

Archdiocese of Seattle

Religious Education Newsletter

November 9, 2015

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "Essential Concept" this week is **Sacraments at the Service of Communion-Holy Orders and Matrimony**. We are delighted that the focus of this week's newsletter also offers us an opportunity to introduce Sarah Bartel, Ph.D. to all of you. Sarah has recently joined OCFF as an interim consultant and shares with us the following message:

The truth, beauty, and dignity of God's plan for marriage and family is good news for the human heart, created in God's image for love. **I am delighted to serve the Archdiocese of Seattle in promoting the Gospel of Marriage and Family as an interim Marriage and Family Life Consultant with the Office of Catholic Faith Formation. If you would like help choosing a good marriage preparation program, lining up videos or speakers for a marriage enrichment series, finding materials on marriage for RCIA or youth group, or fielding questions about Natural Family Planning (NFP), please do not hesitate to get in touch with me by contacting Joseph Tancioco at OCFF (ocff@seattlearch.org; 206-382-4593).**

Making the transformative power of our Catholic theology of marriage accessible and impactful to the "man and woman in the pew" is my passion. I studied the theology of marriage and family at The Catholic University of America. I currently write a monthly column, "Your Marriage Matters," for Northwest Catholic Magazine, and you may also hear my "Marriage Minutes" on Sacred Heart Radio, AM 1050. **I am available to speak to parishes and groups, as well.**

An amazing resource I am really excited about promoting is the excellent 6-video series on marriage called "Beloved." These DVD's are produced in a documentary style with the same caliber of professionalism, profundity, and soul-stirring beauty that you find in Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series. The first three videos explain the theology and catechesis of marriage, while videos four through six treat life-skills and practices. "Beloved" is designed for marriage prep and marriage enrichment accompanied by a Leader's Guide and workbooks for engaged or married couples. However, I think that any of the first three videos would be an excellent resource for an RCIA, youth group, or high school religion class on marriage. **This series is available through the Library Media Center.** I've been reviewing some other high-quality marriage enrichment resources as well, so do get in touch if you are interested in promoting marriage in your parish! With statistics from our Archdiocese showing a dramatic decline in the number of Catholic marriages through recent decades, this is an urgent mission that I hope you can highlight in your ministry.

We are also looking forward to the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** that will soon begin on December 8th. We will be routinely highlighting events around the Archdiocese, resources and current news related to the Year of Mercy. Be sure to check this section often!

In Christ,

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Anne Frederick, Ed.D.
Director of Religious Education

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Library Media Center Manager

Upcoming Catechetical Events

"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
March 9th, 2016: | St. Charles, Burlington (*Time: TBD*)
Contact [Joseph Tancioco](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

Save the Date: 2016 Mass/March for Life

The annual Mass for Life and March for Life will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. These events commemorate the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions in 1974 that legalized abortion throughout the country.

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Formation Course

Presented by Joann Terranova, MAPS and Lynne Shioyama

January to November 2016 For more information, see [flyer](#) or contact Claudia Petursson at Holy Family Parish 452-822-0295, ext. 122 or claudiap@hfkparish.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.

Multimedia Youth Contest "Caring For God's Creation" (Grades 7-12)

Annual Multimedia Youth Contest Creative work of any medium (e.g. video, song, painting, drama, poetry, etc.) is welcome! Entries within the Archdiocese of Seattle must be sent to the Missions Office by March 17, 2016.

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 at the Service of Communion: Holy Orders and Matrimony [1533-1666]

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

C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What are Holy Orders?

Deacons, priests, bishops, archbishops, cardinals and the pope. How did these men get their start? How do you know when you're on the opposite end of that Divine call? Bishop Don shares his personal story and orders up some great info on the leaders who serve us. Based upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1536).



Sacraments 201: Matrimony (more questions answered)

BustedHalo.com's introduction to the Sacraments series continues when Fr. Steven Bell, CSP, answers more questions about getting married in the Catholic Church: Can we have a destination wedding? What kind of music can we use? What if we're already living together? What if we're divorced?



Resources from the LMC on The Sacraments at the Service of Communion

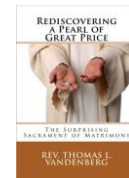
Beloved Marriage Preparation/Enrichment Series

(Augustine Institute, 12 sessions) explores the essential realities of marriage, dealing with the deepest spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of what the sacrament means for those preparing to get married as well as those who yearn for a richer married life. Through an exploration of Scripture, Tradition, and Church teaching, God's plan for marriage will come alive.



Rediscovering a Pearl of Great Price: The Surprising Sacrament of Matrimony

(Fr. Thomas Vandenberg) What difference does the sacrament of matrimony make? How is it different from any other marriage? What makes it a pearl of great price, so valuable that the very health of the Catholic Church depends on it? The answers are not what you expect to hear. These and other issues are addressed in this timely book that breaks new ground on the significance of this sacred vocation. You will discover also how the two social sacraments of holy orders and matrimony are meant to work together to help bring healing to our church that is so divided over so many things today.



The Marriage God Wants for You: Why the Sacrament Makes All the Difference

(Cardinal Donald Wuerl) What is usually overlooked even by those married in the Church is that God intended marriage to be a sacrament. The Lord wants couples to rely on his promise to be present in their day-to-day lives, and he wants to give them the grace to live out a covenantal love that mirrors the love of the Trinity. Rather than simply a defense of marriage, this book presents the good news about sacramental marriage. Cardinal Donald Wuerl uses his years of pastoral experience and his gift of teaching to give hope and courage to both engaged couples and those married for many years and to anyone thinking about the meaning or vocation of marriage.



Holy Orders (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) This booklet seeks to present the deep teaching of the Church in regards to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In just a few pages, the reader is treated to a reflection on the meaning and purpose of the sacrament, a reflection that serves as an ideal jumping-off point for further study. Perfect for catechists, men discerning a vocation to the priesthood or diaconate, or anyone interested in a simple yet in-depth look at this profound mystery, this volume offers readers a greater appreciation for the beauty of Holy Orders.



Priests: An Inside Look (John P. Mack) Rev. John Mack reflects upon his ministerial journey in light of the sacrament of Holy Orders and the Rite of Ordination. He describes the requirements, the opportunities, the work, the rewards, and the challenges of the priesthood. Vocation Series.



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.

Bible & Scripture



Books of the Bible and Online Bible Resources

The Catholic Study Bible: The New American

Bible (NABRE) Oxford University Press. This landmark resource, now available in the NABRE translation, contains all the authoritative study notes, expanded essays, and informational sidebars for which it is known and trusted. The heart of this volume remains its extensive Reading Guide that leads the reader through the Scriptures, book by book. References and background information are clearly laid out in the margins of the text, guiding the reader to a fuller understanding of the Bible. The New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE) brings to culmination the work of nearly 100 scholars, including translators, editors, and a subcommittee of Catholic bishops who provided extensive review of the biblical text over a period of many years. The NABRE is the first major amendment to the New American Bible translation since 1991.

The Catholic Faith and Family Bible Designed to make the Bible easier to read and understand, helping you and your family grow in faith together as you discover God's message for your life today. This Bible will find a place throughout the whole house-at the dinner table as part of family prayer, on the living room coffee table as part of family discussions, on your bedside table as a source of inspiration and solace, and in your teen's room for learning and guidance.

The Catholic Youth Bible: New American Bible The Catholic Youth Bible will be a true companion, helping you find the answers you seek and helping you make

connections to Catholic beliefs and traditions. Over 700 lively articles help you Pray It! Use the Bible for personal prayer. Study It! Understand and make sense of what the Bible says. Live It! Apply the Bible to real-life situations you're facing now. Illustrations throughout to provide a visual context for the biblical stories. Over 275 articles to reflect contemporary issues and biblical scholarship.

The Catholic Children's Bible Children will know and understand God's saving plan revealed through 125 featured story spreads highlighting key Bible passages. Vibrant illustrations and borders immediately engage children and allow them to dive in to Scripture and become immersed in the stories. Understand It!, Live It!, and Tell It! sections help bring God's Word to life for the youngest of readers. Unique navigational features designed specifically for early readers help children easily locate passages and stories. Intentional design elements such as fonts built for early readers, increased line spacing, bold vocabulary words, colorized text, minimal hyphenation, and simple column dividers help make this a Bible children can read on their own.

The Saints Devotional Bible This book is an excellent devotional aid for anyone who wants to study Sacred Scripture as well as be encouraged and enlightened by the wisdom of the saints, who intercede for us every day. It includes over 200 readings from the saints, including their own reflections, prayers, letters, and more; the saints' reflections broaden appreciation and understanding of old testament and new testament texts; A twenty-part lesson on studying, praying, and living the Scriptures, with longer selections from the writings of the saints; a calendar of saints and a list of patron saints and a mini-biographies of all the saints whose selections are quoted.

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.



Preparing For the Year of Mercy Retreat

November 14th, 9 :00-3:00 | Holy Cross Church, Tacoma | Join us for a special retreat away from the hustle and bustle of life as we prepare for the Jubilee of Mercy. Fr. Peter Tynan, OSB - "Preparing For the Year of Mercy" and Fr. Michael Stinson, FSSP - "Holy Mass: The Ultimate Manifestation of God's Mercy" We will have time for prayer, Adoration and a catered lunch. Cost is only \$25/person and is open to men and women. Register online at <http://mercyretreat.bpt.me> or by phone 800-838-3006. Questions-Call Suzanne 253-278-6550

Beginning of the Year of Mercy on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8, 2015 | St. James Cathedral | Mass at 5:30 pm | Fr. Michael G. Ryan, Presider

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

Archdiocesan News

NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

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

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Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades

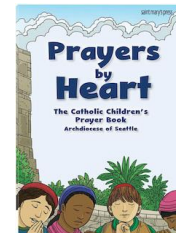
The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades provides guest rooms and exceptional meeting facilities in a beautifully secluded but convenient setting for retreats, spiritual growth and professional formation. For more information or to view the upcoming retreats scheduled, visit the Retreat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



Prayers By Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book

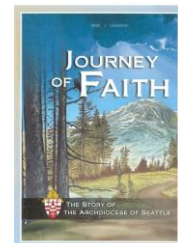
Daily prayers, memorized by heart, are a wonderful way for children to stay close to God. Prayers by Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book, only from Saint Mary's Press, was created to support the Archdiocese of Seattle's Faith Formation Standards and designed to introduce young children to the 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-Second Week of Ordinary Time):

Prayer for Deceased Veterans and Intercessory Prayer for Veterans Day Honor our veterans, living and dead, with this prayer and intercession on Veterans Day, November 11. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Plenty Good Room: The Spirit and Truth of African American Catholic Worship For this Black Catholic History Month, we offer in [PDF](#) format for the first time, this document that laid the theological foundation for cultural adaptation of the liturgy for African American worship.

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-Second Week of Ordinary Time):

Widows and Scribes "The issue for Christians today is to ask not only how we might model the widow's generosity to God but how we can imitate God's generosity toward the widow and those like her who have given all to God's service." Reflection taken from America Magazine (November 2, 2015)

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Monday, November 9 - [Dedication of St. John Lateran](#)

Tuesday, November 10 - [St. Leo the Great](#)

Wednesday, November 11 - [St. Martin of Tours](#)

Thursday, November 12 - [St. Josaphat](#)

Friday, November 13 - [St. Francis Xavier Cabrini](#)

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

Featured Websites

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](#).

Los Angeles Religion Education Congress

February 25, 2016 (Youth Day) & February 26-28, 2016
Theme: "Boundless Mercy" | "Misericordia Inagotable"
Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California
<http://www.recongress.org/>



RE Congress is the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. The four-day event is held at the Anaheim Convention Center and is sponsored by the Los Angeles Office of Religious Education. Begun in 1968 as an "institute" for religious education (CCD) teachers, RECongress has grown to include people of all vocations and different faiths.

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

21st Century Catholic Evangelization

Serving Catholic leaders in their ministry of evangelization with curated knowledge, approaches, strategies, and resources to reach out to those who have never heard the gospel proclaimed, to re-engage those who have lost a living faith in their daily lives, and to engage those who are faithful and need to be renewed with increased catechesis

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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