

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter October 5, 2015

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "Essential Concept" this week is the **Creed**. As we begin the second month of the school year we look at the Creed-a statement of our beliefs. A prayer of Faith in the teaching of Jesus and His Church.

Related print, digital and online materials for each "Essential Concept" can also be found on the Library Media website at
www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Library/newsletters

The Respect Life Program has begun this past Sunday with the theme: ***Every Life Is Worth Living***. Check below in the "Featured Websites" section for links on valuable resources to use this month in the way of graphics, prayers, videos, display ideas and more.

Pope Francis has announced an [Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops](#) for October 2015 on topics related to the family and evangelization. The Oct. 4-25 synod will have the theme: "The vocation and mission of the family in the church and the modern world." Check the NCCL section below for more information on the Synod of Bishops.

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

2nd Annual Mental Health Ministry Day-A Focus on Suicide

October 10, 2015: 9:00-4:00 Archdiocese of Seattle, Isaac Orr Conference Room
Keynote Speaker: Stephanie Lane, MSW,MHP,CPC
For Questions & to RSVP contact Erica Cohen Moore 206-382-4852 or
ericac@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 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.

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

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

Formation Opportunities

Benedictine Institute Lecture Series: The Rule: An Evening with Fr. Edwin Leahy, O.S.B. Wednesday, October 7 | 7:00 pm | Norman Worthington Conference Center, Saint Martin's University, Lacey.

A special evening with headmaster of St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Fr. Leahy- best known for his vision that transformed an embattled school in one of New Jersey's most impoverished cities into a vital learning space for young men, For information or to register, contact Jon Dwyer at jdwyer@stmartin.edu or visit the [webpage](#).

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](mailto: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 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

Cabrini Ministry Training forms individuals for pastoral ministry within the Archdiocese of Seattle to bring the healing love of Christ to others. We offer an extensive 65-hour training program consisting of weekly classes starting October 19 - March 7. The Seattle class meets on Mondays from 6:30-9pm at St. James Cathedral and the Eastside class meets on Tuesday from noon-2:30pm at Holy Family in Kirkland. A couple spaces are still available, so act now! If interested, contact info@cabriniministry.org or visit www.cabriniministry.org.

Essential Religious Education Concepts

Week Six: The Creed A Statement of Our Beliefs [185-1065]

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, Trinity, Creed.

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

Online Resources

The Creed: Don't Be a Robot

When you recite the Creed, are you being real or are you being a robot? Do you even know what you are saying? Is there a difference between believing there is a God and believing in God? The Creed contains the truths God has revealed to us.



Being Catholic Is Cool: U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults

The U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults outlines the faith in several sections: The Creed, Sacraments, Morality and Prayer--giving readers a source of spiritual enrichment. This video illustrates how it can aid individuals, parish groups, and classes in deepening their understanding and practice of their faith.



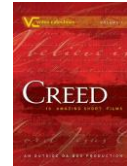
Resources from the LMC on The Creed

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church-Pillar I: The Creed

A 12-part study that guides participants through the first of the four Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Pillar I: The Creed provides the foundation needed to begin the four-part journey through the complete Pillars series. The Creed opens up the structure of the Catechism and shows how it is far more than a list of "faith facts," but instead a sure map for their journey of faith. For group or private study.



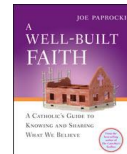
Creed: 13 Amazing Short Films This DVD contains 13 short films - great for youth ministry, religious education, and Catholic school programs and classrooms. In order to effectively reach this generation with the richness and beauty of our Catholic faith, it must be done in new and relevant ways. Teens watch a staggering amount of media content each day. Why not reach out to them through this channel that resonates with them and speaks their language? The VCAT Video Catechism does this through creative short films and videos that use cultural analogies, creativity, humor, and always try to answer the question, 'Why should a teenager care about this?' At the heart of each video is a point (or points) articulated by the Catechism of the Catholic Church.



Seeds of Faith for Children Just like a seed needs the right things to grow -- water, air, dirt, and care -- your faith needs some important things to grow, like-Prayers - talking to God every day makes him happy and makes our faith grow-The Creed - it's what we believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit-The Ten Commandments - how to behave that makes us the best people we can be-The Sacraments - a big word for the special gifts God gives us when we love and follow him-Sacred Objects - holy reminders of our friendship with God.



A Well-Built Faith: A Catholic's Guide to Knowing and Sharing What We Believe Creatively developed around a construction theme-this book makes it easy for Catholics to know what they believe and to feel confident in sharing those beliefs. The book by Joe Paprocki follows the structure of the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer), making it a wonderful resource for learning about and teaching the Catholic faith.



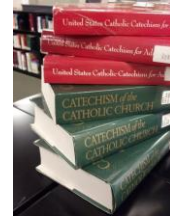
Library Media Center Resources of the Week

Check It Out Newsletter-A Celebration of Saints

Books and video ideas on saints-resources for all ages. Plus a book and video link on Junipero Serra, who Pope Francis recently canonized a saint. And as always in our newsletters, featured materials just added to the LMC catalog.

Essential Materials to Learn and Teach the Faith

Catechism of the Catholic Church Revised in accordance with the official Latin text promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 1997, the second edition now includes more than a hundred additional pages, offering such new features as a glossary of terms, an index of citations from sources and in-brief texts on core teachings. The essential elements of faith are presented in the most understandable manner, enabling everyone to read and know what the Church professes, celebrates, lives, and prays in her daily life. The first new compendium in more than 400 years, the second edition of the Catechism stands, in the words of Pope John Paul II, as "a sure norm for teaching the faith" and an "authentic reference text."



United States Catholic Catechism for Adults/Study Guide for the U.S. Adult Catholic Catechism (Book, 4 part-36 chapters) Here is an inviting way to access the doctrinal and spiritual riches of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, building your knowledge and your faith. Each chapter is designed to be used as a study session and includes: prayers, Scripture reading, a summary of the catechetical theme, its application in today's culture, citations of relevant passages from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Catholic Church, questions for reflection, and suggestions for further reading.

Youcat: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church Developed with the help of young Catholics and written for high-school age people and young adults, YOUCAT is an accessible, contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith. The appealing graphic format includes Questions-and-Answers, highly-readable commentary, summary definitions of key terms, Bible citations and inspiring and thought-provoking quotes from Saints and others in the margins. YOUCAT is keyed to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, so people can go deeper. It explains: What Catholics believe and why (doctrine). How Catholics celebrate the mysteries of the faith (sacraments). How Catholics are to live (moral life). How they should pray (prayer and spirituality). A Prayer Book and Study Guide are also available.

The General Directory for Catechesis The document that guides the Church on the ministry of faith formation. It originates with the Congregation for Clergy. From this ample work, national conferences, bishops, dioceses, parishes and their ministers derive guidance for directing the faith formation of believers. ***The National Directory for Catechesis*** A companion to the General Directory for Catechesis (GDC), it builds on some of the core themes of the GDC like catechesis's relationship to evangelization and worship.

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NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

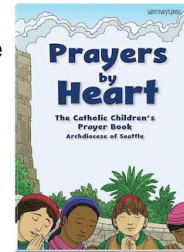
Check NW Catholic for the latest reviews on [books](#) and [movies](#).

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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-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time):

[Sunday to Sunday](#) Features a profile on St. Bruno-Feast Day October 6, The Month of the Rosary, and information on the Red Mass

[Live Event: Webinar Opportunity](#)-National Bible Week 2015-"The Bible: A Book for the Family" | Thursday October 8, 2015 | 3:00 PM.

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-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time):

[What is A Synod?](#) The Vatican released this informative video last year, when the Synod on the Family began.

[Homily of Pope Francis during the Opening Mass](#) of #Synod15.

[Holy Mass for the Opening of the Synod](#) 10/4/2015



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

Featured Websites

Center for Ministry Development

2015-2016 Webinar Series

CMD's world-class ministry training is now available to you in webinar format! Practical Help for Youth Ministry and Lifelong Faith Formation



Respect Life Program-USCCB

The Respect Life Program begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October. The program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events. The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes new materials each year to call attention to numerous human life issues. These materials are especially helpful for priests, parish groups, schools, and other organizations.



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.

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.

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