

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

May all of you be at the beginning of a blessed new year! The Office of Catholic Faith Formation has many wonderful programs that will be offered in the upcoming months. Please check out this following list of exciting events and mark your calendars now!

- **January 28, 1:00-3:00 pm, Cathedral Place Building, Chancery: Adaptive Program for Finding God** from Loyola – come learn ideas for including special needs students within our elementary faith formation programs!
- **February 19: Annual Pastor/Faith Formation Leader Luncheon and evening presentations with Dr. Andrew Lichtenwalner from USCCB** ([link](#))
- **March 5, Cathedral Place Building, Chancery: Engaging Parents – Forming Family Faith** – Sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development, this event will offer practical suggestions for building the Domestic Church
- **March 7-8: Mission Education Training** sponsored by Maryknoll and your Archdiocesan Mission Office ([link](#))
- **March 12-15: Los Angeles Religious Education Conference** – Registration is now open! Sign up for more information at www.RECongress.org
- **May 1: Pentecost: A Celebration of Ministry**– Fr. John Hurley, CSP ([link](#))
- **June 17-24: Guatemala Immersion Trip** sponsored by Maryknoll and your Archdiocesan Mission Office ([link](#))
- **September 22-27: World Meeting of Families** – Philadelphia ([link](#))

In Christ,

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Marriage/Family Life Speaker: Dr. Andrew Lichtenwalner, USCCB Executive Director of the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, will give two presentations on **Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015**. He will be talking on the **"Family and the New Evangelization"** during the morning at Isaac Orr and in the evening he will talk on **"The Mystery and Vocation of the Family"** at St. Monica Parish, Mercer Island. ([link](#))

Mission Education Training Program: Going Forth in Joy to Share the Good News

Mission is our baptismal call to share God's love.

As Pope Francis says, we do this "above all" with "the poor and the sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked" (Evangelii Gaudium, 48). Catholic educators lay the foundations that enable this mission of love without exceptions to be passed on to the next generation.

Our Mission Education Training Program provides teachers and ministers development practical tools and strategies to:

- Identify as missionaries and mission educators
- Discover and relate the Mission Story in Scripture
- Form students/school communities as evangelizing communities rooted in Gospel values
- Engage students in relationship and service to the world around them, locally and globally, in accordance with Church teaching and best practice

Upcoming Programs in the Archdiocese of Seattle:

March 7-8, 2014 ([link](#))

Limited accommodations available for commuters at the Maryknoll Mission Education House in Seattle.

2015 Guatemala Immersion: for Teachers, Catechists, and Youth Ministers

Every day, our neighbors from Central America make the perilous journey into the United States. Discover Christ in our Guatemalan brothers and sisters, deepening your faith and enlivening your ministry through encounter with their hopes, joys, and struggles. Meet and learn from the lay and religious missionaries walking with them, and discern how you can invite your own community into a spirit of encounter with our sisters and brothers on the margins.

June 17-24, 2015

Immersion Program Includes:

- Professional and ministerial development before, during, and after travel
 - Accompaniment by a Maryknoll Mission Education professional
- Encounter and relationship building with individuals, families, and communities in Guatemala City, Quetzaltenango, Quiche, and San Marcos
- Visits to Maryknoll programs and partner programs working with youth, women, education, integral health, community development, and pastoral support
 - Orientation to social, political, and economic realities
 - Daily reflections and faith formation activities
 - Ongoing support and consultation

Estimated costs and travel particulars:

- Room, meals, and in-country transportation: \$575
- Participants are responsible for air travel to and from Guatemala City (estimated \$800)
- Passport Required (visa not required)

[APPLY NOW](#)

Scholarships available from the Missions Office of the Archdiocese. Accepted applicants will learn more.

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

Regional offering for the South Sound Deanery on February 28th!

Year 1, 2, and 3 WEBINARS also available.

