Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

As we rejoice in this Third Week of the Easter Season and our upcoming celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation, I invite you to open up the attached newsletter that offers a variety of resources to support our faith formation endeavors. There are several articles on Catholic outreach programs as well as many webinars and video links.

At the Archdiocesan level, I am hoping that you are encouraging your youth to sign up for our wonderful **CYO camping programs**. We are very blessed to have these opportunities available and they offer a summer rich with fun filled faith programs for our children and teens. Please encourage your students to sign up and also to let parents know about **scholarship and transportation assistance** that is available to support them!

In Christ,

Anne

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



## The Tradition continues!

Camp Don Bosco and Camp Hamilton have created treasured memories for you in Western Washington for more than 60 years, and we're gearing up for one of the best summer camps yet. At CYO camp, we help guide your child's growth in faith with programs rooted in Catholic tradition. This summer, following Pope Francis' call for children to Make Noise, meet friends and recognize God's presence in ourselves and others. Problem solving, Christian values and teamwork are learned through fun, hands-on games and high adventure activities. A generous financial aid program is available, and youth of all faiths are welcome to attend. Visit our website for all the details. Sign up today, and give your kids a summer they will always remember!

Register Today at: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/camping 206-382-4591

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## FOUNDATIONS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH CATECHIST CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

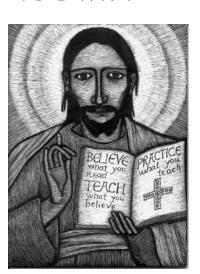
#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

- Advent
- ♣ Lent
- Retreats

#### **CATECHIST CERTIFICATION**

- ♣ Faith Formation for Parish Staff
- For Competent, Confident, and Capable Catechists
  - o Certify at least one per grade level
  - o Identify & Prepare Next Year's Catechist
- RCIA team
  - o Identify & Prepare Next Year's Team

SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/ccp



## **Upcoming at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat and Faith Formation Center**

"The Church of Today" A Retreat on the Church Since Vatican II Led by: Massimo Faggioli, Ph.D. and Helen Oesterle, M.Div. May 30-June 1, 2014

Price: \$199 per person for all presentations, 6 meals, and 2 nights in a comfortable

room with private bath

Register: (206) 748-7991, palisades@seattlearch.org,

www.seattlearchdiocese.org/palisades

Massimo Faggioli and Helen Oesterle lead a thoughtful reflection on the state of our Catholic faith throughout the world since Vatican II. The retreat will start with a presentation of the idea of the Church at Vatican II, and will focus on the liturgical reform and its theological consequences. This historical-theological framework will provide a basis for discussion and reflection on the key issues of today's Church.

Read more about the retreat by clicking HERE.

## Liturgy Office Workshops:

Cantor Intensive Workshop (June 16<sup>th</sup>)

http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Liturgy/workshops.aspx

## Pope's Tweet - Feast of, St. Joseph the Worker/International Workers Day



On the day in which the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Joseph the worker, the day when nations across the world celebrate International Workers Day, Pope Francis reached out with this tweet: "I ask everyone with political responsibility to remember two things: human dignity and the common good".

## Catholic Charities Agencies Helping Storm-Damaged Southern U.S.



Catholic Charities agencies were on the ground assessing damage after a series of storms with deadly tornadoes and massive floods swept through the southern United States April 27-29. The storms killed 35 people and left thousands without power while razing homes and businesses. Arkansas and Mississippi were the hardest hit, but deaths also were reported in Oklahoma, Iowa, Alabama and Tennessee. Georgia residents lost power, and the Carolinas and Florida experienced flash floods.

Patricia Cole, communications director for Catholic Charities USA, said its disaster response operations team has been coordinating with local Catholic Charities agencies in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama "where conditions on the ground are changing by the hour." She said Catholic Charities USA had received requests for grants for financial assistance and is staying in close contact with Catholic dioceses and agencies in the damaged areas as they assess the needs in their communities.

St. Joseph Church in Conway, Ark., initially was used as an American Red Cross shelter, but the shelter was closed April 29 because not enough people were using it. Parishes in the Little Rock Diocese have been conducting their own drives to mobilize and collect donated materials. "The long-term relief effort will take months as we assist people in obtaining replacement housing, furniture, clothing and counseling," Patrick Gallaher, executive director of Catholic Charities of Arkansas, said. "As needs crystallize, we shall seek help from among our parishes."

To support Catholic Charities' disaster relief effort, visit their website at <a href="https://support.catholiccharitiesusa.org">https://support.catholiccharitiesusa.org</a>, call 1-800-919-9338, or mail a donation to Catholic Charities USA P.O. Box 17066, Baltimore, Md., 21297-1066.

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## Pope: The Spirit Opens Mind to Comprehend All



In his first appearance in St. Peter's Square since the canonization of two saints this weekend, Pope Francis used today's general audience to deliver his catechesis on the second gift of the Holy Spirit. After discussing the gift of wisdom in the first catechesis of this new series, this week he turned to the Spirit's gift of understanding.

"So we can all understand things as God understands them, with God's understanding," is why Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit, said Francis. "It is a beautiful gift that the Lord has given all of us. It is

the gift with which the Holy Spirit introduces us into intimacy with God and renders us participants in his plan of love for us." Turning to what the Holy Spirit does, the Pontiff said, "He opens our mind, he opens us to understand better, to understand better the things of God, human things, situations, everything."

Clarifying understanding's meaning, he said: "It is not about human understanding, about an intellectual capacity with which we can be more or less gifted." Rather, "it is a grace which only the Holy Spirit can infuse, and which arouses in the Christian the ability to go beyond the external aspect of reality and scrutinize the depth of God's thought."

Discussing its effects, Pope Francis said that the community of Corinth knew well what this gift "does in us." Paul had explained to them: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him, God has revealed to us through the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)." Francis said "obviously" this "does not mean that a Christian can understand everything and have full knowledge of God's plans: all this remains to be manifested."

Noting that it's "ok" to understand a situation with human understanding, with prudence, he stressed that to understand a situation in depth, how God does, is an effect of the grace of understanding, which is "closely connected to faith." The Pope added, "When the Holy Spirit dwells in our heart and illumines our mind, He makes us grow day after day in understanding what the Lord has said and has fulfilled."

Addressing the English-speaking present, he invited them to implore the gift of understanding, as it will create a "new light, with fresh spiritual insight," and through it "the Holy Spirit dispels the darkness of our minds and hearts, strengthens us in faith and enables us to savor the richness of God's word and its promise of salvation." You can read the full translation at <u>Understanding</u>.

## Interested in Adult Faith Formation – This One's For YOU

Join the

#### Adult Faith Formation ONLINE Forum

To participate...

- · Go to www.nccl.org
- · Click on the Adult Faith Formation tab
- · Click on Adult Faith Formation ONLINE Forum
- · Select the conversation in which you would like to participate

This is a wonderful opportunity to virtually connect with others who are passionate about Adult Faith Formation!

## US Bishops Announce 3rd Fortnight For Freedom



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced that the third annual Fortnight for Freedom will be held from June 21 to July 4. The bishops launched the campaign of prayer and action in 2012 in the face of the threat to religious liberty posed by the HHS mandate.

This year's theme, "Freedom to Serve," emphasizes the "link between religious liberty and service to the poor and vulnerable," according to the bishops'

conference. "This is a time when Catholics can unite themselves in prayer to the men and women throughout history who spread the Gospel and lived out Jesus' call to serve the 'least of these' in even the direct of circumstances," said Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the US bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

Conference staff has prepared a number of materials to assist you in celebrating the Fortnight. This year, the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty would like to emphasize the link between religious liberty and service to the poor and vulnerable and has proposed the theme of *Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Serve*.

During the Fortnight, our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. In the secular calendar, we anticipate that the U.S. Supreme Court will rule at some point during the Fortnight (likely around June 30) on the *Hobby Lobby* and *Conestoga Wood Specialties* cases, which are



challenges to the HHS mandate brought by for-profit businesses.

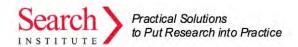
The Conference has prepared materials that will hopefully assist you in preparation for the Fortnight. The materials below are already available publicly through the website <a href="https://www.Fortnight4Freedom.org">www.Fortnight4Freedom.org</a>, so please feel free to distribute widely or provide website links:



<sup>\*\*</sup>You must be logged in to www.nccl.org to create a topic related to Adult Faith Formation.

- 1. Frequently Asked Questions about Religious Liberty
- 2. <u>14-Day Study Guide on Dignitatis Humanae</u>
- 3. <u>Litany for Liberty</u>
- 4. A series of examples of <u>Current Threats to Religious Liberty in the U.S.</u>
- 5. A series of examples of <u>International Religious Freedom</u> issues
- 6. **Prayers of the Faithful** (as part of the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty)
- 7. *Holy Hour Template* (also part of the Call to Prayer)
- 8. **Parish Guide to celebrating the Fortnight** (including 14 suggestions)

## FREE Webinar: Getting Relationships Right: Helping Young People



Search Institute has launched a major, multi-year effort to develop strategies and techniques to build positive relationships with kids. The institute's first

studies have identified five common characteristics of developmental relationships through which kids learn to strive to be their best. These qualities are

- Express care
- Challenge growth
- Provide support
- Share power
- Expand possibilities

During the Getting Relationships Right: Helping Young People Strive to be Their Best through Developmental Relationships webinar, participants will learn practical ways to put these concepts into practice while strengthening motivation, persistence, and other skills that are essential for success in school and beyond. Register for Getting Relationships Right: Helping Young People Strive to be Their Best through Developmental Relationships, a no-cost webinar presented by Kent Pekel, Ed.D., President and CEO at Search Institute, on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 12PM - 1PM, CDT. To register, please go to Getting Relationships Right. You can download the Developmental Relationships Framework Research Update.

## **Evangelizing in Our Digital Culture**



Caroline Cerveny, SSJ posted this on SlideShare. Our Digital Culture provides us with opportunities for New Evangelization. And what is New Evangelization? A call to each person to deepen his or her own faith, has confidence in the Gospel, and possesses a deep desire to share the Good News. We'll explore how to share your encounter with Jesus today in this ever evolving Digital

Culture that allows us to create and craft our message in ways never previously imagined. You can view the slideshow at *Evangelizing in Our Digital Culture*.

## FREE Professional Development Webinar - Tuesday, May 13, 3:00 pm EDT



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,

Pope Francis on Faith and Evangelization: Insights into Lumen Fidei and Evangelii Gaudium is offered on Tuesday, May 13, at 3:00 pm EDT. You can register at PDW - 05-13-2014 (http://tiny.cc/kes3ex). For a complete listing of professional development webinars in this series, please visit <a href="www.avemariapess.com/webinars.">www.avemariapess.com/webinars.</a>



## Pope Francis on Faith and Evangelization: Insights into Lumen Fidei and Evangelii Gaudium

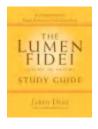
Presented by Jared Dees, author of

The Lumen Fidei (Light of Faith) Study Guide:

A Companion to Pope Francis's First Encyclical

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Time: 3 p.m. EDT



In the first year of his papacy, Pope Francis gave us two incredible documents to read, study, and apply to our daily lives. *Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith) offers an overview and reflection on the meaning of faith and how it is important in the life of the Church and in the lives of individual Christians. *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) is a call to arms for the Christian faithful to step out of their comfort zones and become missionary disciples and spirit-filled evangelizers.

The webinar will be divided into two parts:

First, Jared will summarize and elaborate on the key points of both documents in a short overview that could easily be shared or adapted for parish presentations of these documents. (Free downloads will be available for webinar participants.)

In the second part of the webinar, Jared will point out specific ways parish ministers can apply these documents to the way they carry out their work as pastors, DREs, catechists, teachers, faith formation leaders, retreat leaders, and parents.





<u>Professional Development Webinar Series</u>, will share some reflections for Catholic faith formation and evangelziation based on these two very important documents.

## The Pontifical Mission Societies Desires Your Experience/Opinions



Please participate in an online survey that will take less than 10 minutes to complete. Your willingness to complete the survey will help them better achieve our mutual goal of providing solid resources and materials for the formation of children and youth. To participate, go to the following website: <a href="https://www.research.net/s/ReligiousEd">www.research.net/s/ReligiousEd</a>.

Surveys must be completed no later than May 15, 2014.

## Nomadelfia: A lifestyle based on early Christians



In 1948, Italian priest **Zeno Saltini founded the city of 'Nomadelfia.'** But it's definitely not your typical city. It's made up of families that take in abandoned children. Their charism is very particular. **They live the way the first Christian communities in Jerusalem lived.** There is no private property, and all good are shared. Fr. Ferdinando is Zeno Salitini's successor as the priest that assists this community. You can catch a Rome Reports on *Nomadelfia*. You can learn more about Momadelfia by clicking *here*.

## Catholic Communication Campaign Uses Technology to Share the Faith



The 2014 Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) will be taken up in many dioceses the weekend of May 31-June 1. The collection offers an opportunity for Catholics around the country to support evangelization through technology and social media by supporting the production and dissemination of high-quality Catholic content via the Internet, television, radio, and print publications.

The 2014 Catholic Communication Campaign focuses on the theme of faith, worship, and witness. Technology offers essential tools to aid in the practice of faith, in worship and in opportunities for witness. "When people think of evangelization, they don't usually think first of communications," said Bishop Joseph J. Tyson of Yakima, Washington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' CCC subcommittee. "But in order to live the faith, someone has to tell us about it. Whether that was our parents, grandparents, a friend, or colleague, we all learned about the faith through communication."

"This collection serves projects that carry out our duty to tell the world about our faith and to

strengthen and catechize the faith of our brothers and sisters," said Bishop Tyson. "Many Catholics around the world live in isolation and modern technology allows them to stay in touch with other Catholics and to grow in their faith," he said. In his message for the 48th World Communications Day, Pope Francis says that technology is a "gift from God." He challenges the Church to use this tool to promote the faith, asking how communication can "be at the service of an authentic culture of encounter?"

The message for this year's 48th World Day for Communications. . . emphasizes the importance of human relationships within social social networks. Pope Francis reminds us that "communication is ultimately a human rather than a technological achievement "Communication is ultimately a human rather than technological achievement." When we join in these networks as authentic witnesses of our Christian faith, we bring the light of Christ to others. More information, including collection materials, can be found online: <a href="http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm">http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm</a>.

## Kerygma Awards Recognizes Short Film About Miscommunication



A bar, a couple and two cellphones -these few ingredients were more than enough for the short film "Dis-connect" to win the IV Edition of the Kerygma Awards

To view part of the video along with a report on the film and the Kerygma Awards, click <u>here.</u> You can also view some of the films that were in contention for the award at

<u>http://kerygmaawards.com/videos/</u> or watch <u>Dis-connect</u> itself as well as first and second place at <u>Dis-connect</u>.



## On Listening: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Advice to Christians

The beloved German theologian offers these words of encouragement (and admonishment) on the sacred duty of listening. Thanks to Trent Gillis in his *OnBeing* blog.



The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. It is God's love for us that He not only gives us His Word but also lends us His ear.

So it is His work that we do for our brother when we learn to listen to him. Christians, especially ministers, so often think they must always contribute something when they are in the company of others, that this is the one service they have to render. They forget that listening can be a greater service than speaking.

Many people are looking for an ear that will listen. They do not find it among Christians, because these Christians are talking where they should be listening. But he who can no longer listen to his brother will soon be no longer listening to God either; he will be doing nothing but prattle in the presence of God too.

This is the beginning of the death of the spiritual life, and in the end there is nothing left but spiritual chatter and clerical condescension arrayed in pious words. One who cannot listen long and patiently will presently be talking beside the point and be never really speaking to others, albeit he be not conscious of it. Anyone who thinks that his time is too valuable to spend keeping quiet will eventually have no time for God and his brother, but only for himself and for his own follies."

<u>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</u> was a German theologian who died in a Nazi prison. This passage is from his book on Christian community, titled <u>Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community</u>.

## Chellé "Loyal" Lyric Music Video (Lorde "Royals" Remix)



A praise and worship remix from the "In The Beginning" mixtape to the hit song "Royals" by Lorde. You can download the entire album FREE at <a href="http://chelle309.bandcamp.com/">http://chelle309.bandcamp.com/</a>.



To listen to and watch <u>Loyal</u>, go to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImUuPFwDeHA.

## **Imagine Your Family Is Homeless**



You'll never believe what happens when these 'homeless' people's own families were on the streets right in front of them! Have the homeless become invisible? Wow is this powerful! For looking with different eyes! Take three minutes to watch *Make Them Visible*.

The following image came across Lee Nagel's (President of NCCL) this week. It seemed to reinforce the message of the "*Imagine Your Family is Homeless*" and he shares the picture along with the words that followed. We are reminded of the phrase, "Do you have eyes and not see." (Mark 8:18)



#### IT'S NOT A BIRD.

This parrot is in fact a female model who posed for Johannes Stötter, a fine art body painter. Using breathable paint, he spent hours painstakingly turning this woman into the image of a parrot, brushstroke by brushstroke. The model's arm forms the parrot's head and beak, and her legs form the wing and tail feathers.

## Collabro sing Stars from Les Misérables



Looking like a standard boyband, Collabro had a trick or two up their sleeve. Have a look at how their performance.

Watch <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ob5UJS2WwQ8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ob5UJS2WwQ8</a> Here are the lyrics.

There, out in the darkness
A fugitive running
Fallen from god
Fallen from grace
God be my witness
I never shall yield
Till we come face to face
Till we come face to face

He knows his way in the dark
Mine is the way of the Lord
And those who follow the path of the righteous
Shall have their reward
And if they fall
As Lucifer fell
The flame
The sword!

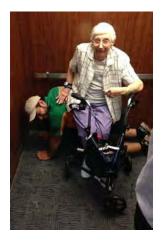
Stars
In your multitudes
Scarce to be counted
Filling the darkness
With order and light
You are the sentinels
Silent and sure
Keeping watch in the night
Keeping watch in the night

You know your place in the sky You hold your course and your aim And each in your season Returns and returns
And is always the same
And if you fall as Lucifer fell
You fall in flame!

And so it has been and so it is written
On the doorway to paradise
That those who falter and those who fall
Must pay the price!

Lord let me find him
That I may see him
Safe behind bars
I will never rest
Till then
This I swear
This I swear by the stars!

## Man Acts as Human Bench for Elderly Lady Stuck on Elevator



An employee from College HUNKS Moving and Hauling service in Florida proved that the company's motivation "to make the world a better place" is more than just a slogan. A student from the Art Institute of Florida was performing a move for College HUNKS at an assisted living facility inside a 10-story building when the elevator got stuck.

"We were riding with a very nice elderly women," said Cesar Larios. "As soon as it got stuck the lady said she could not stand for extended periods." So, what did Cesar do? He created a human bench for her. "I offered to serve as a chair," the 23-year-old told his boss, who contacted the Good News Network. "She was so thankful." For a full 30 minutes he sacrificed himself for her comfort, as shown in the photo taken by one Larios's workers.

"I thought this was a great example of old-fashioned service and helping your fellow neighbor," said Co-Founder & President of College HUNKS Nick Friedman in an email. "Our company mission is to Move the World both literally and emotionally, and this is an example of our brand coming to life."

HUNKS, which stands for Honest, Uniformed, Nice, Knowledgeable Students, has 52 franchise locations and is based in Tampa, Florida. This motivated <u>moving company</u> doesn't simply employ "clean cut" college students, their training program, "HUNKS University." teaches them how to embody a leadership mindset and provide WOW service to keep the client stress-free.

## Walking With the Enemy

Inspired by a true story, this film is an unforgettable film of love, courage, and sacrifice. Set in Hungary during the final months of World War ll, a young man sets out to find his displaced family by stealing a Nazi uniform to pose as an officer. Filled with suspense and danger, he undertakes ext... Moreraordinary measures to reroute his family and other Jews to safety by disrupting the activities of the German occupiers. The *Washington Post* reviewer stated that "A simple retelling of these stories would have been more dramatic, more effective and more powerful." Sr. Rose Pacatte closes her review with these two paragraphs.



"Walking with the Enemy" is an intense and stirring war film that reveals several heroes heretofore unknown to most of us, and this is a good thing. But I think the Jewishness of the people could have been portrayed more realistically. I don't recall ever seeing a synagogue, for example, but perhaps I missed it.

It is often said that the Jews did not do enough to defend themselves during World War II, but the Jewish resistance was inventive and strong against the bulwark of organized and precise genocide perpetrated by the Nazis. "Walking with the Enemy" tells the Hungarian part of the story.

You can read her complete review at <u>Walking With the Enemy</u>. Watch the official trailer at <u>Walking With the Enemy</u>.

## Ugandan Nun Helping Restore The Lives Of War-Torn Young Girls



Ugandan Nun Rosemary Nyirumbe, recently named one of <u>Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People</u>, joined HuffPost Live to discuss her struggle to rebuild the lives of young women who have been affected by the war in Uganda.

Nyirumbe has been sheltering, training, and empowering young girls who have fallen victim to infamous warlord

Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army. She told HuffPost Live's Caroline Modarressy-Tehrani about the recent book and documentary, *Sewing Hope*, that traces her journey to help these young women whose lives have been devastated by the war.

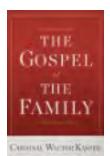
"I discovered there were a lot of young girls who actually managed to escape from the rebels who abducted them, trained them as child soldiers, who used them as sex slaves," Nyirumbe said. "And a lot of them even had children from these rebel commanders and when they returned, they didn't know where to go."



She continued, "I decided to make the school to become like a family where these girls could be accepted, where they could find love and compassion, where they could be taught how to love these children they got from painful situations. I wanted them to live again and hope."

Saint Monica's Vocational School in Gulu, Uganda, provides girls with the skills they need to regain their independence through learning how to sew. Nyirumbe explained that these girls have been creating purses out of trash, which symbolizes more than just the value of working. You can watch a seven (7) minute video at *Interview*.

## The Gospel of the Family



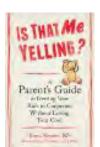
At the invitation of Pope Francis, Cardinal Walter Kasper addressed the College of Cardinals in preparation for the upcoming Synod on the Family. In this important and much discussed lecture on issues of marriage and family, Kasper advocates for stronger appreciation of the particular difficulties the family faces today. By raising challenging questions for today's Church, Cardinal Kasper joins his hope to that of many people "that the forthcoming synod, guided by God's spirit and after consideration of all points of view, can point out a good path that all can endorse."

## Good Saint John XXIII



Brother Mickey O'Neill McGrath does it again. This full-color book is a collection of illustrations inspired by the life, words, and anecdotes of Pope John XXIII- and others! Filled with whimsical drawings and short quotes, this book is intended to be a source of five minute meditations for busy people on the run. In the words of Br. Mickey, "May the gentle joy of our new Saint John XXIII fill your heart with a spirit of hope and 'aggiornamento'." May we move ever forward in faith, hope, and love. And enjoy my new book "Good St. John XXIII" with your morning coffee and prayer."

## STOP YELLING At Your Kids

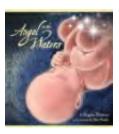


This book is from an article entitled *Why I Yell At My Kids*. The writer noted that "When we are compassionate and peaceful with our children, they, in turn, become compassionate and peaceful in the world. And in a world filled with strife and irritants, this is just what we need!" Here was one of her eye-opening lines:

"My kids don't usually cower (or suddenly obey) when I yell. When I get angry or snappish with them, they say things like "Mom, could you please use a kind voice?" or even "I have a hard time understanding you when you talk to me like

that." Both of these phrases they've stolen directly from me; it's what I say to them when they are demanding or disrespectful or whiney."

## **Angel in the Waters**



This is a wonderful and beautiful book! The illustrations are rich and colorful. The story is a tremendous illustration that pre-born babies are indeed human beings. One father wrote, "There is a part where the angel explains that beyond the 'outside world' there is an 'even bigger world' that the angel will lead the child into someday. This is a reminder of the poem of St. Francis which says 'Dying we are born to eternal life."

## **Hail Mary**



The Hail Mary is without a doubt the most often recited prayer to Mary. This little book takes readers of all ages phrase by phrase through this much loved prayer, while offering prayerful commentary on the actual words.

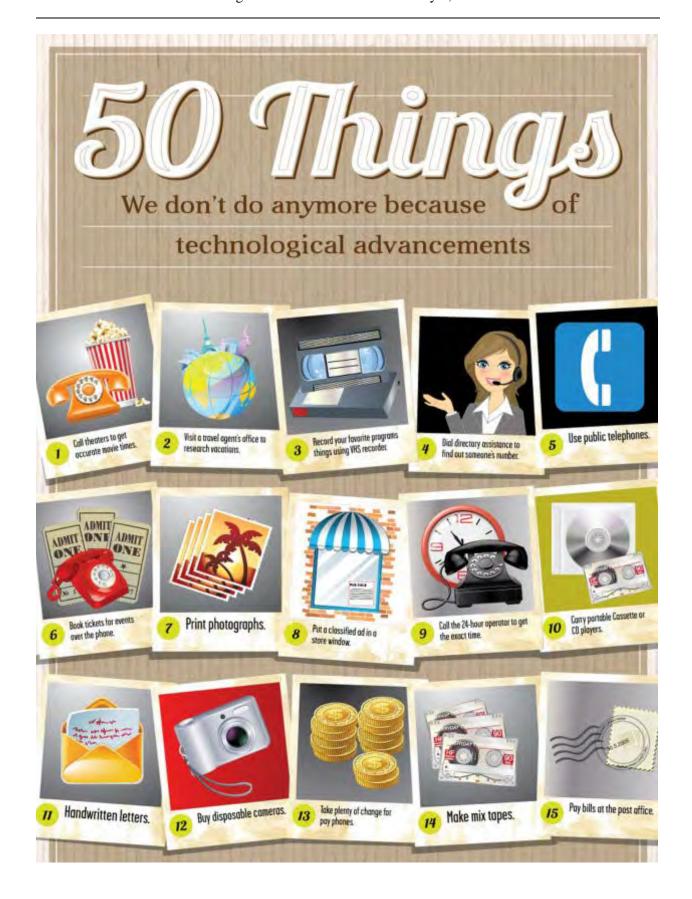
Full of Grace
The second word of the angel contains the secret of joy:
Mary, God has fallen in love with you.
You stole his heart
and he filled you with light.

You can order *Hail Mary* and any of the above books from the NCCL Amazon Bookstore.

You now have a new name: 'Beloved forever.'

## Contemplate These Changes, Especially If You Are A Digital Immigrant

This information might be an interesting catechetical moment for those of us, who have lived through many of these technological transitions.







https://mozy.com/blog/infographics/50-things-we-dont-do-anymore-due-to-technology/

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# **Top Five Pastoral Care Issues Facing Today's Youth with Debbie McDonald**

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In this webinar, Deb McDonald will explore a pastoral care approach to ministering to and with youth and their families who are impacted by cutting, bullying, depression, grief, and substance abuse. Deb is the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C.

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