

# Archdiocese of Seattle

## Religious Education Newsletter

### October 19, 2015

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#### Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

This next week, several Chancery offices are coordinating an exceptional opportunity to learn more about our funeral liturgies. For any of you wanting to learn more about funeral planning, which offers us a unique opportunity for evangelization and catechesis, I encourage you to register for **Life Is Changed, Not Ended** and to encourage others to do so. Please note that the Friday event is for clergy and Saturday is for lay people. The link to register can be found below in the Upcoming Catechetical Events section.

Our "Essential Concept" this week is **Celebration of the Seven Sacraments**. As Catholics, we are incredibly blessed through the gifts of God's grace in our sacraments. As catechists, we are called to help one another celebrate our relationship with Christ through actively living and participating in the sacraments.

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](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Library/newsletters)

Below in the Featured Website section look for updated information from the World Meeting of Families. They have posted videos of some of the keynote speakers and a few workshops as well. They are adding more, so check back frequently.

As the **2015 Synod on the Family** continues, here is a quick [video](#) that explains the goals and mission of the current Synod as explained by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz and Archbishop Jose H. Gomez.

In Christ,

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### Upcoming Catechetical Events

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](mailto: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](mailto:ocff@seattlearch.org) or 206-382-4096.

### Catholic Youth Convention

**BE ATTITUDE BE a DISCIPLE~BE a SERVANT~BE a WITNESS**

November 7-8, 2015 | Bellevue College, Bellevue

Scholarships are available up to October 19th.

Click [here](#) to register or call 206-274-3175 for more information.

### Catholic Parent Revival (CPR)

November 8, 2015: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM | Bellevue College Carlson Theatre

\$15 per individual/\$25 per couple.

Click [here](#) to register or e-mail [rachael.becker@seattlearch.org](mailto:rachael.becker@seattlearch.org)

### Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

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

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

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## Formation Opportunities

### A Series on Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home (women & men)

Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm | October 29; November 5, 12 & 19 | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle | Mike Schut, facilitating (Ignatius Spirituality Center) Please [register](#) by October 22nd.

### St. James Cathedral Tours

St. James Cathedral is inviting both parishes and school groups to set up visits for the Year of Mercy, which can be just a time of prayer and pilgrimage, or can include a guided tour as well. Corinna Laughlin [claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-264-2086

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## Essential Religious Education Concepts

### **Week Eight: Celebration of the Seven Sacraments** [1210-1666]

*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 2 - Liturgical Education-** Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communication with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church

## Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

### Annotated Bibliography from the LMC\*

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

### Online Resources

#### The Seven Sacraments

The Catholic Church has many different traditions and rituals. Why? Bishop Don Hying shares more on the sacraments and why they're so important. Based upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church.



#### The Seven Sacraments by Outside da Box

This short film offers a brief overview of the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church and the purpose each serves.



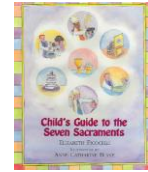
### Resources from the LMC on The Seven Sacraments

***Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments*** (Pope Francis) As Catholics we are familiar with the sacraments, and see them as mileposts in our lives. But, as Pope Francis so energetically reminds us, they are not simply observances, they are portals through which the Lord brings us all the power and graces that flow from his death and Resurrection. And wonderfully, each sacrament opens us to a personal encounter with Jesus. Now in 32 easy-to-read chapters Pope Francis reveals the truth and beauty of each Sacrament, teaching us not only what they mean to the Church, but to us as Catholics - ultimately motivating us each to share these incredible gifts with a needy world.



***Handbook of Sacraments for Today's Catechist*** (Joyce Springer) This quick- reference guide for catechists includes activities as well as instruction, and fills the need for an energetic, complete, and easy-to-understand exploration of the Sacraments. It covers material that is useful for different age levels and sections just for the catechists who are preparing children for Penance, Eucharist, or Confirmation. Beyond teaching the theology of the Sacraments, there are sections that discuss how to teach children at various ages, with various backgrounds in religious instruction- both formal education and in the home- and offers a variety of activities allowing catechists to pick the one that works for their particular class. There are also ways to reach out to families to continue the learning process at home.

***Child's Guide to the Seven Sacraments*** (Elizabeth Ficocelli) A children's picture book that explains the seven sacraments in an entertaining and informative manner. Each sacrament is referenced to its origin in scripture, and then presented in a way the child might experience it today.



***Being Catholic: Worship*** (DVD, Videos with Values) Catholics celebrate their faith through prayer and worship. Catholics are a sacramental people who mark their progress through a life of grace with liturgy and ritual. A better understanding of Catholic sacramental liturgy can enhance our participation and appreciation of this life of grace. This program is designed to provide a basic understanding of Catholic sacraments for youth and adult groups, including Confirmation preparation and RCIA.

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## 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.

### Communion of Saints

Resources to learn more about and  
celebrate the Communion of Saints

#### ***The American Catholic Almanac: A Daily Reader of Patriots, Saints, Rogues, and Ordinary People Who***

***Changed the United States*** (Image) They're all Catholics who have shaped America. In this page-a-day history, 365 inspiring stories celebrate the historic contributions of American men and women shaped by their Catholic faith. From famous figures to lesser-known saints and sinners, The American Catholic Almanac tells the fascinating, funny, uplifting, and unlikely tales of Catholics' influence on American history, culture, and politics. Spanning the scope of the Revolutionary War to Notre Dame football, this unique collection of stories highlights the transformative role of the Catholic Church in American public life over the last 400 years.

#### ***Any Friend of God's is a Friend of Mine: A Biblical and Historical Explanation of the Catholic Doctrine of the Communion of Saints*** (Patrick Madrid)

Explains in a clear, easy to follow style why Catholics "pray" to Mary, and the saints. Using the Bible and the testimony of the early Church Fathers, he shows the biblical and historical foundations of this often misunderstood Catholic doctrine. He walks you through the standard anti-Catholic arguments against praying to Mary and the saints and demonstrates why these arguments are themselves unbiblical. The book covers the issues of praying for the souls in purgatory, the veneration of relics, the use of statues and icons, and the role Mary and the saints play in the life of the Church.

***Patron Saints for Every Member of Your Family*** (Thomas J. Craughwell) Who would have guessed that there is a patron saint for astronauts, or zookeepers, or the internet? You know that you can pray to St. Blaise to help protect you from a sore throat, but which saint will protect you from a snakebite or from being struck by lightning? With hundreds of listings of patron saints, you'll find heavenly helpers for just about anything and everything. Each entry explains why the saint is patron of whatever he or she is patron of, includes a summary of the saint's life, and highlights unusual or little-known facts about the saint.

***The Saints' Guide to Happiness: Everyday Wisdom from the Lives of the Saints*** (Audio CD, Robert Ellsberg) Offers a series of "lessons" in the life of the spirit: the struggle to feel alive in a frenzied society; the search for meaningful work, real friendship, and enduring love; the encounter with suffering and death; and the yearning to grasp the ultimate significance of our lives. In these "lessons," our guides are the saints: historical figures like Augustine, Francis of Assisi, and Teresa of Avila, and moderns such as Dorothy Day, Flannery O'Connor, and Henri J. Nouwen. In the course of the book the figures familiar from stained-glass windows come to seem exemplars, not just of holy piety but of "life in abundance," the quality in which happiness and holiness converge.

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## Archdiocesan News

### NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

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

### Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades

The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades provides guest rooms and exceptional meeting facilities in a beautifully secluded but convenient setting for retreats, spiritual growth and professional formation. For more information or to view the upcoming retreats scheduled, visit the Retreat Center [website](#).



### 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](#)

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## 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-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time):** This week, we celebrate [St. John Paul II](#) (October 22), who was canonized in 2014 and was the longest serving pope in modern history.

This brief [reflection](#) recalls how St. John Paul II's was a tireless champion for the poor and vulnerable.

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

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## Catechetical Weekly-NCCL

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

**Featured This Week (Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time):**

Practice listening in Prayer: [Ignatianspirituality.com](#) offers some insightful resources to practice listening.

Jim Schaefer is a professional sound editor for Loyola Productions. He invites us to "[Close Your Eyes and Listen](#)" in an audio reflection that helps us to practice listening for God's voice. In it, he says, "I'm struck by how the practice of spiritual discernment also requires a certain attentiveness, a deeper listening to our many desires that are, perhaps, the sounds of the soul."

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

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## Featured Websites

The [World Meeting of Families](#) website has a new section where [Select Congress Keynote Presentation and Breakout Session Videos](#) can be viewed for free. More videos are planned to be added so check back frequently for new content.

## 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.

## The Religion Teacher-Rosary Activities

Tons of great activities on the Rosary. The Religion Teacher [website](#) has compiled several links to a variety of Rosary projects and learning tools. Included are how to pray the Rosary, Rosary worksheets, and how to make a Rosary.



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## Helpful Links

### Garaventa Center

The Garaventa Center from the University of Portland explores and deploys the fruits of faith, reason and imagination that constitute the Catholic intellectual tradition to illuminate and enliven something that is implicit but often unregarded: the working of grace in human communities. Weekly podcasts are available by visiting the website or subscribing to their weekly newsletter.

### 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.

### 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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