

# Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter November 23, 2015

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**Dear Catechetical Colleagues,**

Our "Essential Concepts" this month are focused on the topic of **Liturgical Resources: "Liturgical Symbols and Sacramentals."** Once again, these concepts are also a timely reminder for the **coming of Advent on November 29th**. Advent is celebrated through many symbols, sacramental and devotions. Some of these include the Advent Wreath, the Jesse Tree, Posadas, and [Simbang Gabi](#). **Please open some of the links below** for videos, activities, lesson plans and other resources to help you and your students prepare for this wonderful season!

**We would like to highlight a great resource for this time of year: [The 2016 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays from Liturgy Training Publications](#).** This resource provides guidance regarding the liturgical elements so that communities can prepare liturgies rooted in the vision of the Second Vatican Council. The Sourcebook is organized to help you follow the liturgical calendar.

We are also drawing very close to the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** that opens on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. **Please note the new app (featured below) from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) that offers a rich treasury of resources to guide us through this special time.** 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!

**St. Mary's Press is offering a great deal on Prayers by Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book for the month of November.** Order 25 copies, get 5 more free. Ordering information is linked below in the Archdiocesan News section of the newsletter.

***Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be a newsletter for the week of the 30th. Wishing you all a blessed and thankful Thanksgiving spent with family and friends.***

In Christ,  
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## **Upcoming Catechetical Events**

### Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

December 1st, 2015: 12:00-3:00 | Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle  
January 26, 2016: 10:30-12 | Pierce Deanery | Visitation Church, Tacoma  
March 9th, 2016: | St. Charles, Burlington (*Time: TBD*)  
Contact [Joseph Tancioco](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

### Save the Date: 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.

### Save the Date: Jubilee for People with Special Needs

Saturday, March 12, 2016 | 11:00 Archbishop Peter J. Sartain, Presider

### Save the Date: Best Practices for Catechetical Leaders

April 28-29, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | *More information to come*

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## **Formation Opportunities**

### 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](mailto:claudiap@hfkparish.org)

### Holy Buckets - FREE Advent Resource

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) is a way to introduce Catholic youth to the Universality of our church. The MCA will help youth to understand that we belong to a world-wide church and that they are called to solidarity with youth around the world. The Holy Buckets program has undergone some changes and continues to animate young people in their missionary discipleship by learning, sharing and giving during the Season of Advent. The program launches the first week of Advent and closes on the Feast of the Epiphany (November 29, 2015 - January 6, 2016). download the FREE materials at <http://www.onefamilyinmission.org/hca/hca-reproducibles.html> Please remit any funds collected by sending one check, payable to "Missions Office" with "Holy Buckets" in the memo line, to: Missions Office | 710 9th Ave | Seattle, WA | 98104. Questions may be directed to your Missions Office: [missions.office@seattlearch.org](mailto:missions.office@seattlearch.org) (206) 382-4580

### Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest

Twenty-four winners will be selected in the 2015-2016 [Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest](#); their artwork will appear as e-greetings on the website (MCAKids.org) and displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent 2016 and through the Christmas Season. The official entry form is at MCAKids.org and at OneFamilyInMission.org. Open to young Catholics in grades K-8 in schools or parish religious education programs. Deadline is Saturday, January 31, 2016.

### 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.



## Essential Religious Education Concepts

### Liturgical Symbols & Sacramentals [1179-1199, 1667-1679]

*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.*

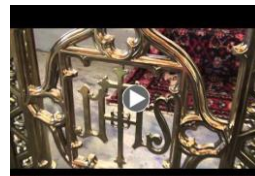
### Online Resources

#### The Liturgical Calendar Resource Page-USCCB

The Secretariat of Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops publishes the Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America. This calendar is used by authors of ordines and other liturgical aids published to foster the celebration of the liturgy in our country.

#### What are Sacramentals?

Videos on blessings and consecrations with sacramentals and how God uses material from his created and redeemed order such as water, salt, oil, and so forth to sanctify persons, places, and objects. Click [here](#) to see the entire playlist of videos.



#### Sacramental Theology with Fr. Douglas Martis

A quick and clear explanation regarding sacramentals and their meaning from Fr. Douglas Martins.



### Resources from the LMC for Liturgical Symbols & Sacramentals

**Liturgy 101: Sacraments and Sacramentals** (Daniel Van Slyke) Provides a concise and easy to follow overview of the liturgy that will immerse you into the Church's teaching and practice of the seven sacraments. Following a helpful introductory

chapter that explains the vocabulary used to discuss worship, the book explores the seven sacraments one-by-one. Each chapter explains the sacrament's origin, how and by whom it is celebrated, and what it accomplishes. The author also addresses frequently asked pastoral, practical, and canonical questions concerning the celebration of the sacraments.

***The Meaning of the Sacramental Symbols: Answers to Today's Questions***

(Klemens Richter) Traces the origins of the symbols of the sacraments, what they have meant through the ages, and whether their meaning is clear for Christians today as he examines them in the light of liturgical reform.

***Q & A: Seasons, Sacraments and Sacramentals***

(Dennis Smolasrski) Father Dennis answers questions about the liturgy and its celebration--40 in all--posed by priests, liturgists, music directors, liturgy committees, ministry coordinators, and diocesan liturgy offices. Subject topics include Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Marriage, and Anointing of the Sick; funerals and blessings; liturgical architecture and objects; devotions; and celebrating Advent and Christmas, and Lent and Easter. The answer to each question takes into account the latest edition of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, as well as other official documents.

***We Are Catholic***

(Christine Skinner) Twenty Third Publications, 2015. Introduces children ages 3-5 to the Catholic faith and its traditions. Simple words and original illustrations introduce Sacraments, the Mass, and other beloved rites, prayers, traditions and symbols to very young Catholics. Reinforces the joy of belonging to the wider Catholic Church community in an easy-to-use format.

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## Library Media Center Resources of the Week

### Preparing for Advent

[Preparing to Prepare: Everything You Need to Get Ready for Advent 2015](#)

Here's a short video and a few practical ways to help you approach Advent so that, in turn, your heart will be truly ready to rejoice in the birth of our Savior this Christmas.

[The Religion Teacher: Advent Activities](#)

The Internet is loaded with advent activities of all sorts and kids. Check out these resources to help guide your way. Here are some general advent activity hubs on the web.

[Advent in 2 Minutes](#)

Not sure about the relationship between Advent and Christmas? You thought they were the same thing? Check out Busted Halo's two-minute video that describes why we celebrate Advent and wait to celebrate Christmas.



[Arts & Faith: Week 1 of Advent, Cycle C](#)

Wassily Kandinsky's *The Last Judgment* invites us into the Advent season with an emotional tour de force expressed in color, line, and form. An example of abstract art, *The Last Judgment* is not narrative or descriptive, but rather expressive. It shows emotion and force and invites the viewer to experience them visually.



### What is Advent Again?

The season approaches. Get in the spirit. Banish the anxiety and embrace the preparation. Let's celebrate together the Advent season.



***People of the Nativity: Living the Christmas Story Then and Now*** (Marci Alborghetti) The people of the original Advent become powerfully and often triumphantly real as they respond to God's plan. Meet Anna, Joseph, Mary and others in this true-to-the-Scripture narrative, which includes thoughtful questions, prayers and suggested actions that resonate with the reader's own experiences.

***The Advent Jesse Tree: Devotions for Children and Adults to Prepare for the Coming of the Christ Child at Christmas*** Offers 25 devotions for each day from December 1st to December 25th, Christmas Day... The day Christians celebrate that God's purpose was finally revealed in the coming of the savior, Jesus Christ. Each devotion traces the heritage of Jesus through the stories and prophecies of the Old Testament. This book enables individuals and families to engage in a more meaningful celebration of the Christmas season. These daily Advent devotions are written in two versions (one for children and one for adults) including a scripture, a story and commentary, questions to ask, a prayer, and a song.

***Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany in the Domestic Church: Activities to Celebrate the Liturgical Season*** (Catherine Fournier) This illustrated book is full of wonderful family activities to help parents and children alike better understand and celebrate the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. The perfect book to help families learn together and share the joys of this happy time of the liturgical year. Filled with a variety of family activities, saints' celebrations and crafts, this book has something for everyone in the family. Family activities include making an Advent wreath, a Jesse Tree with all its symbols, cloth Nativity figures, words for singing 21 Advent and Christmas songs, recipes for special cakes and breads and more. Also included are stories of special saints for the season with activities and prayers.

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## **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.



### **Archdiocesan Webpage for The Year of Mercy**

Be on the lookout for a webpage hosted by the Archdiocese of Seattle. There will be a link on the Archdiocesan website that leads to a page dedicated to the Year of Mercy.

### **Archdiocese of Seattle Year of Mercy Prayer Card**

Here is a [printable prayer card](#) for use in your parish. The prayer card can be printed out using Avery 8387 labels.

### **Year of Mercy App**

Our Sunday Visitor's FREE 365 Days to Mercy app, is designed to accompany you on a spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The official Year of Mercy is December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016, but daily inspiration, stories, and news will be in the app beginning November 20, 2015, giving you a full 365 Days to Mercy.



### **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

### **Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent with the Solemn Opening of the Holy Doors**

December 13, 2015 | St. James Cathedral | Mass at 12:00 Noon | Archbishop Peter J. Sartain, 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](mailto:claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-264-2086

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## **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](#).

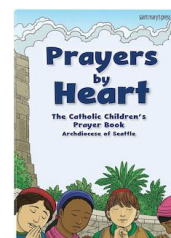


## Prayers By Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book

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.

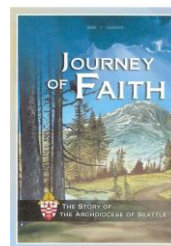
Order copies [here](#)

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## 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-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time):***

**Four Ways to Fair Trade:** Before you start your Christmas gift shopping, Catholic Relief Services invites you to reflect on how our economic choices affect our brothers and sisters around the world positively or negatively and offers four simple ways to live your faith in the marketplace.

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-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time):**

**Strong Catholic Family Faith** A resource for Catechetical Leaders created by four members of NCCL. This curated site is designed to assist parish and school catechetical leaders in supporting and resourcing families in their efforts to offer quality faith formation for families. Catechetical leaders can glean ideas from this site to supplement current activities or to suggest specific links to families.

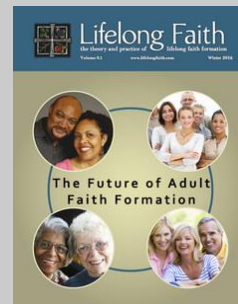
For archived newsletters and to learn more about this organization visit the [website](#).

## Featured Websites

### **Lifelong Faith Survey Invitation**

#### ***A request from John Roberto and Leif Kehrwald:***

We are in the process of writing a new book on how families communicate the Christian faith and live Christian faith practices at home. We want to include input from parents and grandparents in our book. So we have constructed a short survey to ask how you are communicating and practicing faith in your family during the childhood or teenage years (or how you did this when you were a parent of children and teens).



We would really appreciate your help with this research.

Just follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FNL6PSW> to the survey. It will only take a few minutes to complete. We need your responses by December 1st. The results of the survey will be posted online at [www.LifelongFaith.com](http://www.LifelongFaith.com) in January 2016.

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.



### **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/>





## Catholic Publishers

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## 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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