

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter November 2, 2015

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "Essential Concept" this week is **Sacraments of Healing-Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick**. 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.

The Annotated Bibliography has been recently updated with some new titles and reorganization of placement of already existing titles. be sure to check often as updates and additions will occur regularly.

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.

We also celebrate **All Saints and All Souls** day November 1-2. Here is a [musical video](#) you might want to use for an opening prayer with your students that reflects our rich heritage of Catholic saints.

Starting this week, we will have a section devoted to the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** that begins on December 8th. We will highlight events around the Archdiocese, resources related to the Year of Mercy, and current news and announcements. Be sure to check this section often!

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

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

"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

December 1st, 2015: 12:00-3:00 | Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle

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](#))

Mother Cabrini Celebration

November 14, 2015 6:30-8:30pm | St. James Cathedral | Cabrini Ministry Training is

hosting a gathering for alumni and friends to celebrate the feast of Mother

Cabrini. Anyone interested in our formation program is invited to join us in the Rectory

Parlor rooms for refreshment and fellowship. Visit www.cabriniministry.org for

details. RSVP to info@cabriniministry.org

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

From Womb to Tomb: Baptisms and Funerals as Instruments of the New Evangelization

Presented by Timothy Johnston, Director of Liturgical Programs at Marquette University. Participants in this Virtual Workshop will discover how the art of collaboration, prayer, catechesis, and an atmosphere of trust and hospitality can help you to prepare liturgies that are inviting to those who may be visiting for the first time, or returning to the pews after a long absence. ([Online webinar](#))

Essential Religious Education Concepts

Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick [979-987, 1420-1484]

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

[Sophia Sketchpad-Confession](#)

Learn the biblical basis of confession, the importance of telling your sins to a priest, and how the Sacrament brings about the forgiveness of sins.



[Suffering and Glorified from Outside da Box](#)

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).



Resources from the LMC on The Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

Freedom and Forgiveness: A Fresh Look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Paul Farren) The sacrament of Confession is probably the most talked about sacraments in the Catholic Church, as well as a spiritual practice being revived in many Protestant churches. This book explores the sacrament focusing on the two people who confess - God and the penitent. God is the primary confessor when he confesses his forgiveness for and trust in the one who is celebrating the sacrament.

Facing Forgiveness: A Catholic's Guide to Letting Go of Anger and Welcoming Reconciliation (Loughlan Sofield) Encourages Catholics to take the first steps in the process of forgiving. Over twenty-five stories of real people who found a way to forgive-or sometimes could not-portray the anger, the pain, and the struggles every human being confronts when faced with the challenge of offering forgiveness. Includes exercises for journaling and reflecting on each person's beliefs about forgiveness. An examination of conscience on forgiveness and a guide to celebrating the sacrament of penance, with the actual ritual and prayers, are included.

Jesuits on Reconciliation (DVD, Loyola Productions) The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a mystery to many, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. What is the real purpose of this sacrament? Why must a priest be involved? Doesn't God already know my shortcomings? How can Jesus really forgive me? Fr. Paul Brian Campbell, S.J., tackles these issues and illuminates this sacrament through its evolution in the church.

Anointing of the Sick (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) This booklet is clearly and concisely presents the Church's teaching on perhaps its most misunderstood sacrament: the Anointing of the Sick. Through a series of seven question-and-answer sections, the reader comes to a greater knowledge of and appreciation for this beautiful aspect of the faith. Perfect for families and those concerned about the Anointing of the Sick, this booklet will reassure you and bring you and those you love to a deeper understanding of this beautiful Sacrament.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Past and Present (DVD, Kathleen O. Chesto) Dr. Kathleen Chesto leads the viewer through the development and history of the sacrament of anointing starting with Old Testament times to post-Vatican II. Guide material and the presentation itself offer adults a better understanding of the importance of the sacraments in today's church and world.

Today Someone I Love Passed Away (Dianne Ahern) The great mystery of death and what happens when we die is perplexing for adults, but it is even more bewildering for children. This book provides a Catholic understanding of death and salvation, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and the Last Viaticum.

Library Media Center Resources of the Week

Check It Out Newsletter-National Bible Week

From November 15-21, 2015, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week. This newsletter highlights some resources for Bible and Scripture reading. Also featured are several Bible Study Group programs available for your specific group or personal reflection needs.

Vocations

National Vocation Awareness Week, November 1-7, 2015

Heroic Living: Discover Your Purpose and Change the World

(Chris Lowney) By merging Ignatian Spirituality with astute business knowledge, Lowney provides the tools and strategies needed to make practical, long-term life changes that move us away from our fractured, compartmentalized lives and toward the satisfaction and wholeness that each of us desires so deeply.

Forming Intentional Disciples: Path to Know and Follow

Jesus (Sherry Weddell) A book designed to help Church leaders, parish staff and all Catholics transform parish life from within. Drawing upon her fifteen years of experience with the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms, and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world. Learn about the five thresholds of postmodern conversion, how to open a conversation about faith and belief, how to ask thought-provoking questions and establish an atmosphere of trust, when to tell the Great Story of Jesus, how to help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship, and much more.

Vocation Series: An Inside Look (St. Mary's Press) Who am I? How am I called to live in God's world? Those are fundamental questions every Catholic teen must face. Through the voices of other Christians who have walked the journey of faith, this series helps young people reflect prayerfully upon God's calling for them. The series includes a leader's guide and five books that give inside looks from the perspective of a married couple, a priest, a sister, a brother, and a single person.

The Calling (DVD, Pleasant Avenue Pictures) This absorbing documentary focuses on the struggles involved in responding to a religious vocation as it follows a young male novice and a mother superior, both of whom belong to a small community called the Family of Jesus the Healer. When the group's founder relocates them from Tampa, Fla., to Peru to serve that country's poor, both the newcomer and the veteran find it increasingly difficult to balance their calling with family ties and obligations back home. A moving study of sacred aspirations and of the courageous commitment required to fulfill them is all the more effective for not glossing over the emotional cost a generous answer to God's summons can sometimes exact. While the ultimate decisions made by the people chronicled vary, this remains both an uplifting story for a general audience and an excellent tool for realistic vocations work. A brief discussion regarding chastity.

Patrons and Protectors: More Occupations (Michael O'Neill McGrath) Images of saints as patrons of occupations remind us that we are called to build God's reign through our labor, an essential part of Christian life. Among the saints depicted in this volume are Martha, who served meals to Jesus in her home; Francis of Assisi, often

associated with nurturing animals; and Katharine Drexel, who was recently canonized. Alongside McGrath's commentary about why a saint is associated with a particular occupation are essays by men and women engaged in that work. As we see the variety of ways human beings contribute their talents and skills, we become inspired to view our jobs with fresh eyes.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has called the special [Jubilee Year for Mercy](#) to begin Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. It will close on Nov. 20, 2016, the day celebrated that year as the feast of Christ the King.

Read this [article](#) from *The Deacon Bench*-Deacon Greg Kandra to learn more about the logo and what it means.

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](#).



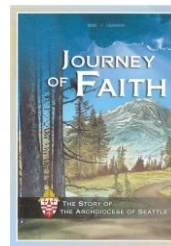
[Prayers By Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book](#)

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 (Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time):

20 Ways to Promote Vocations: Use these ideas to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life during National Vocation Awareness Week, November 1-7, 2015.

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 (Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time):

10 Steps for Starting Outreach to Inactive Catholics - John Boucher

It can be difficult to reach inactive Catholics in our parish. What if we re-envision our efforts as a journey together toward and with them, where we take the first step, the next one, and then the next? We have learned over decades that there are at least 10 steps to starting effective inactive Catholic outreach programs.

SAINTS

Monday, November 2 - [Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed](#)

Tuesday, November 3 - [Venerable Solanus Casey](#)

Wednesday, November 4- [St. Charles Borromeo](#)

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

Featured Websites

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

National Bible Week

Enthroning the Bible in the Family: To show that God is at the center of their lives, many families enthrone the Bible, the Word of God, in a visible place in their homes. By placing the Sacred Scriptures in a prominent place decorated with flowers and art, and by gathering at this spot for daily prayer, families show that God is present and active through his Word. For more resources, visit the National Bible Week [page](#).

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.

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.

[NACFLAM-National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries](#)

In response to God's word revealed through all generations and impelled by our belief in the intrinsic sacredness of family life we, the members of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, join

together to be a prophetic voice for family in Church and society, to foster professional development, and to provide mutual support for those who minister with families.

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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