

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Please keep the **Extraordinary Synod on the Family** in prayer, as it begins at the Vatican today. If you are interested in learning more about Church documents on family life or would like to follow the blog of Jeff and Alice Heinzen, who are the married couple representing the USA at the synod, you will find a treasure of resources at <http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/synod/>

The [Cornerstone Catholic Conference](#) is coming up very soon. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of our state and will offer participants a great opportunity to network with others and to deepen our understanding of the dignity of all human life. The speaker list is truly impressive!

Now is also the time to start preparing for **National Parish Religious Education Week 2014 November 2 - 8, 2014** *Encountering Christ Every Day ~ Encuentro con Cristo cada día*. Visit <http://ncea.org/our-services/national-parish-religious-education-week> to download the celebration guide, prayers and other ideas for lifting up all of those involved in parish catechesis.

Here is a list of upcoming events for you and those you serve:

- **Webinars**

- **On Mission to Form Saints** Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 4 and 7 p.m.
Presented by Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM Office of Formative Support
- **Missionary Initiation** Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 1 and 7 p.m. *Presented by Dr. Lori Dahlhoff, NCEA Religious Education Department and Marilyn Santos, Missionary Childhood Association*
- **October 23, [New Evangelization](#)** with Joe Paprocki
- **[Building a Better Disciple](#)** from Diocese of Springfield, IL
- **December 6, Catholic Parent Revival.** More information can be found at www.catholicparentrevival.org.
- **[Discipleship for Confirmation and Beyond](#)** presented by Dr. Mike Carotta and sponsored by NCCL (National Conference for Catechetical Leadership)

- **Catechist Certification Classes** – new Fall session dates and information can be found at <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/CFF/CCP/Classes.aspx>
- **October 9, [Hispanic Ministry in Catholic Parishes](#)** presented by Boston College Professor, Dr. Hosffman Osbino at St. Louise de Marillac Church
- **[October 9, CRS Fair Trade](#)** - learn how to bring unique faith trade crafts, coffee and chocolate to your parish and school at www.crsfairtrade.org or check in with our Archdiocesan Missions Office for more information!
- **October 10, [High School Religion Networking and In-service Day](#)** at the Chancery (803 Terry Building)
- **October 18, Retreat for Special Needs Families**, at Eastside Catholic High School (see below)

- **October 24 & 25, [Cornerstone Conference](#) at the Tacoma Convention Center**
- **November 7 & 8, [Team RCIA Institute](#)** sponsored by our Archdiocesan Liturgy Office, Team RICA and Seattle University
- **[Special Needs Community Carnival](#), November 8th** at Our Lady of Guadalupe
- **November 15, Mental Health Training** in Isaac Orr Conference Center, Chancery (see info below)
- **February 19, 2015 Annual Pastor/Faith Formation Leader Luncheon.** The presentation will focus on family faith formation and will have a national expert on the topic!
- **March 12-15, 2015 [Los Angeles Religious Education Conference](#) registration is now open!** Sign up for more information at www.RECongress.org/optin.htm

Read the newsletter to find the **prayer for the Extraordinary Synod on the Family**, a great set of activities for praying the **rosary** during this month of October, updates on messages from **Pope Francis**, a truly awesome set of **Respect Life** materials from USCCB and a thought provoking video, ***Breathe***.

In Christ,

Anne

Anne Frederick, Ed.D.
Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education

Prayer for the Extraordinary Synod on the Family

Prayer to the Holy Family
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer!
Amen.

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH CATECHIST CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

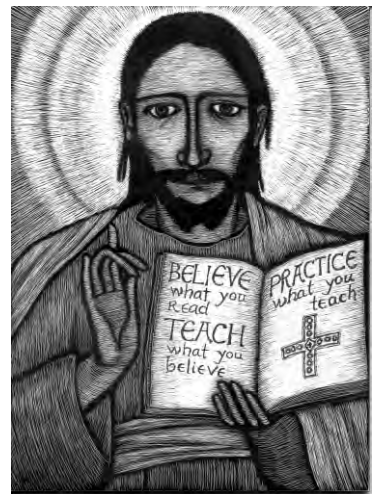
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- ✚ Advent
- ✚ Lent
- ✚ Retreats

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

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

SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/ccp



Archdiocese of Seattle
Retreat for Special Needs Families
To Seek the Lord's Healing



Speaker:

Rev. David Mulholland

Pastor of St. Mark, Seattle, and
former member of the
Archdiocesan Special Needs
Committee

All family members
and abilities welcome!

October 18, 2014 9:00am-2:00pm

Eastside Catholic High School
232 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish

Cornerstone Conference, Oct. 24-25:

Make plans now to attend the Cornerstone Catholic Conference Oct 24th & 25th at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. The Bishops of Washington State are sponsoring the Cornerstone Conference to inspire and educate Catholics. This is a statewide conference sponsored by our Catholic bishops and the line-up of speakers is truly impressive:

- Archbishop Sartain, Bishop Elizondo, Bishop Cupich, and Bishop Tyson
- Immaculee Ilibagiza (Rwandan genocide survivor)
- Abby Johnson (former Planned Parenthood director)
- Serrin Foster (President of Feminists for Life)
- Vicki Thorn (national founder of Project Rachel)
- Bishop Robert McElroy (frequent contributor to Catholic media on caring for the poor)
- Clare Halpine (World Youth Alliance)
- There will also be noted speakers on:
 - human trafficking,
 - ministry to the poor,
 - end-of-life decisions, and
 - building a cooperative culture of life within the parish



We just might be the best in the country...but we can do better by our people and our global neighbors!

Join [Catholic Relief Services](#) on Thursday, October 9th at **10:00am (Pacific)** to learn how to bring unique fair trade crafts, coffee, and chocolate to your parish or school. If you have never hosted a CRS Fair Trade sale, this webinar is for you!

We will cover practical steps such as:

- How to host a CRS Fair Trade Consignment Sale (parish or school craft sale)
- How to organize a CRS Fair Trade Community Order (group catalog order)
- Ways to make fair trade coffee and chocolate part of your parish life
- Where to find multi-media resources to plan and promote your activities

You'll also be able to connect with other parish volunteers and educators that have organized CRS Fair Trade Sales to learn from their experiences and hear their best practices.

Parishes and schools in the **Archdiocese of Seattle** generate more CRS fair trade sales than any other diocese in the country (or so goes the rumor). The [Missions Office](#) can assist anyone interested in hosting a sale in their parish or school.

[Sign up for the webinar now!](#) Learn more at www.crsfairtrade.org

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Mental Health Training

WHEN

November 15th

9pm – 4pm

WHERE

Archdiocese of Seattle

Isaac Orr Conference Room

910 Marion St., Seattle, WA 98104

Keynote Speaker – Fr. Patrick Howell, SJ

Overcoming Stigma: a biblical revolution

Father Howell will explore the multiple ways that Jesus addressed and overcame stigma, a sign of disgrace, by healing and welcoming people with illness back into the worshipping community. Mental illness, despite centuries of learning, is still perceived as a character flaw or a sign of weakness rather than a disease of the brain.

TO RSVP:

Please contact

Erica Cohen Moore at 206-382-4852 or ericac@seattlearch.org

Suggested donation for event - \$10 at the door.

THE RELIGION TEACHER

As a teacher and catechist, October is always a special month for me because it is the Month of the Rosary. It is a great opportunity to take some time and teach children not just to pray the Rosary, but to meditate on the *mysteries* of the Rosary.

Jared Dees
The Religion Teacher
www.thereligionteacher.com

Don't Be "Soap Bubble" Christians, Pope Exhorts in Morning Homily

http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/don-t-be-soap-bubble-christians-pope-exhorts-in-morning-homily?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch



Drawing from the September 25th first reading's exclamation, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" Pope Francis spoke today in his morning homily about Christians' temptation to "make themselves seen" when doing good. Vanity, the Pope Francis said, takes us away from the truth and makes us seem like "soap bubbles" without "something substantial." Vanity, the Pope warned, is "living for appearances, living to be seen."

"How many Christians live for appearances?" he said. "Their life seems like a soap bubble. The soap bubble is beautiful, with all its

colors! But it lasts only a second, and then what? Even when we look at some funeral monuments, we feel it's vanity, because the truth is returning to the bare earth, as the Servant of God Paul VI said. The bare earth awaits us, this is our final truth. In the meantime, do I boast or do I do something? Do I do good? Do I seek God? Do I pray? Substantial things."

"The Egyptian Fathers of the desert said that vanity is a temptation against which we must battle our whole life, because it always comes back to take the truth away from us. And in order to understand this they said: It's like an onion. You take it, and begin to peel it – the onion – and you peel away vanity today, a little bit tomorrow, and your whole life you're peeling away vanity in order to overcome it. And at the end you are pleased: I removed the vanity, I peeled the onion, but the odor remains with you on your hand.

Pope: Use Your God-Given Gifts

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-at-audience-use-your-god-given-gifts>



In this week's General Audience, Pope Francis urged everyone to use the Holy Spirit's gifts, freely bestowed on us as God's children and meant to "benefit the whole community." Asking the crowd "What, exactly, is a charism?" he explained that the idea of a charism is often misunderstood. "In ordinary language," the Pontiff said, "when there is talk of a 'charism,' it is often understood as a talent,

as a natural ability. In face of a particularly brilliant and moving person, it is usually said: 'He's a charismatic person.' "

He continued that “in the Christian perspective, ‘charisma’ is more than a personal quality,” it is “a grace, a gift bestowed by God the Father, through the action of the Holy Spirit...given to someone not because he is more good than others or because it is deserved: it is a gift that God does.”

While these gifts are granted to individuals, the Holy Father stressed, they “are discovered and acknowledged within the wider ecclesial community.” “Each is meant to serve the building up of the Church as a communion of faith and love,” which means they must be shared “generously for the good of all,” and are never to “become a reason for envy and division.” “Our heart must open to joy and we must think, ‘What a beautiful thing!’ So many different gifts, because we are all God's children and all loved in a unique way.’ ”, the Pope declared.

October Respect Life Month Theme:

“Each of us is a masterpiece of God’s creation”



Respect Life Month is an excellent time to particularly reflect on life issues and to pray for and promote greater respect for all human life. New resources, produced by the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, are available to assist parishes in the presentations of life issues. Program packets include a folder with this year’s theme on the cover; a set of three horizontally-oriented, letter-size “mini posters”, a catalog of Respect Life resources; a bilingual flyer exploring the theme; and [six new articles on varying topics](#), such as adoption, miscarriage, and healing within marriage from an abortion. Printable versions of these materials, the 2014 [statement](#) for Respect Life Month, liturgical resources, and ordering information are available at www.usccb.org/respectlife. A brief video is also [available online](#). Most resources are also available in Spanish. Check back throughout the year for additional materials that will be added to that webpage, such as updated 9 Days for Life resources for 2015. (See the 2014 materials at www.9daysforlife.com.) I hope you find these resources helpful to you as we share the Good News of God’s Love for us and the knowledge that “Each of us is a masterpiece of God’s creation.”



A New Catechesis for the New Evangelization: New Ardor, Methods, and Expression – A Webinar with facilitator: Joe Paprocki, DMin and sponsored by Loyola Press
Thursday, October 23, 2014

7:00–8:00 p.m. (CT) [Click to register!](#)

Catechists are at the forefront of the New Evangelization. We are called to “re-propose” the Gospel to the world, relying on an approach that is “new in its ardor, methods, and expression.” (St. John Paul II)

In this Webinar, Joe Paprocki, DMin, will explore what a “new catechesis for the New Evangelization” should look like, using as an example, the newly revised ***Christ Our Life New Evangelization Edition*** (Loyola Press). Joe will also be drawing from his most recent book, *Under the Influence of Jesus: The Transforming Experience of Encountering Christ* and Pope Francis’ book, *The Church of Mercy* to capture and illustrate how catechesis can take on new ardor, methods, and expression.

Joe Paprocki is an author, a speaker, and a longtime catechist in the Archdiocese of Chicago with over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. Joe, national consultant for faith formation at Loyola Press, is the author of numerous books, including the best-selling *The Catechist’s Toolbox* and *A Well-Built Faith*. He is also the host of the blog [Catechist’s Journey](#).

Discipleship For Confirmation and Beyond

[Discipleship for Confirmation and Beyond](#) is an electronic program designed to supplement your parish's Confirmation preparation. Led by nationally-renown religious educator, Dr. Mike Carotta, in partnership with NCCL, it includes four Core sessions for candidates, one Elective of their choice, and four Parent sessions. This link is to the 60 minute **webinar** which describes the program and ways it can be used. <http://youtu.be/vFa6J4nVFN8>



Catholic Grandparents Association: Sharing Faith with Grandchildren

<http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/how-the-older-generation-helps-teach-grandchildren-the-faith/>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XeTTQM5wgY>

The purpose of the association is simple: To help grandparents to share their faith with their children and grandchildren. Various ideas and resources are listed on their site.

Another good source of conversation starters for a gathering with grandparents is:

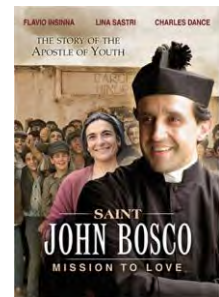
<http://www.catholicdigest.com/articles/family/grandparents/>

Top 100 “Proudly Catholic” Movies

http://www.thegregorian.org/images/article_images/TheTop100ProudlyCatholicMovies2014.pdf

The Gregorian Institute at Benedictine College, Kansas, polled 6,500 online readers to ask: What is your favorite “Proudly Catholic” Movie? The results are found at the link above.

Note: Not all of these movies are suitable for children, so please preview them before making recommendations to parents or grandparents. Viewing together and discussing an interesting movie that promotes good values is one way to engage in a conversation with children on faith and values.



Catholic Parent Revival



Parents, grandparents and guardians from across the country are invited to join together either onsite or online December 6, 11:00 am-5:00 pm CST, at the Lila Cockrell Theatre in San Antonio for the Catholic Parent Revival (CPR) – a day designed to revive their faith and celebrate their vocation as they help their families grow in faith. With national presenters and performers like Steve and Jenni Angrisano, Mark Hart, Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Roy Petitfils, Noelle Garcia and John Angotti, attendees will be treated to a day of inspiring stories, moving music, and meaningful prayer that is guaranteed to breathe new life into the role that faith takes within their home, the domestic church. For more information and registration links, go to: www.catholicparentrevival.org. The Catholic Parent Revival is part of the **Strong Catholic Families initiative** presented in partnership with NFCYM, NCCL, NACFLM, and NCEA.

Breathe

A fundamental gift given to every person is the ability to breathe. Without breath, we cease to exist. In the Bible, the word for "breath" is the same as the word for "spirit". This is an interesting reflection on the breath of God that created Adam and continues to imbue us with life. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTK8t3Ls_Gs



www.safeshare.tv

The image shows the SafeShare.TV website interface. At the top, there is a dark grey header with a television icon on the left and the text 'SafeShare.TV' in green and 'Play it safe' in red on the right. Below the header, there is a white box containing the text 'SafeShare.TV is the Safest Way to Watch and Share YouTube videos.' In the top right corner of this box are two small buttons labeled 'Support' and 'API'. Below the text is a horizontal line, followed by the text 'Paste a YouTube link' and a text input field. At the bottom of the box is a green button with the text 'Generate Safe Link'.