

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

This Lent, I know we will all be keeping Pope Benedict XVI, the College of Cardinals and our Church in prayer as we prepare for a new Holy Father. USCCB and the National Conference of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL) have gathered several rich resources for us to learn more about the papacy and the election process. I hope you review them for use in your classrooms and programs.

We are quickly drawing closer to February 28<sup>th</sup>, when Archbishop Sartain will be welcoming all of us to a presentation on ***Evangelization: The Vocation of Living a Sacred Story*** by Fr. Bill Watson, SJ. Please see the attached flyer for more information and registration information. This event is a wonderful way to deepen our Lenten journey of conversion and offers practical information for both adults and youth. I strongly encourage all of us involved with catechesis, Catholic schools and youth ministry to attend.

I would also like to use this newsletter to remind you of some other important activities. In particular please check out the following:

- **CRS Rice Bowl** online for a wide range of learning activities across age groups and our Archdiocesan Mission Office is a great local resource.
- **March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** will be hosting national speakers and formation events. Please see the attached brochure for the multiple opportunities to find out how you can participate.
- **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Archbishop Sartain will be celebrating Mass at St. James Cathedral for our Special Needs community.** A reception will follow. Your support in reaching out to our families and promoting this event are deeply appreciated.
- **Catholic Men's Conference "Iron Sharpens Iron"** on March 2, 2013, featuring presentations by Archbishop Sartain and many others.
- **CYO Camps** have opened their registrations for this summer. Learn more by contacting <http://seattleooyam.org/programs/cyo-camp-services>

Please also review the multiple resources below for free webinars, engaging video links for faith formation, support for marriage and family life and children books.

In Christ,

*Anne*

Anne Frederick, Ed.D.  
Director of Parish and School Faith Formation

<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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# ANNUAL FAITH FORMATION LUNCHEON

WITH WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER  
BY ARCHBISHOP SARTAIN

**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...

CRS Rice Bowl gathers the family together around the dinner table and gives them a simple, regular practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that is connected to a wider effort of the parish community. This resource helps parishioners of all ages to develop a deeper understanding of Lent's themes of conversation, baptism, and discipleship. Participants are invited to widen their encounter of God in the world and their compassionate response from our immediate family out to our whole human family.



## FOR LENT, FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES.

### CRS Rice Bowl and Catechesis with the Whole Community

CRS Rice Bowl is well-suited for use with whole community catechesis or Generations of Faith, since it gathers the family together around the dinner table and gives them a simple, regular practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that is connected to a wider effort of the parish community.

Below are suggestions for a catechesis assembly during Lent that incorporates CRS Rice Bowl as a way to engage families in Lenten practice. Use whichever sections are helpful and adapt them to your catechesis assembly.

The learning objectives for this session would be to help parishioners of all ages to develop a deeper understanding of Lent's themes of conversation, baptism, and discipleship and how they are practiced through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. At the same time, participants are invited to widen their encounter of God in the world and their compassionate response from our immediate family out to our whole human family.



#### Evening Outline

- 6:00 PM Simple Community Meal using CRS Rice Bowl Recipes (Optional)
- 7:00 PM Prayer
- 7:20 PM Presentation on the Theme and Practices of Lent (to Whole Assembly)
- 7:50 PM Activity and Discussion in small groups
- 8:30 PM Re-convene for Take Home Resources
- 8:45 PM Closing Prayer

#### Simple Community Meal

Depending on the size of the gathering, recruit several people or households to bring a dish of one of the CRS Rice Bowl recipes. Two weeks before the gathering, send the recipes to the volunteers. Recipes are available at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

Place a *Rice Bowl* on each table. Begin the meal with the CRS Rice Bowl Lenten prayer. Follow prayer with a short introduction to the dishes served and the countries they are from (use the CRS Rice Bowl *Educators' Guide* for this information.) Ask each household to consider making a donation to the *Rice Bowl* of what they would spend on a simple meal at home; this will model participation in the program and show a connection between prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



[crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)



## Come and See An Evening of Wonder



**The Pacific Northwest Region of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

*invites you to an evening to explore*

### **The Religious Potential of Children**

Learn more about the Montessori inspired program that is embraced by the Missionaries of Charity and nurtures the faith of children across our country and throughout the world.

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013**

St Michael Parish  
1208 11th Ave SE  
Olympia, WA 98501  
(360) 754-4667

**5-7 pm**

Soup Supper included

*Contact Mary Trotter  
for more information*

***mtrotter@saintmichaelparish.org***

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013**

St Therese Parish  
3416 E Marion Street  
Seattle, WA 98122  
(206) 325-2711

**7-9 pm**

Refreshment will be served

*Contact Carla Orlando  
for more information*

***carlaericksonorlando@gmail.com***

**Please join us. All are welcome. Spread the word!**



## An Evening of Wonder

*Introduction to National and International CGS Work*

**Friday, March 8 • 5 p.m.** (Open to all)

St. Michael Parish  
1208 11th Ave SE  
Olympia, WA

- Introduction to National and International CGS by Mary Mirrione & Linda Kaiel
- Soup Supper
- Stations of the Cross
- Atria Tours
- CGS Method and Presentations

Contact Mary Trotter for more information  
[mtrotter@saintmichaelparish.org](mailto:mtrotter@saintmichaelparish.org)

**Saturday, March 9 • 7 p.m.** (Open to all)

St. Therese Parish  
3416 E Marion Street  
Seattle, WA

- Introduction to National and International CGS by Mary Mirrione & Linda Kaiel
- Refreshments
- Atria Tours
- CGS Method and Presentations

Contact Carla Orlando for more information  
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Please invite all who may be interested.  
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Ellen Bollard, [bullarddeg@aol.com](mailto:bullarddeg@aol.com)

## More information on the

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*



**National Association:**

[www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org)

### Books:

*The Religious Potential of the Child*

by Sofia Cavalletti

*Listening to God with Children*

by Gianna Gobbi

*The Good Shepherd and the Child:*

*A Joyful Journey*

by Sofia Cavalletti, Patricia Coulter,  
Gianna Gobbi, and Silvana Q.  
Montanaro

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## Catechesis of The Good Shepherd

### The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children. It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an "atrium," a room prepared for them, which contains simple yet beautiful materials they use to help them absorb the most essential proclamations of the Christian faith.

You may be wondering how these materials help the religious life of children. If an adult hears a beautiful passage from the Bible, the adult might take a Bible, find the passage, and read it slowly again and again. He or she may think deeply about the words and perhaps speak to God in a thankful or hopeful prayer. A little child, too young to read, needs another way. In an atrium the child can ponder a biblical passage or a prayer from the liturgy by taking the material for that text and working with it - placing wood figures of sheep in a sheepfold of the Good Shepherd, setting sculpted apostles around a Last Supper table, or preparing a small altar with the furnishings used for the Eucharist. Older children often copy parables from the Bible, place written prayers in order from the rite of baptism, or label a long time line showing the history of the kingdom of God.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a sensorially rich experience for children from the ages of 3 to 12 years that gives children the opportunity to grow in love and knowledge of God through the Christian tradition.

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

## Mary Mirrione CGS National Director

### Mary Mirrione, CGS National Director



Mary was sent to explore the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 1992 by her pastor, who had seen an Atrium at another parish. Falling in love with the work, she began to build the environment with a small team of catechists. From there, it grew. Mary developed a vision that goes beyond parish borders, reaching out both nationally and internationally. Mary continues to serve as a volunteer catechist and formation leader at her parish. Mary has been a formation leader since 1997, giving three to four courses a year at home and abroad including the Diocese of Brownsville who serve the migrants there, and the San Carlo Apache Reservation in Arizona. She also worked with the Franciscan Friars in Honduras and the Missionaries of Charity in New York, Illinois, and California. In addition, Mary has worked with the Missionaries in the Philippines and in Kolkotta.

## Linda Kaiel CGS National Formation Leader

### Linda Kaiel, CGS National Formation Leader



Linda Kaiel is a catechist at the Franciscan Montessori Earth School in Portland, Oregon. There she continues to work with children each week at all three levels, 3-6, 6-9, and 9-12. Her formation as a catechist began with studies with Sofia Cavalletti in a summer course in 1985. Since 1991 she has worked as a formation leader throughout the United States. She also has trained internationally in Australia, Canada, Austria, Germany, England, and most recently, in Kolkatta, India. Her time in India was spent training the Missionaries of Charity. Linda holds an AMI Montessori diploma, and has served on the National Association's Formation committee. She has attended Consiglio meetings (the International Council of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) as a guest.

# Save the Date

## *Archdiocese of Seattle* *Mass for the* *Special Needs Community*

*Archbishop J. Peter Sartain invites us to celebrate a  
Mass for our special needs community, including  
families, friends and our faith communities.*

*"Everyone is welcome!"*

***Saturday - March 23, 2013***

***11:00am***

***St. James Cathedral - Seattle***

***Reception to follow in the Isaac Orr Conference Center***

*"All persons with disabilities have the capacity to proclaim the  
Gospel and to be living witnesses to its truth within the community  
of faith and offer valuable gifts. Their involvement enriches  
every aspect of Church life."*

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005*

***For more information, please contact:***

***Erica Cohen Moore - (206) 382-4852 - [ericac@seattlearch.org](mailto:ericac@seattlearch.org)***

**SEATTLE CATHOLIC  
MEN'S CONFERENCE  
MARCH 2, 2013**

**IRON  
SHARPENS  
IRON**



Archbishop J. Peter Sartain



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers



Fr. Ed White



ANGUS McDONNELL



Dea. Abel Magana



Fr. Phillip Bloom

**St. Mary of the Valley Parish, Monroe WA**  
[www.seattlemensconference2013.org](http://www.seattlemensconference2013.org)



## **Pope Benedict Resigns**

The church's 265th pope, Benedict was the first German to hold the title in half a millennium, and his election was a milestone toward Germany's spiritual renewal 60 years after World War II and the Holocaust. At 78, he was also the oldest new pope since 1730.

Father Lombardi said that the pope would continue to carry out his duties until Feb. 28 at 8 p.m., and that a successor would probably be elected by Easter, which falls on March 31. But he said the timing for an election of a new pope is "not an announcement, it's a hypothesis." Here is the Press Release prepared and released by the NCCL Communications Committee.



The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership joins the world in thanking Pope Benedict XVI as he resigns from his ministry as Bishop of Rome and leader of the Catholic Church. Since his election as Pope in 2005, Pope Benedict has been full of vitality as he fulfilled his sacred duty of teaching the faith throughout the world.

Joseph Ratzinger was born on April 16, 1927 on Holy Saturday and baptized the same day with the water that had just been blessed. He is a man who loves Christ passionately and faithfully served the church. He is a man who spoke of God rather than a Pope of grand images. As Pontiff, he showed warmth and spontaneity and true simplicity. In his time as Pope, he showed courage in facing difficult contemporary issues. During his Pontificate, he combated relativism and hedonism and promoted the relationship of faith and reason.

To date Pope Benedict has written three encyclicals: Deus Caritas—"God is Love", Spe Salvi—"Saved by Hope" and Caritas in Veritate—"Love in Truth".

Pope Benedict has spoken publicly on important issues, including condemning excessive consumerism, especially among youth. He has been open to dialogue with other religious groups, and has sought to improve relations with them throughout his pontificate, even when controversies have occurred. He has shown a great sensitivity to Jewish history and the Holocaust.

His writings will continue to inspire us for years to come. We stand comforted knowing he has promised to "serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer."

## **USCCB Resource Materials for Use Upon the Resignation of the Pope**

The USCCB has provided a variety of resources/materials that Catholic dioceses, parishes and schools have permission to download and reproduce for *free* distribution. Printed copies of all of these resources may also be purchased from USCCB. The page for [Papal Transition Graphics](http://tiny.cc/6culsw) (<http://tiny.cc/6culsw>) includes a Prayer for Pope benedict XVI along with a Prayer for the Election of a New Pope and a Bulletin insert



that explains how a new pope is chosen. All of these are in both English and Spanish. The page also offers you access to a variety of other documents that relate to both Pope Benedict and this occasion. You can also download a PDF document [Liturgical Resources for the Papal Transition](http://tiny.cc/crulsw) (<http://tiny.cc/crulsw>).

### **Resources on the Papacy**



Thanks to Tom Burnford, Secretary for Education and his staff at the Archdiocese of Washington, DC for sharing the catechetical materials and resources they created for use in parishes, schools and religious education programs. These resources have been created to support the work of pastors, teachers, catechists, youth ministers, RCIA leaders and

homeschool families. **These materials are available in English and Spanish.** They have provided a comprehensive number of documents including educational resources with guides for different age groupings, bulletin announcements, liturgical resources, and a novena. Here is a partial list of the documents. To download any of these documents and others, please go to <http://site.adw.org/resources-on-the-papacy>.

#### **Educational Resources**

- [Introduction](#) (español)
- [Core Theology on the Papacy](#) (español)
- Resource Guides on the following teachings: Who is Peter? Who is Pope Benedict XVI? What is the Mission of the Pope? and How is a New Pope Elected?
  - [Grades K-2](#) (español)
  - [Grades 3-5](#) (español)
  - [Grades 6-8](#) (español)
  - [Grades 9-12/Adults](#) (español)
  - [RCIA and Teens](#) (español)

#### **Parish Toolkit**

Below are bulletin announcements, bulletin inserts and liturgical resources for parishes in preparation for the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI on February 28, 2013 and the upcoming Papal Conclave:

- [Bulletin Announcements](#) (español)
- [Bulletin Inserts](#) (español)
- [Novena in Thanksgiving for Pope Benedict XVI](#) (español)
- [Liturgical Resources](#)



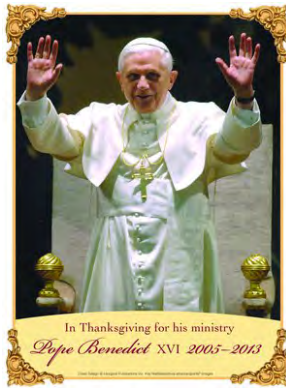
## Help Your Community Remember Pope Benedict's Papacy



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## Art & Media Portal

This is a very kind offer from LPI. Read this blurb to find out how you can have access to these materials for the next ninety (90) days.



To help your parish commemorate the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI, LPI has made bulletin covers and a biography available on [Art & Media Portal](#). These files are all available for you to download and use in your bulletin, or any other parish documents, today. The files will be in the Sunday search on [Art & Media Portal](#) for the next three weeks.

**If you know others who may be interested in using these files but are not current LPI partners**, they can receive access to [Art & Media Portal](#) for 90 days by clicking the **Register** button on the login page and putting **BENXVI** in the ChurchID field. Please forward this message to them.

## How is a new pope chosen?



Thanks to Kathy Hendricks at Sadlier for this explanation of papal elections. It is written in child-friendly language as a way to explain the process of electing a new pope. Download this piece [How the Catholic Church Chooses a New Pope](#) (<http://tiny.cc/v4ujsw>) and distribute to older children as a discussion guide, or use as a resource for explaining the process to younger children.



## What to tell kids about Pope Benedict's resignation



This is a one page article by Dr. Joseph White on what to tell children about the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI. He has a short paragraph for three age groups: Ages 6 and below, Ages 7-10, and Ages 11 and above. You can read this one page piece at [What to Tell Kids](#) (<http://tiny.cc/uojksw>).

## 5 Digital Projects: The Election of Our Pope

In a February 14 post on Sister Caroline Cerveny's blog, she wrote



For our children, this is a wonderful time to talk about leadership in our church. And in this blog post I will suggest a variety of ways to engage our Digital Natives to learn more about the process of electing our next Pope and to get to know more about him after his election. Here are five suggestions that will engage our Digital Natives to learn more about this historic moment in our Church:

- Host an online Scavenger Hunt
- Create a [WORDLE](#)

- Create a 30-second spot using [Animoto](#)
- Create a virtual poster using [Glogster](#)
- Create a PhotoBook about the New Pope using [Mixbook](#)

For more information, please go to Sister Caroline's blog at <http://acyberpilgrim.org/2013/02/14/5-digital-projects-the-election-of-our-pope/>

### **FREE! Catechetical Word Search Creator**



This information is provided by Resource Publications, Inc. Create word search games for the Sunday bulletin, classroom, or home. This free tool allows you to create word search games and print them to distribute in your parish media. The creator also allows you to search and find words on screen. Try it out at <http://rpinet.com/wordsearch>.

### **Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly Focuses on the Pope's Resignation and Selection**



*Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly* focused its entire program on three topics:

- Pope's Resignation
- Analysis of Pope's Resignation
- Papal Selection



You can read/listen to the program at

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/february-15-2013/listen-now/14742/>

### **FREE Webinar: *LENT: A Time for Conversion* – February 19 at 1:00PM EST**



**YEAR OF FAITH**  
**Webinar**  
**Series**

The season of Lent is a time of conversion and spiritual renewal. Powerful liturgies and profound scripture readings call us to encounter Christ in new and deeper ways.



What does Lent have to say to Catholics as individuals? What does it have to say to our Catholic parishes? In this webinar we will explore central themes of Lent for the Year of Faith, and discuss practical methods for whole-parish "catechesis for conversion" in a distinctly Lenten mode. Join Rita Ferrone, an award-winning writer and speaker in the areas of liturgy, catechesis, and renewal in the Catholic Church, on Tuesday, February 19 at 1:00 PM EST for the Year of Faith Webinar: Themes of Renewal for Lent. Rita is the author of the Bulletin Inserts and Small Group Participant Booklet for Adults for Living the Eucharist, published by Paulist Evangelization Ministries and sponsor of this webinar. [Register here](http://tiny.cc/qhwmrw). (http://tiny.cc/qhwmrw). Learn more about the [Year of Faith Webinars](http://tiny.cc/bpwmrw) (http://tiny.cc/bpwmrw).



### **Lenten Practices: Calls to Growth and Conversion**



Sister Janet Schaeffler, OP, past Secretary for NCCL, an active member of the NCCL Adult faith Formation Committee and creator of GEMS, recently wrote an article for the *Michigan Catholic* entitled *Lenten Practices: Calls to Growth and Conversion*. She develops 40 ideas for Lent and includes a variety of websites to assist people on their Lenten journey with practices she hopes will continue after Easter and become a part of people's daily practices of the faith. You can download a copy of her article at [http://www.janetschaeffler.com/40\\_Lenten\\_Ideas.pdf](http://www.janetschaeffler.com/40_Lenten_Ideas.pdf). Sr. Janet maintains a very helpful website entitled *Faith Formation Matters*. NCCL encourages you to check it out at <http://www.janetschaeffler.com/articles.html>.

### **Becoming Free to Be Me: Vatican II's Universal Call to Holiness Today**

Thanks to Chris Anderson and the NALM E-Bulletin for February 2013 for this announcement.



Many of us are aware of the contributions of Edward Hahnenberg, Ph.D. in supporting each person's call, in enhancing the role of lay ministers. This 2011 Lenten talk, Ed comments, is animated by the lines of Mary Oliver's poem, *This Summer Day*: "What is it that you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" This practical and challenging talk speaks to each of us; the talk (and link) can be shared with the people with/to whom we minister during this Lenten season. [http://www.knowledgestream.org/kstream/item.asp?item\\_id=9407](http://www.knowledgestream.org/kstream/item.asp?item_id=9407).

### **FREE Professional Development Webinar—THIS Tuesday, February 19, 2013**



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

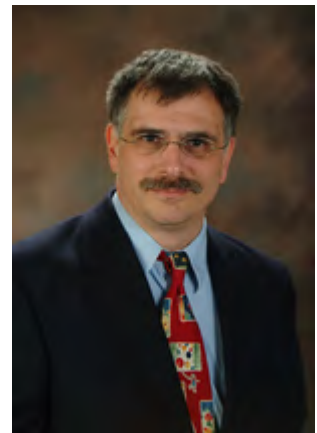
workshops on professional development for parish ministers. This webinar ***Before They Do: Helping Couples Prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage*** is offered on Tuesday, February 19 at 3:00 pm EST. You can register at [PDW-02.19.2013](http://tiny.cc/4xqesw)

(<http://tiny.cc/4xqesw>). For a complete listing of professional development webinars in this series, please visit [www.avemariapress.com/webinars](http://www.avemariapress.com/webinars).



***Before They Do:***  
***Helping Couples Prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage***  
with Dr. Anthony Garascia

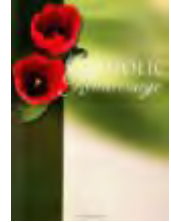
**Sign up today. Space is limited!**



This webinar will focus on how host couples or group sessions can help engaged couples prepare best for their marriage. Critical issues of communication and conflict resolution will be addressed, as well as suggestions on how to integrate the FOCCUS and Prepare-Enrich inventories into the marriage preparation.



Dr. Anthony Garascia, is the author of [\*Before "I Do": Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage\*](#), [\*Catholic Remarriage: A Workbook for Couples\*](#), and [\*Combined Leader's Guide for Before "I Do" and Catholic Remarriage\*](#). You can order any of his books by simply clicking on the title.



## **Momentum Builds Around National March for Marriage**



Plans for a national *March for Marriage* in downtown Washington, D.C., are generating excitement and enthusiastic support, according to organizers of the event. The upcoming *March for Marriage* “is an opportunity to witness to the culture about our pro-marriage beliefs,” said Thomas Peters, cultural director for the National

Organization for Marriage.

The *National Organization for Marriage* announced in late January that it would be hosting a *March for Marriage* in the nation’s capital on March 26. The date coincides with the first day of oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in the case *Hollingsworth v. Perry*. The lawsuit challenges California’s Proposition 8, a state measure recognizing marriage existing solely between a man and a woman. *Hollingsworth v. Perry* is one of two cases on same-sex “marriage” that the nation’s high court will consider this year. The other challenges the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman for all federal purposes.

So far, the event is receiving strong support from CatholicVote.org, a non-profit group that works to educate and mobilize the faithful in adherence with Church teaching, as well as signatories of the Manhattan Declaration, a statement by Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant Christians pledging support for “the sanctity of life, traditional marriage, and religious liberty.” Each of the two groups has more than half a million supporters.

Peters described the upcoming March for Marriage as a “celebration of the gift of marriage,” focusing on the “celebration of life and of the next generation” found within the institution. Read more: <http://www.ewtnnews.com/catholic-news/US.php?id=6992#ixzz2KdIusVRs>

## **The Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Symposium-Report Three (3)**

This week, Lee Nagel of NCCL will be addressing the special report on young pastoral leaders entitled *Next Generation of Pastoral Leaders: Their Chips Are All In*, A Closer Examination of



the Current Reality. The following seven key insights were gleaned from both the symposium and the broader young adult initiative of the Emerging Models project. More information on these findings can be found in the full 64 page report [Next Generation of Pastoral Leaders](http://tiny.cc/32adsw) (<http://tiny.cc/32adsw>).

1. A hindrance to better intergenerational workplace collaboration often involves the very words that generations use to describe one another.
2. There are significant differences between today's young adults and those of prior generations, especially in terms of workplace styles, monetary expectations, and technology use.
3. Pathways to ministry have changed, and today's young adults respond to God's call in new and different ways.
4. There are two distinct generations that make up today's young adult population: "Generation Xers" and "Millennials." While each of these enjoys a rich cultural mix, this diversity is not similarly reflected in the Catholic workplace.
5. Today's young adult pastoral ministers seek community both in their workplace and with young adult church workers elsewhere. They also want the Church to seriously upgrade its outreach to young adults so that it can become more attractive to and enlivened by them.
6. Young adult pastoral ministers want to be mentored by older church workers. But they also want a workplace where, in addition to wisdom being passed on, their ideas are welcomed.
7. Young adult pastoral ministers want to be valued and appreciated for their work and for their deep commitment to the Church. As one symposium participant put it, "their chips all in" when it comes to the ministry.

One of the pieces I found most interesting were the reflections by four participants of the Next Generation Symposium, held in November 2010 at Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C. Each was asked to write an observation of the experiences they had with their peers, adding in their own personal reflections where appropriate. Each of these men and women are young lay ecclesial ministers, both Generation Xers and Millennials, from diverse ministries and geographical locations around the United States. You can read these pieces along with the recommendations at [Next Generation of Pastoral Leaders](http://tiny.cc/32adsw) (<http://tiny.cc/32adsw>). The topics and writers of the reflections are:

**Preparing for the Next Generation of Ministry Leaders** – Julianne Dolon Stanz  
**Emerging Adults in the Workplace** – Margaret Vogel  
**The Catholic Church and the Generation X Minister** – Matthew Schwartz  
**Emerging Adults and Their Place in Church Ministry** – Craig Gould

## **FREE Webinar: Using the Parish Web Site to Power Adult Faith Formation**



Everyone knows that they "need" a web site for their parish -- but what do you do with it once you have one? How can you best use your parish web site to reach out to adults? And what does this have to do with the "New Evangelization?"

This webinar, *Using the Parish Web Site to Power Adult Faith Formation*, presented by Jonathan F. Sullivan, will assist parish catechetical leaders in strengthening their web site and other online platforms as an "engine" for adult faith formation. It will demonstrate the necessity of a modern, user-friendly web site and specific strategies for creating and maintaining a strong adult

faith formation presence on a parish web site. Jonathan F. Sullivan is the director of catechetical services for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. He blogs on catechesis and evangelization at [www.JonathanFSullivan.com](http://www.JonathanFSullivan.com).

This webinar is sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation committee of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. **Space is limited.** Reserve your Webinar seat for Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 2:00 pm EDT, 1:00 pm CDT, 12:00 noon MDT, 11:00 am PDT now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/330302002>.

## **The Bible Series is coming 3.3.13!**



This past week, I joined about 200 other Christian leaders in the DC area for a preview of *The Bible*. The scenes were introduced by the executive producers Roma Downey (*Touched by an Angel*) and Mark Burnett (*The Voice*, the *Survivor* series). The initial showing will be on the history Channel with the last segment on Easter Sunday evening. This is a 10 hour program and they are telling a story about God and Jesus. Good stories are about emotional connections and the Bible is a good story. Let's hope these ten hours will come across as a response to one of the hopes with which Cardinal Wuerl left the synod when he said the Church of today is "very much facing our world like the early Church, like those early disciples, aware that we have a wonderful story to tell, the story of Jesus Christ."

If you are looking for an exact rendering from the Bible you will be disappointed. While I did not feel they misrepresented any of the words of Jesus, they did take some literary license. They also appear to use a lot of flashbacks. Remember they only had 10 hours and they didn't want to confuse people who may be unfamiliar with the Bible; so they made decisions like Peter is called Peter all the way through and Paul of Tarsus has the same name throughout that sequence. I did note that Herod is present at the beheading of John the Baptist. The movie opens on the Ark with Noah telling his family the story of creation to calm their fears.





They referenced a quote from Michelangelo that there has been enough criticism, now we need creativity and that story is designed to evoke thought but the Church, as teacher, helps people to untie the knots. With that understanding, I feel the movie will tell a compelling story and we may have to untie a few knots. You can check out their Faith Resources website for more information and sign up for exclusive clips, behind the scenes, images and videos at [www.BibleSeriesResources.com](http://www.BibleSeriesResources.com). You can get a new EXTENDED look at “The Bible” Series with never-before-seen footage at <http://bit.ly/XVBgF2>

### **Adam and Dog**



Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film and Winner of the 2012 Annie Award for Best Animated Short Subject, depicts how God did not abandon Adam and Eve when he sent them out of the Garden of Paradise. "Watching director Minkyu Lee's painterly vision of the dawn of man and first bond forged with man's best friends puts you in a musing museum state of mind. Lee captures the unfettered joy of discovery and how that feeling changes and expands when you're no longer alone." You can watch this fifteen (15) minute film at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq0-i8GQbgw>

### **GRATITUDE: Explore – Imagination - A Path - Gratefulness**



This inspirational video was well responded at TED conferences and filmmaker Louie Schwartzberg motivates those around him as happiness is revealed. Spoken word and music montage created and composed by Gary Malkin. Narration written and spoken by Brother David Steindl-Rast. If you are interested in this very good six (6) minute meditation, then go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nj2ofrX7jAk>.

### **Control The Chaos With 'Secrets Of Happy Families': Re-Think Family Dinner**

You are encouraged to listen/read this interview which took place on Sunday of NPR's Week-end Edition. Afterwards you may be inclined to buy the book. I know I was. The front cover of his book has this line “Re-Think Family Dinner” and after listening to him comment on that topic in particular, it might modify what we say at parent Eucharist meetings, because we might realize that our assumptions about what we mean when we use the phrase and the experience of many people today when it comes to the “family dinner” might be very different.

Here is the part of the introduction to the interview along with five family tips that have been adapted from his book. If you care to read/listen to the interview, please go to <http://www.npr.org/2013/02/17/171929472/control-the-chaos-with-secrets-of-happy-families>. If after that, you care to order the book, click on [\*\*The Secrets of Happy Families: Improve Your Mornings, Rethink Family Dinner, Fight Smarter, Go Out and Play, and Much More.\*\*](#)



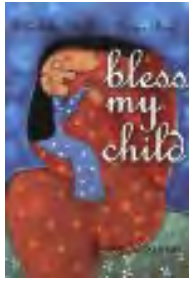
Feiler set out on a mission: He would systematically try to gather advice for how to build a stronger, happier and healthier family, and he'd do it by drawing from unexpected disciplines — from software engineering teams



and business branding experts, from sports coaches and military leaders, and even from the team behind *Modern Family*.

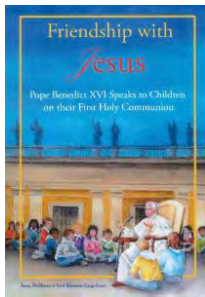
After years of collecting and testing such tips, Feiler gathered them in *The Secrets Of Happy Families*. With more than 200 individual strategies named in the book, most families would never dream of trying all of them, but Feiler believes that *every* family could benefit from at least a few of the insights.

### **Bless My Child: A Catholic Mother's Prayer Book**



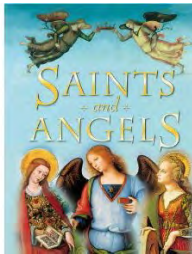
Julie Cragon has crafted special short prayers for her children, aged 3 to 16, as they were, are, and will be. There are prayers for children in myriad phases and circumstances; for example, potty training, loss of a pet, driving, choosing a college, and a first job interview. Prayers in the final chapter relate to serious illness and loss. This book would be a valued gift for parents at any stage of life. You can order [\*\*Bless My Child: A Catholic Mother's Prayer Book.\*\*](#)

### **Friendship with Jesus**



I know Benedict is retiring but this book is a reminder that he is a teacher and this book shows his love and patience with kids. The questions the children ask and the Pope answers are good for both the child and the parents to read. It also adds a sense of humanity and realism to "the Pope." This is also a way to help kids remember who was Pope when they were little. You can purchase [\*\*Friendship with Jesus: Pope Benedict XVI Talks to Children on Their First Holy Communion.\*\*](#)

### **Saints and Angels**



If you like medieval and renaissance art, then this is the book for you because it has 64 pages filled with beautiful illuminations, drawings, icons, and full page reproductions. However, know that it was designed for the Christian world and so the Catholic theology can be a little weak or even muddled. If you want it for the art, buy the book, take it apart, laminate the picture and find another story about the saint but use the pictures. It's a great classroom activity that can be passed around along with other saints, like those from Br. Michael McGrath or from Brenda and George Nippert. You can purchase [\*\*Saints and Angels.\*\*](#)

## **A Wisdom Story for Lent**



The lesson in this story is good for any day but it is particularly appropriate as we begin our Lenten journey. Thanks to Fr. Paul who posted this on his blog, *People for Others*.

Rabbi Pesach Mendel sat in his study, a holy book on the table in front of him. He looked down at the sacred words. Then he looked up and sighed. He stood up in his tiny study, paced the two short strides to the other side, returned and sat down at his book again.

How could he study the holy texts, with so much on his mind? For one thing, there were the villagers in his care. Was he being too strict with them – or too lenient? Should he spend more time listening to those in

need? Or would his time be better spent talking to the wealthy, convincing them to meet the needs of the poor?

For another thing, his office was in perpetual disorder. But how could he use a precious hour like this one to straighten his office, when he might be gaining wisdom from the eternal words? Oh, yes, the book. He returned his attention to the passage he had been trying to study.

At that instant, he heard a loud squeal outside his house. He stood and looked out his tiny window. Outside, two children, a boy and a girl, were running after a ball. They reached it, accidentally kicked it ahead of them, then squealed with delight. They ran after it again, laughing and shrieking.

Some time later, the rabbi's wife entered the front room of their little house and noticed that the door to the outside stood ajar. She walked over to close it, then noticed that her husband was standing just outside. She watched him. He stood there, shaking his head. Following his gaze, she noticed the children, still chasing their ball. She walked up next to him and took his arm. "Are you all right, Payshe? Are the children disturbing your holy work?"

He turned to face her. "Oh, Mimele," he said. "I am disturbed, but it is not the fault of the children." He turned back toward the children. "Look at them," he said. "Do you see how they run so purposefully after the ball? How every muscle, every bone in their bodies moves them toward the one thing they seek at the moment?" He put his arm on her shoulder, as they both gazed at the playing children. "I am disturbed because I cannot seem to do that. Can you imagine how quickly the whole world would be made holy, if we could all serve God with that much single-mindedness?"

She slipped her arm around his waist. The two of them remained in their doorway a long time, reading the miraculous text before them.

## **The Technology Canticle**

We praise You, Lord, for all Your digital world,  
especially for Brother Blog,  
who is the gift through whom You give us conversation.  
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,  
of You Most High, he bears your likeness.  
We praise You, Lord, for Twitter,  
in the heavens you have made the tweet short, quick, and easy.  
We praise You, Lord, for Brothers LinkedIn and Flickr,  
professional and a sea of networks,  
by which You cherish the photos of what you have gifted us with.  
We praise You, Lord, for Sister Facebook,  
filled with family and friends, news, and connections all across the globe.  
We praise You, Lord, for Sister Earth,  
who sustains us  
with her fruits, colored flowers, and herbs.

Caroline Cervený, SSJ-TOSF created this contemporary take on St. Francis' well known prayer,  
*Canticle of the Creatures*.