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Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter September 14, 2015

Dear Catechetical Colleagues

Our Essential Concept this week is **Salvation History**. 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! And remember too that although the Religion Standards are designed for elementary students, they cover all age groups and can be used for RCIA, professional development, and catechist training.

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, especially the deanery workshops for implementing the Archdiocesan Elementary RE Standards. We are planning to offer workshops in all of our deaneries. For more information about scheduling a workshop, please contact Joseph Tancioco in the OCFF office. 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.

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as the World Meeting of Families draws closer. Check [here](#) for the World Meeting of Families prayer, hymn and icon. Plus more information regarding prayer and resources for families.

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

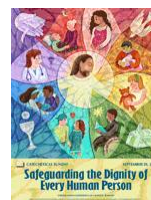
Catechetical Sunday

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"



Bereavement Gathering

September 28, 2015: 9:30-3:00 St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Please contact [Anne Frederick](#) for more information and registration.

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 (Postponed-new date-TBA)

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

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

Life Is Changed, Not Ended (Event for Clergy)

Finding Joy in the Church's Funeral Rite

October 23, 2015: 9:30-3:00 Holyrood Cemetery, Shoreline

Rev. H. Richard Rutherford, CSC. Pastoral Liturgical Studies, University of Portland

Register by Oct. 16th to ocff@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4096.

Life Is Changed, Not Ended (Event for Lay Ministers)

Finding Joy in the Church's Funeral Rite

October 24, 2015: 9:30-3:00 Holyrood Cemetery, Shoreline

Rev. H. Richard Rutherford, CSC. Pastoral Liturgical Studies, University of Portland
Register by Oct. 16th to ocff@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4096.

Formation Opportunities

Ignatian Spirituality 101: An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality and Prayer

Thursday, October 8 | 6:30-9:00 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle
ISC Staff and Partners, presenting. No cost. Donations appreciated. For questions or to RSVP, please email Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, or call 206.329.4824. Co-sponsored by the [Ignatian Spirituality Center](#) (ISC), Christian Life Communities (CLC), Magis: Alumni Living the Mission, and Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL).

Catholicity and Conscious Evolution: The Vision of Pope Francis

Saturday, October 17 | 9:00-12:00 | St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Burien
Presented by Ilia Delio, OSF. Preregistration by October 9th is required. There is no charge for the event. For registration and more information, visit www.ipjc.org



Essential Religious Education Concepts Week Three: Salvation History^[50-73]

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

Introduction to Salvation History

Prezi presentation of Salvation History portrayed as "Our Family Tree" by Sr. M. Antonia Pinon.



The Bible in 50 Words

A short video from Igniter Media. This video is an artistic look at God's story,

including the Old Testament, the Gospel, and all that we have to look forward to in just 50 words. It is not meant to take the place of your biblical teaching, but engage your audience to hear more of the greatest story ever told.

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.

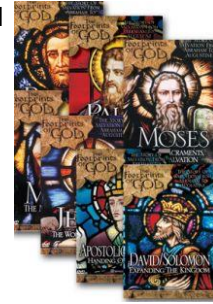


Featured Book

Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History John Bergsma, Ave Maria Press, 2012. This overview of the Bible is based on Bergsma's wildly popular introduction to theology course at Franciscan University. Bergsma combines sound theology, academic expertise, pastoral wisdom, and an endearing playfulness to draw readers into the connection between the great stories of the Bible and salvation in Jesus. Central to the book's themes are Bergsma's signature illustrations of key biblical characters, which are deceptively simple but profound.

Featured DVD

Footprints of God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine (DVD) Ignatius Press. A documentary film series hosted by Catholic author, speaker, and apologist Steve Ray, who takes you on amazing journeys of discovery and adventure to meet the people and see the places of Scripture and Church history. Journey through the lands of the Bible to meet the key figures in salvation history. Complete series available including the newest title-Abraham: Father of Faith and Works.



Featured Online Resource

A Spiritual Feast for Your Home: How Catholics Can Use the Old Testament in the Family by Jem Sullivan, PH.D. Taken from the United Conference of Catholic Bishop's website.

Archdiocesan News

NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

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

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-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time):

Grandparents Day is September 13th. Take a look at the resource [Blessings of Age: A Pastoral Message on Growing Older Within the Faith Community](#)-a Statement of the Catholic Bishops of the United States. Also, learn about the practice and meaning of the [Sign of the Cross](#).

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-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time):

The newsletter this week features the USCCB's [guidelines and best practices](#) for using social media in the church.

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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