

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

On June 5th, I am looking forward to seeing our parish faith formation leaders at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades for our annual conference. This year's presenter is **Dr. Joseph White**, who will be offering us many practical and effective ideas for faith formation across age groups. The day is a great opportunity for accessing the latest in religious education resources and also networking with catechetical leaders across the Archdiocese. **If you haven't already signed up, please do so now! ☺**

As we move closer to the end of the school year, I would like to remind you of some great ways our students can enjoy summer vacation. First of all, **CYO Camping** still has some open dates, but time is running out for registration. Please check out their website (www.camping.seattloyyam.org) for more information! Also, all young adults are invited to a special event, **Christ Alive!** on June 23rd at Magnuson Park in Seattle. The Catechist Certification Program continues to offer 3 sites during the summer. Check out www.seattlearchdiocese.org/CFF/CCP/classes.aspx for schedule and registration information.

For those of you, who like to plan early, this year's **Catechetical Sunday** will be on Sunday, September 15th. The theme is "Open the Door of Faith" and numerous resources can be found at the USCCB website, www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/year-of-faith/index.cfm.

This week's newsletter also contains recent articles from Pope Francis and some of our US Cardinals and Bishops. For those of you working with teens, I highly recommend the video on Zach Sobiech (Google him for more information on his Catholic family as well) and the article "Preambles for Faith" from *America* magazine. I also enjoyed the short video "Eyes on the Stars" that offers an inspirational story about moving beyond discrimination.

I am very grateful for the rich resources that Lee Nagel from the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) posts each week. I have heard from many of you in our parishes and schools how much you have enjoyed many of the resources provided by NCCL. You can support NCCL by using their bookstore information posted at the end of this week's newsletter.

And we also would like to alert you to a part-time Youth Minister position at St. Therese Parish in Federal Way. This is the time of year for job openings, which can be found on the Archdiocesan website: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/ParishNews/Jobs.aspx.

You are all in my prayers for a summer filled with grace, renewal and fun!

In Christ,

Anne

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF PASTORAL ASSISTANTS FOR FAITH FORMATION, YOUTH MINISTERS, AND PARISH STAFF

We would like to honor those celebrating a retirement or significant milestone in ministry. Please include this information with your RSVP.

TOPIC AND PRESENTERS

NEW EVANGELIZATION: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE CATECHIST & CATECHETICAL LEADER

Presented by Dr. Joseph White
Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor

Dr. Joseph White is a clinical psychologist and former parish director of religious education. He is the author of several books on catechesis, including *Seven Secrets of Successful Catechists*; *Catechist Know-How: Multisensory Methods in Catechesis*; *Catechists for All Children*; and *Burnout Busters: Stress Management for Ministry*.



Dr. White has taught catechetics through the Institute of Religious and Pastoral Studies at the University of Dallas and pastoral guidance in the School of Theology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. He was Director of Catholic Family Counseling and Family Life for the Diocese of Austin. He is now a National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor.

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So Much More Than S'mores

At CYO Camp, we help guide your child's growth in faith with programs rooted in Catholic tradition, reinforcing values taught at your parish and at home. We unplug from technology and slow down, recognizing God's presence in ourselves and everyone around us. Problem solving, Christian values, and teamwork are learned through fun, hands-on games and high adventure activities. Our environment fosters the growth of faith through age-appropriate scripture, prayer and sacraments.

"Let Your Light Shine"

Each week at CYO camp, this theme is integrated into activities and prayers. Campers explore how faith can shine in their lives and how to put their faith into action.

CYO Camp is for Everyone

We are committed to making a summer camping experience available for every young person, and strongly encourage families to apply for our generous financial aid program. Amount of aid varies, depending on need.

Send your child to camp this summer and be amazed at the growth you'll see in one short week! Youth of all faiths are welcome to attend.

Visit our website for all the details,
and register online today!



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CYO Summer Camps is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Seattle



Christ Alive! is an outdoor mass for Catholic Young Adults taking place on June 23rd at 1pm at Magnuson Park.

Christ Our Hope Catholic Church is sponsoring this outdoor mass followed by fellowship. We have invited 10+ catholic organizations who can offer resources, support and fellowship opportunities to Catholics in this age range before and after mass so you can put your faith into action!

This mass will be the beginning of a movement to light the fire of faith in Catholic Young Adults across Western Washington and give them a chance to connect with each other to experience **Christ Alive!** Visit our website www.christaliveSeattle.com for more information and opportunities for carpools and volunteering. Please spread the word!

We'll be accepting donations of canned goods for St. Vincent de Paul.

Pope Francis: When Church Tries to Close Doors, "Jesus is Indignant"



Per the [Vatican Radio](#) summary, this Saturday morning's Francis-preach:

[Today's Gospel tells us](#) that Jesus rebukes the disciples who seek to remove children that people bring to the Lord to bless. "Jesus embraces them, kisses them, touches them, all of them. It tires Jesus and his disciples "want it to stop". Jesus is indignant:

"Jesus got angry, sometimes." And he says: "Let them come to me, do not hinder them. For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

"The faith of the People of God – observes the Pope - is a simple faith, a faith that is perhaps without much theology, but it has an inward theology that is not wrong, because the Spirit is behind it."

The Pope mentions Vatican I and Vatican II, where it is said that "the holy people of God ... cannot err in matters of belief" (*Lumen Gentium*). And to explain this theological formulation he adds: "If you want to know who Mary is go to the theologian and he will tell you exactly who Mary is. But if you want to know how to love Mary go to the People of God who teach it better. "

"The people of God are always asking for something closer to Jesus, they are sometimes a bit 'insistent in this. But it is the insistence of those who believe "

"I remember once, coming out of the city of Salta, on the patronal feast, there was a humble lady who asked for a priest's blessing. The priest said, 'All right, but you were at the Mass' and explained the whole theology of blessing in the church. You did well: 'Ah, thank you father, yes father,' said the woman. When the priest had gone, the woman turned to another priest: 'Give me your blessing!'. All these words did not register with her, because she had another necessity: the need to be touched by the Lord. That is the faith that we always look for , this is the faith that brings the Holy Spirit. We must facilitate it, make it grow, help it grow. "

The Pope also mentioned the story of the blind man of Jericho, who was rebuked by the disciples because he cried to the Lord, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

"The Gospel says that they didn't want him to shout, they wanted him not to shout but he wanted to shout more, why? Because he had faith in Jesus! The Holy Spirit had put faith in his heart. And they said, 'No, you cannot do this! You don't shout to the Lord. Protocol does not allow it. And 'the second Person of the Trinity! Look what you do... 'as if they were saying that, right?"

"Think of the good Christians, with good will, we think about the parish secretary, a secretary of the parish ... 'Good evening, good morning, the two of us - boyfriend and girlfriend - we want to get married'. And instead of saying, 'That's great!'. They say, 'Oh,

well, have a seat. If you want the Mass, it costs a lot ... '. This, instead of receiving a good welcome- It is a good thing to get married! '- But instead they get this response: ' Do you have the certificate of baptism, all right ... '. And they find a closed door. When this Christian and that Christian has the ability to open a door, thanking God for this fact of a new marriage ... We are many times controllers of faith, instead of becoming facilitators of the faith of the people."

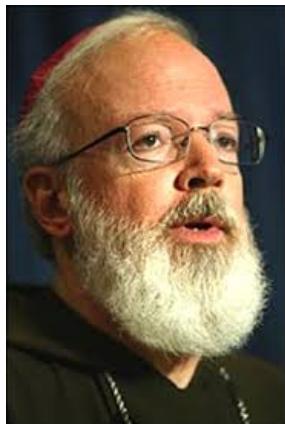
And "there is always a temptation to try and take possession of the Lord.

"Think about a single mother who goes to church, in the parish and to the secretary she says: 'I want my child baptized'. And then this Christian, this Christian says: 'No, you cannot because you're not married!' But look, this girl who had the courage to carry her pregnancy and not to return her son to the sender, what is it? A closed door! This is not zeal! It is far from the Lord! It does not open doors! And so when we are on this street, have this attitude, we do not do good to people, the people, the People of God, but Jesus instituted the seven sacraments with this attitude and we are establishing the eighth: the sacrament of pastoral customs!"

"Jesus is indignant when he sees these things" - said the Pope - because those who suffer are "his faithful people, the people that he loves so much"

"We think today of Jesus, who always wants us all to be closer to Him, we think of the Holy People of God, a simple people, who want to get closer to Jesus and we think of so many Christians of goodwill who are wrong and that instead of opening a door they close the door of goodwill ... So we ask the Lord that all those who come to the Church find the doors open, find the doors open, open to meet this love of Jesus. We ask this grace."

Human Cloning Inconsistent With Human Dignity, Treats People As Products



Human cloning for any purpose is inconsistent with the moral responsibility to "treat each member of the human family as a unique gift of God, as a person with his or her own inherent dignity," said the chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). "Creating new human lives in the laboratory solely to destroy them is an abuse denounced even by many who do not share the Catholic Church's convictions on human life," said Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap., of Boston. He said this way of making embryos will also be taken up by people who want to produce cloned children as "copies" of other people. "Whether used for one purpose or the other, human cloning treats human beings as products, manufactured to order to suit other people's wishes." He added, "A technical advance in human cloning is not progress for humanity but its opposite."

Cardinal O'Malley's statement responded to the news May 15 that researchers in Oregon have succeeded in producing cloned human embryos and obtained their embryonic stem cells. He

added that the researcher's goal of producing genetically matched stem cells for research and possible therapies is already being addressed by scientific advances that do not pose the same moral problems.

More information on USCCB's position on human cloning is available online: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/cloning/. The full text of Cardinal O'Malley's statement can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/news/2013/13-094.cfm>.

Bishop Pates Urges Public Discussion, Greater Scrutiny of Drone Usage



The United States should publicly discuss and scrutinize its policy of targeted killings by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), or drones, in order formulate “a more comprehensive, moral and effective policy to resist terrorism,” said the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on International Justice and Peace in a letter to National Security Adviser Thomas Donilon. “An effective counterterrorism policy should employ non-military assets to build peace through respect for human rights and addressing underlying injustices that terrorists unscrupulously exploit,” wrote Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa.

Bishop Pates acknowledged the right of a country to use force in self-defense and noted that counterterrorism, even against an organization as dangerous as Al Qaeda, is primarily a law enforcement activity when it takes place outside of a war zone. He noted that targeted killings by drones raise “serious moral questions,” including concerns related to discrimination, imminence of threat, proportionality and probability of success. “Targeted killing should, by definition, be highly discriminatory,” wrote Bishop Pates. “The Administration’s policy appears to extend the use of deadly force to alleged ‘signature’ attacks and reportedly classifies all males of a certain age as combatants. Are these policies morally defensible? They seem to violate the law of war, international human rights law, and moral norms.”

Bishop Pates emphasized the importance of protecting American lives and the danger posed by an organization like Al Qaeda, but said the relative low cost and ease of using drones might tempt U.S. leadership to use them to excess, causing our nation to underutilize “economic, political and diplomatic responses.” He urged attention to the “longer-term social and political impacts of targeted killings by drones on the struggle against terrorism.”

“And doesn’t the prospect of widespread deployment of UAVs by other nations and non-state actors put a spotlight on our nation as the primary developer and user of UAV armed and unarmed technology?” he wrote. “The U.S. should exercise leadership in advancing international norms, standards and restrictions for their use.” In sharing the correspondence with all of the bishops, Bishop Pates noted the letter addresses the morality of U.S. policy; it does not question the moral integrity of those charged with carrying it out. The full text of Bishop Pates’ letter is available online: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/arms-trade/upload/letter-to-administration-congress-on-drones-2013-05-17.pdf.

USCCB Chair Applauds Passage of Immigration Reform Bill Out of Committee



Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, applauded approval by the Senate Judiciary Committee of S. 744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, legislation which would reform the nation's immigration system. "This is an important step in the legislative process," he said May 22, the day after the committee vote. "I applaud Chairman Patrick Leahy and the committee members for their efforts and strong bipartisan cooperation," said Archbishop Gomez.

Archbishop Gomez said that the bill should be taken up by the full Senate as soon as possible, and that amendments to improve upon the legislation should be adopted. In his remarks, he specifically mentioned the need for improvements to the path to citizenship and the family immigration provisions in the legislation. "The path to citizenship should be widened, so that the maximum number of persons can access it and come out of the shadows," he said. "To leave a large population behind would defeat the purpose of the bill, which is to bring persons into the light so they can become full members of our communities." The USCCB has been working to shorten the amount of time an individual must wait to apply for permanent residency, to move forward the cut-off date for eligibility, and to ease income and work requirements.

Archbishop Gomez also expressed concern over cuts to the family-based immigration system, a hallmark of the nation's immigration laws for decades. "We must not abandon our focus on families, which are the backbone of our society," he said. "Family unity, based on the union of a husband and a wife and their children, must remain the cornerstone of our nation's immigration system." Archbishop Gomez welcomed several amendments added to the legislation helping immigrant children. He also commended the Senators for turning back efforts to strike provisions assisting asylum-seekers and refugees.

Preambles for Faith

This article in the latest issue of *America* by Matt Emerson, the director of admissions and an instructor in theology at Xavier College Preparatory in Palm Desert, California offers some great advice on working with teenagers. Besides affirming the power of immersion trips, Matt reminds us that we have to start by getting them to ask questions. While he focuses on Catholic schools, what he has to say is pertinent to faith formation, whether in a Catholic school or a Catholic parish program.

If you want to get to Jesus, start with Socrates. Before students can fathom the mystery of faith, they need to hone an introspective, self-examining outlook; and every subject, not just theology, must join this project. Whether Scripture or English, Algebra I or environmental science, every class must be a bit of an earthquake, leaving students, like



Mary before Gabriel, a bit shaken, asking: "How can this be? What else am I missing? What else have I not known?"

It is only when students relinquish their certainty about inherited beliefs that they rethink their resistance to God. One way that Catholic schools encourage this shedding is through immersion trips.

Check it out at <http://americanmagazine.org/issue/preambles-faith>.

At 18, He Taught Us How To Live Before He Died



"Every teenager believes they are invincible," said Zach Sobiech. "It's not the kind of invincible like Superman; it's the kind of invincible like, 'I'll see you in five months.'" Zach didn't have five months. He died of cancer on 20 May 2013, shortly after his 18th birthday. This film gives us glimpses of Zach's enormous capacity for love, his gentle humor, haunting music, and the quiet courage with which he approached the end of his life. It reveals the profound impact of his grace on all those he was about to leave behind. This is a film that will fill your eyes -- and your heart. You can watch this 22 minute film at <http://www.karmatube.org/videos.php?id=4123>. You can listen to his song *Clouds* at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/fix-me-up-feat.-zach-sobiech/id603389901>.



Pope Francis: For the Church, No One Is a Stranger



When Pope Francis addressed the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers, he said we are all called to nourish hope in the hearts of refugees and migrants who are forced to leave their homelands in pursuit of a normal life. The theme of the assembly was *The Pastoral Concern of the Church in the Context of Forced Migrations*. The council published a document on refugees and those forcefully uprooted, calling attention also to the plague of human trafficking.

Human trafficking, the Pontiff said, is "a disgrace for our societies that call themselves civilized! Exploiters and clients at all levels should make a serious examination of conscience before themselves and before God! In a world where there is much talk of rights, how many times human dignity is trampled," the Pope lamented. "In a world where there is so much talk of rights, it seems the only one that has them is money. Dear brothers and sisters, we live in a world where money commands. We live in a world, in a culture where the fetishism of money reigns."

For the Church, instead, no one is a stranger. "We are in fact only one human family that, in the multiplicity of its differences, walks towards unity, valuing solidarity and dialogue between peoples," he said. "I would like to invite all to receive in their eyes and heart the refugees and persons forcefully uprooted and to give them the light of hope," Francis added. "Hope that is expressed in expectations for the future, in the desire for friendly relations, in the desire to participate in the society that receives them, also through learning the language, access to work and education for the littlest ones. I admire the courage of the one who waits to be able to take up again, gradually, a normal life, in the hope that joy and love will make glad his existence. We all can and must nourish this hope!"

"...God is good; let us imitate God," he said. "Their condition cannot leave us indifferent. And we, as Church, recall that by curing the wounds of refugees, of the dispersed and of victims of trafficking we put into practice the commandment of charity that Jesus left us, when He identified Himself with the foreigner, with one who suffers, with all innocent victims of violence and exploitation." The full text is available at www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-s-address-to-pontifical-council-for-migrants.

FREE Professional Development Webinar – Tuesday, June 4, 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 **13 Ways to Become a Better Religious Educator During Summer Break** is offered on Tuesday, June 4 at 3:00 pm EDT. You can register at [PDW - 06-04-2013](http://tiny.cc/voupww) (<http://tiny.cc/voupww>). For a complete listing of professional development webinars in this series, please visit www.avemariapress.com/webinars.

13 Ways to Become a Better Religious Educator During Summer Break

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT



School's out, but that doesn't mean teachers and catechists can't use the summer to become the best teachers and leaders they can be next year!

Jared Dees, author of the new book [***31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator***](#), will share thirteen exercises and scriptural reflections for religious educators to increase their effectiveness as master-teachers. Participants will renew their sense of mission as they reflect on this past school year and look ahead to the next school year.

All registered participants will get a handout with exercises to share with their colleagues over the summer.

You can purchase [***31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator***](#).

Eyes on the Stars



The featured video here tells the true story of Ronald McNair, a successful astronaut who perished in the Challenger explosion in January of 1986. McNair's brother, Carl, went to Story Corps to remember him and pay tribute to his brother's fierce, yet humble persistence to learn, dream and succeed, even though he grew up in an America steeped in racism. The resulting cartoon is simple, touching, and just the thing to help us feel a little better about the struggles we have faced, are facing right now, and will face tomorrow. Watch it at <http://www.youtube.com/user/storycorps>.

Why We Need Stories Of Disability

Sam Ferrigno on HoopLaHa shares how we gain from narratives of perseverance.

It may seem odd that as a good-news website, we feature countless stories of people with disabilities. The deliberate reason is, they give us hope. Hope for abundant happiness in life despite being deaf, or having no arms, or, like the 22 year old college student in today's video, living with spinal muscular atrophy. Their ability to focus on what one can do versus what one can't do reminds us all we can be happy with what we have if for a second we just stopped complaining about it.

The caption over a photo recently posted on **I Waste So Much Time**, sums it up well:

If he can smile, so can you.



I Waste So Much Time

not only like he's dealing with his disability well, but that he's also proud of it. He was born that way, and it doesn't look like he's in for a life filled with remorse and bitterness.

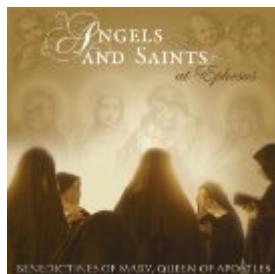


Nick Vujicic, a man born without any limbs at all, has made a successful career out of his life story. One of his lectures was posted on Youtube, and to date it has 36,978,732 views. He thought he'd never be a good husband because, "How can [you] be a good husband when you can't hold your wife's hand?" but

those worries were quelled when he realized that, although he can't hold her hand, he can still "hold her heart." You don't need hands to captivate someone's imagination, or fall in love.

Essentially, that's what we want to hear. We want to know that whatever wounds we acquire won't cut us off from certain parts of life. We want someone to prove that a bad day might be a blessing in disguise, and when a good day rolls around (and they always do) we'll enjoy them better having been through hell. Watch this four minute video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjbX6mDnMwM>.

Benedictine Nuns' Album Debuts at No. 1



A contemplative group of Benedictines from Missouri have a second No. 1 hit on their hands. "[*Angels and Saints at Ephesus*](#)," a follow-up to their hit record, "[*Advent at Ephesus*](#)," debuted last week at No. 1 on Billboard magazine's Classical Traditional Music Chart.

The album also earned the No. 2 spot on Billboard's new-artist "Heatseekers" chart, which encompasses all music genres. "This is an unprecedented accomplishment for an artist, a group of contemplative nuns, this devoted, hidden prayerful group who do not tour and remain close to their Benedictine Rule of Life," said Monica Fitzgibbons, co-founder of De Montfort Music. The producer noted that the sisters have maintained "their hidden life of prayer and sacrifice for priests and for the whole world" in the midst of their record-making.

"The Benedictines of Mary have again created a beautiful recording to connect us to the oldest traditions of European monastic chant and hymns," remarked Costa Pilavachi, Senior Vice-President, Classical A+R Universal Music Group International. You can purchase the album from the NCCL Amazon Bookstore at [*Angels and Saints at Ephesus*](#).

Inspiring Generations Seen as a 'Nudge in the Right Direction'



In anticipation of this July's World Youth Day in Rio, a book, *World Youth Day: Inspiring Generations*, has been released to share the story of World Youth Day and to inspire more young people to attend. The book aims to encourage people to experience World Youth Day, as well as dispel the myth that young people are not interested in faith. It contains stories based on the experiences of young Catholics who have been to previous World Youth Days.

The co-editors, James Kelliher, Jo-Anne Rowney and Paula Mendez, shared their thoughts about the book and World Youth Day:

- Kelliher said: "WYD Madrid was such an amazing experience for myself and many other young people. When I returned home, I wanted to share our stories with Catholics everywhere. It has been a long process in the making, yet I'm really happy with the outcome and I hope lots of people will enjoy the read!"

- Rowney said: "WYD was a great experience that I really wanted to share with other people my age. We realised that often young people don't know where to look to get more involved so it was important we gave them a nudge in the right direction. But, while there are lots of things to do at home, World Youth Day is really the best place to start and the book shows that."
- Mendez said: "During World Youth Day we spent a lot of time talking to each other about our life experiences and the Church, some of these experiences were very moving – that is when we realised that we could get something together which could be put at the service of the Church."

The book can be purchased from <http://www.ctsbooks.org/world-youth-day-inspiring-generations>. As well as the pocket-sized book, there is a Kindle edition, which includes more pilgrim stories, as well as bonus sections such as a pilgrim guide, advice and resources. The Kindle edition can be purchased from the NCCL Amazon Bookstore at [World Youth Day: Inspiring Generations](#).

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PASTORAL ASSISTANT FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Theresa's Parish in Federal Way seeks a part-time (30 hours per week) Youth minister with good people skills to direct Senior High (9-12) and Middle School (6-8) youth programs.

The following qualities are necessary: practicing Catholic with personal commitment to the way of Jesus Christ; proven ability of effectively catechizing youth; an understanding of Church teaching, scripture and liturgy; self-motivated, creative and energetic, responsible and reliable, with proven organizational abilities. Degree or certification in Youth Ministry, Religious Education or related field preferred.

Details about the parish may be found at website: <http://www.sttheresafw.org>. Competitive salary with benefits.

For application package, contact Linda DeMarce at 253-838-5924, ext #307.
Application Deadline: Friday, June 7, 2013.