

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter September 21, 2015

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

We are at the beginning of a wonderful week! First of all, I hope many of you celebrated Catechetical Sunday with a blessing for all those serving our Archdiocesan faith formation ministries and its call to safeguard the dignity of every human person.

Secondly, Pope Francis' visit to the USA and the World Meeting of Families will be offering us multiple opportunities to share the blessings of our Catholic faith this month and for many months to come. Please remember to keep the Pope and all those engaged with his visit to our country and also those who will be participating in the October Vatican Synod on the Family in your ongoing prayers. We are excited to highlight several excellent resources to help our students learn more about the Pope and these events in this newsletter. Be sure to check the special "Featured Links: Papal & World Meeting of Families" section for some great resources!

Our featured "Essential Concept" this week is **Christology**. As you are aware, the role of catechesis is to help others enter into a deeper and more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, who is at the center of all that we proclaim and witness.

Also, José Ramirez-Lomeli, Archdiocesan Director of Pastoral Formation Programs for Cultural and Ethnic Faith Communities recently translated the Six Tasks of Catechesis, the list of Essential Concepts and the prayers for our Religious Education Standards into Spanish. You can download this information at <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/CFF/RE/tek8.aspx>

You remain in our prayers for a grace filled week as we rejoice in the blessings of our Catholic faith and the upcoming visit of Pope Francis!

In Christ,

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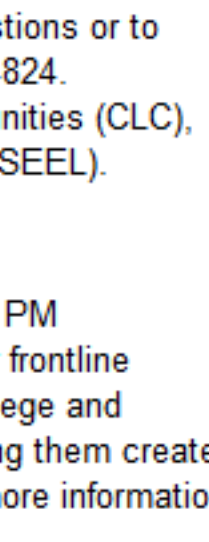
Upcoming Catechetical Events

Bereavement Gathering

September 28, 2015: 9:30-3:00 St. Vincent de Paul Church-Federal Way
Please contact [Anne Frederick](#) for more information.

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 enicac@seattlearch.org



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 ocffi@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 ocffi@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4096.

Religious Education Standards Deaneary Workshops

October 20, 2015: St. Rose De Viterbo Church-Longview
Contact [Joseph Tancio](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

Formation Opportunities

Ignatian Spirituality 101: An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality & Prayer

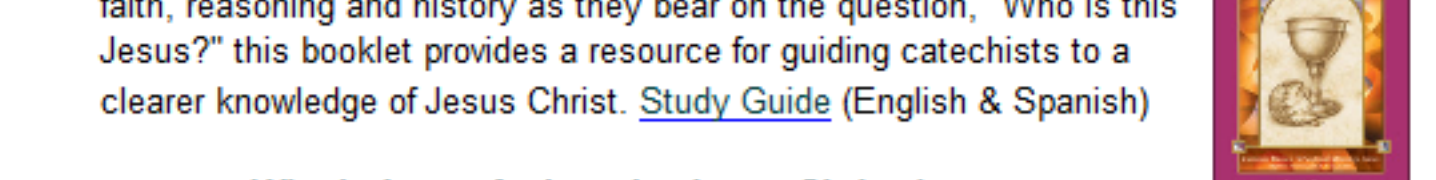
Thursday, October 8 | 6:30-9:00 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle
ISC Staff and Partners presenting. No cost. Donations appreciated. For questions or to RSVP, please email Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, or call 206.329.4824.
Co-sponsored by the [Ignatian Spirituality Center](#) (ISC), Christian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

Missionary Disciples Formation Program: Going Forth in Joy

Saturday October 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM -to-Sunday October 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM
Maryknoll Northwest Mission House 958 16th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112. For frontline parish and school ministers This program will assist in carrying out the privilege and responsibility they bear of instilling a missionary spirit in the faithful by helping them create and support "communities of missionary disciples" that go forth in joy. For more information or to [register](#) contact [Anna Clarke](#) or call 206-322-8831.

Catholicity and Conscious Evolution: The Vision of Pope Francis

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



Essential Religious Education Concepts

Week Four: Christology [74-100]

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:

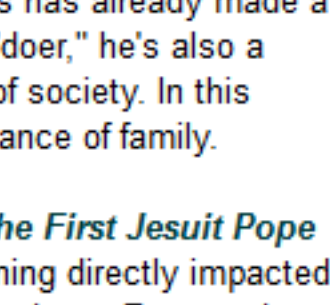
Annotated Bibliography from the LMC[™]-Revelation, Creation, Salvation History, Sacred Scripture, Christology.

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

Online Resources

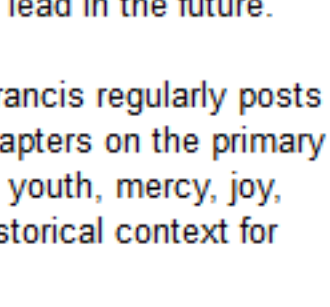
Follow-A Facebook-Style Look at Who Jesus Is

Today, just as 2,000 years ago, the gospel asks a question that demands an answer: Will we follow? This video illustrates this truth through the dynamic lens of a 21st-century social network.



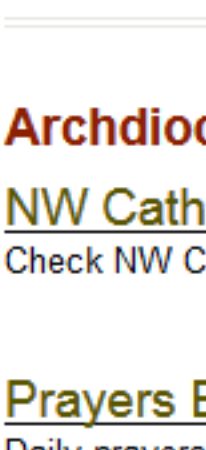
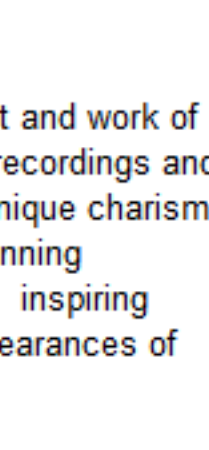
Who is Jesus and What Makes Him Unique?

Who is Jesus? Should we be amazed and afraid of Him? Have we domesticated Him too much? Do we fully grasp the significance of what He claims to be? Video clip from Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism* Series-episode 5.



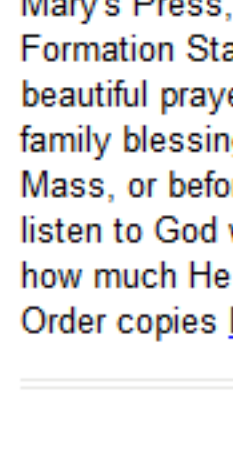
Resources from the LMC on Christology

Christology: True God, True Man is a thorough presentation of the convictions at the heart of Roman Catholic Christology. Examining faith, reasoning and history as they bear on the question, "Who is this Jesus?" this booklet provides a resource for guiding catechists to a clearer knowledge of Jesus Christ. [Study Guide](#) (English & Spanish)



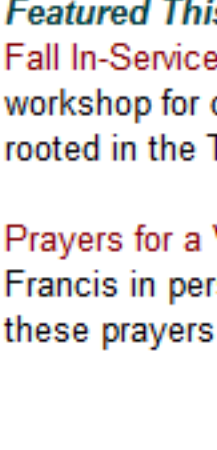
Who Is Jesus: An Introduction to Christology

This is the fundamental question for Christology. The earliest Christians used various titles, most of them drawn from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures, to express their faith in Jesus. They called him prophet, teacher, Messiah, Son of David, Son of Man, Lord, Son of God, Word of God, and occasionally even God. Thomas Rausch, S.J., focuses on the New Testament's rich variety of christologies.



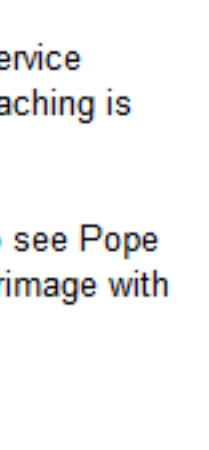
The Cross of Christ (DVD)

Fr. Ron Rohlheiser presents two lectures on the Holy Cross and how it is central to Christianity and has become a symbol of love in the world. It is central to Christianity in that we are to forgive our enemies. And, like all deep things in life, the Cross is largely a mystery. The Cross reveals God's unconditional love and vulnerability. The Cross calls us beyond ourselves, our own agenda, our own life without resentment.



Jesus of Nazareth (DVD)

Maintaining the perfect balance between religious fervor and realism, this film depicts the life of Christ from His birth through His resurrection. It is acclaimed exceptional for its thorough Biblical and historical research written in consultation with leading Anglican, Catholic and Jewish religious authorities.



Library Media Center Resources of the Week

Check It Out Newsletter-World Meeting of Families

Resources on the World Meeting of Families, Pope Francis and materials to help incorporate faith in the family.



Resources on Pope Francis

Pope Francis and The Family In his short pontificate, Pope Francis has already made a huge impact, constantly working for love and peace. He's not just a "doer," he's also a preacher. Family and marriage are important and are the foundation of society. In this resource, Pope Francis reflects on the many aspects and the importance of family.

Pope Francis : Why He Leads the Way He Leads: Lessons from the First Jesuit Pope Chris Lowney offers an in depth look at how Pope Francis Jesuit training directly impacted the various leadership roles he has held as priest, bishop, cardinal, and now Pope and what his past leadership actions can tell us about how he is likely to lead in the future.

The Tweetable Pope: A Spiritual Revolution in 140 Characters Francis regularly posts his 140-character (or less) sermons a few times each week. With chapters on the primary themes used in Francis's Tweets--the poor, forgiveness, immigration, youth, mercy, joy, even "sports," and more--O'Loughlin explains the biographical and historical context for what the pope writes as well the spirituality these posts embody.

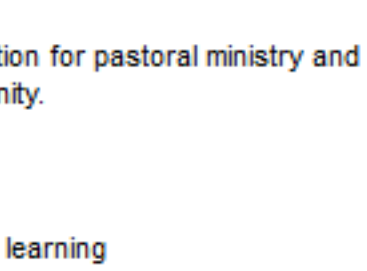
Lessons from Pope Francis for Children In this beautifully illustrated book, the Holy Father talks about God's love, our friendship with Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the importance prayer and taking care of the poor, how to get along in our families, and more. Each lesson is paired with a story from the Bible from the parable of the Good Samaritan to the wedding feast at Cana.

Who Is Pope Francis (DVD) Gives an excellent overview into the life, thought and work of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis. It contains previously unreleased recordings and endearing images of Cardinal Bergoglio. His words and actions convey the unique charisma of this surprise Argentine Pope whose humility, kindness and courage are winning countless admirers to a renewed interest in the Papacy. The film also shows inspiring images of the papal conclave, and the most emotional details of the first appearances of Pope Francis.

Archdiocesan News

NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

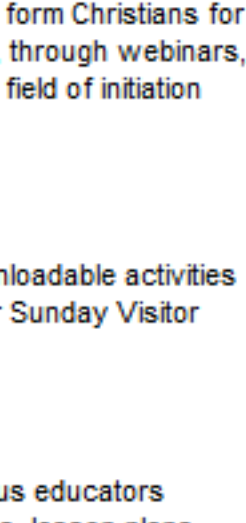
Check NW Catholic for the latest reviews on [books](#) and [movies](#).



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.

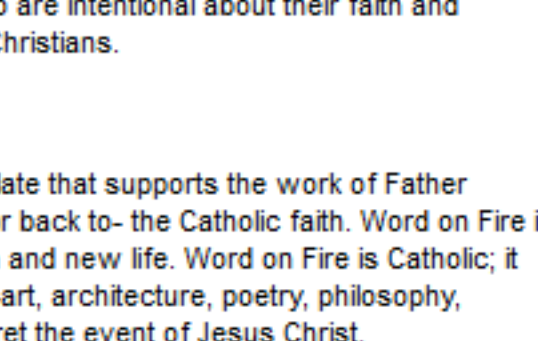
Prayers by Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book, only from Saint Mary's Press, was created to support the Archdiocese of Seattle's Faith Formation Standards and designed to introduce young children to the beautiful prayers of our Catholic faith. Incorporating these prayers and family blessings 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-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time):

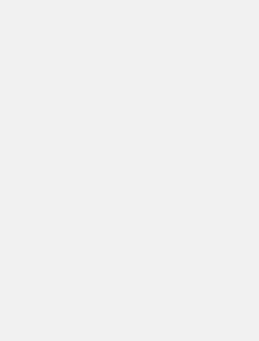
Fall In-Service For Catechists This [six-page resource](#) presents an entire in-service workshop for catechists to assist them in recognizing that Catholic social teaching is rooted in the Ten Commandments.

Prayers for a Virtual Pilgrimage with Pope Francis Those who are not able to see Pope Francis in person during his three-city visit to the US can join in a virtual pilgrimage with these prayers for each stop on the pontiff's journey. [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

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.



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How Pope Francis Became the People's Pontiff: "Francis comes to the window and waves, and we see him. Sure, we're seeing the Pope, on high, an icon in extremest white. But in the mind's eye we also see the ordinary pastor who embraced a man with boils in St. Peter's Square; who put on a clown nose without worrying that it might diminish the dignity of the papal office. In spirit, Francis isn't up there in the palace. He is down in the square with everybody else."

Catechetical Sunday Resources: A Valuable Survey The USCCB has an online survey to assess Catechetical Sunday resources. Your feedback on this will assist the dialogue between NCCL and the USCCB on future collaborative initiatives for Catechetical Sunday. Please take the time to fill in the survey prior to September 25.

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

Featured Links: Papal Visit & World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis Info graphic: Loyola Press

Download this 11x17 info graphic "The Pope Of Mercy" Quick facts about Pope Francis. A great resource for catechists, teachers and families prepare for the Pope's U.S visit.

Catechetical Resources for Pope Francis' 2015 Apostolic Journey to the U.S.A.

The Archdiocese of Washington and the USCCB have collaborated to create some great materials. They offer resources for the development of grade and parish/school appropriate lessons focused on the papacy and the papal visit. They also include material suitable for adults.

Nine Activities and Lesson Ideas to Teach about Pope Francis' Visit to the United States From The Religion Teacher website and Jared Dees. Nine suggestions on how to highlight the Pope's visit in your religion classes.

Papal Visit 2015 - Live Coverage

The USCCB will provide live streaming coverage of all events of the Holy Father's visit, and [video on demand](#) for most events where he will be speaking, see the full [schedule of events](#).

Helpful Links

Catechist Journey

Sharing the Journey of Teaching the Catholic Faith. Joe Paprock'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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