

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter September 7, 2015

Dear Catechetical Colleagues

We hope you have had a wonderful Labor Day weekend and are filled with God's grace as we start a new year of faith formation. This week's newsletter again features many helpful links for religious education.

Our Essential Concept this week is Sacred Scripture. Please check out the multiple print and digital resources available to assist you on this topic. We also continue to ask you to let us know what materials and internet information you have found helpful with preparing your lesson plans. Please do contact us and help us collectively build a rich deposit of ideas for sharing our Catholic faith!

Related print, digital and online materials for each "Essential Concept" can also be found on the Library Media website at

<http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Library/Newsletters>

Please make special note of upcoming Archdiocesan catechetical events, including our New PAFF Orientation on September 8th and deanery workshops for implementing the Archdiocesan Elementary RE Standards. We are also encouraging our parish catechetical leaders to register for the Youth and Young Adult Ministry gathering on September 9th that will be focusing on family faith formation. Registration information for this event can be found in the sections below this letter.

Catechetical Sunday this year will be on September 20, 2015. Downloadable resources for celebrating this day in your parish, can be found by clicking the picture below under Catechetical Events.

Please keep in mind this is a great time of year to order copies of the Archdiocese of Seattle's Prayers By Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book published by Saint Mary's Press. Ordering information and a brief description can be found in the newsletter.

As we move deeper into this school year, we will also be adding some other features to the newsletter, such as suggested lesson plans and activities related to the Archdiocesan RE Standards. We welcome any recommendations you might have for us as well!

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

New Ministers Orientation (PAFF)

September 8th, 2015: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Isaac Orr Conference Center, Chancery.
All new Pastoral Assistants for Faith Formation, Directors of Religious Education, and Parish Catechetical Leaders are encouraged to attend this unique day designed especially for those new to ministry and/or the Archdiocese of Seattle. For more information and registration: 206-382-4096, ocff@seattlearch.org

Office for Youth and Young Adult Evangelization and Youth Ministry Leaders for the Annual Fall Gathering

September 9th, 2015: 9:30am-3:30pm at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center
Featuring Kathie Amidei is the guest speaker who will be sharing the Pathway to Engaging Families in Faith. For more information and registration: Rachael.Becker@seattlearch.org

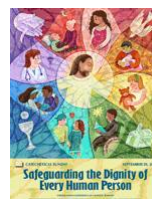
Catechetical Sunday

September 20, 2015

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Green Vestments - Year B

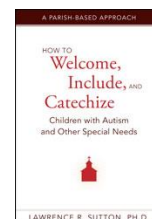
Readings: Wis 2:12,17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

Theme: "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person"



How to Welcome, Include, and Catechize All of God's Children: Practical Suggestions for Serving Those with Special Needs

October 3, 2015: 9:00-3:00 St. James Cathedral, Seattle, Pastoral Center Deacon Lawrence R. Sutton. For more [information](#) contact Erica Cohen Moore, 206-382-4852 or ericac@seattlearch.org



Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

September 14, 2015: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church-Everett

September 19, 2015: St. Edward Church-Shelton

October 20, 2015: St. Rose De Viterbo Church-Longview

Contact [Joseph Tancioco](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

Essential Religious Education Concepts

Week Two: Sacred Scripture [101-141]

The Essential Concepts come from the Table of Contents for the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). They have been re-organized to fit under the Six Tasks of Catechesis. CCC articles numbers associated with each Essential Concept are listed throughout this document. Referencing CCC article numbers is a recommended resource for catechist preparation.

TASK 1 - KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH - Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

Annotated Bibliography from the LMC*-Revelation, Creation, Salvation History, Sacred Scripture.

**Please note the Library's Essential Concepts list is a working document, being updated on an ongoing basis.*

Online Resources

Deep Misunderstanding about the Bible by Fr. Robert Barron

Fr. Robert Barron explain how to read the Bible and how easy it is to misread it.



Reading the Bible

Chosen: Scripture and Tradition

A selected segment of Chosen-the Confirmation/Faith Formation program from Ascension Press.



Scripture and Tradition

Resources from the LMC on Sacred Scripture

Books and DVDs related to Revelation, Creation, Salvation History and Sacred Scripture.

Library Media Center Resource of the Week

Check It Out Monthly Newsletter

New Resources added over the summer including Marian Study Group Programs and a new book from Fr. Robert Barron.

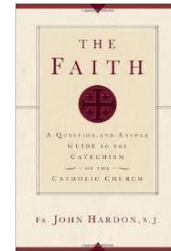


Featured Book

The Faith: A Question-and-Answer Guide to The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Fr. John A Hardon, Servant Books, 2014. In this new reissue of Fr. Hardons classic,

the universal Catechism of the Catholic Church is presented in an easy-to-use question-and-answer format. He zeroes in on what question each section is trying to answer and formulates that question in user-friendly language. He then gives a simple answer in his own words, referencing the section of the Catechism that addresses the question. In the pages of this book, you'll learn: What the faith we profess is all about; Why Christianity is the most credible religion in the world; How the Catholic Church possesses the fullness of truth. Catholics today have a greater responsibility than ever before to educate themselves first and then the world--a world that is starving for knowledge of Christ and his truth.



Featured DVD

3MC-3 Minute Catechism (DVD) Kathmedia/Birett Ballett Productions, 2012. 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. Includes both English and Spanish audio tracks.



Featured Online Resource

Understanding the Bible by Mary Elizabeth Sperry, Associate Director for Utilization of the New American Bible. Ten key tips to keep in mind when reading the Bible for better understanding of the Scriptures. Taken from the United Conference of Catholic Bishop's website.

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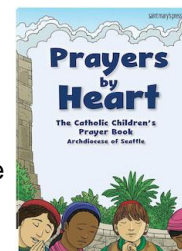
NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

Check NW Catholic for the latest reviews on [books](#) and [movies](#).

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Prayers By Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book

Daily prayers, memorized by heart, are a wonderful way for children to stay close to God. Prayers by Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book, only from Saint Mary's Press, was created to support the Archdiocese of Seattle's Faith Formation Standards and designed to introduce young children to the beautiful prayers of our Catholic faith. Incorporating these prayers and family blessings in their daily life--when they awake, when they eat, at Mass, or before they go to sleep, will help children learn to talk to and listen to God while being reminded of how He is always with them, and how much He loves and cares for them. Order copies [here](#)



MyUSCCB



This Week in Ministry provides timely content every week formatted for use in a variety of ways: parish bulletins, websites, E-newsletters, social media and more.

Featured this week (Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time):

RERUM NOVARUM by Fr. Larry Rice and spotlight on the saint of the week, St. Peter Claver. Also, from Salt & Light, this [one-page resource](#) presents ten principles to guide Catholics in their economic decision-making and actions. Use this resource as a bulletin insert, as a handout, on your parish website, or link to it in a social media post.

To learn more about MyUSCCB and to sign up for this helpful resource, visit the [USCCB](#) website for more information.

Catechetical Weekly-NCCL

The National Conference of Catechetical Leaders publishes a weekly newsletter following the Six Tasks of Catechesis.



Featured this week (Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time):

Labor Day Statement 2015 from Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami Chairman, Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

For archived newsletters and to learn more about this organization visit the [website](#).

Helpful Links

Catechist Journey

Sharing the Journey of Teaching the Catholic Faith. Joe Paprocki's blog that features practical tips and resources on sharing the gift of the Catholic faith.

Center for Ministry Development

The Center for Ministry Development provides training, resources and consultation for pastoral ministry and catechesis with youth, young adults, families, and the intergenerational community.

eCatechist

eCatechist.com is a blog from Dan Pierson, that provides ideas, inspiration, and learning resources for catechists, parish catechetical leaders, and parents.

TeamRCIA

TeamRCIA.com is a free online resource for Catholic parishes and dioceses that want to form Christians for life. Offers a variety of online and in-person training for church ministers and volunteers, through webinars, e-mail courses, downloads, discussion forums, and training events led by experts in the field of initiation ministry.

Teaching Catholic Kids

Teaching Catholic Kids is a valuable tool for parents, teachers and catechists. Free downloadable activities and teacher resources are updated each month and made available from the best of Our Sunday Visitor books, workbooks and writers.

The Religion Teacher

The Religion Teacher provides practical resources and teaching strategies to help religious educators transform the lives of the young people they teach. Find the practical resources, activities, lesson plans, prayers, and teaching strategies at The Religion Teacher to be great supplements to your catechetical work.

Vibrant Faith at Home

Vibrant Faith @ Home supports Christian leaders and families who are intentional about their faith and religious practice as they raise the next generation of committed Christians.

Word On Fire

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Father Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into- or back to- the Catholic faith. Word on Fire is evangelical; it proclaims Jesus Christ as the source of conversion and new life. Word on Fire is Catholic; it utilizes the tremendous resources of the Roman Catholic tradition-art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the saints- in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ.



The theme of the World Meeting of Families - Philadelphia 2015 is emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society. September 22-25, 2015

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