

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter October 26, 2015

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "Essential Concept" this week is **Sacraments of Initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist**. As we focus on the Sacraments in the next few weeks, be sure to take a look at Busted Halo You Tube [Sacraments 101](#) channel. A video for each sacrament can be found there. Plus other videos are featured and highlighted below in the Essential Concepts section of this newsletter.

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

Vocation Awareness Week begins on November 1st, 2015. Please take a look in the Featured websites section for resources and more information.

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

Catholic Youth Convention

BEATTITUDE 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

"Go, Therefore, and Make Disciples"

Forming Disciples with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
November 20-21, 2015 | St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vancouver
Presenter: Andrew Casad, Director of Liturgy, Archdiocese of Seattle
For more information and to register, visit the Liturgy Office [website](#)

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

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

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](#))

CRS Food Fast Retreats

There is a version of FoodFast that has been particularly designed for those young people preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Throughout the fast, connections between the sacrament, the issue of hunger, and fasting on behalf of those who go to bed hungry every night are made. For more information and materials visit [foodfast.org](#).

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 or 206-264-2086



Essential Religious Education Concepts

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist [966-977, 1212-1419]

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

Bishop Robert Barron: The Sacrament of Baptism

Bishop Robert Barron discusses the Sacrament of Baptism.



C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - Why is Confirmation Important?

When people are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, they become Christians, right? So, why do Catholics have confirmations? Bishop Don Hying shares some great information on this special sacrament. Based upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1285).



The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (USCCB)

The third and final sacrament of initiation goes by many names. Most commonly, we speak of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist - sometimes we say Holy Communion or the Mass. The sacrament really encompasses many things.



Resources from the LMC on The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Reconciliation

Everything is Sacred: An Introduction to the Sacrament of Baptism (Scirghi, Thomas) Father Scirghi's book could easily become a standard introduction to the sacrament, and is the perfect guidebook for curious parents, enthusiastic newcomers, and confused cradle Catholics. You will understand why we invite parents to have their children baptized, and also why we baptize adults at the Easter Vigil Mass. You'll know the significance of the oil (and the candle) in the rite. And the next time you see a priest or deacon pour water over a child's head and pronounce the ancient baptismal formula, you'll have a richer appreciation for his words and his actions.

Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation (Radcliffe, Timothy) Fr Radcliffe argues that Christianity will only thrive today, overcoming the challenges of secularism and religious fundamentalism, if we rediscover the beauty of baptism. It touches the deepest dramas of human life: birth, growing up, falling in love, daring to give oneself to others, searching for meaning, coping with suffering and failure, and eventually death.

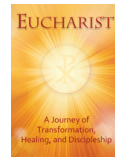
Come to the Water: The Adult Journey to Baptism (DVD) Catholic Communication Campaign/USCCB. A group of adults come together to seek baptism into the Catholic Church at St. James Cathedral in Seattle, Washington. This DVD follows both catechumens and candidates in the year-round RCIA process of adult education and initiation into the Catholic community, culminating with their baptism at the Easter Vigil.



Youcat Confirmation Program (Ignatius Press) Written for the candidates in junior high and high school (or older), the book provides in-depth preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Designed in the same popular format as the YOUCAT, this book has interesting, lively text on many spiritual topics and themes to help the student be well prepared to receive the Sacrament.

Spirit and Truth: A Self-Guided Scripture Study for Confirmation and Beyond (Carotta, Mike) Vividly illustrates how life in the Spirit is at the heart of what the Church celebrates in confirmation. Allows candidates to work through a structured self-study on their own time, engaging in spiritual formation, study over 80 Old and New Testament passages as well as what the Church teaches about the Spirit, and reflect on their personal experience with the Spirit through open-ended questions based on Scripture passages.

Eucharist: A Journey of Transformation, Healing, and Discipleship (Amore, Mary) Weaving together Scripture, heartwarming stories, and easy-to-understand presentations of Catholic teaching, The book will set you on fire with love for Jesus in the Eucharist. In this three-part series, Amore invites us to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist in three ways: to be spiritually transformed, renewed in your discipleship, and spiritually healed.



Kids & The Sacraments-Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation (DVD, Paraclete Press) Introduce your kids, your classroom to four of the sacraments with this lively new video presentation. Each segment includes explanations from Father Ken, interviews with kids, on-screen storyboard Bible teaching, images from around the world, and "on the road" field trips to explore in depth where certain things come from, like Baptism's water, the altar bread of Communion, and Confirmation's oil.

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.

The Beatitudes

The solemn blessings which mark the opening of the Sermon on the Mount, the very first of Our Lord's sermons in the Gospel of St. Matthew (5:3-10).

Living the Beatitudes: A Journey to Life in Christ (Brian J. Bransfield) This book breaks open the richness of the Beatitudes and gently guides us into the journey of growing into the person God called us to be. He explains the admirable qualities that we see in Jesus and desire for ourselves: gentleness, fidelity, purity of heart, mercy, poverty of spirit, justice, peace, and perseverance in time of persecution.

Salt and Light: The Commandments, the Beatitudes, and a Joyful Life (Mark Shea) Offers a fresh perspective on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes, showing how these two pillars of Christian moral teaching complement each other. The Ten Commandments are the "ground floor," providing the bare minimum contours of the moral life. The Beatitudes, by contrast, point us to a way we can live our lives as creatures intended to share in the life of God. Mark Shea, in his engaging style, introduces the modern reader to a fuller grasp of Catholic moral teaching as part of the process of being transformed by the Holy Spirit and living joyfully in virtue, not merely as a rule keeper. *Salt and Light* reveals the commandments as showing us our brokenness and pushing us toward the Savior--and then points the reader to the way to ultimate happiness: our beatitude.

A Man of the Beatitudes: Pier Giorgio Frassati (Frassati, Luciana) Chronicles the life of Pier Giorgio Frassati, focusing on his devotion to the Christian faith and his efforts to help others.

The Beatitudes for Children (Rosemarie Gortler) Contains eight illustrated lessons of Jesus that follow the Beatitudes, with simplified explanations and real-life applications to help encourage children to follow the Lord's instructions.

Close Encounters with the Beatitudes (DVD) Jimmy is puzzled as to what the Beatitudes mean to someone his age. When he dozes off, he receives a visit from an angel who shows him how some of his school mates are already helping to build God's kingdom. By the time Jimmy's journey with the angel is finished, he comes to an understanding and makes a commitment to live the Beatitudes in his own life.

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](#).



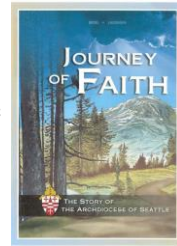
Prayers By Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book

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 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](#)

Journey of Faith: An Illustrated History

Journey of Faith is an extraordinary telling of our remarkable story. With richly-colored illustrations, this history of the Archdiocese of Seattle brings our inspiring Catholic story to life, from the days when thousands of Native peoples called this land holy ground, to the first explorers and missionaries, to the building of our churches and schools, to the present day. The graphic novel format makes it appealing for all ages. To view sample pages and order copies, visit the Faith Formation Events & Resources [webpage](#)



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 (Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time):

In his [message](#) for Respect Life month, Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap, archbishop of Boston and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, says that "people discover their worth when they discover their true identity as created in God's image and called to an eternal destiny with him."

For families looking for different ways to mark Halloween and the feast days of All Saints and All Souls, here's a [review](#) of an entertaining and visually stunning 3-D movie that features the Mexican tradition of observing All Souls' Day. DVD: [The Book of Life](#)

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 (Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time): Pope Francis celebrates [closing Mass of Synod of Bishops](#) on Family (Vatican Radio)

Saints this Week

Wednesday, October 28 - [Sts. Simon and Jude](#)

Thursday, October 29 - [St. Narcissus of Jerusalem](#)

Friday, October 30 - [St. Alphonsus Rodriguez](#)

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

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.

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. National Vocations Awareness Week runs November 1-7, 2015. Check the USCCB [website](#) for more information and resources.

Prayer Card for
Vocations

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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