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January 2014

Poverty Awareness

January is Poverty Awareness in America month

(Catholic Campaign for Human Development)

Check out some of the

resources from the library to learn more on this important topic. Also, please visit the Archdiocese of Seattle Missions Office webpage

to find other helpful resources and links.



What to Do When Jesus is Hungry: A Practical Guide to the

Works of Mercy (Book) Apostoli, Andrew, Ignatius Press, 2011. In this inspiring guide, Father Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R., explains the Corporal Works of Mercy and illustrates ways we can do them in our modern everyday life. Father Apostoli also outlines the lesser-known but equally important "Spiritual Works of Mercy": counseling the doubtful, teaching the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, consoling the afflicted, forgiving offenses, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and the dead. And he offers creative ways these too can be made part of our lives. (A)

A Place at the Table (DVD) Magnolia Home Entertainment, 2013. 50 million people in the U.S. - one in four children - don't know where their next meal is coming from, despite our having the means to provide nutritious, affordable food for all Americans. The film examines this issue through the lens of three people who are struggling with food insecurity: Barbie, a single Philadelphia mother who grew up in poverty and is trying to provide a better life for her two kids; Rosie, a Colorado fifth-grader who often has to depend on friends and neighbors to feed her and has trouble concentrating in school; and Tremonica, a Mississippi second-grader whose asthma and health issues are exacerbated by the largely empty calories her hardworking mother can afford. (S,A)

A Place At the Table: Justice for the Poor in a Land of Plenty

(Book) Brady, Judith Ann, Twenty-Third Publications, 2008. Dr. Brady skillfully synthesizes information on poverty, approaches to poverty in the U.S., justice in the biblical and social sense, how poverty is addressed in Church documents, the ways that Catholic Church leadership has advocated for the poor, theological reflection based on liberation theologies, and finally ways to encourage the growth of justice as a primary focus in education. This is a powerful exploration of how to in fact share a place at the table with those who struggle daily with poverty. Highly recommended for students of Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty and Justice Studies. (A)

Good News People: Bringing Hope in Hard Times (DVD

Program) 2012. A fourteen-session program (seven sessions in the fall and seven sessions in the spring) designed for small groups (10 groups of 10 participants). The GoodNewsPeople Program emphasizes the privilege and invitation for us to become vessels of God's hope-filled presence in the world and the "Good News" that, with God's grace, we have the power to change the world for the better. The program is a dynamic process engaging sacred scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, readings and reflections, and Church teaching. The purpose of the program is to communicate hope, love, and possibilities found in a faithful commitment to be "Good News" in the world today. The Missions Office is a resource for these materials. (A)



Streetwalking with Jesus: Reaching Out in Justice and Mercy (Book) Green, John, Our Sunday Visitor, 2011. For over two decades John Green's vocation has been ministering to inner city men on the margins of society in downtown Chicago. He heeded God's challenge to found Emmaus Ministries, which serves some of the modern-day lepers that are in our midst. Green vowed to constantly ask himself: How can I live justly? To whom do I show mercy? How may I walk humbly with God? Deacon Green's lessons learned regarding these hard questions are set against stories of men who struggle to escape poverty, addiction, and sexual sin while

encountering Christ in the process. But this book is much more than the account of how one ministry combats a social problem to which most of us wish to remain blind. It is about finding joy in service to others and experiencing love in reaching out to the suffering, all under the shelter of God's unconquerable, abiding love. (A)

One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference (Book) Milway, Katie Smith, Kids Can Press, 2008. Based on a true story, tells of how a poor Ghanaian boy buys a chicken through a community loan program, which eventually helps lift him, his mother, and his community out of poverty. (P,I)

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New Books & Films

Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine (DVD, Ignatius Press, 2013. In 430 AD, in the besieged city of Hippo, seventy year-old bishop Augustine recalls his reckless youth, his days as a renowned but dissolute orator, and how after converting to the guiltfree tenets of Manichaeism, he was called to the imperial court in Milan to serve as opponent to the Christian bishop Ambrose, but was finally converted to Christianity through the patience and devotion of his mother Monica. (S,A)

Being Catholic: Seasons and Feasts (DVD) Oblate Media & Communications, 2010. This program provides a comprehensive presentation Catholic of the special days and seasons of the Church year so that students and parents will be better able to participate in the liturgy with understanding. Engaging illustrations help make the subject come alive, and easy to remember. For Confirmation prep, RCIA, and for those of us who just may

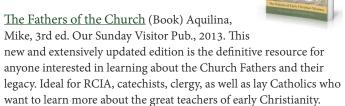


have forgotten some important ways to participate in the liturgical life of the Church. (I,J,S,A)

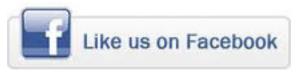
St. Monica and the Power of Persistent Prayer (Book) Aquilina, Mike Our Sunday Visitor, 2013. Parents of any age or at any stage can cultivate the same virtues in prayer that Saint Monica discovered during her long wait for God's answer for her child. This devotion includes 18 contemporary reflections, meditations taken from the writings of Saint Augustine, and prayers adapted from the liturgy and other ancient sources. (A)

Mothers of the Church: The Witness of Early Christian Women (Book) Aquilina, Mike, Our Sunday Visitor, 2012. Reinforces Catholics understanding of the part played by women in the early

Church. It illustrates the many kinds of women that left their mark on sacred history by responding to God's call. Whether they were martyrs, abbesses, mothers, desert solitaries, or managers of large family businesses, these women's stories will encourage you and deepen your faith. (A)



40 Days Living the Jesus Creed (Book) McKnight, Scot, Paraclete Press, 2008. Scot McKnight has come to call this vital teaching of our Lord the Jesus Creed. He recites it throughout the day every day and challenges you to do the same. You may find that, if you do, you will learn to love God more creatively and passionately, and find new ways to love those around you. (S,A)



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love (DVD) Ignatius Press, 2007. This epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that Don Bosco had to overcome from his childhood through founding his religious order, the Salesians, for helping educate boys. Growing up without a father gave him compassion for the many orphans that he cared for, while he faced persecution from both secular society and the Church as he fought to build a place to house and educate the homeless, outcast youth of Turin. His deep faith, creative imagination and profound charity shine through in this wonderful film. (S,A)

This Side of Eden (DVD) Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, 2010. This documentary presents a poetic, compelling and richly intimate portrait of the Benedictine Monks of Westminster Abbey Mission in British Columbia in the days of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Stunningly photographed and thoughtfully told, this film offers a meditative glimpse into a unique way of life which is grounded on earth but lived looking beyond. (S,A)

3MC-3 Minute Catechism (DVD) Kathmedia/Birett Ballett

Productions, 2012. 3MC consists of 72 hand drawn and animated episodes, each 3-4 minutes long. The series follows and explains the Creed, covering all four parts of the Catechism. Easier and more difficult subjects are treated in separate episodes making Three Minute Catechism a great introduction to the faith. Each DVD includes both English and Spanish audio tracks. (J,S,A)



Kids & The Sacraments-Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion,

Confirmation (DVD) Paraclete Press, 2013. Introduce your kids, your classroom to four of the sacraments with this lively new video presentation. Each segment includes explanations from Father Ken Overbeck, interviews with kids, on-screen storyboard Bible teaching, images from around the world, and "on the road" field trips to explore in depth where certain things come from, like Baptism's water, the altar bread of Communion, (I,J)



Annual Faith Formation Luncheon

Thursday, February 13, 2014 Archbishop Brunett Retreat and Faith Formation Center at the Palisades 9:30 am - 1:00 pm \$25/person

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