a matching grant for an anti-poverty organization and a trip to a national conference. Second and third place prizes may also be awarded. National winners' schools receive gift certificates from RCL Benziger, publisher of Catholic religious education materials for schools, parishes and families. The Multi-Media Youth Contest is sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the domestic, anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic bishops, and receives support from RCL Benziger. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/youthcontest](http://www.usccb.org/youthcontest). (Contest materials are also available in Spanish at: [www.usccb.org/concurso-juvenil](http://www.usccb.org/concurso-juvenil).)



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John Roberto with Vibrant Faith Ministries will be presenting on the **Vision and Practice of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Faith Formation** Programs in Seattle on March 5-7. This workshop is not sponsored by the Archdiocese, but many of you may be familiar with John's work in catechesis across all age groups. More information can be found at <http://www.vibrantfaith.org/faith-formation-training.html>

## National Vocation Celebrations of 2013!

The following kits are available for FREE download from [www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org). Click on each link to begin the download:

**Jan 13-19, 2013**

### [National Vocation Awareness Week](#)

**Feb 3, 2013**

### [World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life](#)

**Apr 21, 2013**

### [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

Spanish-language versions of these kits are on the way.

If you are viewing this as a text-only email, copy and paste this link into your browser to go to the page where you can download the kits: [http://serraus.org/serrausa/serra\\_nccv.htm#top](http://serraus.org/serrausa/serra_nccv.htm#top)

## National Migration Week 2013: January 6-12



National Migration Week 2013 will be held from January 6-12 with a primary theme of “*We are Strangers No Longer: Our Journey of Hope Continues.*” This year's National Migration Week observance and theme commemorate the 10th anniversary of the historic joint pastoral letter of the United States and Mexico bishops conferences, [Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope](#). This theme reminds us of our responsibility as Catholics to help newcomers integrate in ways that are respectful, culturally sensitive and responsive to social needs, and of the ongoing need for comprehensive and compassionate immigration reform.

To purchase National Migration Week materials, please visit the [USCCB Bookstore](#) on-line. To order each of the 2013 National Migration Week materials, go to <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/>. Additionally, you are encouraged to visit the [Justice for Immigrants website](#), where you can find a wide range of educational resources on immigration and Catholic Social Teaching.

In coordination with National Migration Week and this special anniversary, the USCCB is also in the process of publishing a book of edited essays that focuses on many of the issues and themes that arise in light of the pastoral statement *Strangers No Longer*. We aim to have the book released in the spring of 2013 and are confident that it will provide an important resource for those interested in this important issue.



### **Year of Faith postings on the NCCL Website – Check it out! NEW Postings**

It's up on the NCCL website and there are NEW postings every week. **You can find the information under *Resources* on the [Home page](#) or by simply clicking [YEAR of FAITH Resources](#).** There is a wide variety of ideas from which you can choose.



NCCL will be posting *Year of Faith* plans from parishes and dioceses on the NCCL website. If your committee or Forum has discussed the Year of Faith from an NCCL perspective, or if someone on your committee has plans for the Year of Faith, please email the information to NCCL Board member Joanie McKeown at [jmckNCCL@email.com](mailto:jmckNCCL@email.com). We'll post links to websites, outlines of plans, introductory articles, worksheets, etc., along with a byline crediting you (or your parish, diocese, committee, etc.) for the materials you are sharing. By allowing others to see your plans you'll be helping other parish and diocesan catechetical leaders as they develop their local plans so that across the country, in parishes large and small, we'll have vibrant celebrations of the Year of Faith.

### **National Vocation Awareness Week Set For January 13-19**



The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) January 13-19. The annual event earmarks a time for parishes to consider their role in promoting the role of priests, deacons and religious order brothers and sisters to Catholics deciding on their future.

"National Vocation Awareness Week gives dioceses and parishes across the country a chance to promote vocations through prayer and education," said Archbishop Robert Carlson, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "This is



especially important in this Year of Faith and as the Church continues to focus on the New Evangelization. Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life are essential in the Church's mission of spreading the joy and love of Jesus Christ. Our world and culture needs the Good News of Christ more than ever."

Father Shawn McKnight, executive director of the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV), said research shows more youth consider a lifetime of service to the Church than family and friends realize. "A recent study found significant interest among never-married Catholics ages 14-35 in priesthood and the consecrated life," he said. "We estimate that over 600,000 youth and young adults have seriously considered a religious vocation in the Church. This is good news. The challenge is to pray for them and encourage them to take the next step as they discern God's call."

The study, "Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics," was conducted by the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) and commissioned by the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. It is available at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/survey-of-youth-and-young-adults-on-vocations.cfm>.

Vocation Awareness Week reminds Catholics that they have responsibility to pray for vocations and to invite young people to consider a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life, said Father John Guthrie, CCLV associate director. "When someone is encouraged by three or more people to consider a religious vocation in the Church, they are more than five times more likely to seriously consider it, the CARA study showed. We need to be less shy about encouraging someone with the right qualities for religious life to think about it," Father Guthrie said.

The CCLV office will provide dioceses web resources such as prayer cards, suggested prayers of the faithful and bulletin-ready quotes. Materials can be downloaded from the USCCB Vocations page, [www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm).

**FREE Professional Development Webinar – Tuesday, January 15**



**Ave Maria Press**, in partnership with the **National Conference for Catechetical Leadership**, the National Association for Lay Ministry, and National Federation of Priests' Councils presents a series of free, online

workshops on professional development for parish ministers. This webinar ***Living the Gospel: From Ash to Living Flame*** offered on Tuesday, January 15 at 3:00 pm EST. You can register at **PDW-01.15.2013**

(<http://tiny.cc/cmanpw>). For a complete listing of professional development webinars in this series, please visit [www.avemariapress.com/webinars](http://www.avemariapress.com/webinars).

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***Living the Gospel: From Ash to Living Flame***—Presented by Fr. Scott Hurd

Lent can be a blessed season of renewal if kept in a meaningful and realistic way. Doing so can be a challenge in our overscheduled, secularized world, but it is far from impossible! Join Fr. Scott Hurd for this webinar to explore how to encourage and lead those you serve to have a "good" Lent this year.

