

Archdiocese of Seattle

Religious Education Newsletter

March 7, 2016

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

This week our "Essential Concept" is Catholic Social Teaching, which includes the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. These works of physical kindness and spiritual compassion are the hands and heart of our Year of Mercy.

As many of you know, during the past several weeks, I have been in Wisconsin with my siblings as we journey with my Dad in his earthly dying process. As my Dad's body weakens, we are helping him more and more with eating, drinking and getting dressed - so similar to the support we offered our children when they were growing up. As a family, we are also asking God's grace to be patient, forgiving and prayerful with Dad and one another. It has definitely offered us a blessed time to reflect on how the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are gifts we experience both with those very close to us, and also within the broader community of hospice workers who are with us daily during Dad's transition to eternal life.

Once again, I hope you take the time to open some of the many resources attached to this newsletter and also our [Library Media Center](#) website. Lisa continues to curate and [archive](#) rich print and digital resources across the catechetical spectrum.

You are in my ongoing prayers. I am ever so grateful for your graciousness during this extended time when I have not been physically present in my office. I am looking forward to hopefully seeing many of you soon with Dr. Ann Garrido's presentation on [March 15th](#) and our Religious Education Workshop/Retreat on [April 28th and 29th](#).

In Christ,
Anne

Upcoming Catechetical Events

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

Contact the [Office of Catholic Faith Formation](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

Liturgy Workshop Opportunities

Spread the word about these liturgical workshops, events and formation opportunities from the Liturgy Office. Please see the Liturgy Office [Workshop & Events](#) page for more information.

Jubilee for People with Special Needs

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

See [flyer](#) for more information.

Junior High Rally

Saturday, March 12, 2016 | Forest Ridge School, Bellevue | Rally is open to all those in grades 6-9. Visit the Youth & Young Adult [Junior High Rally](#) page for registration and more information.

Faith Formation Presentation and Luncheon

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 | Chancery, Isaac Orr Conference Room | 9:30 am -1:00 pm Speaker: Ann Garrido | [Redeeming Administration: Spirituality for Spiritual Leaders](#) | RSVP to ocff@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4096 by Tuesday, March 8th.

Best Practices for Shared Parishes: Intercultural Competencies Workshop

March 16 & 17, 2016 | St. Thomas Church, Tukwila | 9am to 3pm | This workshop was developed based on the responses of a recent study among a group of pastors who achieved a high level of integration and inclusion in the parishes where they serve. See [flyer](#) for registration and more information.

Best Practices for Catechetical Leadership

For the Newly Revised Parish Elementary Religion Standards
April 28-29, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | Visit the OCFF [Events & Resources](#) page for more information.

Annual PAFF Conference

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | Joe Paprocki: [A Church on The Move: Getting Mission and Mercy in Motion](#) | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Formation Opportunities

Missionary Disciples Formation Program: Going Forth in Joy

March 12-13, 2016 | [Maryknoll Northwest Mission House](#) | For frontline parish and school ministers (teachers, principals, DREs, lay ecclesial ministers, catechists, priests, deacons, and wives, etc.). This program will assist you in carrying out the privilege and responsibility you bear of instilling a missionary spirit in the faithful by helping you create and support "communities of missionary disciples" that go forth in joy. Click [here](#) for more information on the program. Click [here](#) to register

Engaging Adults: Your Church Can't Survive Without Effective Adult

Faith Formation March 16, 2016 | St. Charles Borromeo Church, Tacoma | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Spend a day exploring the possibilities and discovering the resources, methods, and strategies for doing effective adult faith formation in the four seasons of adulthood - young adult, midlife adult, mature adult, older adult. Facilitated by Leif Kehrwald-Vibrant Faith. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Palm Sunday Weekend Silent Retreat

March 18-20, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | "The Art of Living From the Cross: Learning to see Suffering as a Gift" led by Monsignor Scott Friend | Click [here](#) for registration and more information.

Holy Thursday Pilgrimage

March 24th & 25th, 2016 | 6:00 pm -12:00 am | Join Archbishop Sartain, Bishop Elizondo and hundreds of young adults (18-39) as we pilgrimage around Capitol and First Hills in Seattle for the Annual Holy Thursday Pilgrimage. Join us after participating in your Parish Liturgy or for the Mass of the Lord's supper at St. James which begins at 6PM. Gather at 8:00 pm @ St. James Cathedral steps.

It's Our World-Resources for Missionary Discipleship

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) has a new resources page for children, adolescents and families! Resources include ... Year of Mercy "Missionary Works of Mercy"; Stations of the Cross for Teens (available in English and Spanish); MCA Lenten Prayer Service & Stations of the Cross (available in English and Spanish) ; and more! Visit <http://missio.org/resources>

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

Grades 7-12: Educational Contest Using Catholic Social Teaching

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) [Multimedia Youth Contest](#) is a tool to engage young people in grades 7-12 in learning about poverty in the U.S., its root causes, and faith-inspired efforts to address poverty. This year's theme is "Care for God's Creation." By encouraging young people [to stand in solidarity](#) with those who live in poverty, we remember that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. Contest's local deadline: March 17, 2016. Entries can be sent to the [Missions Office](#) where one can get resources and other assistance with the contest.

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy-Summer Study Weeks

In the summer of 2017, the Center for Liturgy will be hosting three study weeks for those involved in liturgical formation, sacramental catechesis, and liturgical music ministry. For study week descriptions and other information, visit [Notre Dame Center for Liturgy](#)

June 19-23, 2017: The Liturgy of Time and Space

June 18-22, 2018: The Eucharistic Life

June 15-19, 2019: Sacraments for the Life of the World



Essential Religious Education Concepts

Catholic Social Teaching: Consistent Ethic of Life; Love of Neighbor; and Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

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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 3 - Moral Formation- Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, as modeled in a personal life of virtue, and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.

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-Links and Videos

Catholic Social Teaching Religious education programs on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship can be as simple or elaborate as the DRE or catechist chooses. They can be incorporated over several weeks and months, or they can be the focus of one class period or part of one, depending on how much time is available.

Scripture Reflection: Who is My Neighbor? The Good Samaritan is a story we all probably know well. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus uses this story to teach us that it is our duty to look after the welfare of all those we encounter, regardless of social status, ethnicity, or religion. We are called to care for the stranger. This is a message that we understand and strive to live out daily. But isn't it interesting that this man, an expert in religious law, even asks Jesus this seemingly obvious question - "Who is my neighbor?"

Mother Teresa

Fr. Jim Martin speaks about Mother Teresa, her life, good works and struggles. Taken from the DVD "Who Cares About the Saints?"



Christianity and Ethics

Is religion really just about being a nice person? Is the goal of Christianity to simply become more kind, compassionate, and just? Fr. Barron answers this popular but misguided religious view.



Resources from the LMC on Catholic Social Teaching: Consistent Ethic of Life; Love of Neighbor; and Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Working For a Better World (Carolyn Woo) An engrossing account not only of Dr. Woo's own life, but of the ongoing critical work of CRS in meeting the needs of the poor, the traumatized, and the needy throughout the world. From typhoon-flattened cities in the Philippines to earthquake-devastated Haiti, CRS is there before the TV cameras arrive and there after they leave. And there in over 100 countries-helping subsistence farmers and health-care workers, orphans and refugees-in those neglected places where the cameras never come. We must be "docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid," Pope Francis has said. And in doing so, Dr. Woo affirms, "we never know when or how we will encounter God."



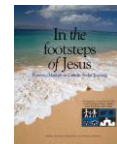
Saints and Social Justice: A Guide to Changing the World (Brandon Vogt) "The church has always taught certain undeniable truths that can and should affect our society. But over the years, these teachings have been distorted, misunderstood, and forgotten. With the help of fourteen saints, it's time we reclaim Catholic social teaching and rediscover it through the lives of those who best lived it out. Follow in the saints' footsteps, learn from their example, and become the spark of authentic social justice that sets the world on fire."



To Walk Humbly: Stories and Activities for Teaching Compassion and Justice (Anne Neuberger) Here Anne Neuberger offers fifty-five wonderful stories from around the world to help young Catholics connect with the social, environmental, and economic problems of children around the globe. It encourages them to accept and think of these children as family, as sisters and brothers. This is a great resource for catechetical leaders, catechists, parents, and Catholic school teachers.



In the Footsteps of Jesus: Resource Manual & DVD on Catholic Social Teaching (USCCB) Essential prayers, lesson plans, small group sessions, and source material to help teenagers and senior citizens, college students and RCIA candidates, pastors and parish councils, and Catholic school children and families learn and live the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. Use this resource for a complete parish program.



The Social Teaching of Pope Francis (Audio CD) Pope Francis has captivated those both within and outside of the Catholic Church with his sense of open engagement. For many, he represents a new beginning and thus has created a renewed interest in Catholicism. This session will explore Pope Francis' teachings on social justice issues. We will discover how he is deeply rooted in the long history of prior Catholic social teaching, and consider the new emphases and challenges he offers to people of faith living in an unjust world.

Library Media Center Resources

[Check It Out Newsletter-March 2016](#)

The Season of Lent

Pope Francis-Lenten Message 2016 The theme of pope Francis' [Lenten message](#) is "The Works of Mercy on the Road of the Jubilee." Visit the [Corporal Works of Mercy](#) USCCB page for a variety of resources.

Lenten Morning Prayer- A [worship aid](#) prepared by the Liturgy Office which could be used for a classroom or all school celebration of Morning Prayer on any weekday of Lent. "Side A" and "Side B" may be designated as either "Boys" and "Girls"/"Men" and "Women" as you deem appropriate. Feedback or questions contact the [Liturgy Office](#)

Mercy and Movies: Lenten Viewing for the Year of Mercy In this Year of Mercy, here are [spiritual viewing recommendations](#) that emphasize responding to the needs of those around us.

Lenten Moments of Mercy - Lent presents a wonderful time to reflect on themes of mercy, and Lenten Moments of Mercy aims to help. This daily e-mail series delivers fresh reflections based on the Scriptures of Lent, sharing the inspiring words of Pope Francis and suggesting Lenten actions and prayers. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, take time each day for [Lenten Moments of Mercy](#) and prepare your heart for a new appreciation of the journey to Easter. Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Begins February 10th-*Loyola Press*.

Best Lent Ever Dynamic Catholic's free Best Lent Ever email program will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus-and yourself-in a deeply personal way, and begin (or nourish) a habit of daily prayer. [Sign up](#) to receive daily inspirational emails during Lent

CRS Rice Bowl-The season of Lent is a time to pray, fast and give alms as we reflect on how Christ calls us to return to him. [CRS Rice Bowl](#), a Lenten faith formation program from Catholic Relief Services, offers resources that can help people of all ages, families and communities participate in these Lenten practices and deepen their faith. [Spanish version](#)

Check It Out Newsletter-Lenten Resources available from the Library Media Center



What is Lent?



Arts & Faith, Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

Brief History of Holy Years and Jubilees in the Church

by Fr. Thomas Rosica-Salt & Light blog.



Day of Mercy-Confessions at St. James Cathedral

Saturday, March 5, 2016 | St. James Cathedral | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | One of the high points of the Year of Mercy is the Day of Mercy, when Archbishop Sartain, Bishop Elizondo, and priests from across the Archdiocese hear confessions throughout the day at St. James Cathedral. All are encouraged to participate in this celebration of the Sacrament of Mercy in the Year of Mercy.

A Year of Mercy-Young Adult Retreat

April 8-10, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | Join Fr. Sean Raftis as he reflects on Pope Francis' call for a "Year of Mercy." Click [here](#) to register and for more information.

Archdiocesan Webpage for The Year of Mercy

It is up and [now available](#)! Please take a look at all of the resources and current information found dedicated to the Year of Mercy. Be sure to check back often for added events and resources.

Library Media Center Year of Mercy Resources

Here is a printable annotated [bibliography](#) of resources available from the Library Media Center. Materials may be added to the list, so check back for new titles.

NEW The Original Image of Divine Mercy-Documentary Film

A timely documentary, [The Original Image of Divine Mercy](#) features key witnesses to the mysterious case of a painting that survived the Soviet Occupation of Vilnius, with exclusive commentary by Bishop Robert Barron, George Weigel, Christoph Cardinal Schönborn of Vienna, Stanisław, and many others including a special footage with Pope Francis. For more information about how to bring the film to your community, contact the production office at tour@divinemercyfilm.com or at 210-232-7647.

NEW Online Courses for the Year of Mercy-Diocese of St. Cloud

Three online courses [available](#) Titles include: Forgive All Offenses/Injury; Comfort the Afflicted; and Shelter the Homeless/Welcome the Stranger.

NEW Divine Mercy for Kids

You can find a dozen free downloadable worksheets for various age groups that explain the Divine Mercy image and devotion. Visit TheDivineMercy.org

Divine Mercy & The Divine Comedy

During this Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016) Pope Francis has asked us to use Dante's Divine Comedy as a "spiritual guide." Knowing how intimidating this project sounds, the **Department of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Diocese of Rochester** has put together [a reading plan](#) along with a group of theologians, literary scholars, and other lovers of Dante's work to help us all mine the riches from one whom Pope Benedict XV called "the most eloquent singer of the Christian idea."

A Biblical Year of Mercy

A 13-part series is being published from December 2015 to December 2016 in [Arkansas Catholic](#), the weekly newspaper for the Diocese of Little Rock. These articles are being written by the staff of Little Rock Scripture Study for the Holy Year of Mercy. Each one includes questions for group study.

CRS Year of Mercy Resources

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has developed a number of resources that illustrate how Catholics in the United States can participate in acts of mercy through CRS. Click [here](#) for details.

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.

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 App

The new NW Catholic App is now available! [Download](#) it for Apple or Android.



NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

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



Junior High Rally: Know Mercy

[Junior High Rally](#) is a day designed to celebrate Catholic youth and all they bring to the Church. Over 600+ youth from Washington, Oregon and Canada will come together for an interactive day where you will have the opportunity to meet new people, listen to talks that will deepen their faith, and be invited to participate in various interactive activities with the day closing with Mass.



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 (Fourth Week of Lent): Lectio Divina for the Fourth Sunday of Lent Lectio Divina is a form of meditation rooted in liturgical celebration that dates back to early monastic communities. It involves focused reading of Scripture, meditation on the Word of God, contemplation of the Word and its meaning in one's life and ends with prayer. This Lectio Divina resource on the readings for the first Sunday of Lent focuses on themes of the Jubilee of Mercy and can be used by individuals or in group settings. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Each month during the Jubilee of Mercy we will offer a [Meditation on Mercy](#)-a resource that can be used with small groups to foster a greater awareness of God's call to act with mercy in our lives.

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 (Fourth Sunday of Lent): A new free online learning experience for all those interested in helping build a Church of Mercy including parents, youth ministers, pastors, DREs, Campus Ministers, Catholic School Teachers, adult volunteers, and catechists. This is a three week Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) with a variety of national speakers including Dr. Tim Hogan, Dr. Bob McCarty, Bishop Frank Caggiano, Lisa Hendey, Ted Miles, Katie Prejean, and more! [Online registration is ongoing](#)

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

Featured Websites

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions on Video

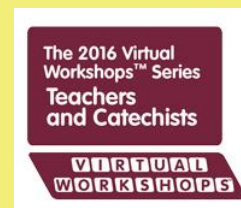
Apostleship of Prayer receives monthly prayer intentions from the Pope and urges Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer for those intentions. Beginning January 6th, each month Pope Francis will film his monthly prayer intention and it will be distributed on social media. Check back for a new video on the next month's prayer intention.



Liturgy Training Publications

[Virtual Training Opportunities for Teachers and Catechists \(2016\)](#)

Designed specifically for teachers and catechists, this series invites all those who work with children to engage in formation and training throughout the year.



Elements of the Catholic Mass Weekly Video Series

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring experts from the **Liturgical Institute**, the program consists of beautifully produced weekly short videos of 2-5 minutes. These free videos will be available online and on demand. Because they will be released with a discussion guide with references, they are ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion. To see a listing of all available episodes, visit the "Episodes" page of the Liturgical Institute's [website](#).



Catholic Publishers

[Loyola Press](#)

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[Our Sunday Visitor](#)

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[Ascension Press](#)

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[Lighthouse Catholic Media](#)

[Ignatius Press](#)

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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